

vich BATURIN, pastor of the church of Evangelical Christians and Baptists in Shakhty and a member of the Council of ECB Churches, was seized—arrested on the long-distance train from Shakhty to Rostov. Having arrested him, the Rostov authorities concealed his whereabouts for five days. For his ministry in the Gospel of God he has already served 13 years in Russia's prisons and in exile; he is now in Rostov prison IZ 59/1, and since 9 October he has been on hunger-strike. He is in bad condition. My repeated petitions and requests for an interview with him to find out whether he is still alive have been categorically refused. I am afraid that he will die as a martyr for his faith in God, like Nikolai Khmara and Vanya Moiseyev. Letters from him, possibly containing instructions in the event of his death, have been seized by the Rostov authorities.

I have lost all hope of receiving justice from the Soviet government for it is with their knowledge that the disgraceful campaign of persecution against believers in our country is carried on.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on the foundation of Golgotha, and all people of good will who love their neighbour and desire truth and justice, which bring peace to the earth, we beg you :

1. to raise your voice to God who is able to send defence and help,
2. to petition the government of the USSR and competent international organizations for an end to the Soviet government's persecution of my family and fellow-believers, because of their faith in God,
3. to petition for the release of my husband, our breadwinner, from prison.

Your sister Valentina Matveyevna Baturina and the children :

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Vanya—16 years old.   | 2. Zhenya—14 years old. | 3. Gosha—13 years old. |
| 4. Alyosha—10 years old. | 5. Vera—8 years old.    | 6. Lena—5 years old.   |

I confirm this declaration with my own signature and with photographs of my husband and family.<sup>1</sup>

Signed by Baturina's wife and mother. 4 November 1972, Shakhty.

### *3. A List of Baptists imprisoned in the USSR during 1972*

For the first time in five years we are able to print a list of Baptist prisoners. It is the most recent one available and gives the names of those imprisoned last year.

The official reasons for their imprisonment are given in two articles of the RSFSR Penal Code: article 142 and article 227. The first of these concerns the law on the separation of church and state and of schools from the church: a defendant found guilty under this article can be fined 50 roubles or imprisoned for one year for a first offence and for three years for a second offence. The following actions are considered an infringement of this law :

<sup>1</sup> Copies of these photographs are held at CSRC.

1. the distribution of appeals, letters, leaflets or other documents "which call for the non-observance of legislation on religious cults" (e.g. criticism of the 1929 *Law on Religious Associations*, which many Soviet citizens consider conflicts with the Constitution's guarantee of freedom of conscience and with the 1918 Decree on the separation of church and state)

2. the organizing of financial aid (e.g. for the families of imprisoned believers)

3. "the committing of deceitful acts, aiming at arousing religious superstition amongst the masses of the population" (e.g. any kind of evangelism)

4. "the organization and holding of religious meetings, processions and other ceremonies, which disrupt the social order" (e.g. services held outside, including the baptizing of people in a river)

5. "the organization and systematic teaching of religion to minors" (e.g. the organization of Sunday schools, services for youth, bible-study groups).

Article 227 reads as follows:

"Organizing or directing a group, the activity of which, carried on under the appearance of preaching religious beliefs and performing religious ceremonies, is connected with causing harm to citizens' health or with any other infringements of the person or rights of citizens, or with inducing citizens to refuse social activity or the performance of civic duties, or with drawing minors into such a group, shall be punished by deprivation of freedom for a term not exceeding five years or by exile for a similar term with or without confiscation of property."

A member of such a group can be imprisoned for three years or exiled for the same period, or, alternatively, imprisoned in a labour camp for one year. But the group's organizer can be sentenced to five years. To baptize a person, or to hold a service in a small room, crowded with believers, can endanger a citizen's health, according to a Soviet court.

Such are the actions for which the Christians listed below were sentenced.

### *List of E.C.B. Prisoners<sup>1</sup>*

arrested and sentenced for the Word of God in the U.S.S.R. in 1972

Abbreviations in column 7:

3 ord. = length of sentence in ordinary regime camps

5 str. = length of sentence in strict regime camps

3 int. = length of sentence in intense regime camps

2 cond. = conditional sentence

2 yrs 25% = duration of percentage deduction from salary or pension after release.

