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Dear Mr President,

Tajikistani national, Abdullohi Shamsiddin, was expected to arrive in Dushanbe on 19 January 2023, after being deported from Germany where he was seeking asylum. He was never seen leaving Dushanbe International Airport. I am concerned by the reports that upon arrival he was apprehended by members of the State Committee for National Security near the airstrip.

While Abdullohi Shamsiddin's detention has never been officially acknowledged, there is little doubt that he is in Tajikistan and that he, like other individuals before him who were forcibly returned to Tajikistan in recent years, was taken into custody by members of security forces and held in incommunicado detention. Amnesty International believes that Abdullohi Shamsiddin is being targeted for his links to a senior member of the Islamic Revival Party of Tajikistan, which the authorities of Tajikistan arbitrarily banned in 2015.

Unacknowledged, incommunicado detention is a violation of human rights, and must stop immediately. It also poses additional risk of torture and other ill-treatment to the detainees.

I urge you to take all necessary steps to immediately disclose Abdullohi Shamsiddin's fate and whereabouts, and ensure that he is not subjected to incommunicado detention, torture and other ill-treatment. Abdullohi Shamsiddin must be immediately released, unless he is reasonably suspected of a recognizable criminal offence, in which case he whereabouts must be disclosed to his family, and he must be given an immediate access to a lawyer of his choice.

Yours sincerely,