



# FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF VICTIMS

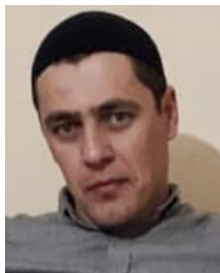
# RUSSIA

## Introduction

These victim profiles are illustrative of those in the Frank R. Wolf Freedom of Religion or Belief Victims List database. Mandated by the amended International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, the Victims List documents individuals who are detained, imprisoned, tortured, disappeared, forced to renounce their faith, or subjected to house arrest due to their religious activity or religious freedom advocacy.

## Religions of Individuals in Russia on the FoRB Victims List

- Buddhist – Unspecified/Other
- Christian – Jehovah’s Witness
- Christian – Protestant
- Christian – Orthodox
- Falun Gong
- Muslim – Sunni
- Shaman
- Unknown
- Unspecified



### Amet Suleymanov

Religion or Belief: Muslim - Sunni  
 Arrested: March 11, 2020  
 Sentence: 12 Years’ Imprisonment  
 Health Concerns: Heart Disease  
 Reason for Persecution: Alleged membership in Hizb ut-Tahrir

### SUNNIS

Sunni Muslims remain the largest religious group imprisoned for their religious activities. Accusations of involvement in terrorism often result in decades in prison, despite a lack of evidence of defendants advocating for or participating in violence. Authorities use these allegations to imprison Muslim Crimean Tatar activists opposed to Russia’s illegal occupation of Crimea.



### Mikhail Simonov

Religion or Belief: Christian - Orthodox  
 Arrested: November 9, 2022  
 Sentence: 6 Years, 6 Months’ Imprisonment  
 Health Concerns: Heart Disease  
 Reason for Persecution: Criticizing Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in religious terms

### ANTI-WAR RELIGIOUS LEADERS & DISSIDENTS

Following Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine, authorities severely cracked down on speech and expression critical of the government. Authorities have fined, designated as “foreign agents,” and imprisoned religious leaders and others for opposing Russia's invasion on religious grounds or in religious terms.



### Andrey Vlasov

Religion or Belief: Christian - Jehovah’s Witness  
 Arrested: July 12, 2020  
 Sentence: 7 Years’ Imprisonment  
 Health Concerns: Disability, Heart Disease  
 Reason for Persecution: Held discussions about the Bible

### JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES

Jehovah’s Witnesses face severe repression for their religion. Since declaring the group “extremist” in 2017, authorities have prosecuted Jehovah’s Witnesses for their peaceful religious activities, including discussing the Bible, having worship services, and singing religious songs.



### Kostiantyn Maksimov

Religion or Belief: Christian - Orthodox  
Arrested: May 16, 2023  
Sentence: 14 Years' Imprisonment  
Religious Leader: Yes  
Reason for Persecution: Resisting transfer of his parish to the Russian Orthodox Church

### UKRAINIAN RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Since Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, its military has committed violations against religious communities in Ukraine, often targeting religious leaders. Russian forces have harassed, threatened, exiled, detained, forcibly disappeared, tortured, and killed religious figures in order to exert control and subjugate local populations.

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### NOT RELEASED

Abdukakhor Mumindzhanov  
Adam Svarichevskiy  
Aidar Aidarbekov  
Aidar Tashbulatov  
Aider Dzhepparov  
Aider Saledinov  
Airat Shakirov  
Akim Bekirov  
Akmalchon Numonchonov  
Akramjon Abdullayev  
Alam Aliyev  
Albert Shafiyev  
Albert Valiullin  
Aleksandr Chagan  
Aleksandr Dubovenko  
Aleksandr Filatov  
Aleksandr Gabyshev  
Aleksandr Ivshin  
Aleksandr Korolev  
Aleksandr Litvinyuk  
Aleksandr Parkov  
Aleksandr Putintsev  
Aleksandr Rumyantsev  
Aleksandr Serebryakov  
Aleksandr Seredkin  
Aleksandr Skvortsov  
Aleksey Berchuk  
Aleksey Dyadkin  
Aleksey Gerasimov  
Aleksey Goreliy  
Aleksey Khabarov  
Aleksey Solnechny  
Aleksey Trofimov

