

URGENT ACTION

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION INTO DETAINEE'S TORTURE

The anonymous detainee's lawyers have been sent a copy of an order to open a criminal case against prison staff. More appeals will help to ensure the authorities pursue this complaint.

Lawyers for the man believed to have been tortured at a temporary detention facility where he has been held since April 2014 have received a copy of an order to open a criminal case against prison staff for causing injury to the man.

The order was issued on 14 July and states that the action of the unidentified staff members "obviously went beyond their professional duty and has caused substantive violations of the rights and interests of the detainee".

The temporary detention facility is on the territory of prison colony no.14 (abbreviation in Russian: ФКУ ИК-14 ГУФСИН, anglicised as FKU IK-14 GUF SIN) in Nizhnii Novgorod Region.

Please write immediately in Russian, English or your own language:

- Welcoming the opening of a criminal case against yet unidentified staff members at colony FKU IK-14 GUF SIN in Nizhnii Novgorod Region;
- Expressing concern for the health and wellbeing of the detainee held in FKU IK-14 GUF SIN since April 2014 who has complained about torture and other ill-treatment, including rape;
- Asking the authorities to transfer the detainee to another facility during the criminal investigation, so as to ensure his safety and allow an objective investigation into his allegations of torture and other ill-treatment;
- Urging them to ensure that the investigation into the criminal case is conducted promptly, impartially, effectively and in full compliance with the law, so that all those who used unlawful means to extract a confession from the detainee are brought to justice.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 3 SEPTEMBER 2014 TO:

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Salutation: Dear Director of the Federal Penitentiary Service

Chairman of the Investigative Committee

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Salutation: Dear Chairman

And copies to:

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Salutation: Dear Prosecutor General

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Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date. This is the first update of UA 173/14. Further information:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The man was detained as a suspect in a criminal case in April 2014. According to his statements, he was tortured, by means of beating and rape to extract his confession; he was not examined by doctors and did not receive medical care following the attack.

On 10 June he reported the attack and ill-treatment to members of the Public Monitoring Commission, a group of representatives from civil society organizations monitoring places of detention in Russia. Following their formal intervention he is believed to have been tortured at least twice more: this included beatings, strangulation, having cold water poured over him and rape, to force him to withdraw his complaint. He has alleged that the attacks were perpetrated by other inmates, but with the assistance and instigation of the prison administration.

Name: Anonymous

Gender m/f: m

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