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## ISLAMIC REVIVAL PARTY TAJIKISTAN

**Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!**

I would like to talk about protection of human rights and its role in fighting terrorism in Tajikistan, where human rights are severely violated. The State Committee for National Security's officials and other authorities use all kind of tortures and harassment, especially against peaceful activists and their family members and violate their basic human rights as a pretext of war on terror and radicalism.

As a pretext for war on terrorism, the security officials last year detained my grandfather Kabiri Tilloev (95 years old at that time) and other family members, including my father and aunts and forced them to talk in front of recording cameras against us and Mr. Muhiddin Kabiri, chairman of the IRPT. The officials justified their actions by saying that we as activists in exile are dangerous for the state and would destabilize the situation of the country. Therefore, the officials have the rights to do anything at the expense of human rights in order to crush the "destabilizers" and "foreign puppets" who work with foreign funding for foreign agendas. This worst human rights record will certainly lead to more radicalism and more extremism, especially among young people.

Mr. Saimumin Yatimov, head of State Committee for National Security, who was recently considered by 23 international organizations as the worst human rights violator and the corrupt actor from Tajikistan and was among persons of 15 countries, who were suggested by these organizations to be imposed financial sanctions and visa restrictions according to Global Magnitsky Act.

Mr. Yatimov, as it appears from his articles published in official newspapers and his 7 years' experience in this position, gives extremely priority to stabilization and state at the expenses of human rights. Therefore, since 2010 when he was appointed as head of Tajikistan's National Security Committee, the human rights violations have severely increased. Many experts believe that the Protocol 32-20 in 2011 was his personal idea, which led to strong violations of human rights. The 2015 crackdown on the main peaceful political party, IRPT and its closure and arrest of tens of leading members are the results of the spirit of Protocol 32-20.

So, I appreciate and completely support the suggestion of 23 international organizations for putting Saimumin Sattorovich Yatimov on Global Magnitsky list as worst human rights violator. In the end, I wish other human rights abusers and violators in Tajikistan will be also imposed sanctions in order to understand that accountability knows no borders.

Thanks for attention!

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