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Further information on EXTRA 91/98 (EUR 61/13/98, 27 November 1998) and follow-up (EUR 61/14/98, 4 December 1998) - Fair trial concern/Fear of death penalty

**TURKMENISTAN Mukhametkuli Aymuradov
Khoshali Garayev**

On 10 December 1998, Mukhametkuli Aymuradov and Khoshali Garayev were sentenced to an additional 18 years in prison by the Supreme Court of Turkmenistan for attempting to escape from prison and assaulting a prison guard. Following international pressure, the authorities in Turkmenistan reportedly dropped the charge of conspiracy to seize power under Article 174 part 2 of the Turkmen Criminal Code.

Thank you to all who sent appeals on behalf of Mukhametkuli Aymuradov and Khoshali Garayev. No further action from the Urgent Action network is needed at present.