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On 12 January 2006 Dilmurod Muhiddinov was sentenced to five years imprisonment by the Srednechirchik District Court. His fellow activists, Musozhon Bobozhonov, Nurmukhammad Azizov and Akbar Oripov, received suspended three-year prison terms and were released from the courtroom. Muhammadkodir Otakhonov was released in October 2005.

According to the human rights organization Ezgulik, the four men were convicted on charges of "attempting to overthrow the constitutional order", "preparing and distributing materials containing a threat to public order and security", and "participating in religious extremist, separatist, fundamentalist and other banned organisations".

Ezgulik and other local human rights organizations that had tried to attend the trial, reported that no one, not even relatives of the defendants, was allowed into the court building. Amnesty International considers Dilmurod Muhiddinov to be a prisoner of conscience and calls for his immediate and unconditional release.

Take action

Write to the President of Uzbekistan urging him to release Dilmurod Muhiddinov immediately and revoke the sentences of Musozhon Bobozhonov, Nurmukhammad Azizov and Akbar Oripov