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STOP violence and discrimination by Tajikistan Government towards opposition party IRPT, journalists and human rights protection activists!

Latest security condition in the Republic of Tajikistan is under turbulence.

Since 2010, and most recently, since the early 2015 the government of Tajikistan uses its forces to illegal anti-constitutional actions such as baseless imprisoning journalists, opposition party members, human rights protection activists, oppressing local Muslims, and other vulnerable groups of Tajik society. On the 16th of September 2015, the National Security Committee (former KGB) arrested 13 activists and members of the Political Council of the opposition Islamic Revival Party if Tajikistan (IRPT - has been registered on 1999). Furthermore, the Tajik lawyer Buzurgmehr Yorov who have created a board of advocates to protect the rights of the above detained IRPT activists, was illegally catched by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Tajikistan, and imprisoned accusing him of "falsification of documents" which has also no facts and bases. On 29th of September, the Supreme Court of Tajikistan accepted the proposal of General Prosecutor of Tajikistan to ban the IRPT party and, thus, announced IRPT as extremist-terrorist group and banned its activity in the territory of Tajikistan. They have also prohibited IRPT's official website, publication of the journal "Najot", and all audio-video and published materials by this party. Moreover, Tajik authority charged IRPT leader - Mr.Muhiddin Kabiri, currently residing in EU because of accusation by the government, for "organization of government coup". Everyone in the region, and also international community know that this baseless action and accusation of the government, it is just absurd and may cause further destabilization of socio-political situation in the region. Just imagine, the IRPT has more than 40.000 members across the country and much more outside of it, so now every member of this party (at least activists) and its supporters (more than 400 thousands people) might arrested any

Tajikistan government wants to push out its opposition from the political scene, while there was a peace agreement signed on 1997, after the civil war 1992-97 in Tajikistan. No more regulations of this agreement are under fulfilment by the government! So, in order to achieve its illegal intention, government has created several artificial criminal documents against many members of the IRPT party. This is a fact of obvious islamophobia problem by the government of Tajikistan, where more than 90% of the population are Muslims. This is a dictatorship of Emomali Rahmon's to announce the oneness of his party by oppressing and pushing out other opposition bodies from the state. The situation is catastrophic. Some international organizations as Human Rights Watch, Freedom House, Norwegian Helsinki Committee, Amnesty International (see attached file for more details) showed their concern towards illegal actions of the Tajikistan government. Many CIS, European and American experts warned the government of Tajikistan to take out its hands from such criminal actions which may cause another increasing of radicalism and another civil war in the region. The OSCE and other international organizations and unions (UN, EU, embassies, HRW, etc) must take urgent actions (diplomatic notes, sanctions against Tajikistan government, enforcement to stop violence) to stop this criminal and dictatorship leading to destabilization of situation in the Central Asia and potential increase of regional radicalism.