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Amnesty International, London

CC High Commiserate of Human Rights, Geneva

Dear Mrs. Harrison

**Re HESEN AZERBAIJANLI WAS ARRESTED EVEN WHILE SUFFERING FROM HEART PROBLEMS**

The struggle for justice and democracy to Southern Azerbaijan in the form of mass demonstrations is growing from strength to strength owing to the determination of one million participants strictly within legal framework. What our innocent people have done to deserve the savagery and indiscriminate attacks inflicted by the regime in Tehran so eager to shed blood? The number of our martyrs is mounting and has already reached 25 paying the ultimate price for their nation, the first of which is reportedly a young woman in Tebriz. This is in against a background where approximately two thousand of innocent mass demonstrators have been rounded up and suffer detention. According to our latest information, the brute forces dare against our elderly demonstrators be it old women and old men or against our youths be it girls or boys, who are rounded up and are subjected to torture. In particular, our Azerbaijani community in Tehran including our students are subjected to untold miseries and trauma.

Let us now consider the case of the distinguished Mr. Hesén Azerbaijan (Azerbaijan), a 65 year old composer, whose house was raided twice last night and was transferred to an undisclosed location. He is widely known and it is everyone's knowledge that this old man is fully submerged in his world of Azerbaijani music and culture. His popularity and reputation is deeply rooted among the whole Azerbaijan and yet this calculated move of arresting him is an impertinent gesture against our people and a rebuff to the ongoing dialogue of civilisations exposing the Iranian side of the dialogue to be the policy of coercion and of cowboy diplomacy. Intelligence agents raiding his home have stolen his computer and two lorry-loads of Azerbaijani music and books and CDs on the Azerbaijani culture and linguistics. Above all, these agents have also detained Mr. Azerbaijan's son, called Babek.

According to our information, the police are raiding and rounding up indiscriminately as long as the individual is a Turk living in Iran . We are writing to you with a matter that is so dear to us and persistently request your intervention to put an end to this injustice.

**A Glimpse of News from Tehran**



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We would like to add that today on 28 May 2006, the number of innocent Azerbaijani mass demonstrators were 200 including Mr. Mejid Huseyni. This mass demonstration was staged in front of the parliament in Tehran by Southern Azerbaijanis who were brutally attacked by security forces

### **A Glimpse of News from Erdebil**

After the mass demonstration in Erdebil yesterday, two magazines were shut down and three of their writers were arbitrarily rounded up and arrested. Their names are:

1. Eli Nezeri ,
2. Riza Kazimi and
3. Eli Jelil pur.

Yours Sincerely,

Boyuk Resuloglu

For and on behalf of

The Committee for the Defence of the Rights of the World Azerbaijanis

### **P.S.**

We would like to add that we have just been provided with a few names of the participants of the peaceful mass demonstration arrested by security forces. These include:

1. Mrs. Zohre Mezlumi,
2. Sedreddin Musevi,
3. Ramin Sadiqi,
4. Mrs. Hecer Sultani,
5. Mrs. Feranek Fershbaf,
6. Yurush Elibeyli and
7. Heyder Shadi

According to our information last night two Southern Azerbaijani students were arrested in the University Polytechnic of Tehran, whose names are:

8. Yashar Qajar, the Secretary of the student union of this university and arrested on 27 May 2006
9. Puya Heybetulahi arrested today on 28 May 2006, in the morning when leaving the students residential hall.



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According to the statement released by the Confederation of Azerbaijani Students, the following students are known to be arrested:

10. Sejjad Niknam, The Chairperson of the Student Union of the University of Urmu
11. Mehdi Hesenzade, th editor of the periodical *Ubur* and detained in the Dizelabad Prison
12. Mohsun Elemuti, related to the periodical *Ubur* and detained in the Dizelabad Prison