

## Exhaustion of domestic remedies for Umar Israilov

On **26 October 2006**, Umar Israilov submitted a detailed statement to the General Prosecutor's Office of the Russian Federation, requesting the Russian authorities to open a criminal investigation and to recognize him as an aggrieved party in the case.

On **23 January 2006**, the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Chechnya forwarded Umar Israilov's letter of 26 October to the Prosecutor's Office of the Shali district.

On **2 February 2007**, the Prosecutor's Office of the Shali district in the Republic of Chechnya issued a decision to not open a criminal investigation. During the course of the prosecutorial check, the investigator questioned three employees of Chechen security forces and Umar Israilov's aunt. All the people questioned stated that they knew nothing about Umar Israilov's detention. Umar Israilov received this decision only several months later.

On **5 February 2007**, not having received any answer to his initial complaint, Umar Israilov submitted a new letter to the General Prosecutor's Office, asking for confirmation that they had received the initial statement.

On **14 February 2007**, the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Chechnya sent a letter to Umar Israilov informing him that they have overturned the decision of 2 February.

On **24 February 2007**, the Prosecutor's Office of the Shali district once again issued a decision to not open a criminal investigation after having questioned two more employees of Chechen security forces. During the check the investigation sought and obtained information that Umar Israilov is wanted by the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Chechnya. Two additional employees of the Chechen security forces stated that they knew nothing about Umar Israilov's detention. In the decision the investigator writes that he had submitted requests to question three additional people. The decision contains no information about the answers to these requests. On 26 February 2007, however, the assistant prosecutor of the Shali district indicated on the decision that he did not agree with the conclusion.

On **3 March 2007**, the Prosecutor's Office of the Shali district for the third time issued a decision to not open a criminal investigation after having questioned two additional employees of the Chechen security forces.

On **2 April 2007**, Umar Israilov wrote to the Prosecutor's Office of the Shali district to request a copy of the 2 February decision, which he had not yet received.

On **11 May 2007**, the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Chechnya forwarded Umar Israilov's letter of 2 April to the Prosecutor's Office of the Shali district.

On **16 May 2007**, the Prosecutor's Office of the Shali district itself overturned its previous decision to not open a criminal investigation.

On **20 May 2007**, the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Chechnya sent a letter to Umar Israilov, attaching the prosecutorial decisions of 2 February, 24 February and 3 March 2007.

On **22 May 2007**, the Prosecutor's Office of the Shali district for the fourth time issued a decision to not open a criminal investigation after having conducted one additional questioning. Towards the end of the decision, however, the investigator lists a number of requests for information that he had submitted to the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Shali and in Argun. At the time of the decision he had not received responses to his requests.

On **25 May 2007**, Umar Israilov submitted a letter to the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Chechnya, complaining that he had not yet received any response to his letter of 2 April.

On **5 July 2007**, the Prosecutor's Office of the Shali district for the fifth time issued a decision to not open a criminal investigation. Umar Israilov does not have a copy of this decision.

On **26 July 2007**, the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Chechnya overturned the decision of 5 July

2007 to not open a criminal investigation.

On **31 July 2007**, the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Chechnya sent a letter to Umar Israilov, attaching the prosecutorial decision of 2 February 2007.

On **23 September 2007**, Umar Israilov submitted a letter to the General Prosecutor's Office in which he requested that they overturn their decision of 22 May to not open a criminal investigation. In the letter Umar Israilov enumerated several shortcomings of the investigation and requested the investigation to undertake a number of concrete investigatory steps. Umar Israilov also included eleven documents and photos to support his allegations. Information about the decisions of 5 and 26 July did not reach Israilov until later in the year.

On **18 February 2008**, Umar Israilov submitted a letter to Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Chechnya, requesting a copy of the decision of 5 July 2007 to not open a criminal investigation into his allegations.

On **6 June 2008**, Umar Israilov submitted a letter to the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Chechnya, again requesting a copy of the 5 July 2007 decision.