

**TO: HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**  
**FROM: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL**

# APPEAL FOR ACTION

## 3<sup>RD</sup> UPDATE: ZUBAIR ISAEVICH ZUBAIRAEV MUST GET PROPER EVALUATION AND TREATMENT

Zubair Isaeovich Zubairaev, an ethnic Chechen imprisoned at FBU UP-288-T, in Minusinsk, Eastern Siberia has still not received adequate assessment, despite his repeated requests, of his multiple health problems. These include chronic pain and possible traumatic head and spinal injury reportedly due to the torture and ill-treatment he sustained while in detention.

In 2010, Amnesty International was informed that in order to establish a clear diagnosis Zubair Isaeovich Zubairaev needs to be sent to a hospital or specialist facility, to undergo imaging such as an MRI scan of the spine and brain. This would provide prison doctors with the clinical information they require to implement appropriate treatment for his symptoms. Zubair Isaeovich Zubairaev can be sent to a specialist facility for these investigations only with the permission of the prison director. The failure to date for this to occur may be due to reluctance on the part of prison authorities to incur the costs of transportation. His lawyers and family have repeatedly requested that Zubair Zubairaev be granted permission to be sent for an examination but this has been ignored.

Amnesty International calls on the prison authorities *at FBU UP-288-T* to abide by the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners and allow Zubair Isaeovich Zubairaev to receive the assessment and treatment he needs. Amnesty International calls on the prison Director to allow Zubair Zubairaev to be transported to a specialist facility to undergo imaging of the spine and brain.

### PLEASE WRITE IMMEDIATELY in Russian or your own language:

- Explaining that you are a health professional concerned about human rights;
- Expressing concern at reports that Zubair Isaeovich Zubairaev continues to be denied access to necessary medical care;
- Urging the authorities to ensure that arrangements are immediately made for Zubair Isaeovich Zubairaev to be transported to diagnostic facilities so that he can then be provided with appropriate treatment, in accordance with provisions set out in the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners;
- Calling on the authorities to cover the costs of such transportation and treatment, as required by the United Nations Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment.

### PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 09/05/2011 TO:

Minister of Justice (Russian Federation)

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 Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation  
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 Salutation: Dear Minister

Director of Penal Service

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 Director of the Federal Penal Service  
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 Salutation: Dear Director

Prison Governor/Director of FBU UP-288-T

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Salutation: Dear Director

Ombudsman of the Russian  
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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Zubair Isaevich ZubairaeV was sentenced in August 2007 to five years in maximum security prison and was sent to IAR-154/25 in Frolovo, Volgograd region, where it is reported that he was subjected to torture and ill-treatment at the hands of prison officers. According to sources close to Zubair Isaevich ZubairaeV, this included the use of electric shocks and beatings with plastic bottles filled with water, as well as with truncheons and rifle butts. Also, reportedly, his feet were pierced with a sharp metal instrument. After making several complaints about this treatment, his condition worsened. He was transferred to a prison colony in Volgograd and admitted in February 2008 to a prison hospital, however the beatings and ill-treatment allegedly continued in these settings. At the time he told some of his contacts outside the prison that he did not receive any treatment for the injuries previously sustained. He was transferred to FBU UP-288-T in Minusinsk in the summer of 2009, where there have been no further reports of torture or beatings, but prison authorities have thus far failed to provide him with adequate medical care.

Zubair Isaevich ZubairaeV has had difficulty walking, requiring the use of a crutch to move around, and suffers from severe, chronic pain to his back and legs. He is also experiencing dramatic fluctuations in blood pressure and possibly has an ongoing seizure disorder related to head trauma sustained while imprisoned in Frolovo, Volgograd region, during 2007, where he was reportedly subjected to torture and ill-treatment by prison officials.

Amnesty International regularly receives reports of torture or other ill-treatment in places of detention across the Russian Federation, including in *prison colonies*, and of the frequent failure of the authorities to investigate such allegations and to bring those found responsible to justice. In February 2007, the UN Committee against Torture expressed its concern regarding the inadequate health care provided to people in pre-trial detention centres and prison colonies.

The denial of medical care may be considered to be torture and other ill-treatment, and the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners require that "sick prisoners who require specialist treatment shall be transferred to specialized institutions or to civil hospitals" (para. 22 [2]).

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