

KAZAKHSTAN

Most prisoners are Sunni Muslims who are **Tabligh Jamaat** followers. This movement has been banned in Kazakhstan since 2013 although it does not use or advocate violence. It does not call for the overthrow of the political regime in Kazakhstan either.

Other Muslims sentenced to prison terms are said to be **Salafists** or **Wahhabis**. It must be said that their teachings are in egregious contention with Article 5 of the ICCPR which reads as follows:

Nothing in the present Covenant may be interpreted as implying for any State, group or person any right to engage in any activity or perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms recognized herein or at their limitation to a greater extent than is provided for in the present Covenant.

Salafists and Wahhabis promote an “Untermensch” worldview in which Muslims are superior to and have more rights than non-Muslims. They promote segregation between men and women leading to gender inequality. They promote judicial practices which blatantly contradict Article 7 of the ICCPR: “No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.”

Sentencing ‘controversial’ imams and preachers to prison terms because they promote such an ideology is however a violation of human rights and imprisoning them is not a solution to the security issue that they may pose. Although it is the right of a state to protect its population against radicalization and foreign ideologies that promote degrading and inhumane treatments, its policies must remain in line with international human rights standards. It is their ideology that must be combated.

Only one **Jehovah’s Witness** is still in prison in 2018.

Jehovah’s Witness

Teymur AKHMEDOV

Date of birth: 7th May 1956

Date and place of arrest: On 18th January 2017 by the National Security Committee.

Charges: Inciting religious discord and advocating religious superiority

Statement of the defendant: He denies the charges and said they were fabricated. During May and June 2016, seven men invited Teymur to a rented apartment, claiming to be interested in the beliefs of Jehovah’s Witnesses. They also met at Teymur’s home later in the year. Unbeknownst to Teymur, these seven “Bible students” covertly video recorded their conversations.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 174, Part 2 (Incitement of social, national, clan, racial, or religious discord by repeat offenders with prison terms of between five and ten years)

First court decision: On 20th January 2017, he was sentenced to sixty days in pre-trial detention, as suggested by a KNB investigator, by Judge A.I. Isayeva of Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2.

Second court decision: On 30th January 2017, his appeal against the pre-trial detention was rejected by Judge Eleonora Ungarsynova of the Judicial Chamber for Criminal Cases of the Astana City Court.

Third court decision: On 2nd May 2017, he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in a general regime labour camp by Astana City Court. The Judge also banned him from conducting "ideological/preaching activity in the area of religion" for three years after the end of his sentence. He lodged an appeal on 31st May 2017.

Last court decision: On 20th June 2017, his appeal was rejected by Astana City Court. An appeal was lodged to the Supreme Court on 13th October 2017. On 4th December 2017 the Supreme Court ruled to reject to forward Mr Akhmedov's case for the cassation reconsideration. It therefore refused to implement the decision of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (WGAD) which called for Mr Akhmedov's immediate release.

A complaint regarding Mr Teymur Akhmedov was filed with the UN Human Rights Committee on 3rd January 2018.

Place of detention: 140000 g. Pavlodar

Severnaya promyshlennaya zona

Uchr. AP-162/3

Kazakhstan

Date of release: 4th April 2018

Other information: He was arrested alongside Asaf GULIYEV. He is suffering from cancer and needs hospitalisation. He is married and has three sons. In 2018 he is diagnosed with malignant stage III cancer

Source: <http://www.rferl.org/a/kazakhstan-jehovah-s-witness-hate-charges/28393870.html> ,

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2252 , <http://bit.ly/2regreq> ,

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2277 ,

http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2286

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2331

http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2359

<https://bit.ly/2GMTGtZ>

Sunni Muslims

Imam Abdukhalil ABDUZHABBAROV

Age: 42 years

Date and place of arrest: On 18th February 2017, in Almaty Airport

Charges: Inciting religious hatred 'with serious consequences'

Statement of the defendant: He denies the charges

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Old Criminal Code Article 164, Part 3 (equivalent to the new Criminal Code Article 174, Part 3).

