

# URGENT ACTION

## PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE DENIED MEDICAL CARE

**Prisoner of conscience Ulugbek Abdusalamov is not receiving adequate medical care in Kyrgyzstan.**

The authorities are not providing **Ulugbek Abdusalamov** with adequate medical assistance. In 2009 he had a cerebral haemorrhage; he suffers from high blood pressure, stomach ailments and a heart condition, and requires constant medical care. He should be released, or at least be hospitalised.

Ulugbek Abdusalamov had been transferred to a regional hospital on 29 June, after six requests by his lawyer. On 9 July, he was returned to police detention in the city of Jalal-Abad. Ulugbek Abdusalamov's health continued to suffer and, at the insistence of his lawyer, on 24 July he was taken back to hospital where he was treated under police guard. Amnesty International has been told that subsequently he has been transferred back to the police detention centre.

Although suspects should legally be held in a pre-trial remand prison, there is no such facility in Jalal-Abad, so Ulugbek Abdusalamov was returned to the police detention centre where conditions are said to be very poor.

Despite requests by Ulugbek Abdusalamov's lawyer to have him transferred to house arrest, due to his poor state of health, the terms of his detention have not been changed. The arrest warrant extends until 14 August.

### **PLEASE WRITE IMMEDIATELY in Russian, Kyrgyz, English or your own language:**

- Calling on the authorities to release prisoner of conscience Ulugbek Abdusalamov immediately and unconditionally;
- Urging them to ensure that Ulugbek Abdusalamov receives any medical attention he may require, including hospital treatment;
- Calling on them to allow human rights defenders, journalists and other civil society activists to carry out their work without the threat of harassment or obstruction by the authorities.

### **PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 14 SEPTEMBER 2010 TO:**

#### Minister of Internal Affairs

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Salutation: Dear Minister

#### General Prosecutor

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Salutation: Dear General Prosecutor

#### **And copies to:**

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Salutation: Dear President

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Ulugbek Abdusalamov is a prominent member of the Uzbek community in the Jalal-Abad region of southern Kyrgyzstan, and Chief Editor of the regional Uzbek newspaper *Didor* (Meeting, in Russian). He was detained on 14 June on charges of “inciting ethnic hatred” under Article 299 of the Kyrgyzstani Criminal Code and transferred to a police detention centre in the town of Jalal-Abad two days later.

The Jalal-Abad prosecutor's office has stated that the charges against Ulugbek Abdusalamov have been brought during an investigation into a violent incident which took place in the A. Batirov University in Jalal-Abad town on 19 May. However, Ulugbek Abdusalamov was not in Jalal-Abad, but working in the capital, Bishkek, that day. The authorities have also claimed that two articles published by Ulugbek Abdusalamov in his newspaper warrant the charge brought against him. Amnesty International has seen both articles and believes that neither constitutes incitement to ethnic hatred.

Amnesty International is concerned that following the violence in the south of the country which began on 10 June members of the ethnic Uzbek community have been disproportionately targeted by the Kyrgyzstani security services who are conducting investigations into the June violence. Credible reports suggest that human rights defenders, journalists and members of the civil society have been and are being harassed, detained and ill-treated, leading to forced confessions.

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