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Further information on UA 68/98 (EUR 57/01/98, 4 March 1998) - Fear for safety/Disappearance

KAZAKSTANMadel Mukhamedinovich Ismailov

According to a report by the Prague-based *Radio Liberty*, Madel Ismailov was located in a central Almaty prison on 5 March 1998. Officials at the prison reportedly explained that Madel Ismailov's name had been misspelled in their records and that, for this reason, they had wrongly claimed he was not being held there.

Madel Ismailov's wife, who was able to briefly visit him in prison on 5 March, claims that he appeared to have been beaten.

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

- requesting clarification of any criminal charges being brought against Madel Ismailov;
- stating that should he be detained solely for exercising his fundamental right to freedom of opinion and expression he should be released immediately and unconditionally;
- calling for a full and comprehensive inquiry into the allegations of beatings, for the findings to be made public, and for anyone found responsible to be brought to justice in accordance with the norms of international law.

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