Alexander Kornev  
Alidzhon Odinayev  
Alim Karimov  
Alim Sufianov  
Alim Timkanov  
Alisher Khusenov  
Almaz Usmanov  
Amet Suleymanov  
Ametkhan Abdulvapov  
Amir Khakimullin  
Anas Gimazetdinov  
Anatoliy Gorbunov  
Anatoliy Li  
Anatoliy Marunov  
Andrey Danielyan  
Andrey Kapatsyna  
Andrey Stupnikov  
Andrey Tolmachev  
Andrey Vlasov  
Anna Safronova  
Ansar Osmanov  
Anton Olshevskiy  
Anton Virich  
Aram Danielyan  
Aramis Fazylov  
Arsen Abkhairov  
Arsen Avanesov  
Arslan Salimzyanov  
Artem Gerasimov  
Artur Putintsev  
Artur Salimov  
Artur Valov  
Artyom Naumov  
Asan Yanikov

Asgat Khafizov  
Aydar Sageyev  
Azamat Eyupov  
Azamat Kayumov  
Azat Adiyev  
Azat Gataullin  
Azat Lukmanov  
Azat Zagiyeu  
Aziz Khidirbayev  
Bakhrom Khamroev  
Batyr Mukhametov  
Bilyal Adilov  
Boris Andreyev  
Bulat Makhmutov  
Bulat Rakhmanov  
Damir Abdrafikov  
Danil Bagautdinov  
Danil Suvorov  
Danis Abdarakhmanov  
Danis Faizrakhmanov  
Denis Antonov  
Denis Kuzyanin  
Denis Peresunko  
Denis Sarazhakov  
Dmitriy Barmakin  
Dmitriy Chausova  
Dmitriy Dolzhikov  
Dmitriy Golik  
Dmitriy Malevany  
Dmitriy Terebilov  
Dmitriy Zagulin  
Dmytro Naukhatsky  
Dzhebbar Bekirov  
Edem Bekirov



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Edem Smailov	Ismail Isaev	Nikolay Saparov
Eduard Nizamov	Ismet Ibragimov	Nikolay Stepanov
Eduard Sharlot	Ivan Chaykovskiy	Nikolay Vasiliyev
Eduard Sviridov	Ivan Neverov	Nikolay Voishchev
Eldar Kantemirov	Izzet Abdullayev	Niyaz Ziyattinov
Elena Nikulina	Jeyhun Rustamov	Oksana Chausova
Elmar Mamedov	Khalil Mustafin	Oleg Fedorov
Emil Dzhemadenov	Khamid Igamberdyev	Oleg Shidlovskiy
Emil Shangareyev	Khiramagomed Magomedov	Oleksandr Sizikov
Emil Ziyadinov	Khunar Agayev	Olga Ivanova
Emir-Usein Kuku	Komil Matiev	Olga Panyuta
Enver Ametov	Konstantin Sannikov	Osman Arifmemetov
Enver Krosh	Kostiantyn Maksimov	Osman Seytumerov
Enver Mamutov	Lenar Mukhamadeev	Otabek Isomadinov
Enver Omerov	Lenar Saitov	Parviz Zeynalov
Enver Seytosmanov	Lenur Khalilov	Pavel Kazadaev
Erfan Osmanov	Lenur Seydametov	Pavel Khevronin
Ernes Ametov	Leonid Druzhinin	Radik Akhmetov
Ernes Seytosmanov	Linar Vakhitov	Radik Imangulov
Ernest Ibragimov	Lubov Galitsina	Radik Khairutdinov
Eskender Abdulganiev	Lyudmila Shchekoldina	Radik Talipov
Eskender Suleymanov	Maksim Puygin	Radik Valiakhmetov
Fanis Akhmetshin	Marat Bazarbayev	Radik Zaripov
Farid Kryev	Marat Saybatalov	Radmir Maksutov
Farid Mustafayev	Marat Tulyakov	Rafael Fattakhov
Farit Kharisov	Marina Chaplykina	Rafis Idrissov
Farit Sharifullin	Marlen Asanov	Rafis Khalilov
Farkhod Bazarov	Marlen Mustafayev	Raif Fevziyev
Farkhod Nodirov	Marsel Gimaliev	Rail Abdrakhmanov
Farrukh Makhkamov	Medzhit Abdurakhmanov	Raim Ayyazov
Farrukh Mamayusupov	Memet Belyalov	Rainur Ibatullin
Gabdrakhman Naumov	Mikhail Burkov	Remzi Bakirov
Garegin Khachatryan	Mikhail Moysh	Remzi Memetov
Georgiy Nikulin	Mikhail Shevchuk	Renat Galimov
Gevorg Yeritsyan	Mikhail Simonov	Rinat Aliev
Igor Egozaryan	Mikhail Toptygin	Rinat Khannanov
Igor Mamalimov	Mirzobakhovaddin Kurbonov	Rinat Kiramov
Igor Popov	Mukazhan Ksyupov	Rinat Nurlygayanov
Igor Schmidt	Murodzhon Sattorov	Riza Izetov
Ilfat Galimov	Muslim Aliyev	Riza Omerov
Ilgiz Gimaletdinov	Nail Miniakhmetov	Roman Baranovskiy
Ilgiz Salakhov	Nail Yunusov	Roman Mareyev
Ilnar Zinnatov	Naimdjon Khodjayev	Ruslan Bariev
Ilnar Zyalilov	Natalia Minenkova	Ruslan Fatkullin
Ilnaz Safiullin	Natalya Sharapova	Ruslan Fattakhov
Ilshat Battalov	Nematjon Isroilov	Ruslan Fomin
Ilsur Galeev	Nikita Moiseyev	Ruslan Gabidullin
Ilya Vasilyev	Nikita Zhuravel	Ruslan Ilyasov
Inver Bekirov	Nikolai Polevodov	Ruslan Mesutov
Inver Siyukhov	Nikolai Ulitin	Ruslan Nahaev
Irek Mukhametov	Nikolay Kupriyanskiy	Ruslan Rakhmatullin
Irek Nasirov	Nikolay Martynov	Ruslan Suleimanov
Irek Tagirov	Nikolay Romanyuk	Ruslan Sungatov



