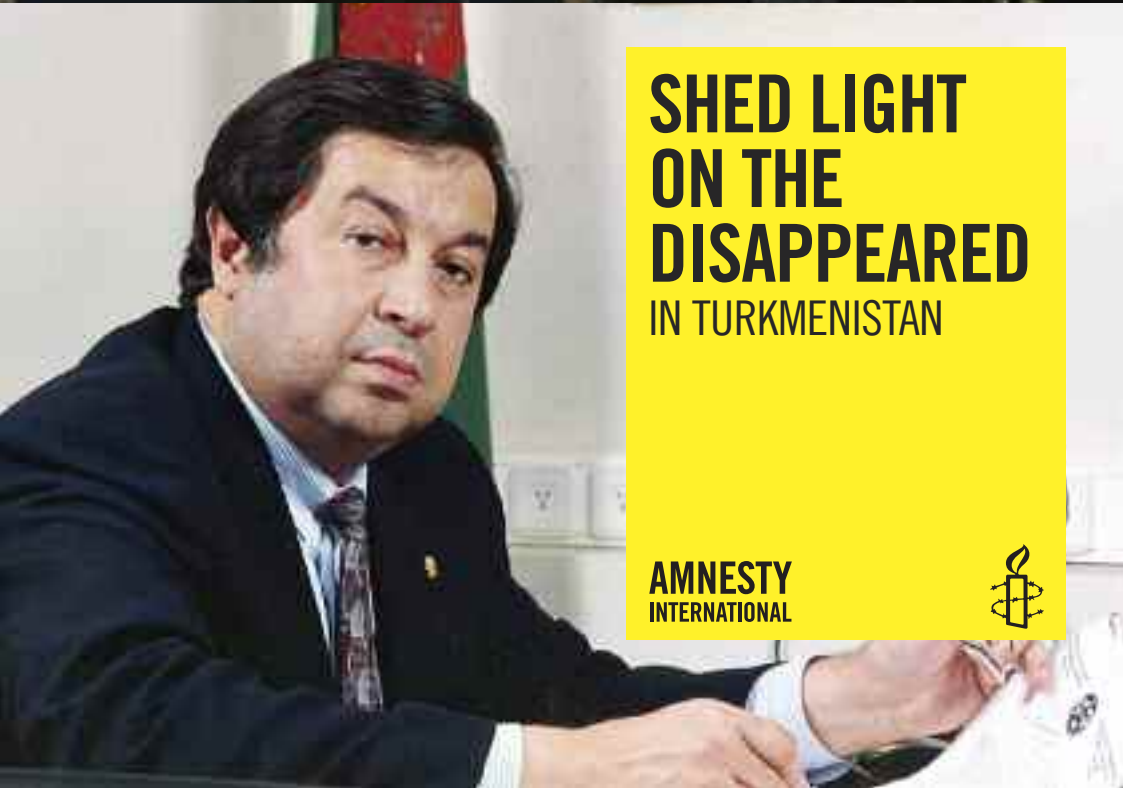


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Dozens of people, including brothers Boris and Konstantin Shikhmuradov, were subjected to enforced disappearance in Turkmenistan in a wave of repression following an attack on former President Niyazov in November 2002. Hopes rose for a fresh approach to human rights when Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov took power in 2007. However, despite the tireless efforts of relatives, the whereabouts of the disappeared have not yet been disclosed.

Please detach and send the attached postcard to help end enforced disappearances in Turkmenistan. The text, in Russian, says:

**Dear President,**

We call on you to break with Turkmenistan's legacy of repression and to end the pattern of human rights violations instituted under the rule of President Niyazov. In particular, we urge you to take immediate steps to reveal the fate and whereabouts of all who were subjected to enforced disappearance after the alleged coup attempt in November 2002, including Boris and Konstantin Shikhmuradov.

All cases of enforced disappearance should be investigated and the perpetrators brought to justice. Victims of enforced disappearance, such as Boris and Konstantin Shikhmuradov and their families, should be given full reparation for their suffering.

Yours sincerely,

*Image:* A statue of late President Niyazov, who ruthlessly repressed all forms of dissent in Turkmenistan. © Christopher Herwig

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**Уважаемый Президент,**

Мы призываем Вас порвать с наследием длительных репрессий в Туркменистане и положить конец практике нарушений прав человека, сложившейся во время правления Президента Ниязова. В частности, мы призываем Вас принять незамедлительные меры по установлению судьбы и местонахождения всех лиц, подвергшихся насильственным исчезновениям после предполагаемой попытки государственного переворота в ноябре 2002 года, включая Бориса и Константина Шихмурадовых.

Все случаи насильственных исчезновений должны быть расследованы и виновные привлечены к ответственности. Жертвы насильственных исчезновений, такие как Борис и Константин Шихмурадовы и их семьи, должны получить полное возмещение ущерба за перенесенные страдания.

С уважением,

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Attach post  
stamp

President Berdymukhamedov  
744000 g. Ashgabat  
Ashgabat  
Apparat Prezidenta  
Prezidentu Turkmenistana  
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*Image:* Boris Shikhmuradov, a victim of enforced disappearance. © Private  
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