



FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF VICTIMS

KYRGYZSTAN

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 Kyrgyzstan on the FoRB Victims List

Christian – Unspecified/Other

Muslim – Unspecified/Other



Asadullo Madraimov

Religion: Muslim – Unspecified/Other

Arrested: October 18, 2023

Sentence: 3 Years' Imprisonment

Reason for Persecution: Criticizing religious freedom conditions

ONLINE CRITICISM OF STATE RELIGIOUS POLICIES

The government has targeted individuals who express their independent views through social media, especially if such views contain criticism of the government or President Sadyr Japarov. Following the mass inspection and closure of independent Islamic institutions across the country, Kyrgyz authorities arrested and arbitrarily leveled “extremism”-related charges against two people who publicly criticized state religious policies through social media.



Pavel Schreider

Religion: Christian – Unspecified/Other

Arrested: November 13, 2024

Sentence: 3 Years' Imprisonment

Reason for Persecution: Leader of a banned religious organization

BANNED RELIGIOUS GROUPS

The government maintains a list of banned organizations it considers “extremist.” Some of the listed organizations include religious groups with no known history of violence. Officials often target individuals affiliated with such groups for their peaceful religious activities.



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NOT RELEASED

Asadullo Madraimov
Pavel Schreider

RELEASED

Mamirzhan Tashmatov