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Mrs. Harrison, Amnesty International, London

CC The Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva,
Please circulate this letter to The Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, also
this would be of interest to:

- The Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression
- Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
- The Independent Expert on Minority Issues

Dear Mrs. Harrison,

**Re VIOLATION OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND ASSOCIATION OF
SOUTHERN AZERBAIJANIS BY IRANIAN AUTHORITIES**

Please find enclosed list of Southern Azerbaijanis that have been arbitrarily arrested in relation to the commemoration of the Anniversary of the Southern Azerbaijani National Government (1945-46), normally referred to as 21 Azer. The attached information includes:

Table 1: An overview of the individuals whose human rights to freedom of expression and association were violated by Iranian authorities during the last few weeks

Table 2: More detail on Mr. Mohsun E'TISHAMI

Table 3: More detail on Mr. Khudayar TEYMURI and Mr. Elyaz YEKENLI

Table 4: The suppression of yet another students' publication in Urmu

We would like to highlight the case of Mr. Elyaz Yekenli. He is a journalist and the editor-in-charge of the Azerbaijani Turkic pages of *Seda-ye-Urmiye*. He was also arrested on 2 June 2006 by Iranian authorities and detained until his release on bail on 11 November 2006, after 5 months of detention. He was tortured when in detention, see our letter: 350B/2006 on 19 July 2006 and your campaign MDE 13/098/2006 on 25 August 2006. The situation is that:

- His family and particularly his father was repeatedly threatened by security agents;
- His family is subjected to a financial situation by intimidating acts of the authorities and the arbitrary detentions, undermining the operation needs of his 2 years old son due to laryngeal narrowing;
- The tortures inflicted on him during his first detention has left a residue of kidney and heart problems; and
- Upon his release, he vowed to remain defiant.

We have the fear of a real risk of torture and your campaign for his safety is desperately needed. We thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

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

Table 1 Detained Individuals or Activists in the Last Few Weeks, related to the Anniversary of the National Government of Southern Azerbaijan (1945-46)		
No.	Name, Surname	Details
Erdebil		
1	Mohsun E'tishami	Abducted on 29 November 2006 by the Ministry of Intelligence agents Source: ASMEK and http://haqqimiz.blogfa.com/post-276.aspx
Merend		
2	Ismmail Ekberi	Students were gathered in a city square and were celebrating the Anniversary of the National Government by fireworks and enchanting songs on 12 December 2006 at 6.00 p.m. but four of them were detained by the Ministry of Intelligence agents to disperse them. Source: http://atn.tumrus.net/?subaction=showfull&id=1166005477&archive=&start_from=&ucat=1& No further information is yet available
3	Kerim Esgerzade	
4	Resul Nezeri	
5	Seyid Elirza Bedr Miranu	
Tebriz		
6	Summoning activists to interrogations	According to news received by the Tumor website on 11 December 2006, activists in Tebriz were summoned by the Ministry of Intelligence offices in Tebriz for interrogation. No name is given for those were summoned to the Ministry of Intelligence http://atn.tumrus.net/?subaction=showfull&id=1165862939&archive=&start_from=&ucat=1&
Urmu		
7	Khudayar Teymuri	Arrested on 12 December 2006 in his shop in Urmu and is still in detention. He was detained in the May 2006 Mass Protests and was subsequently expelled from the University of Urmu. Source: http://www.baybak.com/Baybak/?p=3751 and http://haqqimiz.blogfa.com/post-305.aspx
8	Elyaz Yekenli (Sahibeli Khudabekhsh)	Abducted for 12 days since 12 December 2006, called him home to informed them that he has been detained in Urmu by the Ministry of Intelligence agents. He is a journalist and was detained in relation to the May 2006 Mass Protests Source: http://haqqimiz.blogfa.com/post-305.aspx
9	Atabay	The licence of this student publication was revoked and its publication banned by the authority after releasing two issues. Source: http://haqqimiz.blogfa.com/post-293.aspx



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Table 2 The Information on the Abduction of Mr. Mohsun E'tishami

Source: <http://haqqimiz.blogfa.com/post-276.aspx>

Mohsun E'tishami is in an undisclosed location

According to a certain source from the national movement of Southern Azerbaijan, Mohsun E'tishami, an Azerbaijani Turkic activist from Erdebil, was arrested on Wednesday 29 December 2006 by agents of Ministry of Intelligence in Erdebil and were taken to an undisclosed location. After a week since his arrest, he has not contacted with his family or lawyer and not visited them.

