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The Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, Please circulate this letter to the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (also for Fair Trials) CC Mrs. Harrison, Amnesty International, London	 Mr. Rza Abbasi

Dear sir/madam

Re SECOND UPDATE ON OUR COMPLAINT IN SUPPORT OF MR RZA ABBASI

It is now over a month passed since the second trial of the Southern Azerbaijani human right activist, Mr. Rza ABBASI, but the relevant Iranian authorities continue to deprive him of his liberty; disregard his human rights; act indifferently to proper court procedures; and arbitrarily detain him with indecision and an indefinite court outcome. We have already lodged a complaint regarding this case (as per our update letter: Ref: 376/2006 on 5 September 2006) campaigning towards his immediate and unconditional release.

Our complaint stands and we would like to draw your attention to the case of Mr. Abbasi once again. We have compiled a chronology of events in reverse order to highlight the arbitrary manner with which the Iranian authorities behave. The chronology is appended to this update.

We respect your confidential approach in safeguarding human rights and we cannot imagine that you have not yet applied your mandates to the case of Mr Abbasi. However, we are not detecting its outcome yet. We therefore request that you step up your campaign and wonder whether issuing a press release would advance this case.

Yours faithfully,

Boyuk Resuloglu

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

P.S.

Mr. Abbasi's speech on 10 December 2004 (the Anniversary of 21 Azer) may be viewed in the following link: http://www.azadtribun.net/Rza_Abbasi.ram



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The Reverse Chronology of Mr. Rza ABBASI

Date	Events
16 September 2006	An Update by DunAzHAK to the UN Office of HCHR
12 October 2006	A clip was loaded to Azad Tribun and Yeni Ses websites: http://www.azadtribun.net/Rza_Abbasi.ram or http://www.yenises.org/?p=671#more-671
8 October 2006	Yet another defiant statement by the Student Union (Islamic) of the Zenjan University calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Mr. Abbasi
28 September 2006	The US State department expresses its support for safeguarding human rights of Southern Azerbaijanis. Mr. Abbasi's name is mentioned in the report.
26 September 2006	The Student Union (Islamic) of the Zenjan University issued a defiant support to Mr. Abbasi
23 September 2006	A news item by the Voice of America refers to Mr. Abbasi
17 September	An update by DunAzHAK to the UN office of HCHR
12 September 2006	Amnesty International issues an Urgent Action (MDE 13/101/2006) and campaigns for the immediate and unconditional release of this prisoner of conscience
11 September 2006	The second closed-session court but the lawyer was allowed in
10 September 2006	The lawyer revives the release on bail and objects to solitary confinement
5 September 2006	A complaint by DunAzHAK to the UN office of HCHR
7 Septemebr	Mr Khelili is appointed as the lawyer but no indication if his presence in the court will be allowed
4 September 2006	The first closed-session trail and without the presence of the lawyer; still the parents are intimidated
2 September 2006	A letter by DunAzHAK to the UN Office of HCHR making a case for Mr. Abbasi
31 August 2006	An article by Seid Neimi: <i>Rza will never submit</i>
30 August 2006	Security agents finally yield and allow the file to be transferred to the court. He still has no access to his lawyer, his parents are intimidated and he is kept in the quarantine unit of the prison (solitary unit)
19 August 2006	The letter by DunAzHAK including the case of Mr. Abbasi
12 August 2006	The letter by DunAzHAK including the case of Mr. Abbasi
7 August 2006	Mr Abbasi's father suffering from diabetes is under increasing pressure to conform with the authority
6 August 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On the 50th day of detention but still indecision by the authority• The parents were called to the interrogation for the second time• Chronic threatening telephone calls by security agents to the parents often using foul language• The parents are forbidden to give information to the media• The Judge (Naqilu) plays animosity games with the family on the arrangement for releasing
30 July 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The lawyer (Mr. Dadkhah) is angry that he is not allowed to visit his client.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family members are intimidated for appointing a lawyer and threatening with more detention Apparently, there is file for Mr. Abbasi in the court and he is still in the Quarantine unit
29 July 2006	The judge (Naqilu) is employing all sorts of infantile games to postpone the release e.g. he did not turn up in the court
24 July 2006	The lawyer (Mehemmed Eli Dadkhah) unable to visit Rza, is hoping to release him on bail
17 July	Various political organisations called for the immediate release
11 July 2006	A statement by the Islamic Society of Zenjan University undersigned by some 50 Alumni of the university
10 July 2006	A statement by the Student Union (Islamic) of the Zenjan University expressing their solidarity with Rza Abbasi and other Southern Azerbaijani activists
9 July	A letter of support by Seid Metinpur: <i>where is Rza?</i>
8 July	EdvarNews reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The charge: insulting the leadership Transferred to Zenjan Prison No access to a lawyer
4 July 2006	A statement of support from the Iranian Alumni organisation calling for his immediate and unconditional releases
29 June 2006 Amnesty International: MDE 13/074/2006	On 27 June, Reza Abbasi, a member of ASMEK Association for the Defence of Azerbaijani political prisoners) and of the Office for Strengthening Unity (Daftar-e Tahkim-e Vahdat), a student body, was reportedly arrested in Zenjan after he refused to comply with a verbal summons to attend an Intelligence Ministry facility for interrogation.
28 June 2006	Transferred to Zenjan Prison without being charged; no access to family or lawyer
27 June 2006	Arrested in the evening; he was summoned verbally for the interrogation in the morning, but ignored it on the grounds that the basis for the summoning was illegal.
Previous detention	As the four founding members were arrested in early April 2004, so the functioning of ASMEK was hampered for a few month but was regrouped and resumed its function after a few months.
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the four founders of ASMEK (the other three are Seid Neimi, Ilqar Merendli and Elirza Qulunju) A founder of the Islamic Society of the University of Zenjan, A cofounder of the Iranian Alumni Also contributed to the feminist movement
Personal Details	<p>Date of birth: Born in 1979</p> <p>Education: first degree in mathematics and an alumni of the university of Zenjan</p> <p>Occupation: journalist (working in <i>Medom-e-nov</i> published in Zenjan) and also a teacher (mathematics)</p> <p>Marital status Single</p>