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The Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, Please circulate this Communication to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights defenders, also this of interest to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special Rapporteur for the Right to Health• Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers• The Working Group on Arbitrary Detention• Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance• The Independent Expert on Minority Issues CC Mr. Dyke and Mrs. Harrison, Amnesty International, London UNESCO and various news media	Mr. Seid Metinpur  A Southern Azerbaijani prisoner of conscience

Dear sir/madam

UPDATE 4: MR. METINPUR WAS TORTURED WITH URGENT NEED TO MEICAL CARE

Further to our Update No 3 (Ref. 475/2007, Date 21 December 2007), please find enclosed Update No 4 to safeguard human rights of Mr. Seid Metinpur, a distinguished human rights defender of Southern Azerbaijan persecuted arbitrarily by Iranian authorities.

We have received reliable accounts on the ordeal suffer by Mr. Metinpur while in detention. Table 1 draws on from a number of sources and is consistent, indicating that the Iranian authorities have tortured Mr. Metinpur to force a confession for the terms dictated by the security officials. We have been underlining the issue of torturing for a forced confession as a serious issue and hope that you are using your mandates to make appropriate representations against the Iranian authorities.

We would like to stress that the compilation and submission of these Communications are our initiative and we have not consulted with the victims' family members or anyone representing their interests. We have to state this to manage reprisal risks against the victims by the Iranian authorities.

Once again we appeal to your kind attention to this case as Mr. Metinpur need urgent medical attention. We hope you will act swiftly in mobilising your campaign for the release of Mr. Metinpur. Thank you in advance for your care.

Yours faithfully,

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



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Table 1 The Recent Information Emerged on Mr. Seid Metinpur

Basic Information

Detained: 25 August 2007
Home city: Zengan (a city in Southern Azerbaijan ruled by the Islamic Republic of Iran)
Place kept: He is now kept in Wing 209 of Evin Prison

Now Mr. Metinpur is entering his ninth month of detention, yet to be indicted, to access to a lawyer, let alone a lawyer of his choice, and yet to be tried. It was early in October 2007 when Mr. Mehemedrza Feqihi, a lawyer, was denied of visiting Mr. Metinpur or of representing him. He has been transferred to a number of detention facilities including Evin prison in Tehran. The last transfer took place on 4 December 2007 to Wing 209 of Evin prison.

Ever since Mr. Metinpur's detention, he has not been indicted; has been consistently denied of access to a lawyer, let alone a lawyer of their choice; has not been tried but and seemingly he has been detained indefinitely.

Of the 245 denetion days on 24 January 2008, Mr. Metinpur endured 45 days in solitary confinement in a completely dark and thoroughly unhygienic cell and was constantly tortured; 205 days of his total duration in the detention has been condemned to solitary confinement; and now he is jailed in Evin prison in a cell shared by a few. The latest news is that Mr. is suffering from skin infection, although it is difficult to know whether this is because of unhygienic conditions that he has been kept in, torture that he has endured or possibly the impact of some sort of drugging.

Mrs. Etiyye Metinpur visited her husband in Evin prison for the first time on 17 December 2007 – on the 207th day of the detention. According to her, Seid had massively lost weight and was suffering from a heavy hair loss. He was severely tortured and security officials had exerted unbearable pressures on him to take part in a TV program to confess to the dictated charges.

An Iranian opposition prisoner had met Seid Metinpur for a short duration in the prison and after being released issued a statement saying that: in the prison I came to meet an individual called Seid Metinpur for a short duration and his torturers were inserting slippers and jugs into his mouth and were telling him “as you are demanding education in your mother language, therefore you have to bray in your mother language.”

This untold torture was also paralleled with exerting pressure to Metinpur's family commenced from day 1 of the detention. As Seid Metinpur did not yield to torture, the Ministry of Information summoned his brother, Elirza Metinpur, on 28 August 2007 and then arrested him. His brother has been in detention for some four months and suffered much the same fate. The Metinpur family has expressed their anxiety for their loved ones



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and are demanding for their lawful treatment.