

Political Movement Group-24

Ladies and gentlemen,

Numerous facts of torture and ill-treatment of the dictatorial regime of Rahmonov against political prisoners, oppositionists, lawyers and dissenters are known to all. If the representatives of Rahmonov want to prove otherwise, we recommend them to allow the representatives of international organizations to visit the political prisoners Maqsud Ibragimov, Umedjon Solehov, Buzurgmehr Erov and others, so they can make sure with the condition of their detention and state of their health.

Regarding the “fight against terrorism and the protection of human rights”, I can say, that since 2000, Rahmonov is using this phrase "fight against terrorism" to terrorize the entire peaceful opposition and civil society of the country in order to transfer the power to his son. Any objective criticism is interpreted as extremism, terrorism and an attack on the constitutional order in Tajikistan. Many oppositionists were convicted with falsified criminal cases under the pretext of fighting terrorism or protecting the constitutional order. All court sessions of political prisoners were held behind closed doors, the materials of criminal cases were classified as confidential. Relatives of the convicts, lawyers, public and media were not allowed to participate in the trials.

Representatives of the Rahmonov’s regime accuse and call us from this rostrum terrorists and extremists, although they do not have a single proof. If they have evidence, we ask them to make the materials public, so that we, the representatives of the Group 24 could read and understand on what basis they call us extremists and terrorists. We ask the authority Tajikistan to make public the materials of the case, according to which," Group 24 "on October 9th, 2014 was declared "extremist" and its activity were prohibited on the territory of Tajikistan. We ask them to make the materials of the criminal cases of political prisoners publicly available.

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