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Ruslan Zainullin  
Ruslan Zeitullayev  
Rustam Diarov  
Rustam Khalikov  
Rustem Abiltarov  
Rustem Emiruseinov  
Rustem Gallyamov  
Rustem Ismailov  
Rustem Khamzin  
Rustem Murasov  
Rustem Salakhudtinov  
Rustem Seytkhalilov  
Rustem Seytmemetov  
Rustem Sheikhaliev  
Rustem Tairov  
Rustem Yamaliev  
Ruzim Davletshin  
Salekh Magamadov  
Sardobek Siddikov  
Sean Pike  
Seiran Khairedinov  
Seiran Murtaza  
Seitiaha Abbozov  
Sergei Derzhipilsky  
Sergey Afanasiyev  
Sergey Ananin  
Sergey Filatov  
Sergey Gromov  
Sergey Kardakov  
Sergey Klikunov  
Sergey Korolev  
Sergey Kosteyev  
Sergey Kosyanenko  
Sergey Melnik  
Sergey Polosenko  
Sergey Romanov  
Sergey Shatalov  
Sergey Shulyarenko  
Sergey Tolokonnikov  
Sergey Vasilyev  
Sergey Yermilov  
Sergey Yuferov  
Server Mustafayev  
Server Zekiryayev  
Servet Gaziyeu  
Seyran Saliyev  
Seytumer Seytumerov  
Seytveli Seytabdiyev  
Shaban Umerov  
Shahboz Makhmudov  
Shamil Sharipov  
Sobirdzhon Burkhoddini  
Stanislav Kim

Sukhrob Ironov  
Svyatoslav Yugov  
Teimur Abdullayev  
Timur Gadiyev  
Timur Ibragimov  
Timur Khabibullin  
Timur Uzbekov  
Timur Yalkabov  
Tofik Abdulgaziyeu  
Turatbek Osmonkulov  
Ural Abdrakhimov  
Ural Galiyev  
Ural Yakupov  
Urdash Abdullayev  
Uzeir Abdullayev  
Vadim Bektemirov  
Vadim Davletbayev  
Vadim Khabirov  
Vadim Nasyrov  
Vadim Siruk  
Valeriy Kriger  
Valeriy Maletskov  
Valeriy Rogozin  
Valeriy Slashchev  
Vardan Zakaryan  
Vasiliy Meleshko  
Vasily Tkachyov  
Viktor Stashevskiy  
Vilen Temerianov  
Vitaliy Komarov  
Vitaliy Zhuk  
Vladimir Bukin  
Vladimir Ermolaev  
Vladimir Maladyka  
Vladimir Melnik  
Vladimir Moiseenko  
Vladimir Piskarev  
Vladimir Popov  
Vladimir Sakada  
Vladimir Skachidub  
Vladlen Abdulkadyrov  
Vyacheslav Reznichenko  
Vyacheslav Vankov  
Yaroslav Kalin  
Yaroslav Timofeyev  
Yashar Muyedinov  
Yashar Shykhmetov  
Yevgeniy Bitusov  
Yevgeniy Ivanov  
Yevgeniy Korotun  
Yevgeniy Razumov  
Yevgeniy Zhukov  
Yevgeniy Zinich