First court decision: On 16th August 2017, he was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment by Oral City Court.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2311,
https://www.ecoi.net/local_link/345983/477301_en.html

Rustam MUSAYEV

Date of birth: 17th April 1985

Date and place of arrest: On 4th April 2016

Charges: Inciting religious hatred, talking to others about his Islamic faith during meetings

Statement of the defendant: He insisted to the Judge that he had done nothing wrong and he was a normal Muslim who tries to observe all the rules prescribed in Islam.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 174, Part 1 (Incitement of social, national, clan, racial, or religious hatred or antagonism with a prison term of two to seven years)

Last court decision: On 1st June 2016, he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

Place of detention: He was transferred from the LA-155/18 Investigation Prison to a labour camp in East Kazakhstan Region.

Other information: He was added to the Finance Ministry Financial Monitoring Committee List of individuals "connected with the financing of terrorism or extremism". He was convicted even though an "expert analysis" commissioned by the KNB did not find any incitement in the recorded conversations.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2229

Tabligh Jamaat

As of 1st August 2017, sixty Sunni Muslims who are followers of the peaceful Tabligh Jamaat movement have been given criminal convictions since December 2014. So far in 2017, eighteen Tablighi Jamaat followers are known to have been given criminal convictions for exercising their freedom of religion or belief.

Furkhat Farkhadovich ABATAYEV

Date of birth: 27th January 1965

Date and place of arrest: On 4th April 2017, in Sairam District Court, after his sentence was handed down

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a

court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

Last court decision: On 4th April 2017, he was sentenced to one year' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp. He was also banned from conducting certain activities for two years after the end of his prison term.

Other information: He was convicted alongside Abduvakhob Salibekovich SHAKIROV, Bakhytzhon Esimkhanovich BAIMUSAYEV, Abdivasit Abdikakharovich ABDIRAZAKOV, Murodzhon Abdivakhabovich ABDULLAYEV, Zhenisbek Erakhmetovich MANBETOV and Meirambek Amalbekuli SARYMSAK.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2272

Abdivasit Abdikakharovich ABDIRAZAKOV

Date of birth: 28th August 1965

Date and place of arrest: On 4th April 2017, in Sairam District Court, after his sentence was handed down

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

Last court decision: On 4th April 2017, he was sentenced to one year' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp. He was also banned from conducting certain activities for two years after the end of his prison term.

Other information: He was convicted alongside Abduvakhob Salibekovich SHAKIROV, Bakhytzhon Esimkhanovich BAIMUSAYEV, Furkhat Farkhadovich ABATAYEV, Murodzhon Abdivakhabovich ABDULLAYEV, Zhenisbek Erakhmetovich MANBETOV and Meirambek Amalbekuli SARYMSAK.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2272

Abdumazhit Kopurovich ABDULLAYEV

Date of birth: 21st January 1968

Date and place of arrest: On 8th July 2016, in Almaty Region

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out) and Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

Last court decision: On 28th December 2016, he was sentenced to 2 ½ years in prison and ordered to pay a share of the fees for the 'expert analyses' commissioned by investigators in the course of the case, about 106,000 Tenge (approximately €300 Euros).

Place of detention: Almaty Investigation Prison

Other information: He was arrested alongside Serik Kudaibergenovich ERIMBETOV, Parkhat Abdilgafurovich GAFUROV, Oralgazhi Omarkhanovich KOSHTYBAYEV and Asimtulla Rakhimtullayevich BAITURYNOV BAKITKALI.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2245

Murodzhon Abdivakhabovich ABDULLAYEV

Date of birth: 21st January 1969

Date and place of arrest: On 4th April 2017, in Sairam District Court, after his sentence was handed down

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

Last court decision: On 4th April 2017, he was sentenced to one year' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp. He was also banned from conducting certain activities for two years after the end of his prison term.

Other information: He was convicted alongside Abduvakhab Salibekovich SHAKIROV, Bakhytzhon Esimkhanovich BAIMUSAYEV, Furkhat Farkhadovich ABATAYEV, Abdivasit Abdikakharovich ABDIRAZAKOV, Zhenisbek Erakhmetovich MANBETOV and Meirambek Amalbekuli SARYMSAK.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2272

Ernek Tursynbayevich AKHMETOV

Date and place of arrest: In November 2016, in Atyrau

Charges: Organising and participating in a "banned religious association", the Muslim missionary movement Tablighi Jamaat

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out) and Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

First court decision: On 28th June 2017, he was sentenced to two years in a general regime prison by Atyrau City Court No. 2.

