

# KYRGYZSTAN

## Muslim

### **Imam Rashod KAMALOV**

**Age:** 37 years.

**Place of residence:** Kara-Suu.

**Date and place of arrest:** 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

**Charges:** Inciting religious hatred and disseminating extremist materials.

**Statement of defendant:** He denied the accusations.

**Articles of criminal/ civil/ administrative code:** Criminal Code, Article 299 (Inciting religious animosity) and Part 2 of Article 299 (Distributing extremist materials using official position),

**First court decision:** 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

**Final court decision:** On 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015 he was sentenced to 10 years in high security prison.

**Other information:** Imam of Al-Sarahsiy Mosque in Kara-Suu. He gave a sermon, which was recorded and in which he talked about caliphates. The prosecution used it as evidence that Kamalov was trying to incite people to create a caliphate in Kyrgyzstan.

*Sources:* <http://www.eurasianet.org/node/74671>,  
<http://enews.fergananews.com/news.php?id=3105> and <http://www.eurasianet.org/node/72116>