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CC Mrs. Harrison, Amnesty International, London
Ms. Milano, OHCHR, Geneva

The Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva,

Please circulate this letter among the following working groups:

Special Rapporteur on Independence of Judges and Lawyers
Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (also for Fair Trials)
Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism
Independent Expert on Minority Issues



Dear Sir/madam,

Re THE CASE OF MR. SALEH KAMRANI

We have a short update for the case of Mr. Saleh Kamrani for your attention based on published news items and confirmed by our own sources. In addition, our sources show that Mr. Kamrani has been transferred into the notorious Evin Prison, Wing 209. The translation of the text published on 20 July 2006 is given below, which shows that his detention has been inexplicably extended for two months.

This case has special importance for revealing how the system for the defence of human rights can be undermined in Iran. Inevitably, therefore this delay tactic is upsetting for all who are monitoring the violation of human rights against Mr. Kamrani and we hope it leads to your effective reaction. It is hard to read the mind of the authorities dealing with this case but it is likely that the Iranian authorities have reached the point of no return in their single-minded racist policies and will keep escalating their arbitrary acts.

We hope you fully understand the ongoing situation in Southern Azerbaijan and find it intolerable that Iran, as an under-signatory of the UN conventions on human rights, acts so intransigently, floats its obligations and violates the terms of the UN declarations. Without any effective UN response, Iran will remain appeased, the Iranian authorities will keep regarding Southern Azerbaijan within their free range of their arbitrary actions, and Southern Azerbaijanis will keep suffering as Mr. Kamrani does. Our nation is anxiously waiting for timely UN interventions specially in the case of Mr. Kamrani and we believe the time is now.

Yours faithfully

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For and on behalf of
The Committee for the Defence of the Rights of the World Azerbaijanis



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**THE TRANSLATION OF THE NEWS ITEM ON MR. SALEH KAMRANI
PUBLISHED IN VARIOUS WEBSITES, e.g. IN SOUTH AZERBAIJAN NEWS
BLOG:**

<http://sa-news.blogfa.com>

THE DETENTION OF SALEH KAMRANI IS EXTENDED BY TWO MONTHS

According to the received information, the detention of Saleh Kamrani was extended by two months. He is a distinguished (Southern) Azerbaijani lawyer, who was undertaking the defence of a number of prominent activists of the national movement of (Southern) Azerbaijan, including Mr. Emani and Mr. Lisani. Kamrani disappeared on 14 June 2006 when leaving his office. After persistent enquiries of his family, it became clear that he was in detention in the Ministry of Intelligence. It is worth mentioning that his lawyer, Mr. Yusuf Movlai, has not been allowed to visit Mr. Kamrani.

The news item was sent on 20 July 2006.

THE SOURCE TEXT AS TAKEN FROM: <http://sa-news.blogfa.com>

قرار بازداشت صالح کامرانی به مدت دو ماه تمدید شد.

براساس خبر رسیده قرار بازداشت صالح کامرانی به مدت دو ماه دیگر تمدید شد. صالح کامرانی از وکلای شناخته شده آذربایجانی است که وکالت چندین نفر از فعالین مطرح حرکت ملی آذربایجان از جمله مهندس امانی و عباس لسانی را به عهده دارد. کامرانی در تاریخ ۱۳۸۵/۰۳/۲۴ پس از خروج از دفتر وکالتش در تهران ناپدید شد و پس از چندین روز و با پیگیری خانوادشان مشخص گردید ایشان در بازداشت وزارت اطلاعات می باشد. قابل ذکر است که تاکنون به وکیل ایشان یوسف مولایی اجازه ملاقات با وی داده نشده است.