

LETTER TO PRESIDENT:

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov
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Turkmenistan

Dear President of Turkmenistan,

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Geldy Kyarizov

I am writing in accordance with the Urgent Action of Amnesty International to beg you respectfully to allow Geldy Kyarizov to travel abroad for medical treatment.

I also ask that his family, who have Russian citizenship, may be allowed to leave the country. And I urge you to allow them respite from the constant surveillance, restriction of movement and the ban on visits by their friends which has kept them in unnatural isolation.

Geldy is internationally acknowledged as a world expert on the Akhal-Teke horse, and widely known as a man of great personal integrity. He has been a staunch ambassador abroad for Turkmenistan and Turkmen horses. It is deeply saddening to see him come to such a pass. He is now in declining health, and I implore you to exercise mercy.

Yours sincerely,