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THE HAFAROV-SHYRING LIST: RESCUE OF CRIMEAN POLITICAL PRISONERS AT RISK

LIST OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE
MEDICAL ATTENTION

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INTRODUCTION

Since the beginning of 2023, two Crimean political prisoners – Dzhemil Hafarov and Kostiantyn Shyring – died in places of detention.

This happened because the occupying power does not care about the health of political prisoners. Repression against Ukrainian prisoners in Crimea and in the territory of the Russian Federation has significantly intensified over the past year and a half – since the beginning of the full-scale invasion. Right now, human rights activists are aware of at least 180 Crimean political prisoners, most of whom are Crimean Tatars.

Among these people, several dozen political prisoners have chronic diseases, disabilities or are elderly persons. Many of them received long terms of imprisonment, all of them stay in conditions of non-provision of medical care. As of August 2023, there are 45 people on the list. Some of them are at risk of not being released and dying.

Many prisoners in the occupied Crimea and in the territory of the Russian Federation are denied urgent hospitalization despite the acute need, they are not provided with the necessary medical care in the penitentiary system facilities, they are denied access to medicines, and the administrations do not respond to requests for medical examinations and ignore the complaints of prisoners about the non-provision of medical care. This creates irreparable damage to health and threatens life.

Russia, as a state that seized part of the territory of Ukraine and which is a party to an international armed conflict, defiantly ignores the norms of international humanitarian law, including the prohibition of torture and ill-treatment (Article 32, Article 147 of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, Article 75 (2) Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts.

By deliberately not providing medical care to civilians protected by the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, Russia continues to violate its obligations under international law, and the officials of the occupation administration of Crimea and the Russian Federation commit a crime provided for in Article 438 (Violation laws and customs of war) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, as well as Article 8(2)(a)(ii) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.






Dzhemil Hafarov was under investigation at the Federal State Institution Pre-trial detention centre No. 5 of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation, Rostov-on-Don town. He had group 2 disability status, chronic kidney and heart diseases. He needed regular dialysis, blood purification from toxins. However, no one provided proper medical care to the Crimean activist in the pre-trial detention centre. Despite numerous requests to the chairman and the prosecutor's office regarding the urgently needed medical examination, he was refused hospitalisation. The court demanded special documents that would confirm Hafarov's serious condition, but the man had to undergo at least a medical examination by specialists to receive them. After long legal proceedings, his request was granted and he was placed in Interregional Tuberculosis Hospital for Convicts No.19 in Rostov-on-Don. His condition deteriorated sharply on 27 October 2022. Hafarov had a heart attack.

Diagnoses: Ischemic nephropathy, angina pectoris, secondary nephropathy of hypertensive genesis resulting from stage 4-5 chronic kidney disease. Bilateral nephrosclerosis, retinal vascular angiopathy of both eyes. Violation of the process of repolarisation of the myocardium of the apex of the heart, the lower side wall of the heart, gout, diffuse parenchymal hepatic disease. Signs of benign prostatic hyperplasia, nodular form. According to the expert opinion No. 1204 dated 4 April 2023, the reason for the death of Hafarov D.A. was atherosclerotic heart disease which led to acute cardiac failure which was the direct cause of death. He died in the pre-trial detention centre on 10 February 2023.



Kostiantyn Shyring was sentenced to 12 years in prison and at the time of his death was held in penal facility No. 5 in the town of Novotroitske, Orenburg region of the Russian Federation. Suffering from cardiovascular diseases, he asked the administration of the Simferopol pre-trial detention centre to provide medical assistance several times. Kostiantyn Shyring repeatedly complained about the lack of medical assistance. After that, the administration of the pre-trial detention centre transferred him from cell to cell several times, and the conditions of detention in each cell were worse than in the previous one. He needed heart surgery but died in the penal facility in early February 2023.