Last court decision: On 29th August 2017, his appeal was rejected by Atyrau Regional Court.

Place of detention: Investigation Prison UG-157/1 in Taskala

Other information: He was tried alongside Rollan Talgatovich ARYSTANBEKOV, Nurlan Amangeldyevich IBRAYEV, Zhumabai Shaikhyuly NURPEYIS, Kanat Serikovich SHAIGOZHANOV and Nuralim Archiyevich TYUPEYEV.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2289 ,
http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2292,
http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2311

Orazbek APAKASHEV

Date of birth: 3rd November 1971

Date and place of arrest: On 29th September 2015, in Karaganda Region

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment)

Last court decision: On 29th September 2015, he was sentenced to three years imprisonment by the Temirtau City Court (Karaganda Region).

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2108

Rollan Talgatovich ARYSTANBEKOV

Date of birth: 5th December 1981

Date and place of arrest: In November 2016, in Atyrau

Charges: Organising and participating in a "banned religious association", the Muslim missionary movement Tabligh Jamaat

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out) and Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

First court decision: On 28th June 2017, he was sentenced to three years in a general regime prison by Atyrau City Court No. 2.

Last court decision: On 29th August 2017, his appeal was rejected by Atyrau Regional Court.

Place of detention: Investigation Prison UG-157/1 in Taskala

Other information: He was tried alongside Ermek Tursynbayevich AKHMETOV, Nurlan Amangeldyevich IBRAYEV, Zhumabai Shaikhyuly NURPEYIS, Kanat Serikovich SHAIGOZHANOV and Nuralim Archiyevich TYUPEYEV.

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http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2292,
http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2311

Bakhytzhan Esimkhanovich BAIMUSAYEV

Date of birth: 15th November 1963

Date and place of arrest: On 4th April 2017, in Sairam District Court, after his sentence was handed down

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out)

Last court decision: On 4th April 2017, he was sentenced to 4 years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp. He was also banned from conducting certain activities for four years after the end of his prison term.

Other information: He was convicted alongside Abduvakhab Salibekovich SHAKIROV, Furkhat Farkhadovich ABATAYEV, Abdivasit Abdikakharovich ABDIRAZAKOV, Murodzhon Abdivakhabovich ABDULLAYEV, Zhenisbek Erakhmetovich MANBETOV and Meirambek Amalbekuli SARYMSAK.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2272

Asimtulla Rakhimtullayevich BAITURYNOV

Date of birth: 1st September 1971

Date and place of arrest: On 8th July 2016, in Almaty Region

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out) and Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

Last court decision: On 28th December 2016, he was sentenced to 1 ½ years in prison and ordered to pay a share of the fees for the 'expert analyses' commissioned by investigators in the course of the case, about 106,000 Tenge [approximately €300 Euros].

Place of detention: Almaty Investigation Prison

Other information: He was arrested alongside Serik Kudaibergenovich ERIMBETOV, Parkhat Abdilgafurovich GAFUROV, Oralgazhi Omarkhanovich KOSHTYBAYEV and Abdumazhit Kopurovich ABDULLAYEV.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2245

Baurzhan BEISEMBA

Date of birth: 29th March 1982

Date and place of arrest: On 1st August 2016

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment)

Last court decision: On 10th October 2016, he was sentenced to 2 ½ years imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

Other information: He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10th October 2016 at the end of a four-week trial by Judge Umisakhan Dautova of Oskemen Court No. 2.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223

Estai DZHAKAYEV

Date of birth: 17th May 1978

Date and place of arrest: On 11th March 2016, Alakol District Court, Ushural

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment) and Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

Last court decision: On 11th March 2016, he was arrested in the court room after the verdict was announced and sentenced to a three year ordinary regime prison term.

Place of detention: Investigation Prison in Taldykorgan

Other information: He was arrested alongside Vakha SURKHAYEV. On 17th February 2016, he was handed to the court. The trial began on 29th February 2016 with sentencing on 11th March 2016. Both men had not been under arrest before the trial, but were arrested in the court room on 11th March. Judge Akbergenov said the sentences therefore run from 11 March. They have lodged appeals.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2170

Serik Kudaibergenovich ERIMBETOV

Date of birth: 12th September 1975

Date and place of arrest: On 8th July 2016, in Almaty Region

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out) and Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

Last court decision: On 28th December 2016, he was sentenced to three years in prison and ordered to pay a share of the fees for the 'expert analyses' commissioned by investigators in the course of the case, about 106,000 Tenge (approximately €300 Euros).

