

URGENT ACTION

ANZOR CHENTIEV EXTRADITED TO RUSSIA

Ethnic Chechen Anzor Chentiev, who was seeking asylum in Slovakia, has been extradited to Russia, where he might be at risk of torture and unfair trial.

The Slovak Ministry of Interior has confirmed that **Anzor Chentiev** was extradited to Russia on 6 July, as requested by the Russian Federation, approved by the Slovak Ministry of Justice. This is despite the fact that Anzor Chentiev had re-applied for asylum in Slovakia on 3 June.

The forcible return of Anzor Chentiev to Russia, carried out while his asylum application was pending, amounts to a violation of Slovakia's international legal obligations. These include the obligation not to return anyone to a country where he or she would be at real risk of torture or ill-treatment or other serious human rights violations or abuses.

Anzor Chentiev had been detained without charge for nine years in Slovakia. According to his lawyer, this was due to the Russian Federation's extradition request, which was based on a charge of "banditry".

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals. Amnesty International will continue to monitor Anzor Chentiev's situation.

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