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Uzbekistan Five Years After Andijan Massacre Roundtable, 4 May, 2010, Brussels May 3, 2010



Five Years after the Andijan Massacre:

Brussels Roundtable on the Deteriorating Human Rights Situation in Uzbekistan

London – 20 April 2010: A coalition of international non-governmental organisations, Uzbek human rights defenders and European journalists will hold a roundtable at the European Parliament to examine new evidence from the Andijan massacre in Uzbekistan and discuss the human rights situation in the country since.

The event, “Uzbekistan Five Years after Andijan”, will be held at the European Parliament Room A5E1 from 1030h to 1440h on 4 May, 2010,

Brussels.

It is organised by Amnesty International, Andijan for Justice and Rebirth, the Association for Human Rights in Central Asia, FIDH, Front Line, Human Rights Watch, the Uzbek-German Forum on Human Rights, the International Crisis Group, Press Now, the Open Society Institute and Uzbekistan Initiative London.

New evidence will include the results of the first verification of identities of dead and missing people after Andijan massacre .

Panellists will also examine EU policy toward Uzbekistan over the past five years, its failure to support human rights, and the potential consequences for the country and neighbouring Afghanistan.

The roundtable will be followed by a cultural reception which will feature “Andijan Stories” a documentary film by Monica Whitlock, former BBC correspondent in Central Asia, at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Brussels, Rue du Fossé-aux-Loups 47,1000 Brussels,Belgium. Tel: +32 2 219 28 28 from 18.00 till 20.00

To register for the roundtable and/or reception please contact Shahida Tulaganova at shahidayakub@gmail.com or by telephone at +44 7809 545 909.

Agenda

Uzbekistan Five Years After Andijan

Roundtable organized by Amnesty International, Andijan For Justice and Rebirth, Association for Human Rights in Central Asia, International Federation for Human Rights, Front Line, Human Rights Watch, International Crisis Group, Open Society Institute, Press Now, Uzbekistan Initiative–London, Uzbek–German Forum for Human Rights

Venue: European Parliament Room A5E1

10.45–11.00

Registration

11.00.11:15

Opening Remarks by Heidi Hautala, Chairperson of the European Parliament Subcommittee on Human Rights and Nicolò Rinaldi, member of the delegation to

Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Turkmenistan and Mongolia

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Extracts from documentary film “Andijan Stories”

11. 15-12:45

Panel: Uzbekistan Five Years After the Andijan Massacre

Moderator: Andrew Stroehlein, International Crisis Group,

Panelists:

Bakhtiyor Mukhtarov, Andijan For Justice and Rebirth

Nadejda Atayeva, Association for Human Rights in Central Asia (video testimony of a former medical professional will be played during this presentation)

Mutabar Tajibaeva, Burning Hearts Club

Tamara Chikunova, Mothers Against Death Penalty and Torture

12:50-13.10 Sandwich Lunch

13.10–14:40

Panel: Promoting Human Rights in Uzbekistan: Re-establishing EU Credibility

Moderator: Grégoire Théry, International Federation for Human Rights

Panelists:

European Union High Level Official TBC

Umida Niyazova, Uzbek-German Forum for Human Rights

Maisy Weicherding, Amnesty International

Veronika Szente Goldston, Human Rights Watch

Niccolò Rinaldi, member of the delegation to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Mongolia

Discussion and concluding remarks

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Venue: Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Brussels→Rue du Fossé-aux-Loups 47,→1000 Brussels,
tel: +32 2 219 28 28

Cultural Event (drinks and canapés included)

18:00-20.00

Photo exhibition by Umida Akmedova, poetry reading by the Uzbek poet Jodgor Obid, “Silent Andijan”, presentation of “Andijan Stories,” a documentary film by Monica Whitlock, former BBC Central Asia correspondent and sand art performance by artist Shukhrat Babajanov.

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