



FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF VICTIMS

UZBEKISTAN

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 Uzbekistan on the FoRB Victims List

Muslim - Shi'a
Muslim - Sunni



Faryozbek Kobilov

Religion or Belief: Muslim - Sunni
Arrested: March 22, 2022
Sentence: 5 Years' Imprisonment
Reason for Persecution: Discussing Religion and Religious Texts

INDEPENDENT RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY

The government continues to imprison an estimated 2,000 Muslims who practice Islam independently of state controls or who express religious views that authorities find objectionable. These include individuals—both on and offline—who gather to discuss their beliefs, share or distribute religious content, or criticize official policies related to religion. They face detention, arrest, and lengthy prison sentences.



Abdumutal Abdurahimov

Religion or Belief: Muslim - Sunni
Sentence: 12 Years' Imprisonment
Reason for Persecution: Discussing Religion and Religious Texts; Online Activity

BANNED RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Authorities routinely detain and arrest Muslims for the illegal possession or distribution of religious literature and other materials deemed “extremist,” such as those belonging to the banned religious organization Hizb ut-Tahrir.



Alijon Mirganiyev

Religion or Belief: Muslim - Sunni
Arrested: June 22, 2022
Sentence: 6 Years, 6 Months' Imprisonment
Reason for Persecution: Adherence to a Religious Figure, Religious Activity, Travel Abroad

RELIGIOUS DISSIDENTS IN EXILE

The government uses methods of transnational repression to pursue individuals who previously fled abroad because of their religious activity or religious affiliations. In some cases, authorities have reportedly encouraged Muslims to return to Uzbekistan in order to arrest and charge them.



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NOT RELEASED

Abdulbosir Akhmajonov
Abdulkhomid Allaberdiyev
Abdumutal Abdurahimov
Abduvohid Ishmuratov
Abror Akhmedov
Akbar Ikramov
Akrom Zokirov
Alijon Mirganiyev
Alimardon Sultanov
Alisher Kasymov
Anvar Abdullayev
Anvar Aliyev
Bakhromjon Inogomov
Bakhtiyor Sharipov
Bakhtiyor Tursunov
Dilrukh Isakov
Fariduddin Abduvokhidov
Faryozbek Kobilov
Fayzulla Agzamov
Fazilhoja Arifhojaev
Feruz Shodiev
Gaybullo Jalilov
Ibrohim Asronkulov
Ibrokhimjon Isaboev
Jamshid Abdirakhimov
Khasan Abdirakhimov
Khayrullo Tursunov
Laziz Vokhidov
Miraziz Mirzakhmedov
Mirrakhim Mirsultonov
Muhammadamin Abdurazzokov
Muhsinjon Ahmedov
Mukhammadjon Ibadullaev
Mukhitdin Irgashev
Murod Muminov
Murodjon Khayitov
Nomoz Normurodov
Nurmukhammad Mamadjonov
Olim Mirzaev
Oybek Khamidov
Rakhmatjon Ernazarov
Ravshan Ochilov
Sardor Jurayev
Shakhzodjon Zokirov
Sodikjon Abdullaev
Tulkun Astanov
Umar Badalov
Umar Khalimov
Zukhriddin Madmarov

RELEASED

Ahmadjon Madumarov
Akbar Absalov
Alisher Muminov
Aramais Avakian
Avaz Tokhtakhodjaev
Avazjon Umurzakov
Azimjon Abdusamatov
Azizjon Bannopov
Bobirjon Tukhtamurodov
Dilmurod Tuleev
Erkinjon Oripov
Farrukh Yuldashev
Husnitdin Umaraliev
Ibrohim Kholmatov
Ikromjon Akhmajonov
Iskandar Iskandarov
Ismon Usinbaev
Jahongir Kamolov
Jahongir Ulugmurodov
Jamoliddin Khaidarov
Jamshidbek Atabekov
Kadyr Yusupov
Kobiljon Zokirov
Mashrap Rabiev
Muhammadjon Akhmadjonov
Muhammad Rashidov
Mukhiddin Jalolov
Nematullo Ibragimov
Odilkhoja Dadakhojaev
Otabek Irgashev
Otabek Madaminov
Ravshan Karimov
Ravshan Kosimov
Ruhiddin Fahriddinov
Rustam Nosirov
Sanat Salimov
Sardorbek Irgashev
Shamsiddin Giyasov
Shavkat Khakimov
Shukhrat Usmanov
Tohir Djumanov
Turnazar Boymatov
Ubaydulla Murtazoyev
Ulugbek Nasimov
Umar Nishonbaev
Umid Boltaboev
Usman Darvyshov
Zabikhullo Muminov