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## KGB RUSHES TRIAL OF BAPTIST PASTOR DMITRI MINYAKOV

(Elkhart, IN)--In the Soviet Union the KGB is hurrying to conclude preparations for the trial of independent Baptist pastor Dmitri V. MINYAKOV. The trial was scheduled for May 15, despite MINYAKOV's failing health. Officially the investigation is being conducted by local prosecutor Valimae of Tallin, Estonia. Nevertheless the investigation is being illegally directed by KGB Major Dmitriev.

Those concerned about Pastor MINYAKOV's health may call Investigator Valimae in Tallin, Estonia, Soviet Union at the following telephone number: 44-39-04 to inquire regarding his medical care and general conditions.

Sources in the Soviet Union also report the following recent arrests of independent Evangelical Christian Baptists:

Ivan MATVEICHUK, 63, was arrested in Zdolbunovo, Ukraine on March 17;

Pastor Nikolai M. DIKMAN was arrested in the village of Maryanovka, near Omsk, Siberia on March 31;

Grigori V. KOSTIUCHENKO, 46, minister, father of ten children, was arrested in Krasnodar on April 7;

Anatoly S. REDIN, 50, minister of the church in Ryazan, father of seven children, was arrested in Moscow on the evening of April 15.

The following trials of independent Baptists were also reported:

Georgi A. NIKITA, 33, was sentenced to four years labor camp with confiscation of personal property at a trial on April 2 in the village Strasheny, Moldavia. He had served as his church's music director.

Anatoly M. LEVTSENIUK, 41, was sentenced to three years labor camp at a trial on April 3 in Dubno, Ukraine.

Pastor Aleksei T. KOZOREZOV, father of ten children, was sentenced to three years strict regime labor camp on April 14 in Voroshilovgrad, Ukraine. His wife, Aleksandra KOZOREZOVA, is now under house arrest and threatened with trial for her activities as director of the Council of Prisoners' Relatives (relatives of independent Baptists who have been imprisoned for their faith in God).

Gennady K. KRYUCHKOV, president of the Council of Evangelical Baptist Churches (CEBC) in the Soviet Union, recently relayed a message to the CEBC representative office in Elkhart, Indiana:

"We have many difficulties, but God's promises are greater!" Kryuchkov continued, quoting from the Bible, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God" (2 Corinthians 10:4-5).

"In spite of all the complications of our life, path and ministry, if we closely examine our weapons we will find that they are invisible and intangible, and therefore cannot be snatched from us by the KGB or persecutors in any country."

"These spiritual weapons are accessible and active everywhere; they are not subject to territorial limitations. They cross all borders freely because they are passed vertically, from above," Kryuchkov continues. "These weapons can not be destroyed by listening devices, by electronics, nor by prisons! Our weapons are powerful, because the Lord God is acting on our behalf!"

"Even though there are so many arrests now, neither prayer nor faith, neither trust nor righteousness have been taken from us. Nothing at all has been taken, because these weapons are made powerful by God!"

Pastor KRYUCHKOV directs the 2000 churches belonging to the independent union of Evangelical Baptist Churches. The KGB has been searching for him since 1970, hoping that by arresting KRYUCHKOV they could paralyze the active ministry of the independent Baptist union. Because of the great responsibility and danger involved in his position, KRYUCHKOV cannot live at home but is forced to carry out his ministry secretly from a place of hiding.

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SOVIET PSYCHIATRISTS JOIN BATTLE AGAINST RELIGION

(Elkhart, IN)--Atheistic authorities in the Soviet Union have resorted to using psychiatric hospitals, as well as prison and labor camp, in their ongoing battle against religion.

Soviet state atheism affirms that religion is the opium of the people, that God does not exist and is only a legend, and therefore every religious believer is psychologically abnormal. Under orders of the KGB, atheistic psychiatrists recently have begun medical experiments on Christians with the goal of forcing Christians to reject their faith in God and accept the atheistic/materialistic world view.

Presently undergoing forcible treatment in a special psychiatric hospital in Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine is independent Baptist Vladimir P. KHAILO, age 49, father of fifteen. His wife, Maria E. KHAILO, addresses all Christians in a recent message: "Dear loved ones of the Lord, I appeal to you with a great need: Cry out to God in fasting and prayers for my family and for my husband who was forcibly interned in a psychiatric hospital!"

KHAILO was permitted a brief meeting with his family on March 31, 1981. They report that his health has deteriorated as a result of the treatment forced on him by psychiatrists under KGB orders to break him. KHAILO complained of dizziness, vomiting, and pain in his bones. KHAILO asks that Christians pray for him. He said: "I stand on the front line like Uriah. My bed is the bed of Job."

The following people are directly responsible for the forced psychiatric treatment of Vladimir KHAILO: Nikolai I. BABENKO, head doctor; Anatoly G. SEMIRYAZHKO, assistant medical supervisor; Aleksandr I. KHABAROV, assistant hospital director. The hospital address is : 32006, g. Dnepropetrovsk, ul. Chicherina 101, YaE-308/RB, Soviet Union.

The KHAILO family can be reached at their home address: Maria E. KHAILO, ul. Severnaya 11, g. Krasny Luch, Voroshilovgradskaya obl., 394004, Soviet Union.

In Leningrad yet another Baptist, Anatoly F. RUNOV, age 43, is being detained for forcible treatment in a special psychiatric hospital, located at g. Leningrad, k-108, p/ya US-20 st. 5, Soviet Union.

Mrs. RUNOV appealed to the General Prosecutor of the U.S.S.R., in a petition informing that her husband has been harrassed by the KGB for the past 12 years because of his faith in God. Recently he was arrested right at work and taken directly to the psychiatric hospital in Leningrad.

"Being completely healthy and sane, my husband is now isolated behind the prison walls of a psychiatric hospital," Mrs. Runov wrote.

Her home address: Zoya I. RUNOVA, ul. L. Chaikinoi 7, g. Gorodetz, Gorkovskaya obl., 505430, Soviet Union.

We appeal to all Christians throughout the world to pray for believers who are tortured in Soviet psychiatric hospitals. "Deliver those who are being taken away to death, and those who are staggering to slaughter, O hold them back." (Proverbs 24:11)

We request that Christian psychiatrists raise the issue of forcible psychiatric experimentation on Christians in the Soviet Union for investigation by international psychiatric conferences.

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