

To the President of the Kyrgyz Republic

Mr. Jeenbekov S.Sh.

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From Khadicha Askarova, wife of unlawfully convicted Azimjon Askarov

Open appeal

I, Khadicha Askarova, am the wife of Azimjon Askarov who was wrongfully convicted in 2010 on the personal instructions of the president of the transitional period Roza Otunbaeva and Azimbek Beknazarov, the curator of the security agencies of the interim government.

My husband and other convicts who have been convicted for the June events, have been serving sentences from 2010 till present, and are being held in a high security prison colony, although the court decision stated it would be not more than five years. Since January 2020, my husband was supposed to be transferred from a high security to regular prison. But while N.A. Turuspekov is the head of the correctional colony No. 19, my husband can't even dream of being transferred to a colony with regular security.

My husband suffers from osteochondritis, bone and joint pains torment him terribly and no medicine helps him. His health is deteriorating and causing more and more concern. I bring him painkillers and medicinal herbs. He prepares infusions and is alone in his fights against his pain and ailments.

Dear President Sooronbai Sharipovich, I want to inform you that my husband is absolutely innocent. The former leader of the country, Almazbek Atambayev, during his tenure as president, did everything to denigrate my husband, but in the end, Allah punished him so that until the end of his life he would not wash himself off from the dirt and from the curses of Allah.

In 2015, when the U.S. State Department awarded my husband with the International Prize "For Courage and Bravery," the former Prime Minister Temir Sariev terminated the agreement (dated 1993) between the Kyrgyz Republic and the United States at the express request of Atambayev. The Kyrgyz political leaders ended the relations with the country, which was the first to

recognize the independence of Kyrgyzstan and provided grant assistance over the years in the amount of 2.225 billion of U.S. dollars. That is how Atambayev showed his gratitude towards the friendly country.

Three days after my husband's arrest, on June 18, 2010, the curator of the security agencies, Azimbek Beknazarov, speaking at a press conference in front of reporters, stated that Azimjon Askarov was detained at the crime scene, where a police officer Captain M. Sulaimanov was killed. He said that from the video presented by the Jalal-Abad Regional Prosecutor's Office, one can clearly see how Azimjon Askarov called people to riots and disobedience to law enforcement agencies. From the first day of his detention, my husband demands the publication of the said video. But to this day, they have not shown it and cannot do so, because clearly my husband is not on that video.

My husband repeatedly contacted the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic through international organizations demanding a lie detection through polygraph testing. Ex-Prosecutor General A. Salyanova ordered the polygraph testing, but she reversed her decision after a while. By doing so, she saved the security agencies of Kyrgyzstan from shame. For the first time in the history of Kyrgyzstan, my husband holding the Holy Quran and the bread in his hands swore that he was innocent. He and I are ready for the public death penalty if the polygraph determines him guilty.

The state did not give any answers to his repeated appeals. Later again, my son Sherzodbek Askarov and I requested the authorities to do a polygraph test. Both he and I are also ready to accept the death penalty for my husband, if he is proven guilty.

The state bodies are still silent on these matters.

In his autobiography, Adolf Hitler writes: "If you tell a big enough lie and tell it frequently enough, it will be believed."

Atambayev and his entourage sought to denigrate my husband for six years, sowed the seeds of lies in the minds of citizens of our country. They called him the most dangerous criminal and separatist. Where are they now? Where is Busurmankul Tabaldiev who urged to change the Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic? He is on the run. Atambayev, in his own way, is responsible before the law.

Mr. President! You might think why one human rights activist has so many opponents and enemies. There is a reason for that – my husband has publicly named those who brought pain and misery to local communities, those who robbed, killed, raped people and burned houses in the village of Bazar-Korgon.

My husband, a simple man, believed in the power of the Law and Justice.

Roza Otunbayeva and A. Atambayev had the same goal - to hide the crimes of rogue politicians and people in uniforms. Trumped-up charges were fabricated and innocent Uzbeks were made responsible for the June 2010 events. Our security officials under the auspices of the former head

of the security agencies Azimbek Beknazarov performed a show. People who destroyed the local area, who seized an arsenal of weapons from the Bazar-Korgon and Nookan police departments and acting against the locals under the order of Ruslan Beknazarov, were praised as heroes of the time, and innocent Uzbeks, including my husband, were turned into criminals and separatists.

Dear Sooronbai Sharipovich,

You are the guarantor of the Constitution. Had Roza Otunbayeva and Atambayev A. respected our Constitution and the laws of the country, and the decision of the U.N. Human Rights body regarding my husband's case, he would have been freed a long time ago, and Kyrgyzstan would have retained its image and reputation at the international level.

Dear Sooronbai Sharipovich,

I, the wife of Azimzhan Askarov, will say one thing – my husband is losing his health, being held in unbearable conditions in prison. I appeal to you, the Leader of our country, the guarantor of justice and humanity, I ask you to pay special attention to the victims of torture suffering from incurable disease of osteochondritis and not having access to equal and fair justice, to give a chance for freedom on the basis of the Law. I ask you to urge our judges to respect the rule of law and respect the international agreements that Kyrgyzstan is a part of.

Dear representatives of the U.N. Human Rights Committee and representatives of international human rights organizations, which from the first day of my husband's detention and to this day protect his rights at the international level,

Dear people from five continents of the world, not indifferent to the fate of my unlawfully convicted husband, those of you who supported him and our family with your letters – my husband and I are eternally grateful for your care and support. We only ask you to communicate and convey through your channels about the miscarriage of justice to the attention of authorities of the Kyrgyz Republic and urge Kyrgyzstan to comply with the decision of the U.N. Human Rights Committee regarding my husband's case.

Kyrgyzstan must take effective measures to ensure that all possible human rights violations during and after the 2010 conflict are fully and impartially investigated.

Sincerely,

Khadicha Askarova, wife of the unlawfully convicted Azimjon Askarov