



## **Elena Urlaeva, a women's rights activist under psychological torture**

***Organisation for Women's Liberation protests against the inhumane  
treatment of Elena by the government of Uzbekistan.***

***We urge all human rights organisations to protest against this  
treatment.***

Elena is a women's activist in Uzbekistan. She has been arrested many times "accused" of running campaigns against the inhumane and barbaric actions of the Uzbekistan government.

According to Amnesty International and human rights organisations, Elena has been arrested and sent to mental institutions, injected with strong medicines to keep her silent and immobile.

Elena was arrested in 2001 and kept in a mental institution for 2 months for organising a protest movement against the state of homeless. Then in 2002, she was kept in captivity again accused of organising a protest movement against mass murder of 1000 people during an uprising. Now she has been arrested again. This time she is being punished for making an animated film showing the Uzbekistan government officials eating a cow in the shape of the map of Uzbekistan. She is being charged with insulting the officials and been sent once again to a mental institution.

Arresting Elena and torturing her psychologically and physically by injecting her with drugs is so inhumane and demands an international protest action. OWL urges all human rights and women's rights organisations to condemn this atrocity and pledge their support to Elena.

We must put an end to this atrocity.

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