

UZBEKISTAN

Most of the prisoners below are **Sunni Muslims** who have been accused of alleged separatism, extremism, planning to overthrow the government and/or belonging to a banned Islamist movement. They are not known to have committed acts of violence.

Followers of the Turkish theologian **Said Nursi**, who lived and died in the 19th - 20th century, were also imprisoned for the same reasons, although they do not use or advocate violence or terrorism. Nursi's works are banned in Uzbekistan for allegedly inciting hatred and enmity against non-believers, which is not the case.

Four Sufi leaders were sentenced to prison terms because their religious group has not been registered by the state and is therefore deemed illegal.

Three Christians were in prison for two weeks in 2017. They do not want their names to be publicized and the reasons of the 15-day administration prison term are unknown.

Sunni Muslims

Furkat ABDULLAYEV

Date and place of arrest: In 2010, in Navoi

Charges: Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ((1) Production, storage, (2) distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, (3) [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: On 28th June 2010 he was sentenced to twelve years in detention.

Place of detention: Prison 64/29 in Navoi

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851

Zuhriddin ABDURAIMJANOV

Date of birth: 21st May 1986

Date and place of arrest: On 25th May 2016, at the Dustlik Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan customs border point in Andijan Region

Charges: Possession of "illegal" Islamic religious materials on his mobile phone

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 246, Part 1 (Smuggling, that is carriage through the customs border without the knowledge of or with concealment from customs control... [weapons, narcotics, etc.] or of materials that propagandize religious extremism, separatism, and fundamentalism shall be punished with five to ten years imprisonment)

Last court decision: On 9th December 2016, he was sentenced to a three-year term of imprisonment in a labour camp.

Place of detention: Prison UYa 64/61, in Karshi, in Kashkadarya Region

Other information: He is an ethnic Uzbek, Russian citizen, born in Kyrgyzstan. Relatives expressed concern over his health, as he had a liver operation shortly before his arrest.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2241

Mansurkhon AKHMEDOV

Age: 30 years

Charges: Possession of a music CD claimed to contain a sermon on the Islamic Caliphate

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison)

Last court decision: On 25th May 2016, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

Other information: He was arrested alongside Jonibek TURDIBOYEV. The prosecutors used the testimony of a jailed relative, Madatjon INAMUTDINOV, to convict him.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2191

Nodyr BARNAYEV

Date and place of arrest: In 2010, in Navoi

Charges: Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: On 28th June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

Place of detention: Prison 64/29 in Navoi

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile

Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV

Date of birth: 20th October 1977

Date and place of arrest: On 3rd November 2016

Charges: Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

First court decision: On 26th May 2017, he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

Last court decision: On 25th August 2017, his sentence was upheld by Tashkent City Criminal Court.

Place of detention: Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

Other information: The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV. He has already been convicted in the early 2000s for allegedly being a member of the banned radical religious movement Hizb ut-Tahrir.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2288,
http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2322

Mehrinisso HAMDAMOVA

Age: 46 years

Date and place of arrest: On 5th November 2009

Charges: Attempts to change the constitutional order of Uzbekistan

Statement of defendant: She claims that she was simply teaching Islam in a mosque in Karshi.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 159 (Attempts to change the constitutional order of Uzbekistan), and article 244-1 ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning [b] if conducted by an official, [c] if conducted with foreign finances or aid, [d] uses mass media, telecommunications networks, or the world wide web).

First court decision: In April 2010 she was sentenced to seven years in jail.

Last court decision: On 5th November 2016, she was due to be released, but was moved to a new prison to be tried again on 12th November 2016 for unknown charges.

Place of detention: In a labour camp in Tashkent Region

Date of release: On 20th February 2018

Source: <http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?country=33>

<https://wwwrn.org/articles/41762/?&place=russia-cis>

<http://www.refworld.org/docid/5832c2114.html>

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2369

Zulhumor HAMDAMOVA

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Statement of defendant: She claims she was simply teaching Islam in a mosque in Karshi.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 159 (Attempts to change the constitutional order of Uzbekistan), and article 244-1 ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning [b] if conducted by an official, [c] if conducted with foreign finances or aid, [d] uses mass media, telecommunications networks, or the world wide web).

First court decision: In April 2010 she was sentenced to six and a half years in jail.

Last court decision: She was released with her sister after more than eight years in prison

Place of detention: In a labour camp in Tashkent Region

Date of release: On 20th February 2018

Source: <http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?country=33>

<https://wwwrn.org/articles/41762/?&place=russia-cis>

<http://www.refworld.org/docid/5832c2114.html>

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2369

Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV

Date of birth: 24th March 1973

Date and place of arrest: On 3rd November 2016

Charges: Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: On 26th May 2017, he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

Place of detention: Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

Other information: The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV. He has already been convicted in the early 2000s for allegedly being a member of the banned radical religious movement Hizb ut-Tahrir.