Place of detention: Almaty Investigation Prison

Other information: He was arrested alongside Asimtulla Rakhimtullayevich BAITURYNOV, Parkhat Abdilgafurovich GAFUROV, Oralgazhi Omarkhanovich KOSHTYBAYEV and Abdumazhit Kopurovich ABDULLAYEV.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2245

Parkhat Abdilgafurovich GAFUROV

Date of birth: 15th November 1977

Date and place of arrest: On 8th July 2016, in Almaty Region

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out) and Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

Last court decision: On 28th December 2016, he was sentenced to two years in prison and ordered to pay a share of the fees for the 'expert analyses' commissioned by investigators in the course of the case, about 106,000 Tenge (approximately €300 Euros).

Place of detention: Almaty Investigation Prison

Other information: He was arrested alongside Asimtulla Rakhimtullayevich BAITURYNOV, Serik Kudaibergenovich ERIMBETOV, Oralgazhi Omarkhanovich KOSHTYBAYEV and Abdumazhit Kopurovich ABDULLAYEV.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2245

Nurlan Amangeldyevich IBRAYEV

Date and place of arrest: In November 2016, in Atyrau

Charges: Organising and participating in a "banned religious association", the Muslim missionary movement Tabligh Jamaat

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out) and Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

First court decision: On 28th June 2017, he was sentenced to two years in a general regime prison by Atyrau City Court No. 2.

Last court decision: On 29th August 2017, his appeal was rejected by Atyrau Regional Court.

Place of detention: Investigation Prison UG-157/1 in Taskala

Other information: He was tried alongside Ermek Tursynbayevich AKHMETOV, Rollan Talgatovich ARYSTANBEKOV, Zhumabai Shaikhyuly NURPEYIS, Kanat Serikovich SHAIGOZHANOV and Nuralim Archiyevich TYUPEYEV.

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http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2292,
http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2311

Rauan KARAGYZOV

Date of birth: 21st March 1986

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405 Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment)

Last court decision: On 10th October 2016, he was sentenced to 1 ½ year imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

Other information: He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10th October 2016 at the end of a four-week trial by Judge Umisakhan Dautova of Oskemen Court No. 2.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223

Khalambaki KHALYM

Date of birth: 12th August 1984

Date and place of arrest: On 23rd September 2015

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405 Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court

decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment) and 174 Part 1 (Incitement of social, national, clan, racial, or religious hatred or antagonism with imprisonment of two to seven years or restricted freedom for the same period).

First court decision: On 23rd November 2015, his pre-trial detention was extended for one additional month by Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2.

Last court decision: On 18th February 2016, he was sentenced to a 2 ½ year prison term in a labour camp.

Place of detention: Astana's KNB Investigation Prison.

Other information: The pre-trial detention court order expired on 23rd December 2015. He was arrested alongside Bolatbek KOZHAGELDINOV, Nurzan NURADILOV, Erbolat ORMABEKOV and Kubaidolla TYULYUBAVEV.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2162 ,
http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2153

Oralgazhi Omarkhanovich KOSHTYBAYEV

Date of birth: 2nd October 1966

Date and place of arrest: On 8th July 2016, in Almaty Region

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out) and Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

Last court decision: On 28th December 2016, he was sentenced to 1 ½ years in prison and ordered to pay a share of the fees for the 'expert analyses' commissioned by investigators in the course of the case, about 106,000 Tenge [approximately €300 Euro].

Place of detention: Almaty Investigation Prison

Other information: He was arrested alongside Abdumazhit Kopurovich ABDULLAYEV, Asimtulla Rakhimtullayevich BAITURYNOV, Serik Kudaibergenovich ERIMBETOV and Parkhat Abdilgafurovich GAFUROV.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2245

Bolatbek KOZHAGELDINOV

Date of birth: 30th June 1977

Date and place of arrest: On 23rd September 2015

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Statement of the defendant: He insisted to the Judge that he had done nothing wrong and he was a normal Muslim who tries to observe all the rules prescribed in Islam.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405 Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment)

First court decision: On 23rd November 2015, his pre-trial detention was extended for one additional month by Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2.

