in the same room,” wrote the employees of Donmahsulot, a government-owned grain com-
of extortion. “Workers have to hand in money for cotton. Hired pickers agree to go to pick-
travel to the Jizzakh region. We are told not to complain and not to say anything, otherwise
justified because the banker had been given the task of bringing in 20 pickers and had
received a task from Tuichiyev to find 20 cotton pickers. “I run the bank. I have a lot of
the deputy hokim of the Farish district in the Fergana region insults and humiliates the
A farmer’s voice can be heard pleading, “Don’t beat me, don’t beat me.”
On January 2018, President Mirziyoyev stated, “The hokims will be not dealing with cotton.
any questions. They said that anyone speaking to a journalist would not get their military
up at 4:45 in the morning. At the meetings we are told to pick cotton better. Those who
pick cotton every year for more than two months from the beginning to the end of the
Ministry for Emergencies, who said that the entire institute had been sent to the Zarbdar
Elena Urlaeva’s placard reads: We demand the urgent recall of cadets from the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs
pick cotton for 10 days.
UGF monitors report that in the Jizzakh region schoolteachers and technicians, including
busy with cotton matters from morning to evening.”
“Unit 31” in the cotton bulletins. Because all the cleaners are picking cotton, schoolrooms
recorded in the Nukus, Khujayli and Turtkul districts of Karakalpakstan.
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