

## **Pirimkuli Tanrykuliev- dissident from Turkmenistan, former member of Parliament**

### **Appeal**

With this appeal, I hope to draw the attention of all international non-governmental and human rights organizations to the blatant injustices committed by the current government of Turkmenistan towards its citizens.

In 1999, after my illegal arrest and conviction, my daughter, Aydzhemal Redjepova (born in 1974) and her husband were fired from their jobs, placed under special monitoring by security forces, and repeatedly threatened and intimidated. The travel ban preventing my family from leaving Turkmenistan was introduced during the reign of Saparmurat Niyazov, and continues to be in effect to this day. In June 2007, the Office of the Prosecutor General of Turkmenistan informed Aydzhemal that she and her husband were banned from traveling to Russia. My daughter and her four children, who are all minors, live as hostages in Ashgabat. Aydzhemal and her husband cannot find employment, and security officials have repeatedly threatened to jail them on trumped up charges, should I attempt to lead any opposition activity from abroad.

My other relatives face similar challenges. In the summer of 2014, my brother Doli Tanrykuliev (born in 1943), tried to travel to Turkey, but was removed from the airplane cabin by security services and told that he was not permitted to leave the country.

Yet another injustice occurred on June 22nd, 2015. My daughter Aydzhemal, living in Ashgabat with her two daughters Redjepova Ailar (born in 2004) and Redjepova Ainura (born in 2012), planned to fly to Istanbul to see her mother, whom she had not seen in over twelve years. At the airport in Ashgabat they were stopped at border control and not allowed to board their flight. After prolonged questioning, she was told that all members of her family were banned from departing Turkmenistan for life, and their passports were stamped with a mark indicating a ban on departure. The migration officials who conducted the interview refused to say when, for what reason, and by which agency this ban was ordered. I believe this ban is illegal and unjustified, as my daughter is not in possession of state secrets, was never engaged with politics or matters related to the security of Turkmenistan, and is not subject to any pending court decisions.

The life-long travel ban imposed on her children (who are currently minors), from the point of view of common sense, is illegal and absurd. It is impossible to imagine, for example, what three-year-old Ainura could have done to be placed on the country's "black list" of citizens prohibited from leaving by the state.

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г.Ашхабад, ул. 2005, дом 4

№ 12/182-2007

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Aşgabat şäheriniň O.Kuliyew  
köçesiniň 35-nji jaýynyň  
20-nji öýünde ýaşayan  
Taňrygulyýewa A.

Türkmenistanyň Baş prokuraturasy tarapyndan Siziň, özüňize we adamyňyz A.Rejebowa Russiýa Federasiýasyna gitmäge rugsat berilmegini sorap, Türkmenistanyň Prezidentiniň adyna ýazan arzaňyza seredildi we kanagatlandyrylman galdyryldy.

Halkara gatnaşyklary  
müdirliginiň başlygy

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B.M.Baýramow

GENERAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
OF TURKMENISTAN  
c. Ashgabat, 2005<sup>th</sup> street, house 4

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No. 12/182-2007

June 5, 2007

To the citizen A.Tanrygulyeva  
living to the address: c. Ashgabat  
O.Kuliyev street, house 35,  
apartment 20

The General Prosecutor's Office of Turkmenistan hereby informs, that your application to the name of the President of Turkmenistan concerning your visit of Russian Federation together with your husband A.Rejepov is considered and the decision about refusal is made.

Chairman of International  
Relations Management

B.M.Bayramov

Signature

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Date 30.08.2007y.

Signature *Abdulla Byashimov*