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UZBEKISTAN

Erkin Musaev

JAILED AFTER UNFAIR TRIALS

Erkin Musaev, a former Ministry of Defence official, was working for the UN Development Programme in Uzbekistan when he was detained by the National Security Service (SNB) in January 2006.

He was charged with spying, held incommunicado for several weeks, and reportedly subjected to a month of daytime beatings, night-time interrogations and threats to harm his family.

He eventually signed a confession on condition that the SNB leave his family alone. Erkin Musaev was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment for treason and abuse of office following three unfair trials in 2006 and 2007.

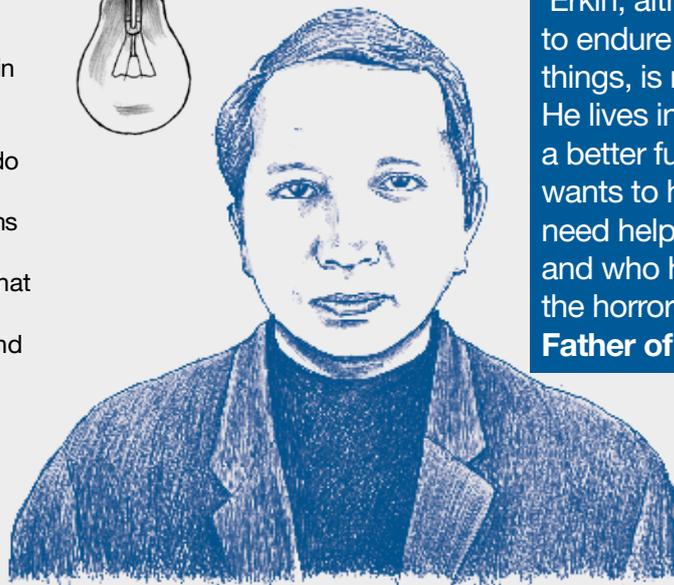
He is serving his sentence in north-western Uzbekistan and is in need of qualified medical care which he is not receiving.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/erkin



'Erkin, although he had to endure a lot of terrible things, is not giving up. He lives in the hope of a better future... He wants to help others who need help and support and who have survived the horrors of injustice.'

Father of Erkin Musaev



SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Erkin Musaev
c/o Individuals at Risk programme
Amnesty International UK
17-25 New Inn Yard
London EC2A 3EA

- **Preferred language** Uzbek or Russian (Erkin Musaev speaks English, however prison authorities will not pass on messages if they are unable to read them).
- **Salutation** Dear Erkin
- **Suggested message** *Uzbek:* Siz doim bizning uilarimizda (Our thoughts are with you).
- **Additional information** 8 December is Constitution Day in Uzbekistan.

CAN I

- Send a religious card or message?
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- Include my name and address?
- Download the message in another language?

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge Prosecutor General Rashidzhon Kodirov to immediately and unconditionally release Erkin Musaev.

Write to: Prosecutor General Rashidzhon Kodirov
Prosecutor General's Office of Uzbekistan
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Tashkent 700047
Uzbekistan

Fax: +998 71 133 39 17
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Salutation: Dear Prosecutor General

In your letter:

- Urge him to release Erkin Musaev on the grounds that repeated calls for a fair retrial have gone unheeded for eight years.
- Call for a prompt investigation into allegations that he was tortured in custody and to bring the perpetrators to justice.