

sentenced during 1998 and early 1999 to long terms of imprisonment on charges including terrorism, attempting to overthrow the constitutional order and seeking to establish an Islamist state. Their trials were marked by allegations that defendants were beaten and otherwise ill-treated in detention to force them to confess. The organization is not aware that the Uzbek authorities have investigated these allegations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Russian, English or your own language:

- expressing concern at the detention of Umarkhon Nazarov, Akhmadali Samonov and Abdurashid Nasriddinov
- expressing grave concern at allegations that they were arrested solely because of their relationship to independent Imam Obidkhon Nazarov;
- urging that they be protected from any form of ill-treatment and be allowed immediate access to their families and legal representatives.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear President Karimov

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Salutation: Dear Minister

Khokim (Governor) of Namangan Region, Tulkin DZHABBOROV
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Telegrams: Human Rights Ombudsman, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Salutation: Dear Ms Rashidova

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Salutation: Dear Procurator

and to diplomatic representatives of Uzbekistan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 5 May 1999.