



**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to the Kyrgyzstani authorities, to arrive as quickly as possible, in Kyrgyz, Russian, English or your own language:**

- expressing alarm at the forcible return of Zhakhongir Maksudov, Odilzhon Rakhimov, Yakub Toshboev, Rasulzhon Pirmatov and Faez Tadzikhkhalilov on 9 August, in contravention of the principle of *non-refoulement*, which prohibits the return in any manner whatsoever of any person to a situation where they would be at risk of torture, persecution or other forms of ill-treatment or punishment;
- calling on the authorities to end the forcible return of any person to a country where they are at risk of serious human rights abuses, in accordance with Kyrgyzstan's international obligations;
- urging the Kyrgyzstani authorities to request from the Uzbekistani authorities information about the men's whereabouts and their wellbeing, and to make this information public.

President

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**Salutation: Dear Prosecutor General**

**Please send appeals to to Uzbekistani authorities, to arrive as quickly as possible, in Uzbek, Russian, English or your own language:**

- expressing concern for the safety of Zhakhongir Maksudov, Odilzhon Rakhimov, Yakub Toshboev, Rasulzhon Pirmatov and Faez Tadzikhkhalilov, who are being held incommunicado;
- calling for their whereabouts to be made public;
- calling on the Uzbekistani authorities to guarantee the safety of the five men and to give them access to lawyers of their choice and to members of their family;
- calling for guarantees that they will be treated humanely in detention, and will not be tortured or ill-treated.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**COPIES TO:** diplomatic representatives of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan accredited to your country.

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