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Name	Place of detention	Term	Health status
 <p>Teymur Rza ogly Abdullayev</p>	<p>"Federal State Institution Penal Colony No. 2 of the Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation", Salavat town, Bashkortostan Republic</p>	<p>Sentenced to 16.5 years</p>	<p>Teymur Abdullayev suffers from such chronic diseases as heart and liver failure. He suffered a stroke in the pre-trial detention centre, and due to his constant stay in punitive confinement, his vision and hearing deteriorated, joint problems, headaches, and hypertension appeared.</p>
 <p>Arsen Remziyovych Abkhayirov</p>	<p>"Federal State Institution Prison No. 2 of the Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation", Yeniseysk town</p>	<p>Sentenced to 13 years with the first 2 years to be served in prison</p>	<p>Arsen Abkhayirov suffers from varicose veins and needs dental care. During his stay in the pre-trial detention centre, problems with his teeth appeared; due to the lack of dental services, the teeth cannot be treated, and the only way out is extraction. Varicose veins are caused by the harsh conditions of detention in the colony – the political prisoner is on his feet for about 16 hours in a row. And although the administration transferred the Crimean Tatar prisoner to the general regime colony in February 2023, the conditions of detention in a cell have not changed, and the political prisoner is not provided with medical care.</p>
 <p>Servet Abduraimovych Haziye</p>	<p>"Federal State Institution Pre-trial Detention Centre No. 5 of the Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation", Rostov-on-Don town</p>	<p>Sentenced to 13 years</p>	<p>Servet Haziye" has complaints about high blood pressure and constant pain in his spine. The latter problem appeared after he was beaten in September 2021 in Pre-trial detention centre No. 5 in Rostov-on-Don. In the same year, the man fell ill with the coronavirus, shortly after that he had a microstroke. Although Servet has visible signs of poor brain circulation, in particular, a right sided facial droop, Russian doctors claimed that he did not have a stroke. He also has constant pain in his intestines. A doctor conducted an examination, but Servet never received the prescribed medicines.</p>

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Iryna Bronislavivna Danylovykh

Until 24 July 2023 – Pre-trial Detention Centre No. 1 in Simferopol town, since 9 August 2023 – “Penal Colony No. 7 of the Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation” in Zelenoumsk town

Sentenced to 6 years and 11 months of imprisonment with serving the sentence in a general regime colony and a fine of RUB 50,000

During her stay in prison, Iryna Danylovykh lost hearing in her left ear, constantly experiences headaches, has problems with coordination of movements, and suspects that she suffered at least one microstroke in prison. During her stay in the pre-trial detention centre, the woman was never provided with qualified medical care. An examination was carried out several times, but neither she nor her parents were informed of the results. Medicines prescribed by a doctor were not given to Iryna. After being transferred to penal colony No. 7, Iryna was deprived of all her medicines and denied any medical assistance. When Iryna Danylovykh complained about intensified pain in her ear, the colony’s medical worker replied that the pain would go away when Iryna completely lost her hearing.



Nariman Enverovych Dzelyal

Pre-trial Detention Centre No. 2 in Simferopol town

Sentenced to 17 years

Nariman Dzhelyal now has swelling and varicose veins, and chronic problems with spine – intervertebral hernias – worsened (three herniated intervertebral discs worsened after he was transferred to pre-trial detention centre No. 2). He is not allowed to lie down, so he is unable to relieve his sore back. The doctors didn’t come to see him, only did a formal examination in a sanitary unit, and when he asked for his medicines for back pain, he was laughed at and given nothing. Varicose veins on both legs appeared because Nariman, like other inmates in this pre-trial detention centre, stays on his feet for 16 hours a day (from 06:00 to 22:00) without being allowed to sit or lie down on a bed.






Volodymyr Mykhaylovych Dudka


Federal State Institution Penal Colony No. 11 of the Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation”, Stavropol town


Sentenced to 14 years



Since the beginning of his imprisonment, Volodymyr Dudka began to suffer from several diseases. The body is covered with rashes, boils and abscesses. In addition, Volodymyr has a stomach disease and constant headaches due to high blood pressure. Relatives can send Volodymyr vital medicines only once every few months. The man suffers from prostate adenoma and urolithiasis. His son said that Volodymyr should be under the constant supervision of doctors having so many chronic diseases.


