

# JOURNALIST BRUTALLY TORTURED TO CONFESS

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In 1999, Uzbekistani security forces tortured journalist Muhammad Bekzhanov, editor of a banned opposition newspaper. They beat him with rubber truncheons, suffocated him and gave him electric shocks until he confessed to “anti-state” offences. A judge used Muhammad’s “confession” to send him to prison, where he remains to this day.

**Call on the President of Uzbekistan to order Muhammad’s immediate release and investigate his torture.**

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