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Further Information on UA 45/06 (EUR 46/008/2006, 27 February 2006) Torture/ ill-treatment/ legal concern

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION
(CHECHEN REPUBLIC)**

**Mekhti Mukhaev (m), aged 48, farmer
Isa Gamaev (m)**

According to the Memorial Human Rights Centre Mekhti Mukhaev was released on 13 September. He had been found guilty on 17 August by the Urus-Martan city court in Chechnya of "participation in an illegal armed group" and sentenced to eight months imprisonment. Taking into account the time already spent in detention since 13 January he has been released.

On 5 June, two days before the start of his trial, Mekhti Mukhaev had been taken from the pre-trial detention facility (SIZO) to the Central Hospital of the Chechen Republic where he was diagnosed as suffering from severe heart problems. Doctors recommended that he should be admitted to hospital for treatment, though instead he was transferred to court for his hearing on 7 June and was not provided with any medical attention. Following his release, Mekhti Mukhaev reportedly wishes to quietly recover from his ordeal and is not intending to pursue claims for the violations he has suffered.

Isa Gamaev was also found guilty on the same date and in the same court as Mekhti Mukhaev of "participation in an illegal armed group". He was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in an ordinary regime colony, with the time already spent in detention also to be taken into account. He remains in detention, but is expected to be released by the end of the year.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is required from the UA Network..