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 <p>Azamat Serverovych Eyupov</p>	<p>“Federal State Institution Pre-trial Detention Centre No. 1 of the Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation”, Rostov-on-Don town</p>	<p>Sentenced to 17 years</p>	<p>While staying in pre-trial detention centre, Azamat Eyupov suffered an ischemic stroke four times. At the request of his lawyer, he was sent for a full independent examination to a hospital at the expense of the family. There, he underwent brain, cervical spine, chest MRI and echocardiological examination of heart. The doctor indicated the patient's critical health status and concluded that Azamat needs immediate hospitalisation because now his life is in danger.</p>
 <p>Tymur Izetovych Ibrahimov</p>	<p>“Federal State Institution Pre-trial Detention Centre No. 3 of the Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation”, Novochoerkassk town</p>	<p>Sentenced to 17 years in strict regime colony</p>	<p>Tymur Ibrahimov has a 3rd group disability, one eye is missing, it was replaced with an artificial one. In prison conditions, the political prisoner's sight has greatly deteriorated, he always needs eye drops. He was also diagnosed with gallstone disease. Tymur complains about back pain, kidney problems, and numbness in his right hand. There is a shortage of medicines in the pre-trial detention centre where he is being held. The examination, which his lawyer achieved after eight months of petitions, was a formal one and lasted about five minutes. According to the ultrasound results, the presence of stones was diagnosed, but no treatment or diet recommendations were given. Russian doctors refused to take blood for general and biochemical analysis.</p>
 <p>Ihor Petrovych Kiyashko</p>	<p>“Federal State Institution Penal Colony No. 3 of the Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation”, Irkutsk town</p>	<p>Sentenced to 8 years in strict regime colony</p>	<p>Ihor suffers from hypertension, in prison he was given another diagnosis: thrombophlebitis. This disease is a consequence of abuse and beatings during detention. Since 2018, Ihor Kiyashko was serving an illegal sentence in penal colony No. 11 of Nizhny Novgorod region, and in December 2022 he was transferred 5,000 km deep into the Russian Federation to penal colony No. 3 in the city of Irkutsk. The transfer led to exhaustion and aggravation of chronic thrombophlebitis, and in the spring Ihor experienced long convulsions in both limbs. The political prisoner was not given medical examination or assistance.</p>


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 <p>Emir-Useyin Kemalovich Kuku</p>	<p>"Federal State Institution Penal Colony No. 16 of the Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation", Salavat town, Bashkortostan Republic</p>	<p>Sentenced to 12 years</p>	<p>In 2015, during the first detention, FSB representatives beat off the political prisoner's kidneys and broke his lumbar spine. These injuries, which are not treated in the colony conditions, have become chronic and are constantly felt. After the beating, doctors warned that a spinal injury would lead to problems with the entire skeletal system. In 2019, a lump in his kneecap and a swollen leg appeared. Then, in the Rostov-on-Don pre-trial detention centre, Useyin managed to have an ultrasound performed, after which he was diagnosed with Baker's cyst. On 21 June 2023, Kuku was taken from the Russian colony in Salavat to the hospital with an attack of kidney attack, but in the process of diagnosis, it turned out that the important functions of the intestine were disturbed. On 23 June, Kuku underwent emergency surgery, and after a few days was returned to the colony, without providing him with information about what kind of surgery he had undergone and without any recommendations. Although he had to be under the supervision of a doctor for at least 10-14 days after the surgery.</p>


 <p>Khalil Mambetov</p>	<p>"Federal State Institution Pre-trial Detention Centre No. 1 of the Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service", Simferopol town</p>	<p>Under investigation</p>	<p>Suffers from arthrosis. According to relatives, he was pale and tired. Legs hurt a lot. There are hums from arthrosis on his hands. Before the arrest, he was constantly taking medication that helped him. It is impossible to continue treatment in the pre-trial detention centre because the medicines sent by his relatives never reached him.</p>
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 <p>Rustem Sebatovich Murasov</p>	<p>Federal State Institution Pre-trial Detention Centre No. 1 of the Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation", Rostov-on-Don town</p>	<p>Sentenced to 12 years</p>	<p>Rustem has a serious chronic illness, information about which is not disclosed at the request of the defense. At the Simferopol pre-trial detention centre, after a medical examination, he was informed that there was no medicines. Relatives sent Murasov medicines in the prescribed manner, but they were not given to the political prisoner. Adequate medical care is not provided, every day the pain worsens, the disease progresses, which brings him moral and physical suffering and is practically torture of Murasov in inhumane conditions.</p>
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 <p>Zekirya Saitovych Muratov</p>	<p>“Federal State Institution Prison of the Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation”, Balashov town, Saratov region</p>	<p>Sentenced to 11.5 years</p>	<p>He has 3rd group disability. He suffers from several diseases of the musculoskeletal system and also has chronic diseases: hypertension, gallstone disease, heart failure, experiences constant attacks because of kidney failure. He experienced a hypertensive crisis in the pre-trial detention centre. While the trial was going on, Muratov was in quarantine for 48 days after falling ill in the isolation ward. He wrote to his relatives that his health had deteriorated sharply, and within a few days he was taken to a tuberculosis hospital in a serious condition with a diagnosis of "bilateral pneumonia." Tests showed he had COVID-19 and 50% lung damage.</p>
 <p>Ruslan Seyranovych Nahayev</p>	<p>“Federal State Institution Prison”, Verkhneuralsk town, Cheliabinsk region</p>	<p>Sentenced to 13 years</p>	<p>Ruslan Nahayev suffers from chronic tonsillitis with kidney and joint complications, arthritis of the left knee joint and right elbow joint. He has high blood pressure, in addition, during his stay in places of detention, his teeth have deteriorated, his eyesight has deteriorated, and he often gets colds.</p>
 <p>Enver Viktorovych Omerov</p>	<p>“Federal State Institution Prison No. 2 Vladimirskiy Tsentral”, Vladimir town</p>	<p>Sentenced to 18 years</p>	<p>Enver has several complex chronic diseases such as intestinal problems, intercostal neuralgia, hypotension, rheumatism, and chronic tonsillitis. Suffers from gum problems. The necessary medical assistance is not provided to him. Numerous requests for medical assistance were filed during his stay in Rostov pre-trial detention centre. He was not sent for medical examinations.</p>

