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Amnesty International, London

CC High Commiserate of Human Rights, Geneva

Dear Mrs. Harrison

It is now only an “open secret” that the national movement of (Southern) Azerbaijan has reached a new height in pursuing justice for Azerbaijanis by democratic means. Starting from the last week, the protesting voice of Azerbaijan is sweeping through all the cities of Azerbaijan as well as Tehran . This struggle still keeps gathering momentum owing to the participation of millions of Turkic Azerbaijanis in a background where the ruling police forces are engaged in their brutal suppression. If we remain silent to this struggle, a tragic consequence cannot be ruled out. We bear in mind that now we can be a victim of the wear-n-tear tricks deployed against us to undermine our *morale* through being arrested in thousands but being partially set free to the point of losing our initiatives.

Our latest information indicates that up to 1000 Azerbaijani participants of this resistance have suffered injuries, even paid the ultimate price or in detention. Naturally, we are holding the Iranian state responsible for their actions in any loss of life, the safety of those injured and whatever inflicted on the detained.

We are enclosing the translation of the statement issued by ASMEK together with the source document. Also, on the top of this statement we received authentic information from other channels of our committee on the conditions of the injured people and express our concern about these fellow human beings. We are listing below those who still suffer detention. We should also add that the conditions of the injured fellows in the hospitals are extremely concerning. Among these information items we learn about those who have been transferred from the hospital to detention centres and subjected to tortures for a confession. We are confident that the most effective way to ensure their safety is only the expression of solidarity or support by international organisations.

The name list of those under detention includes:

1. Javad Ezimi - Urmu
2. Mehemed Jabbari - Urmu
3. Sejjad Aghabala zade – Urmu
4. Behzad Shabsavri – Urmu
5. Yashr Hashemiyan – Urmu



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6. Mehdi Tereqqi – Urmu
7. Esger Ekberzade – Erdebil
8. Elireza Yusefi Sadat – Erdebil
9. Huseyin Sebebi – Erdebil
10. Reza Sheebani – Erdebil
11. Eli Ojaq zade – Marand
12. Huseyin Elizade – Marand
13. Mehdi Huseyin Zadegan – Marand
14. Hamid Mehemed pur – Marand
15. Qulamriza Babai – Marand
16. Mesud Hebibvend – Marand
17. Behbud Quli zade – Qoshachay
18. Shahin Hasani – Qoshachay
19. Calal Kuderlu – Qoshachay
20. Mehemed Huseyni – Khiav
21. Calal Pursadigi – Khiav
22. Yashar Hakkak Pur – Maraga
23. Vehi Sheykh Beygli - Heris
24. Javad Abbasi - Salmas
25. Dr. Heyderoglu - Tebriz
26. Hesən Erk Tebriz
27. Chingiz Bextever – Tebriz
28. The sons of Chingiz Bextever but we do not have their individual names

The list of names received from mainly hospitals of Tebriz is given below:

1. Eli Esger Rafizi,
2. Behmen shahidi,
3. Adil Benna zade,
4. Reshid Pur Mehemed,
5. Mehdi Sultani,
6. Qulam Eli Bennazade,
7. Ilyas Xuda xanli,
8. Mehemed Ferec zade,
9. Tohid Jengju,
10. Rehim Umidi,
11. Qafar Rustemi,
12. Eli Nasiri Sheqaqi,
13. Semed Mededi,
14. Mehemed Yedullahi,
15. Abbas Diljavid,
16. Behnam Shehameti,
17. Emir Eli Shehrek,



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18. Resul Ibrahimi,
19. Huseyn Mehemmedi,
20. Qulam Eli Teymuri,
21. Ismail Rezzaqi,
22. Ebulfezl Imani,
23. Esger Jelaliyan,
24. Mehemmed Hesən Jovheri,
25. Mehdi Sultani,
26. Hemid Ferahani,
27. Reshid Purmehemmed,
28. Emir Ebdullahi,
29. Jelal Penahi.

Naturally, we endeavour to send you the names as they come as our humanitarian duty. We therefore duly request you to use your good offices to express your support to our innocent and repressed people of Southern Azerbaijan .

Yours Sincerely,

Boyuk Resuloglu

For and on behalf of

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

## The Translation of the ASMEK Statement on 25 May 2006

According to the news received from (Southern) Azerbaijan and following their relentless popular protests, many of our cultural and political activists have been arrested all over Azerbaijan .

**Salmas:** Yesterday evening, Mr. Javad Abbasi, who was set free after suffering four months of imprisonment, was re-arrested in Salmas. Security agents raided his home and removed all his personal belongings, CD, books and computer.

**Urmu:** Behzad Shehsavari, a member of the Young Writers Union of Urmu, “BUTA” was arrested by security agents. These arrests also include Mehdi Tereqqi and (another person with unknown first name) Qasimli (Qasimlu). They are detained in the Detention Centre No. 9 of security forces. Another person who is wounded and then transferred into the detention centres includes Yashar Hashimiyan. Some of the arrested ones are injured but they are deprived of medical treatments.



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**Qoshachay** (Miyandoab): Those arrested here includes Jalal Kudurlu, Behbud Quluzade and Shahin Heseni

**Tehran** : on Wednesday round about evening times 9 activist youths were arrested in Veliesr Street while carrying placards in Turkic Azerbaijani. They were subjected to physical violence but set free at 22.30. Their names include: Abbas Eyvezi, Qulamrza (the surname is not known), Yaver Eli-nejad, Huseyn NemetYaeli Namver, Elshen Neqd Pashai, Emir Huseyn, Heseni Shahid.