Last court decision: On 18th February 2016, Kozhageldinov was sentenced to two years imprisonment in a labour camp.

Place of detention: Astana's KNB Investigation Prison

Other information: The pre-trial detention court order expired on 23rd December 2015. He was arrested alongside Khalambaki KALYM, Nurzan NURADILOV, Erbolat ORMABEKOV and Kubaidolla TYULYUBAVEV.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2162 ,
http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2153

Zhenisbek Erakhmetovich MANBETOV

Date of birth: 16th July 1983

Date and place of arrest: On 4th April 2017, in Sairam District Court, after his sentence was handed down

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

Last court decision: On 4th April 2017, he was sentenced to one year' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp. He was also banned from conducting certain activities for two years after the end of his prison term.

Other information: He was convicted alongside Abduvakhob Salibekovich SHAKIROV, Bakhytzhon Esimkhanovich BAIMUSAYEV, Abdivasit Abdikakharovich ABDIRAZAKOV, Murodzhon Abdivakhabovich ABDULLAYEV, Furkhat Farkhadovich ABATAYEV and Meirambek Amalbekuli SARYMSAK.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2272

Nurzan NURADILOV

Date of birth: 13th January 1980

Date and place of arrest: On 23rd September 2015

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Statement of the defendant: He insisted to the Judge that he had done nothing wrong and he was a normal Muslim who tries to observe all the rules prescribed in Islam.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405 Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment)

First court decision: On 23rd November 2015, his pre-trial detention was extended for an additional month by Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2.

Last court decision: On 18th February 2016, he was sentenced to two years imprisonment in a regime labour camp.

Place of detention: Astana's KNB Investigation Prison

Other information: The pre-trial detention court order expired on 23rd December 2015. He was arrested alongside Bolatbek KOZHAGELDINOV, Khalambaki KALYM, Erbolat ORMABEKOV and Kubaidolla TYULYUBAVEV.

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http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2153

Zhumabai Shaikhyuly NURPEYIS

Date of birth: 23rd July 1961

Place of residence: Atyrau

Date and place of arrest: In November 2016, in Atyrau

Charges: Organising and participating in a "banned religious association", the Muslim missionary movement Tabligh Jamaat

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out) and Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

First court decision: On 28th June 2017, he was sentenced to two years in a general regime prison by Atyrau City Court No. 2.

Last court decision: On 29th August 2017, his appeal was rejected by Atyrau Regional Court.

Place of detention: Investigation Prison UG-157/1 in Taskala

Other information: He was tried alongside Ermek Tursynbayevich AKHMETOV, Nurlan Amangeldyevich IBRAYEV, Rollan Talgatovich ARYSTANBEKOV, Kanat Serikovich SHAIGOZHANOV and Nuralim Archiyevich TYUPEYEV.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2289 ,
http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2292,
http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2311

Erbolat OMARBKOV

Date of birth: 10th July 1971

Date and place of arrest: On 23rd September 2015

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405 Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment).

First court decision: On 23rd November 2015, his pre-trial detention was extended for an additional month by Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2.

Last court decision: On 18th February 2016, Ormabekov was sentenced to two years imprisonment in labour camp.

Place of detention: Astana's KNB Investigation Prison

Other information: The pre-trial detention court order expired on 23rd December 2015. He was arrested alongside Bolatbek KOZHAGELDINOV, Khalambaki KAYLM, Nurzan NURADILOV and Kubaidolla TYULYUBAVEV.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2162 ,
http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2153

Eldos Mukhametkarymovich OTARBAYEV

Date of birth: 15th August 1986

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405 Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment)

Last court decision: On 10th October 2016, he was sentenced to 1 ½ year imprisonment in a labour camp.

Other information: He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10th October 2016 at the end of a four-week trial by Judge Umisakhan Dautova of Oskemen Court No. 2.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223

Iliyan RAIYMZHAN

Date of birth: 8th February 1992

Date and place of arrest: In April 2017

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 405, Part 1 punishes "organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision

banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out" with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment.

Article 405, Part 2 punishes "participation in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out" with a fine or up to two years' imprisonment.