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Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV

Date of birth: 9th July 1975

Date and place of arrest: On 3rd November 2016

Charges: Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: On 26th May 2017, he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

Place of detention: Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

Other information: The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV. He has already been convicted in the early 2000s for allegedly being a member of the banned radical religious movement Hizb ut-Tahrir.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2288

Abdugani KAMOLOV

Date and place of arrest: In 2010, in Kyzyltepe, Navoi Region

Charges: Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: On 28th June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

Place of detention: In strict regime prison 64/46 in Navoi

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile

Zukhriddin KAMOLOV

Date and place of arrest: In 2010

Charges: Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: On 28th June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

Place of detention: In strict regime prison 64/47 in Kyzyltepe, Navoi Region

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile

Rakhmatillo KHAMDAMOV

Date and place of arrest: In 2010

Charges: Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if

conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: On 28th June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

Place of detention: In strict regime prison 64/49 in Shaikh-Ali near Karshi

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile

Shakirzhon KHAMDAMOV

Date and place of arrest: In 2010

Charges: Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: On 28th June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

Place of detention: In strict regime prison 64/47 in Kyzyltepe, Navoi Region

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile

Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV

Date of birth: 25th November 1970

Date and place of arrest: On 3rd November 2016

Charges: Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison)

First court decision: On 26th May 2017, he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

Last court decision: On 25th August 2017, his sentence was upheld by Tashkent City Criminal Court.

Place of detention: Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

Other information: The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV, Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV.

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http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2322

Bobur KHATAMOV

Date and place of arrest: In 2010

Charges: Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: On 28th June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

Place of detention: Karshi Labour Camp

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile
<https://www.wrn.org/articles/41206/>

Bakhtiyor KHUDAIBERDIYEV

Age: 34 years

Place of residence: Russia

Date and place of arrest: On 9th January 2016, at the Tashkent Airport

Charges: Possession of extremist materials

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Article 159 (Attempts to change the constitutional order of Uzbekistan), and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: In August 2016, he was sentenced to six years imprisonment.

Place of detention: He was originally held at the NSS secret police detention center, Yunusabad District, Tashkent. His new location after being sentenced is currently unknown.

Other information: Officials and Khudaiberdiyev's lawyer have refused to provide details of the case, stating its secretive nature.

Source: <http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?country=33>
http://www.ecoi.net/local_link/332181/460140_en.html

Gayrat KHUSANOV

Place of residence: Tashkent Region

Date and place of arrest: On 16th May 2012

Statement of the defendant: He says he was meeting to read the Koran, discuss his faith, and to learn how to pray.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning [b] if conducted by an official)

Last court decision: On 22nd November 2012, he was sentenced to seven years in prison by the Yukorichirchik District Court.

Place of detention: Yangibazar Detention Centre in Tashkent Region

Source: http://www.ecoi.net/local_link/228659/350800_de.html
<http://www.refworld.org/pdfid/519625c04.pdf>

Davron KOMOLIDDINOV

Age: 24 years

Date and place of arrest: On 4th March 2016, in Krasnoyarsk, Russia

Charges: Enciting ethnic, racial, or religious hatred, attempt to undermine the constitutional order of Uzbekistan, and participation in a religious extremist organization

Statement of the defendant: He claims that while in Russia he accessed online sermons and teachings of religious leaders and performed Islamic prayers. He also accessed media from Uzbekistani imams and copied their photographs to his social media page.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Articles 156 (Acts intended to humiliate ethnic honour and dignity, insult the religious or atheistic feelings of individuals, carried out with the purpose of inciting hatred, intolerance, or divisions on a national, ethnic, racial, or religious basis, as well as the explicit or implicit limitation of rights or preferences on the basis of national, racial, or ethnic origin, or religious beliefs), 159 (Attempts to change the Constitutional order of Uzbekistan), and 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in

religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

First court decision: He was sentenced to seven years in prison by the Fergana Regional Court.

Last court decision: The sentence was upheld by the court of appeals.

Place of detention: Prison colony 64/61 in Karshi

Other information: Torture and ill treatment have been used against him to force false confessions to the crimes that he alleges he did not commit.