Yevgeny Bushev  
Yevgeny Tarasov  
Yuriy Chernyshev  
Yuriy Yakovlev  
Zafar Nodirov  
Zafar Yakubov  
Zavur Abdullayev  
Zekirya Muratov  
Zevri Abseitov  
Zhu Yun  
Zulfat Sabirzyanov  
Zurab Dzhabrailov

### **UNKNOWN**

Nikolai Bogoslavsky

### **DIED IN CUSTODY**

Dzhemil Gafarov

### **RELEASED**

Airat Usmanov  
Akhmet Dzhumayev  
Aleksandr Akopov  
Aleksandr Nikolayev  
Aleksandr Shcherbina  
Aleksandr Shevchuk  
Aleksandr Votyakov  
Aleksey Bogatov  
Aleksey Budenchuk  
Aleksey Miretskiy  
Aleksey Ukhov  
Aleksey Yershov  
Andrey Andreyev  
Andrey Bochkarev  
Andrey Kolesnichenko  
Andrey Murych  
Andriy Chuy  
Anton Dergalev  
Arsen Abdullaev  
Arsen Dzhapparov  
Artem Kim  
Artem Velichko  
Artur Kaltuyev  
Artur Kozhevnikov  
Azamat Abutalipov  
Azizbek Inamov  
Bezkod Bakirov  
Bohdan Geleta  
Danil Kunakbayev  
Denis Zagitdinov  
Dennis Christensen  
Feliks Makhmadiyev



## FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF VICTIMS: **RUSSIA**

Gazybek Kubatov  
Gennadiy German  
Ibrahim Shavkatov  
Ilgar Aliyev  
Ilkham Karimov  
Ilmir Abdullin  
Ioann Kurmoyarov  
Islambek Kamchybekov  
Ivan Levitsky  
Ivan Matsitsky  
Kanybek Uulu  
Khoren Khachikyan  
Khrystofor Khrimli  
Kirill Chekolaev  
Kishta Tutinova  
Komil Odilov  
Konstantin Bazhenov  
Leonid Ponomaryov  
Leysan Bochkareva  
Maksim Beltikov  
Maksim Khalturin  
Maksim Morozov  
Marat Abdulgaliyev  
Marat Dindarov  
Mariya Karpova  
Mariya Troshina  
Mykhailo Britsyn  
Mykhailo Reznikov  
Nataliya Sorokina  
Nikolay Nesterovich  
Oleg Danilov  
Oleg Orlov  
Pyotr Zhiltsov  
Ramil Gataullin  
Refat Alimov  
Renat Suleimanov  
Rishat Girfanov  
Roman Gridasov  
Rustam Seidkuliev  
Rustem Latypov  
Saveliy Gargalyk  
Sergei Parfenovich  
Sergey Britvin  
Sergey Klimov  
Sergey Lyulin  
Sergey Novoselov  
Sergey Polyakov  
Sergey Tyurin  
Serhiy Karpenko  
Shakir Kozhamkulov  
Shamil Sultanov  
Snezhana Bazhenova  
Stanislav Moskvitin  
Sukhrab Kaltuyev  
Taras Kuzio  
Tatyana Obizhestvit  
Tatyana Ponomaryov  
Vadim Levchuk  
Valentin Osadchuk  
Valentin Zhuravlov  
Valeriy Moskalenko  
Valeriy Rabota  
Valeriy Tibiy  
Viktor Shayapov  
Viktor Zimovskiy  
Vilen Avanesov  
Vitaliy Ushakov  
Vladimir Alushkin  
Vladimir Atryakhin  
Vladimir Balabkin  
Vladimir Mavrin  
Vyacheslav Boronos  
Yegor Pogrebnyak  
Yevgeniy Fedin  
Yevgeniy Fomashin  
Yevgeniy Kayryak  
Yurii Herashchenko  
Yuriy Bycha  
Yuriy Savelyev  
Yuriy Usanov  
Ziyavdin Dapayev  
Zufar Mustafin