

## New Book Unveils the True Face of President Nazarbayev's Despotic Regime in Kazakhstan

Opposition party leader provides a front line look at the struggle for genuine democracy in the embattled nation of Kazakhstan.

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The chairman of Atameken, Kazakhstan's opposition party, Dr. Yerzhan K. Dosmukhamedov has released a provocative new book exposing efforts to suppress the country's embrace of democracy that reach all the way to the highest levels of Kazakhstan's government.

'Kazakhstan's Assassinated Democracy' provides a collection of articles and in depth interviews with Dr. Dosmukhamedov, originally published in Kazakh, Russian, German and English. These interviews and articles have created quite a public stir in Kazakhstan. Dosmukhamedov analyses problems in building a civic society in the country, key political events, major issues of domestic and foreign policy, and the objective and subjective influences affecting the deep historical process currently underway—nothing less than the transformation of relationships between the state and the person.

"I wrote this book to unveil the true face of the emerged despotic regime of President Nursultan Nazarbayev, whose actual intention is to build an authoritarian regime of personal power where universal democratic values and fundamental principles are absent," says Dosmukhamedov. "The Kazakh model of development is not built on the notion of genuine democracy. It lacks the supremacy of human rights and liberty over the tyranny of the state and the will of majority. The founding fathers of the United States Constitution warned that both the 'will of the majority' and the 'tyranny of the government' are two fundamental threats to human liberty. Liberty and democracy are not synonyms. Democracy is only one of the tools that protects liberty."

'Kazakhstan's Assassinated Democracy' urges Western policy-makers to re-think their policy towards Kazakhstan. According to Dosmukhamedov, the current U.S. policy of support to Nazarbayev—lent in exchange for Kazakhstan's oil and uranium—results in stifling the growth of the emerging shoots of democracy and leads to the creation of

new dictators, similar to Saddam Hussein and Slobodan Milosevic, that have cost the Western allies so much blood and treasure in the recent past.

"Through the Kazakh lens, foreign policy-makers of the U.S. and other democratic nations will see that they should focus not on the superficial attributes of 'democratic procedures', but on the state of an individual's liberty. This, sadly, gets more often overlooked even in the U.S. itself, where the legacy of the founding fathers is overlooked and misinterpreted," concludes Dosmukhamedov.

Dosmukhamedov's book appeals to a broad range of readers, especially anyone interested in the future of Central Asia and particularly Kazakhstan, the development of political parties, and the forces holding back democracy in that country.

'Kazakhstan's Assassinated Democracy' is published by eBookIt.com, and is currently available, exclusively in e-book format, from online retailers including Amazon.com, BN.com, and the Sony Reader Store.



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