Last court decision: He was sentenced to two years and a half in prison by Tekeli Court in Almaty Region on 1st August 2017. The Judge also banned him from exercising freedom of religion or belief for some years after his prison term.

Place of detention: Almatinskaya Oblast, g. Taldykorgan, Spetsgorodok No. 20, Sledstvenny izolyator LA-155/16, Kazakhstan

Other information: Iliyan Raiymzhan is an ethnic Kazakh born in China. He is married with young children. The case was initiated by the National Security Committee (KNB) secret police. Prosecutors claim Raiymzhan was a member of Tablighi Jamaat and had studied at its centres abroad, including in India, Bangladesh and elsewhere.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2307

Meirambek Amalbekuli SARYMSAK

Date of birth: 8th March 1965

Date and place of arrest: On 4th April 2017, in Sairam District Court, after his sentence was handed down

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

Last court decision: On 4th April 2017, he was sentenced to one year' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp. He was also banned from conducting certain activities for two years after the end of his prison term.

Other information: He was convicted alongside Abduvakhob Salibekovich SHAKIROV, Bakhytzhon Esimkhanovich BAIMUSAYEV, Abdivasit Abdikakharovich ABDIRAZAKOV, Murodzhon Abdivakhabovich ABDULLAYEV, Furkhat Farkhadovich ABATAYEV and Zhenisbek Erakhmetovich MANBETOV.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2272

Kanat Serikovich SHAIGOZHANOV

Date and place of arrest: In November 2016, in Atyrau

Charges: Organising and participating in a "banned religious association", the Muslim missionary movement Tablighi Jamaat

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court

decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out) and Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

First court decision: On 28th June 2017, he was sentenced to two years in a general regime prison by Atyrau City Court No. 2.

Last court decision: On 29th August 2017, his appeal was rejected by Atyrau Regional Court.

Place of detention: Investigation Prison UG-157/1 in Taskala

Other information: He was tried alongside Ermek Tursynbayevich AKHMETOV, Nurlan Amangeldyevich IBRAYEV, Zhumabai Shaikhyuly NURPEYIS, Rollan Talgatovich ARYSTANBEKOV and Nuralim Archiyevich TYUPEYEV.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2289 ,
http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2292,
http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2311

Aidin SHAKENTAYEV

Date of birth: 5th August 1982

Date and place of arrest: On 7th October 2015

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Statement of the defendant: He denies the allegations.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405 Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment)

First court decision: On 9th October 2015 he was ordered pre-trial detention by Karaganda's Kazybek Bi District Court. In late December 2016, his pre-trial detention was extended until 7th February 2016 by Karaganda's Kazybek Bi District Court.

Last court decision: On 28th March 2016, Shakentayev was handed a thirty month prison sentence, starting from the date of his arrest, 7th October 2015.

Place of detention: KNB secret police investigation prison – Karaganda

Other Information: He was arrested alongside Bauyrzhan SERIKOV and Murat SHOPENOV.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223

Abduvakhob Salibekovich SHAKIROV

Date of birth: 21st December 1962

Date and place of arrest: On 4th April 2017, in Sairam District Court, after his sentence was handed down

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out)

Last court decision: On 4th April 2017, he was sentenced to four years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp. He was also banned from conducting certain activities for four years after the end of his prison term.

Other information: He was convicted alongside Bakhytzhan Esimkhanovich BAIMUSAYEV, Furkhat Farkhadovich ABATAYEV, Abdivasit Abdikakharovich ABDIRAZAKOV, Murodzhon Abdivakhabovich ABDULLAYEV, Zhenisbek Erakhetovich MANBETOV and Meirambek Amalbekuli SARYMSAK.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2272

Ulan SMAGULOV

Date of birth: 25th August 1957

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405 Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment)

Last court decision: On 10th October 2016 he was sentenced to 1½ year imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

Other information: He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10th October 2016 at the end of a four-week trial by Judge Umisakhan Dautova of Oskemen Court No. 2.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223

Serik TASTENBEKOV

Date of birth: 4th October 1971

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405 Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment)

Last court decision: On 10th October 2016 he was sentenced to 1 ½ year imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

Other information: He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10th October 2016 at the end of a four-week trial by Judge Umisakhan Dautova of Oskemen Court No. 2.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223

Duman TOLEUKHANOV

Date of birth: 24th October 1975

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Article of criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405 Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment)

Last court decision: On 10th October 2016 he was sentenced to 1 ½ year imprisonment in a general regime labour camp.

