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Uzbekistan: Identities of President Islam Karimov's children, their spouses and former spouses
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President Islam Abdughanievich Karimov of Uzbekistan and his wife Tatyana Akbarovna have two daughters and three grandchildren (Uzbekistan 6 Mar. 2003; Interfax 30 Jan. 2003; *Moskovskiy Novosti* 25 Jan.-1 Feb. 1998).

Gulnora (Gulnara) Karimova, Karimov's eldest daughter (ibid.) married New Jersey businessman Mansur Maqsudi in 1991 (*Wall Street Journal* 21 Aug. 2001; CSRC May 2002, 4) and has two children (*Daily Record* 28 Nov. 2002; ibid. 28 Sept. 2002; *Star-Ledger* 6 Nov. 2002). The couple separated in July 2001 (*Wall Street Journal* 21 Aug. 2001), and New Jersey courts finalized their divorce on 31 January 2003 (Eurasianet.org 21 Mar. 2003). Gulnora returned to Tashkent, Uzbekistan, in 2001, while Mansur Maqsudi continues to reside in Mendham, New Jersey (ibid.; *Star-Ledger* 6 Nov. 2002; *Daily Record* 28 Nov. 2002).

The Research Directorate found very little information concerning Lola Karimova, Karimov's youngest daughter, among the sources consulted. In 1993 and 1998, Russian newspaper reports referred in passing to Lola as a student (*The Moscow News* 10 Sept. 1993; *Moskovskiy Novosti* 25 Jan.-1 Feb. 2001). In 2003, Lola Karimova was reportedly to chair a new nongovernmental organization called "You Are Not Alone" which would take care of 300 children in two Tashkent orphanages (Deutsche Welle 16 Apr. 2003; Uzland 17 Apr. 2003). The Research Directorate was unable to find reports mentioning the identity of Lola Karimova's spouse, if any, among the sources consulted.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim to refugee status or asylum. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

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