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Vice governor beats 8 people at government meeting in Uzbekistan

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CA-NEWS (UZ) - Namangan region vice governor Uktam Ergashev has beaten 8 farmers right at the government meeting. Some time later region governor Bahodir Yusupov beat up the head of the gas company in public, reported the Uzbek language service of RFE/RL.

Farmers were beaten on April 19 in Kasansai town at the local government meeting. Seven farmers and local land management department worker were beaten for “unlawful” planting onion on their land plots.

The farmers were beaten up in turn. The land surveyor, Muhiddin Saidov, suffered most of all. The official pushed him into the swimming pool. When the man got out of the pool, the vice governor struck him with a beam.

The land surveyor's beating was proved by several sources in Kasansai.

Namangan region governor Bahadyr Yusupov on April 21 beat the head of the local gas company at another government meeting discussing debts of population for public utilities. The head of the gas company could not answer the question of the governor concerning the source of \$4.3 mln debt for gas and was blown into his head for that.

Beating of subordinates by their bosses is a widely spread practice in Uzbekistan, Ozodlik said.

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