

# Urgent appeal to the Procurator-General concerning cruel and illegal treatment in relation to Iskander Yerimbetov

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**To: The Procurator-General of the Republic of Kazakhstan  
Mr. K.P. Kozhamzharov**

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**Cc: The Minister of Internal Affairs  
of the Republic of Kazakhstan  
Mr. K.N. Kasymov**

## URGENT APPEAL

The Coalition of NGOs of Kazakhstan Against Torture, which unites more than 40 of the country's human rights organizations and independent experts, is outraged at the lack of an official reaction to the numerous public reports by the parents of Iskander Yerimbetov, who is being held in LA-155/1 of the city of Almaty as a measure of restraint, about the cruel illegal treatment and perhaps torture that has occurred in relation to their son.

It is not the first time already that I. Yerimbetov's parents are publicly calling on the authorities of Kazakhstan to ensure the safety of their son in conditions of detention in custody. Gani [*sic*] and Myrzakhan Yerimbetov, the parents of Iskander Yerimbetov and his civil defenders, have themselves on numerous occasions been witnesses to the existence of traces of serious bodily injuries on their son's body, about which they have declared to representatives of the procuracy [*prosecution service—Trans.*] in person and have attested publicly.

In the Coalition's opinion, the lack of a reaction to such declarations about a criminal violation of the law in our country — a member of the United Nations Organization, a participant in the UNO Convention Against Torture and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights — is completely unacceptable!

The Coalition demands:

- The conducting of an effective independent investigation of the reports of torture in relation to Iskander Yerimbetov by the efforts of the Special Procurators of the Procuracy-General of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- Provision of access and the opportunity for a confidential meeting with I. Yerimbetov for representatives of the human rights community specializing in fighting torture;
- An official comment on what had played out within the walls of GU LA-155/1 of the Committee of the Criminal-Execution [*Penal—Trans.*] System of the Ministry of Internal

Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan of the city of Almaty on the part of representatives of the Procuracy-General as the organ of oversight for legality.

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