

# JUSTICE FOR MAKHMADSALORS MASAEV

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**Dear President Medvedev,**

Makhmadsalors Masaev, a 42-year-old Muslim preacher, was going to visit relatives in Sernovodsk near Grozny, Chechnya, on 3 August, but he didn't arrive. He had been seen being taken away by men in camouflage uniform in the centre of Grozny. There are grounds to believe that these men were Chechen law enforcement officials.

Makhmadsalors Masaev had been unlawfully detained in 2006/07 for four months. He is thought to have been held at a base run by the then Prime Minister of Chechnya, Ramzan Kadyrov. Makhmadsalors Masaev sought a criminal investigation into the abuses he had experienced and he also recounted his experiences to the press.

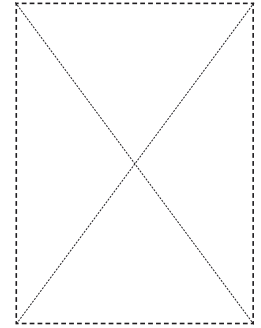
I urge you to ensure that:

- the case of Makhmadsalors Masaev is effectively and impartially investigated;
- those who are found responsible for his enforced disappearance are brought to justice; and
- witnesses and relatives are provided with protection from intimidation.

Yours sincerely,

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