The Ministry of Information officials in Erdebil leave the questions of Mr. Etishami's families unanswered and therefore his family has no idea about his whereabouts and therefore extremely worried about his safety.

The news item was compiled on 7 December 2006.

Note: The situation still remains unchanged, as far as we are aware.

The Source Document on the Abduction of Mr. Mohsun E'yishami

[محسن اعتشامی در مکان نامعلوم](#)

بنا به گزارش منابع حرکت ملی آذربایجان **محسن اعتشامی** از فعالین ترک در شهر اردبیل که از ظهر روز چهارشنبه ۸ آذر توسط ماموران اداره کل اطلاعات استان دستگیر و به مکان نامعلومی انتقال داده شده است پس گذشت بیش از یک هفته از زمان بازداشت هنوز با خانواده و وکیلش هیچ گونه تماس تلفنی و حضوری نداشته است. اداره اطلاعات اردبیل تمام درخواست های خانواده اعتشامی را که از محل نگهداری محسن اعتشامی آگاه نیستند بی جواب گذاشته است و این خانواده به شدت نگران سلامت فرزندشان هستند.

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Table 3 Detention of Mr. Khudayar Teymuri and Mr. Elyaz Yekenli: Source: <http://haqqimiz.blogfa.com/post-305.aspx>

Khudayar Teymuri is detained by the Ministry of Information

According to UrmuNews Services, Khudayar Teymuri, a Southern Azerbaijani activist, is still kept in the detention facilities of the Ministry of Information in Urmu in Sheher Chayi Street. Visiting him has been banned since the arrest on 12 December 2006 in his workplace in Kheyam Street.

His family is in dark on his condition and worried. According to the information received from the shop of this Southern Azerbaijani activist, a number of CDs and some leaflets related to the national government anniversary were discovered from the shop. Khudayar Teymuri took part in the May 2006 Mass Protests in Urmu but was released later. However, the disciplinary committee of the Technical Faculty of Urmu University expelled him from doing his course. Khudayar is the son of the well known Urmu poet, Firidun Teymuri.

UrmuNews also reports that Sahibeli Khudabekhshi (Elyaz Yekenli), a journalist and the editor in-charge of the Azerbaijani Turkic pages of the weekly newspaper of *Seda-ye-Urmiye* had a telephone contact with his family in the village Yeken, near Merend after being lost for 12 days. He informed that he was being kept in a detention facility attached to the Ministry of Intelligence, Urmu. It should be explained that Mr. Khudabekhshi was arrested in Urmu in relation to the fireworks for celebrating the national government (1945-46) in Imam Street and was taken to the detention facilities of the Ministry of Intelligence in Urmu without being able to communicate the situation to his family. According to the latest information, the file of this activist and journalist of Southern Azerbaijan, has been transferred to Branch 5 of the Revolutionary Court in Urmu. However, he himself is still kept in the detention facilities in Sheher Chayi Street, near Taliqani Street. Mr. Khudabekhsh was released one month ago from Merend and Tebriz prisons and is severely suffering from tortures that he was subjected to in those prisons.

The news was compiled on 24 December 2006

The Source Document : <http://haqqimiz.blogfa.com/post-305.aspx>

[خدايار تيموري در بازداشتگاه وزارت اطلاعات به سر مي برد](#)

به گزارش گروه خبری اورمو نیوز **خدايار تيموري** یکی از فعالین حرکت ملی آذربایجان که در روز ۲۱ آذر در محل کار خود در خیابان خيام توسط اداره اطلاعات اورمیه دستگیر شده بود، همچنان ممنوع الملاقات بوده و در بازداشتگاه اداره اطلاعات اورمیه در خیابان شهر چایي به سر مي برد.

