



FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF VICTIMS

KAZAKHSTAN

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 Kazakhstan on the FoRB Victims List

Muslim – Sunni



Anatoli Zernichenko

Religion or Belief: Muslim – Sunni

Arrested: October 15, 2021

Sentence: 7 Years' Imprisonment

Reason for Persecution: Posting religious texts online

ONLINE ENGAGEMENT WITH RELIGIOUS MATERIALS

Sunni Muslims who do not subscribe to the state-sanctioned form of Islam are often targeted for their peaceful, online religious activities. Unduly restrictive and arbitrarily enforced legislation cracking down on so-called “public calls for terrorism” and “incitement of religious discord” have resulted in fines and prison sentences for expressing religious views and posting about Islam, religious texts, and sermons.



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NOT RELEASED

Anatoli Zernichenko

RELEASED

Abdukhaliil Abduzhabbarov

Azamat Umbetaliyev

Beket Mynbasov

Bolatbek Nurgaliyev

Dadash Mazhenov

Daniil Smal

Dilmurat Makhmatov

Ernar Samatov

Esim Suleimenov

Galymzhan Abilkairov

Nariman Seytzhano

Nazim Abdrakhmanov

Samat Adilov

Zhasulan Iskakov

Zhuldyzbek Taurbekov