

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 153/96 (EUR 62/09/96, 26 June 1996) - Fear of imminent execution / Torture concern / Legal concern

UZBEKISTAN Rafis VALEYEV, aged 27

Vitaly AN

Adkham ABDULAYEV (first name previously given as Atan)

Ayubkhon AKBAROV

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The death sentence passed on Adkham Abdulayev was overturned at an appeal hearing in the Supreme Court of Uzbekistan on 24 September 1996. He was sentenced instead to 20 years' imprisonment, reduced to 15 years under the terms of a recent amnesty. It is at present unclear why the case was referred back to the Supreme Court, but it may have been because of the alleged irregularities in the initial trial.

No further action is required by the Urgent Action network on behalf of Adkham Abdulayev. Thank you to all who sent appeals.

The Urgent Action network is requested to make further appeals on behalf of the other three men named in this action, Rafis Valeyev, Vitaly An and Ayubkhon Akbarov. There is at present no further news about their cases. This request is made while we consider the possibilities for continuing Amnesty International's action on their behalf by other means.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express or airmail letters in Russian, English or in your own language:**

**to the President:**

- urging him to use his constitutional authority and commute the death sentences passed on Rafis Valeyev, Vitaly An and Ayubkhon Akbarov, and all other death sentences that come before him;
- expressing unconditional opposition to the death penalty as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- expressing sympathy for the victims of crime and their families, but pointing out that the death penalty has never been shown to deter crime more effectively than other punishments, and is brutalizing to all in its application.

**to the Procurator General:**

- urging him to initiate a full and impartial investigation into allegations that Rafis Valeyev was tortured, that the findings be made public and anyone found responsible brought to justice.

**to the Procurator General and the Chairman of the Supreme Court:**

- urging them to order a judicial review of the case of Rafis Valeyev, on the grounds that there have been allegations that he was tortured in detention.

**APPEALS TO:**

1. The President of Uzbekistan, Islam Karimov

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**Salutation: Dear President Karimov**

2. Procurator General of Uzbekistan, Buritosh Mustafojev

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**Salutation: Dear Procurator General**

3. Chairman of the Supreme Court of Uzbekistan, Ubaydulla Mingbayev

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**Salutation: Dear Chairman**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Uzbekistan accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 4 December 1996.