

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Andijan massacre.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. McCAIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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responsible for the Andijan massacre.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Andijan Accountability
5 Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) On May 13, 2005, the Government of
9 Uzbekistan security forces opened fire without warn-

1 ing on anti-government demonstrators in the city of
2 Andijan, killing several hundred unarmed civilians.

3 (2) The Government of Uzbekistan has cat-
4 egorically rejected calls by the United States, the
5 European Union, the United Nations, and the Orga-
6 nization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to
7 allow an independent, international investigation of
8 the Andijan massacre.

9 (3) In the last year the Government of
10 Uzbekistan has launched a brutal crackdown on
11 peaceful dissent.

12 (4) The Government of Uzbekistan has expelled
13 United States forces from the Karshi-Khanabad
14 military base in southern Uzbekistan, despite the
15 continuing urgency of military operations in Afghan-
16 istan to the war on terrorism.

17 (5) The Government of Uzbekistan has expelled
18 the Peace Corps, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty,
19 the United States Agency for International Develop-
20 ment-funded International Research and Exchanges
21 Board, the United Nations High Commissioner for
22 Refugees, and numerous nongovernmental organiza-
23 tions, including Freedom House and the Eurasia
24 Foundation, from the country.

1 (6) The Government of Uzbekistan has applied
2 intense economic and political pressure on its neigh-
3 bors in Central Asia to return to its security services
4 refugees fleeing persecution.

5 (7) The Government of Uzbekistan's persecu-
6 tion of political dissent and suppression of religious
7 freedom risk increasing support for violent, extrem-
8 ist movements in the region.

9 (8) On October 3, 2005, the European Union
10 imposed sanctions on Uzbekistan, including an arms
11 embargo and a ban on visas for officials responsible
12 for the massacre in Andijan.

13 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**

14 It is the sense of the Congress that the repressive
15 policies of the Government of Uzbekistan undermine
16 United States efforts to promote stability and to combat
17 terrorism and extremism in Central Asia, and that the
18 United States has a strong interest in promoting democ-
19 racy, human rights, and the rule of law in that country.

20 **SEC. 4. SANCTIONS.**

21 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the
22 date of enactment of this Act, the President shall send
23 to the appropriate congressional committees a list of offi-
24 cials of the Government of Uzbekistan, including any cur-
25 rent or former officials of the security services and judicial

1 institutions, who played a direct and substantial role in
2 the repression of peaceful political dissent, and a list of
3 any other individuals who provide substantial economic
4 and political support for the present leadership in
5 Uzbekistan.

6 (b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—Not later than 10
7 days after the list described in subsection (a) is submitted
8 to the appropriate congressional committees, the following
9 sanctions shall apply:

10 (1) Any individual on the list submitted under
11 subsection (a) shall be ineligible for a visa to enter
12 the United States.

13 (2) No property or interest in property belong-
14 ing to an individual on the list submitted under sub-
15 section (a), or to a member of the immediate family
16 of such individual if the property is effectively under
17 the control of such individual, may be transferred,
18 paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt with,
19 if the property is within the United States or within
20 the possession or control of a United States person,
21 including the overseas branch of such person, or
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act comes
23 within the control of such person.

24 (3) No United States person may engage in fi-
25 nancial transactions with an individual on the list

1 submitted under subsection (a), or with a member of
2 the immediate family of such individual if the trans-
3 action will benefit an individual on the list submitted
4 under subsection (a).

5 (c) TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS.—The President
6 may terminate the sanctions described in subsection (b)
7 if the Secretary of State certifies to the appropriate con-
8 gressional committees that the Government of Uzbekistan
9 has formally accepted, and is fully cooperating with, an
10 independent international inquiry into the May 2005
11 Andijan massacre.

12 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
13 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
14 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations of
15 the Senate and the Committee on International Relations
16 of the House of Representatives.