Other information: He is one of the nine Sunni Muslims convicted on 10th October 2016 at the end of a four-week trial by Judge Umisakhan Dautova of Oskemen Court No. 2.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223

Dmitry Valeryevich TSILENKO

Date of birth: 7th February 1991

Date and place of arrest: On 5th October 2016

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization, and incitement of religious hatred or antagonism

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405 Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

First court decision: Tsilenko's case was handed for trial to Kostanai City Court No. 2 on 20th February 2017. His trial began under Judge Lyazzat Mukhamedzhanova on 6th March. Serik Yergaliyev of Kostanai Regional Prosecutor's Office led the case against him in court. After repeated hearings, Judge Mukhamedzhanova found Tsilenko guilty on 12th May under Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1. She sentenced him to three years' ordinary regime labour camp, to count from the date of his arrest in October 2016.

Last court decision: On 4th July 2017, Kostanai Regional Court rejected his appeal against his three-year prison term. He was added to the Finance Ministry Financial Monitoring Committee List of individuals "connected with the financing of terrorism or extremism" on 1 August.

Place of detention: Tsilenko's address in Kostanai Investigation Prison (until his expected transfer to labour camp in early August 2017): Kostanaiskaya Oblast, g. Kostanai, ul. Dzhangildina 9, Sledstvenny izolyator UK-161/1, Kazakhstan

Other information:

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2300

Saken TULBAYEV

Date of birth: 16th June 1969

Date and place of arrest: On 11th February 2015

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization, and incitement of religious hatred or antagonism

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 174 Part 1 (Incitement of social, national, clan, racial, or religious hatred or antagonism with imprisonment of two to seven years or restricted freedom for the same period) and Criminal Code Article 405 Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

First court decision: On 2nd July 2015, he was sentenced to four years and eight months in prison, and was banned from conducting any religious activity for three years following his release, until the end of 2022.

Last court decision: On 6th September 2016, the Supreme Court lifted Tulbayev's ban, but imposed two new conditions instead: He will be banned from sharing his faith with others and banned from membership of "extremist" organisations.

Place of detention: Almatinskaya Oblast

g. Taldykorgan

Spetsgorodok No. 20

Sledstvenny izolyator LA-155/16

Kazakhstan

Other information: On 24th September 2015, Tulbayev was moved to the Pavlodar labour camp. He was beaten after his transfer to a labour camp and prevented to pray the namaz (Muslim prayers).

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223

Kubaidolla TYULYUBAYEV

Date of birth: 6th August 1962

Date and place of arrest: On 28th September 2015, in the southern city of Taldykorgan

Charges: Involvement in Tablighi Jamaat, a banned organization

Statement of the defendant: On 22nd January 2016, He said in a hearing that he had gone to a mosque, and insisted that when Tablighi Jamaat was banned in court in 2013 he and his friends had ceased their activity with the group.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405 Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out with a fine or up to six years' imprisonment)

First court decision: On 23rd November 2015, his pre-trial detention was extended for one additional month by Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2.

Last court decision: On 18th February 2016, Tyulyubayev was sentenced to two years imprisonment in a labour camp.

Place of detention: Astana's KNB Investigation Prison

Other information: He is a retired police officer. KNB secret police investigator Belesov told TYULYUBAYEV that if he confessed he would be freed.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2223

Nuralim Archiyevich TYUPEYEV

Date of birth: 13th November 1962

Date and place of arrest: In November 2016, in Atyrau

Charges: Organising and participating in a "banned religious association", the Muslim missionary movement Tabligh Jamaat

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 1 (Organising the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out) and Part 2 (Participating in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out, resulting in possible fines or up to two years imprisonment).

First court decision: On 28th June 2017, he was sentenced to two years in a general regime prison by Atyrau City Court No. 2.

Last court decision: On 29th August 2017, his appeal was rejected by Atyrau Regional Court.

Place of detention: Investigation Prison UG-157/1 in Taskala

Other information: He was tried alongside Ermek Tursynbayevich AKHMETOV, Nurlan Amangeldyevich IBRAYEV, Zhumabai Shaikhyuly NURPEYIS, Rollan Talgatovich ARYSTANBEKOV and Rollan Talgatovich ARYSTANBEKOV.

