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Mrs. Harrison, Amnesty International, London

CC The Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, Please circulate this letter to Independent Expert on Minority Issues and the Working Group on Arbitrary Detentions



Dear Mrs. Harrison,

Re THE DETAINEES IN URMU – THE VICTIMS IN THE DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN TO SAVE MOTHER TONGUE OF SOUTHERN AZERBALJANIS

The running theme in our recent letters was concerned with the democratic campaign to save mother tongue of Southern Azerbaijanis undermined by Iranian racist policies. We also brought to your attention that once again the authorities were poised to resort to their monolithic policies. Regrettably, our worst fears have come true, as the case in point is those detained on 23 September 2006 in Urmu alone.

According to the reliable information that we received from Urmu, seven Southern Azerbaijani youth were arrested on the above date. Some specific information regarding these detainees is tabulated below for your attention, including the profile of a detained journalist. We are endeavouring to obtain the profile of the other detainees.

Here are seven innocent youth faced with uncertain fate. We are confident that your campaign for their release will be an effective measure for safeguarding their human rights.

Yours sincerely,

Boyuk Resuloglu

For and on behalf of

The Committee for the Defence of the Rights of World Azerbaijanis

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The Detainees in Urmu on 23 September 2006

No	Name SURNAME	Occupation	Date Detained	Further Information
1	Resul JEFERI	Mining Eng. Student of	23/09/2006	Arrested in his house
		Urmu University		
2	Mejid TEQIZADE	Artist-Photographer	23/09/2006	Arrested in his office
3	Firidun MEHDI PUR	Not known yet	23/09/2006	Arrested in Imam Kheyyam
4	Memmed Huseyn	Not known yet	23/09/2006	Arrested in Imam Kheyyam
	PUR QURBANI	,		
5	Ferdin MUKHTARI	Not known yet	23/09/2006	Arrested in Imam Kheyyam
6	Mehdi JELALI	Not known yet	23/09/2006	Arrested in Imam Kheyyam
7	Emir FEREJ ZADE	Not known yet	23/09/2006	Arrested in Imam Kheyyam

The Profile of Mr. Resul Jeferi

Name: Resul

Surname: Ceferi

Specific Details of Detention:

He was arrested in the afternoon on Saturday, 23 September 2006 in his house, with his computer, some of his books, and publications being confiscated. His family has been informed that he would be taken to the Revolutionary Court on Tuesday, and they could meet him on Wednesday.

Father's name: Mehemmed

Year of birth: 1984

Birth Certificate No: 2267

Place of birth: Urmu

Education: Mining Engineering student of the

University of Urmu

Address:

Telephone:

Activities:

A journalist and writer in the weekly periodical of *Yarpaq*. A member of the Writers Council and the representative of Urmu, a reporter of the weekly *Feday-e-ma*, Editor-in-charge of *Urmiye* – the periodical of the University of Urmu

