



CRIMEA SITUATION REPORT

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Residents of Krasnohvardiisk and Dzhankoi districts recorded a video address and demanded to stop tortures and repressions against Crimean Tatars. Crimean Tatar activists in Crimea started a flash mob in response to the tortures of Nariman Ametov.



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Violations of the right to health and the quality of incarceration conditions continue. Muslim Aliiev was sent to punitive confinement again. A daughter of a convicted Oleh Prykhodko told about abuses and tortures against her father at the penal colony Vladimirskii tsentral (Russia). Dzhemil Hafarov's health deteriorates constantly, but he has not received medical help yet. Rustem Seitmemetov and Osman Seitumerov need examination by an ophthalmologist. Seiran Saliiev suffers from a cough that he got during an unknown sickness. Zevri Abseitov suffers from hypertension as well as pains in his stomach, kidneys, joints; he also has dental problems. Crimean Muslims from the 2nd Simferopol group of Hizb ut-Tahrir still receive food packages that contain pork. Nariman Dzhelial is

being kept in informational isolation. He does not receive letters, does not have newspapers, radio, or television.

Russia continues harming the cultural heritage of Crimea. The Russian occupying authorities of Sevastopol approved building plan for the territory of the preserve “Chersonesus”. Among other things, they are planning to build a youth center, souvenir stores, and a museum of Christianity. In addition, in Sevastopol, constructions of sports and entertainment complexes and stores are being built near the beach “Omeha.”

The environmental situation in Crimea worsens. Russian authorities in Crimea are planning to cut almost a million trees in the Baidarski preserve and other forest areas near Sevastopol in order to build another electric power line. Due to the intensive extraction of water and drilling of new wells, the river Suuk-su near Sudak is drying out. Rare trees that are 300-350 years old are being cut in the Foros park. 300 trees of rare cedar have been cut in the Balaklava district of Sevastopol



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