

**President Islam Karimov
Rezidentsia prezidenta
Tashkent
Uzbekistan**



Dear President Karimov,

Muhammad Bekzhanov, a respected journalist, has spent the last 16 years in prison following an unfair trial in which he was sentenced on the basis of a confession he gave after being beaten, suffocated and given electric shocks. No proper investigation into his torture has ever been conducted and repeated calls for a fair retrial have been ignored.

Uzbekistan is party to numerous international human rights treaties, which prohibit torture and the use of torture-tainted evidence in court. In spite of this, torture continues to be used by Uzbekistani security forces to extract confessions which are used in courts to secure convictions.

President Karimov, I urge you to:

- Ensure the prompt release of Muhammad Bekzhanov.
- Ensure a prompt, impartial and effective investigation into allegations that he was tortured in custody.

Yours sincerely,

_____ (podpis)

_____ (ime in priimek)



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