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http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2292,

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2311

Zholbarys Kaipbayevuc ZHUMANAZAROV

Date and place of arrest: 2017, Almaty Region.

Age: 59 years old

Place of arrest: Karasai District

Charges: Being a member of the Tabligh Jamaat Muslim missionary movement.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 405, Part 2 deals with "participation in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation after a court decision banning their activity or their liquidation in connection with extremism or terrorism they have carried out"

Statement of defendant:

Last court decision: One year detention and a fee of 56,174 Tenge (about US \$175.--) and blocking of bank account

Place of detention: Unknown

Charges: Sources: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2359 and http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2359

Salafists

Satimzhan AZATOV

Date of birth: 17th September 1989

Date and place of arrest: In early January 2017, in Astana

Charges: Inciting religious hatred and promoting terrorism

Statement of the defendant: He denied the charges.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 174, Part 2 (Incitement of social, national, clan, racial, or religious discord by repeat offenders with prison terms of between five and ten years)

First court decision: On 6th January 2017, he was sentenced to pre-trial detention, as requested by the KNB, by Judge Akmaral Isayeva of Astana's Saryarka District Court No. 2.

Last court decision: On 10th July 2017, he was sentenced to four years and eight months in prison.

Place of detention: Astana KNB Investigation Prison

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2253 , http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2262 , http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2286

Kuanysh BASHPAYEV

Date of birth: 3rd February 1987

Date and place of arrest: On 13th October 2016, at Astana Airport

Charges: Criticising the state-controlled Muslim Board and insulting the religious feelings of Kazakhstan's traditional Muslims

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 174, Part 1 (Inciting social, national, clan, racial, or religious hatred or discord).

Place of detention: Pavlodar City Police Investigation Prison

Last court decision: On 7th April 2017, he was sentenced to four and a half years' imprisonment in a general regime labour camp by Pavlodar City Court No. 2. He was added to the Finance Ministry Financial Monitoring Committee List of individuals "connected with the financing of terrorism or extremism" on 1 July.

Other information: He has a Master's degree in Islamic theology from Medina. BASHPAYEV's closed trial began under Judge Kayirbek Yelemesov at Pavlodar City Court No. 2 with a preliminary hearing on 14th February 2017. The full trial began on 6th March 2017.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2253 ,

http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2262 ,
http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2286 ,
http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2272

Denis KORZHAVIN

Date of birth: 21st May 1983

Date and place of arrest: On 18th February 2017, in Almaty

Charges: Inciting religious hatred

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 174, Part 1 (Incitement of social, national, clan, racial, or religious hatred or antagonism with a prison term of two to seven years)

First court decision: On 21st February 2017, Judge Maral Dzharilgasova of Almaty's Almaly District Court ordered KORZHAVIN to be held in two months' pre-trial detention, until 18 April.

Last court decision: On 11th May 2017, he was sentenced to five years' restricted freedom by Judge Nariman Begaliyev of the city's Almaly District Court. He was added to the Finance Ministry Financial Monitoring Committee List of individuals "connected with the financing of terrorism or extremism" on 1 July.

Place of detention: Almaty's Investigation Prison No. 18

Other information: He is an ethnic Russian who converted to Islam. He then studied his faith at Medina University in Saudi Arabia before returning to Kazakhstan.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2273 ,
http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2286

Nariman SEYTZHANOV

Date of birth: 2nd May 1989

Date and place of arrest: On 15th January 2017

Charges: Inciting religious hatred

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 174, Part 1 ("Incitement of social, national, clan, racial, or religious hatred or discord")

First court decision: On 18th January 2017, Judge Kairat Khasenov of Kokshetau City Court approved the prosecutor's request to hold him in pre-trial detention for two months, until 15th March 2017.

Second court decision: On 7th March 2017, the same Judge extended the pre-trial detention for a further month, until 15 April 2017.

Third court decision: On 9th June 2017, he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment by Judge Ilyas Kakim at Kokshetau City Court. He appealed to Akmola Regional Court.

Last court decision: On 16th August 2017, his appeal was rejected by Akmola Regional Court.

Place of detention: Kokshetau's Interior Ministry Investigation Prison No. 20

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2273 ,
http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2286