

Tolerance and non-discrimination, including rights of persons belonging to national minorities and preventing aggressive nationalism, racism and chauvinism

Ladies and gentleman!

All people are born equal in rights and dignity, regardless of race, nationality, religion, ethnicity, political views, etc. Unfortunately, intolerance and discrimination in Tajikistan are part of the internal policy of the current dictatorial regime.

The persecution of people of other political views, opposition and dissidents is a vivid example of the intolerance of the existing regime.

Also, the rights of believers are systematically violated by law enforcement agencies. From wearing women's clothes and men's beards to choosing the name for the newborns is strictly controlled by the state. There is intolerance and hostility at the level of the first persons to the believers.

Recently, Dictator Rahmonov himself in his speech accused the opposition of commitment to the Shiism, one of the branches of Islam. It was like Shiism is a crime. He forgot probably, that in the Badakhshan Autonomous region live mainly adherents of Shiism. This is a vivid example of intolerance of the first person of the state to the adherents of a certain religious trend.

In addition, the people of Badakhshan Autonomous region were attacked by the regime's army in 2012. Since then, the regime has been killing, kidnapping and condemning the unwanted authorities of this region. Their civil rights and the right to self-determination are systematically violated.

It should be noted, that in today's Tajikistan the social status of people is determined by the geographical (regional) origin of citizens. From admission to UNIVERSITY and employment to career advancement depends on the geographical origin and loyalty to the regime. If a certain citizen was born in the same region as Rahmon, he has a high chance of becoming successful. This is also part of Rahmon's internal policy.

Therefore I call the international community to investigate at the international level the crimes committed by the Rahmon's regime and to call upon the regime to respect its international obligations and to abide by international law.

Thank you for listening.