

# URGENT ACTION

## TWO MEN RETURN HOME AFTER EXTRADITION FEARS

**Kholzhigit Sanakulov and his son, Sherzod Sanakulov, have safely returned to the Netherlands after being released from a temporary detention facility in Moscow, Russia.**

**Kholzhigit Sanakulov**, 64, and his son, **Sherzod Sanakulov**, 31, were released from detention on 20 March and were able to return to their homes in the Netherlands the next day. Both men are recognized refugees and have been living in the Netherlands. The men were detained at Domodedovo airport, Moscow, on 8 March upon their arrival in Russia from the Netherlands. They were facing extradition to their country of birth, Uzbekistan, where they would have been at a risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

Kholzhigit Sanakulov and Sherzod Sanakulov left Uzbekistan in 2006, after learning that a criminal case on charges of fraud and embezzlement had been initiated against them. They believe the case to be fabricated. They fled to Kazakhstan in fear of their lives and freedom. In 2007, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Almaty recognised them as refugees and in 2008 they were resettled to the Netherlands.

**No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**

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