

## **“Sobytiya” refused to publish confutation of Tajik parliamentarian**

**Khoji Akbar Turajonzoda, member of the Tajik parliament characterized an article published in the newspaper “Sobytiya” as an unmitigated lie. The publication on 9 April 2009 by an anonymous author is titled “Turajonzoda - a KGB agent”.**

The feedback by Turojonzoda to the article is published in the Ozandogon newspaper on 7 May 2009.

The parliamentarian says that during two weeks he was asking the editor of “Sobytiya” to publish his confutation and reveal the name of the author, but the editor declines his request under various pretences.

“Regrettably, the article was reposed on the web site of the state news agency “Khovar” and reprinted by the government newspaper

“Jumkhuriyat”, - says Turajonzoda. - “I have understood that not only the TALCO (the Tajik state aluminum company), but also certain influential people from the government stand behind this case. This is why I decided not to apply to the court – since I cannot argue with the government, and, on the other hand, I consider this would be useless”.

It should be noted that “Sobytiya” reprinted the article, which originally appeared on the forum.msk.ru web site on 15 March 2009.

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