**Merend**: More than 17 individuals were arrested in the demonstrations on Thursday including: Eli Ojaqzade, Huseyn Elizade, Mehdi Huseyn Zadeqan, Hamid Mahmudpur, Qulamrza babai, and Mesud Hebibi Vend.

**Tebriz**: The General Judge of the Revolutionary Court in Tebriz informed of the 54 individuals being arrested by security agents in relation to protests against the insults by the Newspaper called *Iran* . Yusuf Firuzi the general Judge of the revolutionary court in Tebriz stated that summons have been issued for the arrest of a number of individuals and these will be carried out in a few days time.

**Tebriz**: While the statement by the general judge of the revolutionary court in Tebriz was being issued, the website *Pars* reported of the crackdown in Tebriz arresting 300 individuals. Some of these arrested peoples are in the custody of the Guard forces.

**Urmu**: The Western Azerbaijani commander of security forces stated: 15 individuals of leaders of unrest were arrested on Thursday.

The Committee for the Defence of the Political Prisoners of (Southern) Azerbaijan campaigns for the release of all political prisoners and requests the groups working on human rights to regard the fate of these individuals with due urgency.

Hoping for the liberation of all political prisoners

The Committee for the Defence of the Political Prisoners of (Southern) Azerbaijan

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بر اساس اخبار رسیده از آذربایجان و در پی اعتراضات گسترده مردمی، طی چند روز گذشته ، بسیاری از فعالان سیاسی و فرهنگی در شهرهای مختلف آذربایجان دستگیر شده اند.

دیروز عصر آقای جواد عباسی - معلم که به تازگی پس از تحمل ۴ ماه حبس آزاد شده بود - در سلماس دستگیر شد ماموران با هجوم به منزل وی کلیه لوازم شخصی، سی دی و کتاب و کامپیوتر را با خود برده اند.

در ارومیه نیز بهزاد شهبوساری - عضو کانون نویسندگان جوان ارومیه " بوتنا " - نیز توسط اداره اطلاعات دستگیر شده است . یاشار هاشمیان ، مهدی ترقی و ؟ قاسملو نیز در ارومیه بازداشت و در بازداشتگاه ۹ پله نیروی انتظامی نگهداری میشوند برخی از دستگیر شدگان زخمی هستند ولی اجازه مداوا به آنها داده نمی شود.



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از دستگیر شدگان شهر میاندوآب نیز اسامی بهبود قلیزاده شاهین حسنی و جلال کودریلومشخص شده است.

حوالی عصر چهارشنبه در خیابان ولیعصر تهران نیز تعداد ۹ نفر از جوانانی که پلاکاردهایی به زبان ترکی حمل میکردند توسط نیروی انتظامی دستگیر و پس از ضرب و شتم و شکنجه شدید ساعت ۲۲:۳۰ شب آزاد شدند اسامی ایشان عباس عیوضی، غلامرضا، یاور علی نژاد، حسین نعمتیاحسنی، علی نامور، انلشن نقدیار پاشایی، امیر حسین شاهد گزارش شده است

همچنین روز سه شنبه دوم خرداد، عباس لسانی یکی از فعالان سیاسی شناخته شده در آذربایجان، در اردبیل دستگیر شد. وی از سوی دادگاه انقلاب کلیبر احضار شده و قرار بود امروز چهارشنبه در این دادگاه حاضر شود.

خبر دیگری از شهرستان مرند حاکی است که بیش از ۱۷ نفر در جریان تظاهرات روز سه شنبه دوم خرداد در مرند از جمله؛ علی اوجاق زاده حسین علیزاده، مهدی حسین زادگان، حامد محمودپور، غلامرضا بابایی و مسعود حبیب وند دستگیر شده اند.

پیش از این دادستان عمومی و انقلاب تبریز از دستگیری ۵۴ نفر توسط نیروی انتظامی و امنیتی در جریان ناآرامی‌های روز سه شنبه تبریز در اعتراض به توهین روزنامه ایران، خبر داده بود. یوسف فیروزی دادستان عمومی و انقلاب تبریز همچنین اعلام کرده است که حکم جلب و دستگیری عده‌ای صادر شده که طی چند روز دستگیر خواهند شد.

اظهارات دادستان عمومی و انقلاب تبریز در حالی بر روی سایت خبرگزاری فارس رفت که خبرهای ارسالی از تبریز حاکی از دستگیری و بازداشت بیش از ۳۰۰ تن دارد. تعدادی از دستگیر شدگان در اختیار سپاه پاسداران قرار دارند.

در ارومیه نیز فرمانده نیروی انتظامی آذربایجان غربی گفت: در ناآرامی‌های روز سه شنبه ۱۵ نفر از عوامل اصلی اغتشاش دستگیر شدند.

کمیته دفاع از زندانیان سیاسی آذربایجان خواهان آزادی همه بازداشت شدگان است و خواستار توجه ویژه گروه‌های فعال حقوق بشر نسبت به سرنوشت ایشان میباشد.

به امید آزادی همه زندانیان سیاسی و عقیدتی

کمیته دفاع از زندانیان سیاسی آذربایجان