خانواده این فعال آذربایجانی از وضع وی بی اطلاع بوده و اظهار نگرانی می کنند. بنا به برخی خبر ها از مغازه این فعال آذربایجانی تعدادی سی دی مرتبط با حرکت ملی و برخی بیانیه های ۲۱ آذر کشف شده است. خدايار تيموري که در اعتراضات خرداد ماه اورمیه هم دستگیر شده بود بعد از آزادی از زندان با حکمی از سوی کمیته انضباطی دانشکده فنی اورمیه از دانشگاه اخراج شده است. خدايار فرزند شاعر اورمیه ای فریدون تيموري است.

اورمو نیوز همچنین گزارش داده است که صاحبعلی خدا بخشي (انلیاز ینکنلی) نیز در بازداشتگاه وزارت اطلاعات در اورمیه زندانی است.

بنا به اظهارات خانواده **صاحبعلی خدا بخشي** (انلیاز ینکنلی) روزنامه نگار و مسئول صفحات تورکی هفته نامه صدای اورمیه که قریب به ۱۲ روز پیش مفقود شده بود، در تماس کوتاه با خانواده خود در روستای یکان مرند گفته است که در اورمیه و در بازداشتگاه وزارت اطلاعات به سر مي برد. لازم به توضیح است آقای خدا بخشي روز ۲۱ آذر همزمان با جشن های نور افشانی شهر اورمیه در خیابان امام دستگیر و بدون اطلاع خانواده و دوستان به بازداشتگاه وزارت اطلاعات انتقال یافته است. بنا به آخرین خبر ها پرونده این فعال و روزنامه نگار آذربایجانی به شعبه ۵ دادگاه انقلاب اورمیه ارسال شده است ولی خود وی همچنان در بازداشتگاه اداره اطلاعات اورمیه که در خیابان شهر چایي جنب بیمارستان طالقانی است بسر مي برد. آقای خدا بخشي که یک ماه پیش از زندان مرند آزاد شده بود از بیماری هایی که در زندان مرند و تبریز گرفتار آن شده بود بشدت رنج مي برد.

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Table 4 The Information on the Shutting down Atabay



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Source: <http://haqqimiz.blogfa.com/post-276.aspx>

Urnu University: Every month two Azerbaijani Turkic publications are shut down

According to news Webblog of *Southern Azerbaijani Students Movement*, *Atabay* students' publication was shut down after two releases, accused of *separatism*, *publishing false materials*, *distorting the history of Azerbaijan* and *creating anxiety in public opinion*. The *Atabay* publication was stopped after two issues, which was released from the Arts Faculty of Urnu University. *Atabay* had obtained its licence in October 2006 and the licence holder was Vehid Yehyevi Azer. It should be mentioned that *Atabay* is the sixth publication shut down within three months. The others are: *Ulus*, *Oyanish*, *Haray*, *Yashil* and *Yol*.

Compiled on 16 December 2006.

The Source Document on the Shutting down *Atabay*

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be گزارش وبلاگ خبری "جنبش دانشجویی آذربایجان" **نشریه دانشجویی آیاتای** بعد از دو شماره انتشار به اتهام تجزیه طلبی نشر اکاذیب و تحریف تاریخ آذربایجان و تشویش اذهان توقیف شد. نشریه آیاتای که در دانشکده هنر دانشگاه ارومیه منتشر می شد پس از نشر ۲ شماره توقیف شد. آیاتای مجوز خود را در آبانماه ۸۵ به مدیر مسئولی **وحید یحوی** **آذر** گرفته بود. لازم به یادآوریست که آیاتای ششمین نشریه است که در عرض ۳ ماه بعد از اولوس اویانیش - هارای - یاشیل - یول بیر توقیف می شود.

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