

# URGENT ACTION

## PROTECT RIGHTS AND SAFETY OF INJURED DETAINEE

**A 21-year-old medical student in pre-trial detention has been hospitalised with multiple injuries, including a pen pushed inside his head through the eye socket. He is cuffed to his hospital bed. The authorities intend to transfer him back to pre-trial detention as soon as he regains full consciousness.**

**Magomed Aliev**, a 21-year old medical student from Stavropol, a city in Stavropol Region, Russia, was transferred on 28 November from pre-trial detention to the emergency unit of the Fourth City Hospital in Stavropol. The doctors found a pen in his skull, which had been inserted via his right eye socket. The pen was successfully removed but Magomed Aliev has been unconscious for most of the time since. Despite this, he is cuffed by one hand and one foot to his bed and six law enforcement officials, two from the Federal Security Service and four from the pre-trial detention centre, are guarding him 24 hours. His bed is also under camera surveillance.

The authorities claim that Magomed Aliev stabbed himself with the pen in an attempt to commit suicide. However, his family and his lawyer noted injuries on his head and body, which might be the result of beatings. The family is not allowed to visit him or send food directly to the hospital. His relatives only saw him when he was moved inside the hospital.

According to his family, the criminal justice authorities insist that he should be transferred back to pre-trial detention as soon as he regains consciousness. Doctors at the hospital say this would put his life at risk, as he has also contracted meningitis which requires specialist treatment which is not available in pre-trial detention.

### **Please write immediately in Russian or your own language:**

- Calling on the Russian authorities to promptly, impartially and effectively investigate the circumstances which lead to the injuries sustained by Magomed Aliev and if sufficient admissible evidence of criminal wrongdoing is found, suspects are brought to justice in fair trials;
- Urging them to ensure that Magomed Aliev remains in hospital as long as necessary in order to get adequate medical treatment, in line with the recommendations of competent medical staff.

### **PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 23 JANUARY 2014 TO:**

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of the Russian Federation

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**Salutation: Dear Director**

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Magomed Aliev was detained on 21 November in Moscow by law enforcement officials supposedly belonging to the Federal Security Service. Magomed Aliev who is in his fifth year of medical studies, had come to Moscow from Stavropol, to visit his sister and to undergo medical treatment. He was planning to volunteer at a dental clinic, where his sister works. He was detained outside of the clinic. He was questioned by officials from the Federal Security Service of Stavropol in Moscow the same day and taken to Stavropol on 22 November.

His lawyer saw him on 25 November and told that he was shaking, showed marks possibly of beatings in his face and seemed to be very distressed.

On 28 November he was delivered to the hospital, where doctors during a six-hour surgery removed a pen which was lodged inside his head. An x-ray of his head was given to the media and Amnesty International has seen it.

While in hospital he is drifting in and out of consciousness but despite this he is cuffed by one hand and one foot to his bed. The doctors have asked for the foot cuff to be removed but the guards have so far declined this request.

Magomed Aliev has been accused of violations under Article 205.1 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (recruitment, soliciting or other involvement of a person for committing acts of terrorism). An appeal against an order of detention will be heard on 24 December.

Name: Magomed Aliev  
Gender m/f: m

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