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## Rasul Kudaev Russia

### Health concerns for Russian prisoner

The mother of prisoner Rasul Kudaev is increasingly worried about his health following a report that he had tuberculosis. She visited Rasul, who has longstanding health problems and has previously been denied adequate medical care, in 2017 and saw that he was unwell and had a cough. Earlier this year he wrote to say that he had been diagnosed with tuberculosis but that it had 'healed' on its own.

His mother has not been able to visit him since receiving the letter and is increasingly concerned. Rasul was arrested on 23 October 2005 on suspicion of organising terrorist attacks on government installations in the city of Nalchik in the North Caucasus region of Kabardino-Balkaria. He was held for several days at the Organised Crime Squad in Nalchik and allegedly tortured into making a 'confession'. Partly as a result of this treatment, his health deteriorated in prison. The prison authorities have repeatedly denied him adequate medical care for his ailments, which include a disorder affecting the heart and liver.

### APPEAL

Urge the authorities to ensure that Rasul Kudaev is immediately examined by an independent doctor and receives the health care he requires. Call on them to investigate reports that Rasul Kudaev and his co-defendants were tortured into 'confessing'. Emphasise that Rasul Kudaev's defence presented witnesses who testified that he was elsewhere during the attacks in Nalchik. Call for Rasul Kudaev and his co-defendants to receive a fair trial on appeal.

### WRITE TO:

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