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Further Information on UA 283/06 (EUR 46/051/2006, 20 October 2006) Fear of forcible return/torture and ill-treatment/unfair trial/death penalty

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Rustam Tulaganovich Muminov (m), Uzbekistani national

The Russian authorities are now known to have forcibly returned Rustam Tulaganovich Muminov to Uzbekistan on 24 October, despite the fact that an appeal against this was pending with the Moscow City Court. The European Court of Human Rights had asked the Russian authorities not to return him until they had completed a further investigation of the case. His whereabouts are now unknown

Amnesty International is deeply concerned that Rustam Tulaganovich Muminov's right to appeal to the European Court has been violated by the Russian authorities' decision to return him to Uzbekistan. The organisation is also concerned about the apparently flawed process which led to Rustam Tulaganovich Muminov being forcibly returned, in which the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) has reportedly tried to distort the facts. Amnesty International has written to President Putin asking him to ensure that the alleged human rights violations are not repeated and that those responsible are brought to justice.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No further action is requested from the UA network. Amnesty International will continue to research the case and will take further campaigning action as necessary.