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 <p>Oleh Arkadiyovych Prykhodko</p>	<p>Stayed in "Federal State Institution Prison No. 2 Vladimirskiy Tsentral", Vladimir town. Since July 2023, has been held in Penal Colony No. 2 in Krasnodar Krai</p>	<p>Sentenced to 5 years in strict regime colony, a fine of RUB 110,000</p>	<p>Oleh Prykhodko has chronic diseases of gastrointestinal tract, genitourinary system, as well as profound persistent bilateral hearing and vision impairment. He has complaints of exacerbation of chronic diseases in prison and constant pain in his lower limbs, accompanied by swellings which do not disappear. When Oleh was being transferred from Rostov-on-Don to Vladimir, in Penal Colony No. 7 he was tortured with electric shocks, doused with water, kept with his hands bent in handcuffs. Currently, he is not provided with medical care in the colony.</p>

 <p>Amet Refatovych Suleymanov</p>	<p>Pre-trial Detention Centre No. 2, Simferopol town</p>	<p>Sentenced to 12 years</p>	<p>Amet Suleymanov has serious heart disease due to which he has 2nd group disability. In addition, he has 2nd degree arthrosis of legs. On 21 March 2019, Amet Suleymanov was examined at the Amosov Cardiovascular Surgery Institute where he was being prepared for heart valve replacement surgery. Amet's disease is included in the government's list of diseases, the presence of which prevents detention. A man needs an urgent heart valve replacement. In the pre-trial detention centre, he is held in rather harsh conditions – it is forbidden to lie down or sit on the floor from 06:00 to 22:00. Medicines, tonometer, and pulse oximeter were taken from him. The food does not meet his health condition requirements.</p>
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 <p>Shaban Izetovych Umerov</p>	<p>"Pre-trial Detention Centre No. 3", Novocherkassk town, Rostov region. In 2023, he was transferred from Novocherkassk pre-trial detention centre to the prison in Verkhneuralsk town, Cheliabinsk region</p>	<p>Sentenced to 18 years</p>	<p>Shaban Umerov's health deteriorated dramatically in the pre-trial detention centre: his back pain worsened, he has complaints of heart problems and high blood pressure.</p>
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 <p>Rustem Dinarovich Sheykhaliyev</p>	<p>“Federal State Institution Pre-trial Detention Centre No. 1 of the Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation”, Rostov-on-Don town</p>	<p>Under investigation</p>	<p>Rustem Sheykhaliyev suffers from chronic pyelonephritis, prolapse of the right kidney, varicose veins on his legs, and he is also concerned about the condition of his teeth. Medical assistance is not provided.</p>
 <p>Yashar Rustemovich Shykhmetov</p>	<p>“Federal State Institution Pre-trial Detention Centre No. 1 of the Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation”, Rostov-on-Don town</p>	<p>Sentenced to 11 years</p>	<p>Yashar Shykhmetov has heart disease, suffers from stomach pains, occasional back and liver pains, and suffers from chronic hypertension. Medical assistance is not provided.</p>
 <p>Ivan Hryhorovich Yatskin</p>	<p>“Strict regime penal colony” No. 44, Bielovo town</p>	<p>Sentenced to 11 years in strict regime penal colony with restriction of one year</p>	<p>Ivan Yatskin was subjected to ill-treatment in the pre-trial detention centre “Lefortovo” when he was taken out into the cold in his slippers and he got frostbite on his feet. All these circumstances led to the fact that he suffers from pain, but at the same time does not receive appropriate treatment and medical attention. He is not given painkillers at all, and a paramedic gave him an ointment for trophic ulcers without packaging and instructions on how to use it. Up to this day, he suffers from constant headaches and chest discomfort. According to doctors, this is osteochondrosis. According to his wife, the prisoner’s sight has deteriorated, and now he writes almost at random. Ivan constantly takes painkillers: his teeth hurt much.</p>



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