NB.: Art. 142 of the Russian Penal Code corresponds to Art. 138 of the Ukrainian Code, 139 of the Belorussian Code, and 130 of the Kazakh Code.

Art. 227 of the Russian Penal Code corresponds to Art. 209 of the Ukrainian, 222 of the Belorussian and 200 of the Kazakh Code.

<sup>1</sup>Details on this list have been cross-checked with CSRC archives to ensure maximum possible accuracy. Column 8, listing how many times the individual had been sentenced, was only used in eight cases, and has been omitted for greater clarity. Note that in Column 3 the *surname* is printed first.

Number (begin- ning from 1961)	No.	Surname, first name, patronymic	Date of birth	Date of arrest	Article of Penal Code
1	2	3	4	5	6
600	1	Yeliseyev Viktor Yevgenievich	1927	14.2.72	138/2
601	2	Golub Vasili Andreyevich	1930	14.2.72	138/2
602	3	Khadartsev Yuri Khaz- batirovich	1938	14.2.72  28.6.72	138/2
603	4	Balatsky Anatoli Nikitovich	1939	29.4.72	138/2
604	5	Grigoriev Mikhail Andreyevich	1927	28.6.72	
605	6	Filyaeva Zoya Yakovlevna	1934	23.5.72	138/2
606	7	Morozov Miron Petrovich	1891	5.5.71	142/2
607	8	Biblenko Ivan Vasilievich	1928	21.12.71	142/2
608	9	Kozachenko Viktor Grigorievich	1919		
609	10	Kamylchu Avram Mikhailovich	1928		

Length of sentence	No. of dependents	Camp Address	Home address
7	9	10	11
	4		Kabard. ASSR, g.Nartkala, ul. Dagestanskaya 62 Wife: Sofya Fyodorovna.
3 str.	7	g. Krasnodon-6, UL-314/36	g. Voroshilovgrad-43, ul. Vysotnaya 41. Wife: Olga Ivanovna
	4		Kabard. ASSR, g.Nartkala, ul. Komsomolskaya 80, pos. Kakhun. Wife: Galina Trofimovna.
3 str.	2	Voroshilovgrad. obl., Perevalsky r-n, pos. Komissarovka p/ya UL D14/22	g. Voroshilovgrad-1, per. Gorovogo 5. Wife: Galina Yanovna.
5 ord. with confisc. of prop.	6		Azerbaidzhansk. SSR, g.Kirovabad, ul. Tash-Arash 14, kv. 34
2 ord. with confisc. of prop.	2		Azerbaidzhan, g.Kirovabad (parents live in a village)
1 yr. cond.	2		g. Krivoi Rog, Ukraine, ul. Unizhnaya 44.
3 yrs. str.	5	g. Krivoi Rog-41, p/ya YaYe 309/80-52	g. Krivoi Rog, Ukraine, ul. Kurganskaya 50. Wife: Taisa Pavlovna
3 str.		Voroshilovgrad. obl., g. Vakhrushevo-2, "UL" 314/19, otr. 6, br. 28	g. Krivoi Rog, Ukraine, ul. Cherednichenko 17. Wife: non-believer.
3 str.	8	g. Kharkov-30, YuZh 313/12-31	g. Krivoi Rog, Ukraine, ul. Novaya 36. Wife: Yekaterina Ivanovna.

