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Erkin Musaev, a former Uzbekistani Ministry of Defence official, was sentenced to 20 years in jail in 2007 after a series of unfair trials. He was arrested the previous year while working for a UN agency, and charged with spying and misusing UN funds, which he has flatly denied.

Relatives told Amnesty that Erkin suffered a month of daily beatings, nightly interrogations and threats against his family before eventually signing a confession, on the condition his family would be left alone.

Erkin faced three separate trials, and in all of them the court admitted into evidence confessions that had been obtained after Uzbekistani security forces had tortured him. The judge also refused him permission to call defence witnesses.

Despite numerous complaints from Erkin's lawyer, the authorities still haven't investigated allegations that he was tortured in jail. We believe Erkin must be released immediately, on the grounds that repeated calls for a fair retrial in his case have been ignored for eight years.

We can get justice for Erkin. Write to the Uzbekistani authorities – demand his release and a full investigation into allegations of torture.



Write to the Uzbekistan authorities

Demand Erkin Musaev's release on the grounds that repeated calls for a fair retrial have been ignored for eight years, and call for a full investigation into the allegations that Erkin was tortured in custody.

Write to: Prosecutor General Rashidzhon Kodirov, Prosecutor General's Office of Uzbekistan, ul. Gulyamova 66, Tashkent 700047, Uzbekistan

Write a letter of support to Erkin

Please write in Uzbek or Russian, as prison authorities will not pass messages on in other languages. Be careful to avoid anything that could be perceived as culturally insensitive or anti-Islamic.

Suggested messages:

Держитесь! ("Hold on!") Сиз доим бизнинг ўйларимизда ("Our thoughts are with you")

Write to: Erkin Musaev, Otryad 6, Brigada 64, UYA 64/47, Kyzyl-Tepa, Navoi region, Uzbekistan

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