

19 June 2002

Further information on UA 164/02 "Disappearance"/Fear of torture/Fear of extra-judicial execution

RUSSIANSSaid-Magomed Imakaev (m) aged 45
FEDERATION/Said-Khusein Imakaev (m) his son
CHECHNYA Ruslan Utsaev (m)
Movsar Taisumov (m)
Idris Abdulazimov (m)
Aslambek *second name not known*(m)

The wife of Said-Magomed Imakaev, who "disappeared" from his home in the village of Novye Atagi on 2 June, has described two members of the Russian security forces who detained him and five other men. Tracing these soldiers could lead to information about the fate and whereabouts of the "disappeared" men.

According to Marzet Imakaeva, one of the Russian soldiers gave her a receipt for papers and computer disks that were confiscated at the time of her husband's arrest. The soldier, who also signed the receipt, gave his name as Alexander Grigorevich Bumerang. Although this name could be false, Marzet Imakaeva has since learned that a military official with the nickname "Bumerang" is stationed at the FSB/Military commander's post in the neighbouring village of Starye Atagi. However, despite repeated attempts to contact this person, officials at the post have told Marzet Imakaeva that he is not there. She has learned however, that some of the military service men present on 2 June were from the military commander's office in the nearby town of Shali.

The soldier named "Bumerang" is described as being about 40 years of age, approximately 1.80m tall and dressed in Russian military uniform. The second soldier is described as also being about 40 years of age, having a moustache, with light, reddish hair and a little shorter in height than "Bumerang".

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please continue to send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Russian or your own language:

- in light of the new evidence, urging the authorities to investigate the identity of the man named "Alexander Grigorevich Bumerang", and to establish whether this man indeed works at the Starye Atagi FSB/Military commander's post;
- urging the authorities to establish whether units stationed in the town of Shali were in Novye Atagi on 2 June 2002;
- expressing concern for the safety of Said-Magomed Imakaev, Ruslan Utsaev, Movsar Taisumov, Idris Abdulazimov, Aslambek and Said-Khusein Imakaev;
- urging the authorities to establish the fate and whereabouts of those named above and to inform their relatives;
- calling on the authorities to release them immediately, unless they are to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence;
- urging the Russian government to immediately make public the names and whereabouts of everyone detained in the various detention facilities, including so-called "filtration camps" in Chechnya, and the charges against them;
- asking for a prompt investigation into all allegations of detention without charge, "disappearances", torture, ill-treatment and extrajudicial execution by Russian security forces in the Chechen Republic and to bring those responsible to justice in a court of law.

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