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URGENT / FOLLOW-UP: Request for Support Letter (Miraziz Bazarov) - As offered on Oct 2

3 messages

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To: RSF Assistance <assistance2@rsf.org>

1 December 2025 at 17:10

Dear RSF Assistance Team (Attn: Vivian Maier),

I am following up on our correspondence regarding my case (Ref: August-October 2025).

In your email dated **October 2, 2025**, you informed me that while financial aid was not possible, RSF could "**provide a support letter stating [my] journalistic activities and the threats**" for my visa application.

I am writing to accept this offer and urgently request this letter now.

I am currently applying for a long-stay visa to France ("Visiteur/Asile") at the French Consulate in Yerevan. Since our last email, my situation has been fully vetted by major international partners, which should satisfy RSF's need for a "cross-check" without requiring a new weeks-long investigation.

Verification is already complete:

1. **EU/FIDH Vetting (Nov 2025):** I have just been awarded an emergency grant by the **EU Emergency Fund for Human Rights Defenders** (implemented by FIDH, Grant No. 260.3). They have fully verified my background, risks, and UN documentation. (Contract attached).
2. **RSF's Own Record (2021):** As a reminder, RSF already documented my persecution when co-signing the **Joint Statement on April 28, 2021** ("Uzbekistan: Authorities Must End Reprisals Against Blogger Miraziz Bazarov"). (Statement attached).

The Ask: I urgently need a standard **Letter of Support (Attestation)** addressed to the *Consulate of France in Yerevan*.

It should simply confirm:

- That Miraziz Bazarov is a journalist/blogger from Uzbekistan known to RSF (based on your 2021 advocacy).
- That he faced persecution for his activities (attack in 2021, criminal case).
- That RSF supports his request for safety/visa in France.

Please find attached:

1. **"Case Map":** A 1-page summary of my profile and persecution timeline.
2. **FIDH Grant Contract:** Proof of recent high-level vetting.
3. **RSF 2021 Statement:** Proof of our history, among other statements

Could you please issue this letter this week? It is critical for my appointment.

Best regards,

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3 attachments

Miraziz_Bazarov_Case_Map_Nov2025.pdf
77K

English Contract_Third party EF260_signed by all (1).pdf
199K

 [17]_Statements_from_International_Organizations_2021.docx
250K

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2 December 2025 at 12:52

Dear Sir,

Thank you for reaching out to us again.

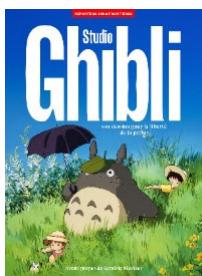
Indeed in our email of 2nd of October, we stated the following:

"The only thing we could therefore eventually do, if we manage to document your case (which we have not done yet), would be to provide you with a support letter stating your own journalistic activities as well as the threats you are facing because of this reporting work. However, in order for us to do so, we first need to gather sufficient information and then to conduct an investigation to cross check the information you gave us. This investigation also takes several weeks before being completed."

Therefore, we now still need to gather the additional information we were lacking, regarding your journalistic activities since 2023, and then to cross check this information through our own network, and not the one of other organizations, before being able to draft any letter. As mentioned, this process might take some time. We unfortunately do not have the capacity to draft a letter on such short notice.

Thank you for your understanding,

Best regards,



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2 December 2025 at 22:59

Dear RSF Assistance Team,

Thank you for your final response.

We note with regret that RSF's current internal protocols do not allow for the recognition of vetting already successfully conducted by major partners, such as the EU Emergency Fund and FIDH.

Given that the security risks are immediate, waiting "several weeks" for a duplicate investigation is unfortunately not a viable option for a human rights defender in an emergency situation.

We will proceed with our relocation using the support already secured from the European Union. This correspondence and the procedural bottlenecks identified will be documented in our ongoing systemic audit of protection mechanisms, aimed at improving the sector's responsiveness to future crises.

We consider this request closed.

Best regards,

Miraziz Bazarov

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