Source: <http://www.ahrca.eu/uzbekistan/torture-prevention/888-torture-concerns-for-prisoner-in-uzbekistan> , http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2191

Rakhmatilla MAKHMUDOV

Date and place of arrest: In 2010, in Zangiota, Tashkent Region

Charges: Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: On 28th June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

Place of detention: Prison 64/65 in Zangiota, Tashkent Region

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851

Mastura LATIPOVA

Date of arrest: 2009

Charges: Teaching their faith

Last court decision: Three years imprisonment. In 2016 another three years were added.

Place of detention: Women's prison camp near Tashkent

Other information: She was arrested together with her sister Farida SOBIROVA was freed on 20th February 2018, but not Mastura.

Sources: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2369

Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV

Date of birth: 2nd May 1969

Date and place of arrest: On 3rd November 2016

Charges: Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Articles 159, Part 1 (Public calls or dissemination of materials containing such calls for illegal change of the State order), Article 241, Part 2 (Failure to report about or concealment of serious crimes) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison)

Last court decision: On 26th May 2017, he was sentenced to five and a half years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

Place of detention: Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

Other information: The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV, Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2288

Zoirjon MIRZAYEV

Age: 28 years

Date and place of arrest: On 19th January 2014, at Keles Train station, in Tashkent Region

Charges: Possession of extremist materials

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 246 Part 1 (Smuggling, that is carriage through the customs border without the knowledge of or with concealment from customs control...[weapons, narcotics, etc] or of materials that propagandize religious extremism, separatism, and fundamentalism shall be punished with five to ten years imprisonment)

Last court decision: On 8th April 2014, he was sentenced to five years in prison.

Other information: Officials found twenty-nine recordings of Muslim sermons on his mobile phone which were considered “extremist”.

Source: <https://wwrn.org/articles/46454/> http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1954

Zuboyd MIRZORAKHIMOV

Date and place of arrest: On 20th September 2013, in Bekabad District, Tashkent

Charge: Possession of extremist materials

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Criminal Code Article 246 Part 1 (Smuggling, that is carriage through the customs border without the knowledge of or with concealment from customs control...[weapons, narcotics, etc] or of materials that propagandize religious extremism, separatism, and fundamentalism shall be punished with five to ten years imprisonment)

First court decision: On 16th October 2013 he was sentenced to a five-year prison term.

Last court decision: In November 2013 an appeal was rejected.

Place of detention: Tashkent Prison

Date of release: In April 2018

Source: http://www.ecoi.net/local_link/280321/410431_de.html

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2369

Ulugbek OTAKUZIYEV

Date and place of arrest: In 2010

Charges: Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: On 28th June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

Place of detention: In strict regime prison 64/45 in Almalyk, Tashkent Region

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile

Ravshan RAHMATULLAYEV

Date and place of arrest: Around 28th December 2012

Charges: Illegal establishment or reactivation of illegal public associations or religious organisations, as well as active participation in their activities

Statement of the defendant: He says he met in private for joint prayers and Koran reading

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Articles 216 (Illegal establishment or reactivation of illegal public associations or religious organisations, as well as

active participation in their activities), 244-1 Part 3 ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning [b] if conducted by an official, [c] if conducted with foreign finances or aid, [d] uses mass media, telecommunications networks, or the world wide web), and 246 Part 1 (Smuggling, that is carriage through the customs border without the knowledge of or with concealment from customs control...[weapons, narcotics, etc] or of materials that propagandize religious extremism, separatism, and fundamentalism shall be punished with five to ten years imprisonment).

Last court decision: On 17th July 2013, he was sentenced to six years in prison in Tashkent.

Place of detention: Karshi [Qarshi] Labour Camp

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1900 , <http://bit.ly/2t13iC9>

Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV

Date of birth: 16th October 1972

Date and place of arrest: On 3rd November 2016

Charges: Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

First court decision: On 26th May 2017, he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

Last court decision: On 25th August 2017, his sentence was upheld by Tashkent City Criminal Court.

Place of detention: Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

Other information: The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV. He has already been convicted in the early 2000s for allegedly being a member of the banned radical religious movement Hizb ut-Tahrir.

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http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2322

Akmaljon RASULOV

Date of birth: 2nd May 1990

Place of residence: Shymkent, in southern Kazakhstan

Date and place of arrest: On 23rd March 2016, at Gisht-Kuprik customs border point in Tashkent Region's Zangiota District

Charges: "Deliberately trying to import into Uzbekistan banned religious materials"

Statement of defendant: He told the Court that he received these messages on his phone from others, and did "not know that they are banned in Uzbekistan".

