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Further information on UA 285/01 (EUR 62/017/2001, 7 November 2001) and follow-up (EUR 62/019/2001, 21 December 2001) - fear of torture/fear for safety

UZBEKISTANYusuf Dzhumaev, poet

Amnesty International has learned that Yusuf Dzhumaev was released on 29 December 2001.

According to human rights sources in Uzbekistan, Yusuf Dzhumaev was brought to trial in Bukhara Regional Court on 29 December on charges of attempting to overthrow the constitutional order of Uzbekistan (Article 159 of the Uzbek Criminal Code). The trial was reportedly open to the public and was attended by local television and newspaper journalists, neighbours and relatives of Yusuf Dzhumaev. Human rights monitors report that he was given a suspended three-year sentence because he repented publicly in the courtroom and asked for the President's pardon.

No further action is requested from the network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.