1	2	3	4	5	6
610	11	Pototsky Nikolai Prokofievich	1937	14.2.72	138/2
611	12	Artyukh Pyotr Andreyevich	1934	23.5.72	
612	13	Prusak Alexei Ivanovich	1920	23.5.72	
613	14	Smirnov Vasili Yakovlevich	1913	4.3.72	142/2
614	15	Blazhevich Pyotr Kupriya- novich	1930	23.5.72	
615	16	Artyukh Vladimir Andreyevich	1927	23.5.72	
616	17	Oleinikov Timofei Ivanovich			
617	18	Senkevich Ilya Yakovlevich	1907	3.5.72	139/2 222/2 186/1
618	19	Bukhovko Mikhail Nikolayevich	1910	3.5.72	139/2 222/2
619	20	Sigarev Mikhail Lavrentievich	1928	19.6.72	
620	21	Mikhalkov Yuri Ivanovich	1937	17.3.72	190 142
621	22	Kapetei Vasili Viktorovich	1934	10.7.72	138

7	9	10	11
3 str.	5	g. Cherkassy, p/ya ECh 325-62	g. Krivoi Rog, Ukraine, ul. Sukhumsкая 90. Wife: Polina Ivanovna.
4 str.	5	Brest. obl. g. Ivatsevichi p/ya UZh 15/9	BSSR, Grodnenskaya obl., g. Volkovysk, ul. Lazo 3. Wife: Yevgeniya Konstantinovna.
2 ord.	1		BSSR, Grodnenskaya obl., g. Volkovysk, raion s/sovet Subachi, der. Yatves Wife: Yekaterina Romašovna.
3 str.	2		g. Dedovsk, Moskovsk. obl., ul. Pushkinskaya 11. Wife: Yelena Mikhailovna.
2 ord.	2		BSSR, Grodnenskaya obl., g. Volkovysk, ul. Zhdanova 12. Wife: Yevdokia Ivanovna.
4 str.	4	Brest. obl. g. Ivatsevichi p/ya UZh 15/9	BSSR, Grodnenskaya obl., g. Volkovysk, ul. Lazo 3. Wife: Zinaida Nikolayevna.
2 ord.			g. Rovno, Ukraine.
5 str.	2	Permskaya obl. Cherdynsky r-n, pos. Noryb	BSSR, g. Grodno, ul. Proletarskaya 1, kv. 2. Wife: Antonina Antonovna.
3 str.	2	Vitebskaya obl., g. Orsha, UZh 15/6	BSSR, Grodnenskaya obl., Grodnensk. r-n, der. Negrashi. Wife: Nadezhda Nikolayevna.
4 str.	10		g. Omsk-30, Demyanova 24, Mother: Sigareva N. K.
3 str.	1		g. Barnaul, ul. Molodyozhnaya 44, kv. 63. Mother: Maria Ilinichna.
3 ord.	6		g. Piryatin, Ukraine, ul. Tsybanya 9. Wife: Vera Stepanovna.

1	2	3	4	5	6
622	23	Temchuk Grigori Andreyevich	1910	19.7.72	209/2
623	24	Pugachev Mikhail Artemovich	1935	5.3.72	142/2
624	25	Bukhovko Vladimir Mikhailovich	1939	8.8.72	222/1 139/2
625	26	Shidych Ivan Grigorievich	1936	18.8.72	130/1 170/1 200/1
626	27	Prokopenko Yegor Danilovich	1926	18.8.72	130/1 170/1 200/1
627	28	Shevel Gavril Andreyevich	1912	18.8.72	130/1 170/1 200/1
628	29	Tsirkunov Vasili Arkhypovich	1932	18.8.72	130/1 170/1 200/1
629	30	Stepanov Vasili Ivanovich	1934	18.8.72	130/1 170/1 200/1
630	31	Fast Abram Frantsevich	1928	28.6.72	
631	32	Vall Ivan Abramovich	1923	2.6.72	
632	33	Dirksen Yakov Frantsevich	1924	2.6.72	
633	34	Savenkov Mikhail Alexeyevich	1925	17.12.71	142/2