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 246, Part 1 (Smuggling, that is carriage through the customs border without the knowledge of or with concealment from customs control...[weapons, narcotics, etc.] or of materials that propagandize religious extremism, separatism, and fundamentalism shall be punished with five to ten years imprisonment)

First court decision: On 21st July 2016, he was sentenced to five years in prison.

Last court decision: On 6th December 2016, Tashkent Regional Court dismissed his appeal against his conviction.

Place of detention: Prison UYa 64/65 in Zangiota, Tashkent Region

Other information: He was tortured during pre-trial investigation.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2241

Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV

Date of birth: 9th December 1977

Date and place of arrest: On 8th August 2016

Charges: Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison)

Last court decision: On 26th May 2017, he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

Place of detention: Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

Other information: The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV. He has already been sentenced in a separate case. On 25th January 2017, he was sentenced to five and a half years' imprisonment. He was convicted under Criminal Code Article 216 (illegal organisation of public or religious organisations) and Article 241. That sentence has been combined with the sentence handed down on 26th May 2017.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2288

Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV

Date of birth: 18th October 1971

Date and place of arrest: On 13th October 2016

Charges: Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison) and Article 241, Part 2 (Failure to report about or concealment of serious crimes)

First court decision: On 26th May 2017, he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

Last court decision: On 25th August 2017, his sentence was upheld by Tashkent City Criminal Court.

Place of detention: Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

Other information: The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV.

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Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV

Date of birth: 24th September 1976

Date and place of arrest: On 3rd November 2016

Charges: Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison)

First court decision: On 26th May 2017, he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

Last court decision: On 25th August 2017, his sentence was upheld by Tashkent City Criminal Court.

Place of detention: Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

Other information: The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV.

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Mukhmadin SOTIVOLDIYEV

Date and place of arrest: In 2010

Charges: Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: On 28th June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

Place of detention: In strict regime prison 64/6, Chirchik, Tashkent Region

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile

Avazbek TURAYEV

Date and place of arrest: In 2010, in Tashkent Region

Charges: Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: On 28th June 2010, he was sentenced to nine years of detention.

Place of detention: Prison in Tashkent Region

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile

Rakhmonzhon TURABAYEV

Date of birth: In 1984

Date and place of arrest: In 2010, in Koson near Karshi

Charges: Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: On 28th June 2010, he was sentenced to thirteen years of detention for leading an "illegal religious meeting."

Place of detention: In strict regime prison 64/51, Koson, near Karshi

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851&layout_type=mobile

Jonibek TURDIBOYEV

Date of birth: In 1986

Charges: Possession of a music CD claimed to contain a sermon on the Islamic Caliphate

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison)

Last court decision: On 25th May 2016, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

Other information: He was arrested alongside Mansurkhon AKHMEDOV. Prosecutors used testimony of a jailed relative Madatjon INAMUTDINOV to convict him.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2191

Khayrullo TURSUNOV

Age: 40 years

Place of residence: Almaty, Kazakhstan

Date and place of arrest: On 7th April 2012, Aktobe Kazakhstan, and again on 13th March 2013 in Uzbekistan

Charges: Extremist religious activity

Statement of the defendant: He claims he practiced his faith outside of state run mosques, and then fled to Kazakhstan.

First court decision in Kazakhstan: On 9th April 2012, Aktobe City Specialized Administrative Court approved his detention, which was subsequently extended several times by the court.

Extradition decision: On 25th October 2012, Kazakh Deputy General Prosecutor Khalimoc approved the decision to extradite him to Uzbekistan.

Second court decision: On 22nd November 2012, Astana Regional Court referred Tursunov's appeal to Aktobe City Court No. 2.

Third court decision: On 25th December 2012, Judge Kusanova upheld the extradition.

Fourth court decision: On 18th January 2013, a panel of Judges at Aktobe Regional Court rejected Tursunov's appeal and upheld his extradition.

Last court decision: In June 2013, he was sentenced to sixteen years in prison by the Kashkadarya Regional Criminal Court.

Place of detention: Originally he was held in Aktobe, Kazakhstan. On 13th February 2013 he was moved to Almaty. On 13th March 2013 he was moved to Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2149

Ravshanbek UMARBAYEV

Date of birth: In 1969

Date and place of arrest: In 2010, in Karshi

Charges: Meeting with others to study the Koran and pray

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison) and Article 159, Part 4 (Violent attempts to change the Constitutional order).

Last court decision: On 28th June 2010, he was sentenced to fourteen years of detention for leading an "illegal religious meeting."

