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Dear President,

I write to express my concern for prominent Uyghur historian and publisher Iminjan Seydin, who was convicted of "inciting extremism" in a secret and grossly unfair trial in February 2019 and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, deprivation of political rights for five years and a fine of 500,000 RMB.

His daughter only learned about the trial in November 2019 through a friend in Beijing and phone conversations with the Tianshan District People's Court in Urumqi. While no evidence against Iminjan Seydin has been made public, it is believed that his conviction is related to an Arabic rhetoric book that he published in 2014.

He was part of a working group on poverty alleviation with the Xinjiang Bureau of Religious Affairs in Hotan when he went missing in May 2017.

I call on you to release Iminjan Seydin immediately and unconditionally, unless there is sufficient credible and admissible evidence that he committed an internationally recognized offence and is granted a fair trial in line with international standards.

Yours sincerely,