

Act on Mutual Forgiveness

1997/07/01

In the name of our homeland, the Republic of Tajikistan, which is the successor of spiritual, moral and ethical traditions of statehood developed by Tajiks throughout ages;

In the name of the revival of prosperity of our beloved country, its unity and territorial integrity, independence and freedom

In memory of the pure souls of those who lost their lives;

In the memory of the victims of the period of confrontation and armed fighting;

In the names of orphans and widows, fathers and mothers, and all those who lost their relatives and loved ones;

Taking into considerations the will of the people of peace and national accord;

Aware of our historical responsibility for the past and present of our ancient country and with due respect for irrefutable rights and freedoms of each individual;

The President of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Commission on National Reconciliation adopt and proclaim this Act on Mutual Forgiveness.

We forgive all those who took up arms and fought against each other during the period of the military and political confrontation;

May people work together in order to repair the damage of the war, ensure adequate care to orphans, widows, disabled and elderly and, by doing this, restore the feeling of friendship and respect in the society;

May the wrath of the Almighty fall on those who will dare to take revenge or subject people to persecution in connection with the past conflict and may they be damned by the nation. Such persons will be brought before courts.

We condemn the use of mass media for the purpose of making appeals directed against reconciliation, as well as settling old scores and publicly accusing each other. From now on, the Government, the United Tajik Opposition parties and organisations, as well as other parties, movements and public organisations will be held responsible under the laws of the Republic of Tajikistan if they use force in order to settle political disputes.

With the view to facilitate the implementation of the Act on Mutual Forgiveness, all prisoners of war will be released. Relevant documents will be adopted by the Commission on National Reconciliation and the Majlis Oli (the Parliament) in order to ensure the freedom and security of those who participated in the political and military confrontation from 1992 up to the time of signing the present Act.

(signed) *E. Sh. Rakhmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan*

(signed) *S. A. Nuri, Leader of the Tajik Opposition*