7	9	10	11	
		g. Khotin, Chernovitskaya obl. ul. Lenina 8. Wife: non-believer.	2.5 ord.	
Bashkir. ASSR, s. Karamdel, UE 394/11 "V"		Bashkir ASSR, Iglinsky r-n, <sup>4</sup> p. Urman, ul. Shersa 2. Wife: Margarita Genrikhovna.	2.5 ord.	10
USSR, Grodnensk. obl., Volkovysk, UD 15/11		Grodnen. obl., Grodnen. r-n, s/s Skidalsky, der. Nekrashi. Wife: Anna Alexandrovna.	5 ord.	4
		Kaz. SSR, g. Zyryanovsk, Chkalova 34. Wife: Yevdokia Vasilievna.	5 ord.	6 <sup>4</sup>
		Kaz. SSR, g. Zyryanovsk, Vatutina 84. Wife: Antonina Mikhailovna.	5 ord.	
		Kaz. SSR, g. Zyryanovsk, ul. Bazhova 75. Wife: Yelizaveta Danilovna.	3 ord.	7
		Kaz. SSR, g. Zyryanovsk, ul. Kazakhstanskaya 26. Wife: Tamara Vasilievna	1 ord.	6
		Kaz. Zyryanovsk, ul. Rabochaya 111. Wife: Valentina Alexeyevna.	1 ord.	5
		Omskaya obl. Isilkulsky r-n, Yevsyukovsky s/soviet, s. Apolonovka. Wife: Agnessa Frantsevna.		10
		Omskaya obl. Isilkulsky r-n, Yevsyukovsky s/soviet, s. Apolonovka. Wife: Yelena Korneyevna.		9
		Omskaya obl. Isilkulsky r-n, Yevsyukovsky s/soviet, s. Apolonovka. Wife: Yekaterina Abramovna.		11
		g. Voronezh, ul. F. Engelsa 79. kv. 2. Wife: Polina Makarovna.	3 ord.	4



1	2	3	4	5	6
634	35	Belashov Mikhail Afanasievich	1930	1.8.72	209/1
635	36	Makhovik Stepan Mefodievich	1931	1.8.72	209/1
636	37	Baturin Nikolai Georgievich	1927	7.10.72	
637	38	Firsov Vladimir Lukich		23.8.72	
638	39	Voropayev Yevgeni Vasilievich	1945	8.10.72	
639	40	Komarov Fyodor Ivanovich	1924	17.1.72	142/2
640	41	Rodin Vladimir Pavlovich	1938	17.1.72	142/2
641	42	Mazurin Nikolai Semyonovich	1930	16.2.72	142/2 227/1
642	43	Konkin Dmitri Frolovich	1926	16.2.72	142/2 227/1
643	44	Kochetkov Vasili Ivanovich	1927	16.2.72	142/2 227/1
644	45	Myts Dmitri Trofimovich (2nd class invalid; without one leg)	1926	16.2.72	142/2 227/1

7	9	10	11
3 ord.	8		g. Chernigov-4, ul. Popudrenko 12a, kv. 4. Wife: Raisa Grigorievna
3.5 ord.	8		g. Chernigov-7, 2-oi per. Ordzhonikidze 6/2. Wife: Yevgeniya Petrovna
	7	prison in Rostov	g. Shakhty, Rostovsk. obl. Sadovaya 4, kv. 13. Wife: Valentina
			g. Barnaul
	3	prison in Rostov	g. Rostov-na-Donu, p. Chkalova, per. Svirsky 62. Wife: Lyubov Grigorievna.
3 str.	2	Gorkovsk. obl., st. Sukhobezvodie p/ya UZ 62/5	g. Vyksa, Gorkovsk. obl., Lermontova 20. Wife: Nina Ilinichna
3 str.		g. Gorky-28, p/ya UZ 62/5	g. Vyksa, Gorkovsk. obl., Chapayeva 5. Mother: Anna Nikolayevna.
5 ord.	13	g. Gorky-7, IZ 32/1	g. Kulebaki, Gorkov. obl., Kalinina 9. Wife: Anna Nikolayevna.
5 ord.	14	g. Gorky-7, IZ 32/1	g. Kulebaki, Gorkov. obl., ul. Ordzhonikidze 10. Wife: Nina Andreyevna.
5 ord.	5	g. Gorky-7, IZ 32/1	g. Kulebaki, Gorkov. obl., ul. Shchorsa 33. Wife: Olga Yakovlevna.
5 ord. with confisc. of prop.	1	g. Gorky-7, IZ 32/1	g. Kulebaki, Gorkov. obl., Pesochnaya 18. Wife: Maria Timofeyevna.