Place of detention: In strict regime prison 64/33 in Karshi

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1851

Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV

Date of birth: 26th March 1973

Date and place of arrest: On 13th October 2016

Charges: Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Articles 159, Part 1 (Public calls or dissemination of materials containing such calls for illegal change of the State order), Article 241, Part 2 (Failure to report about or concealment of serious crimes) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison)

Last court decision: On 26th May 2017, he was sentenced to five and a half years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

Place of detention: Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

Other information: The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV, Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2288

Shuhrat YUNUSOV

Place of residence: Tashkent Region

Date and place of arrest: Between mid-May and 26th July 2012

Statement of the defendant: He claims he was meeting to read the Koran, discuss his faith, and to learn how to pray.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning)

Last court decision: On 22nd November 2012, he was sentenced to seven years in prison by the Yukorichirchik District Court.

Place of detention: Yangibazar Detention Centre in Tashkent Region

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1770

Latip Talipovich YUSUPOV

Date of birth: 22nd December 1970

Date and place of arrest: On 1st October 2016

Charges: Meeting with others in homes and teahouses to discuss their faith between 2008 and 2016, talking about the need to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Uzbekistan, planning to overthrow the government and supporting a banned radical Islamic movement

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison) and Articles 159, Part 3, Point a (acts punishable under Part 1 or Part 2 of Article 159 committed repeatedly or by a dangerous recidivist)

Last court decision: On 26th May 2017, he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in an ordinary regime labour camp by Tashkent City Criminal Court. He appealed against the verdict.

Place of detention: Interior Ministry's Detention Centre No. 1 in Tashkent

Other information: The months he spent in pre-trial detention will count towards his sentence. He was tried alongside Davron Yuldashevich FAYZIYEV, Khusnuddin Tokhtamurodovich RIZAYEV, Dilshod Khikmatullayevich KAMILOV, Abdurashid Abdulkhayevich RASHIDOV, Khusnuddin Abdukhakimovich INAGAMOV, Afzaljon Azatovich URUNOV, Ravshan Mukhamadovich MIRZAYEV, Sobirjon Sotvoldiyevich KHASANOV, Bakhadyr Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV and Ravshan Bakhtiyarovich SADYKOV. He has already been convicted in the early 2000s for allegedly being a member of the banned radical religious movement Hizb ut-Tahrir.

Source: http://forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2288

Said Nursi Followers

Nutfullo AMINOV

Age: 37 years

Date and place of arrest: In early 2010

Charges: Participation in an extremist organisation

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

Last court decision: In June 2010, he was sentenced to eight years in prison.

Source: <http://www.refworld.org/pdfid/54f815844.pdf>

Botir TUKHTAMURODOV

Date and place of arrest: In April 2009 in Bukhara

Charges: Participation in an extremist organisation

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 244-1, Part 3 (a) ([1] Production, storage, [2] distribution or display of ideas, materials or symbols containing a threat to public security and public order, punishable by imprisonment between five and eight years, or a fine of between three-hundred to four-hundred times the minimum monthly wage, [3] [a] if conducted by a group or with prior planning) and Article 244-2, Part 1 (Creation, leadership or participation in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist or other banned organisations, punishable by five to fifteen years in prison).

First court decision: He was sentenced to six years in prison.

Last court decision: In 2015, his term of imprisonment was extended to an additional three years in a labour camp.

Other information: Officials told Tukhtamurodov and his relatives that he will not be freed until the authorities get back his brother Bobirjon Tukhtamurodov from Russia, where he sought refuge in January 2010.

Source: <http://www.refworld.org/docid/56c56f1c4.html>

Sufis

Four SUFI LEADERS

Date and place of arrest: On 1st June 2016, in Bukharan Region

Charges: Participation in an illegal (not state-sanctioned) religious group

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 216 (Illegal establishment or reactivation of illegal public associations or religious organisations shall be punished with a fine and imprisonment of up to five years; participation in such a group, illegal religious activity, or in present of minors shall be punishable by a fine or imprisonment up to three years).

Last court decision: On 1st June 2016, the four religious leaders were sentenced to four years in prison.

Other information: Names of the four prisoners are currently unknown.

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2206

Protestants

Nabijon BOLIKULOV

Date and place of arrest: Around 21st June 2018 in Karshi (Qarshi)

Charges: Meeting for worship without State permission and pointing out that he and his fellow Baptists did not break the Constitution or international human rights law.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Criminal Code Article 240 (Violation of the Religion Law).

First Court decision: Five days imprisonment

Other information: Altogether four members of a Baptist congregation meeting were apprehended, fined several days wages. The judge had not specified which law had been broken. They were threatened by judge KHUSHVAKTOV that if they continue their practises he will open a criminal case against them

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2388