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RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Help a father return to his family

There's a brave man in prison in Rostov-on-Don, a Russian city of one million people. His name is Emir-Usein Kuku.

Once when security officers asked him to work with them to spy on other people, he refused.

Early in 2016, a security officer (sort of like a police officer) told Emir-Usein's son, "Your father did a bad thing and will rot in jail for 10 years."

Amnesty International disagrees that Emir-Usein did anything bad. Amnesty International believes he is a prisoner of conscience who should not spend even one more day in prison. (A prisoner of conscience is someone who is jailed only for their views.)

So what got Emir-Usein in trouble?

One thing he did was to speak up for the rights of an Indigenous group called the Crimean Tatars.

He also argued that people have a right to speak their minds and not be taken from their homes by the government, possibly never to return.



Here is Emir-Usein in a photo taken long before he was sent to prison. With him are his wife Meriem, his son Bekir, now 10 and his daughter Safiye, now 7.

Now the government is punishing him for not liking the way they rule the Russian Federation.

Emir-Usein's family have had a hard time since he was taken to prison. Strange men have spoken to his 10-year-old son Bekir at the school where he and his 7-year-old sister, Safiye, study. They have also searched Emir-Usein's home and have spoken to his wife Meriem. All of them have received threats. Because Emir-Usein is in a prison 600km from home, they cannot see him often.

Emir-Usein is on trial. If it ends with a bad decision, he could stay in prison until the year 2043. Please ask the government to stop the trial and free him.

Emir-Usein spoke up for other people's rights. Now we need to speak up for him.

WHAT CAN I DO?



Please write to the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation.

- Start your letter Dear Prosecutor General.
- In your first sentence, tell him that you are writing about Emir-Usein Kuku who has been in a Rostov-on-Don prison since February 2016.
- Ask him to free Emir-Usein Kuku because Amnesty International calls him a prisoner of conscience who committed no crime.
- Please insist that Emir-Usein Kuku's family must be left alone and not intimidated again.

WHERE DO I SEND MY MESSAGE?

Yurii Yakovlevich Chaika
Prosecutor General's Office
ul. B. Dmitrovka, d.15a
125993 Moscow GSP-3
Russian Federation

Postage: \$2.50



The area in red shows you where in Russia Emir-Usein Kuku is held. [Map source](#)

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

To send a postcard, letter or greeting card to Emir-Usein, copy or cut out one of these Russian phrases (only messages in Russian will reach him).

Мы поддерживаем тебя.

(We support you.)

Наши мысли с тобой. Будь сильным.

(We are thinking of you. Stay strong.)

Спасибо за твою борьбу за права человека. Наши мысли с тобой.

(Thank you for standing up for human rights. We are thinking of you.)

Mail it, with no mention of Amnesty International, using \$2.50 postage to

**344082 Russian Federation
Rostov-on-Don
ul. Bolshaya Sadovaya, 31
SIZO-4
Kuku Emiru-Useinu Kemalovichu
1976 g.r.**

To send a greeting in your own words and language to Meriem, Bekir and Safiye Kuku, use this address:

**Amnesty International Russia
Moscow
POB 212
Russian Federation**

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