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Mrs. Harrison, Amnesty International, London

CC: The Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva,  
Please circulate this letter among the following working groups:

- Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (also for Fair Trials)



Mr. Rza Abbasi  
a cofounder of ASMEK

Dear Mrs. Harrison

**Re The CASE OF MR. RZA ABBASI**

We have mentioned the case of Mr. Rza Abbasi in our previous letters, e.g. Ref. 365/2006 on 19 August 2006 and Ref. 361/2006 on 12 August 2006. He is a cofounder of ASMEK (The Committee for the Defence of Southern Azerbaijani Political Prisoners) and you are aware of their reputation as a bastion of human rights in Southern Azerbaijan.

Arbitrary detention is obviously symptomatic of the Iranian way of governance but some of peculiar aspects of this case include:

1. The so called the authorities are actively harassing Mr. Abbasi's family members to get a forced confession
2. They are intimidating Mr. Abbasi's family for appointing a lawyer (this background has not been given in this letter but have been published)
3. When the lawyer turned up in the court to take up the case, the prosecutor was reported to be on leave without a prior notice (as in Item 2 above).

We trust that you are monitoring the case and will support this prisoner of conscience soon.

Yours Sincerely,

Boyuk Resuloglu

For and on behalf of

The Committee for the Defence of the Rights of World Azerbaijanis



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No	The Translations
T R A N S L A T I O N	<p>According to the news received, the Intelligence office in Zenjan has finally succumbed to the resistance of Mr. Rza Abbasi. This office was blocking the transfer of his file to take its legal root but not anymore. Mr. Abbasi has been quarantined in the central prison of Zenjan since 26 July 2006 and was under severe pressure to sign penitence and to undertake an oath for not resuming his activities. In order to achieve their aims, security agents exerted undue pressures on Mr. Abbasi's family members and frequently interrogated them. They wanted to use his parents for a forced silence and thereby they were hoping for penitence. Although diabetic problems of Mr. Abbasi's father have worsened recently and despite severe pressures while in detention, he has expressly stated during a few of his visits with his family that, I will not obey the security agents and if they take confession by force out of me, I expose these acts of the government. The Intelligence office announced yesterday that interrogations have been finalised and file has been sent to the Revolutionary Court.</p> <p>30 August 2006</p>
No	<b>The Source Document see:</b> <a href="http://haqqimiz.blogfa.com/">http://haqqimiz.blogfa.com/</a>
S O U R C E	<p><b>اداره اطلاعات زنجان تسلیم شد</b> بر اساس اخبار رسیده اداره کل اطلاعات زنجان که از سپردن پرونده <b>رضا عباسی</b> به دادگاه امتناع می کرد نهایتاً تسلیم مقاومت این</p> <p>بر اساس گزارش خبرنگار وبلاگ حق از زنجان، مقاومت رضا عباسی عضو موسس کمیته دفاع از زندانیان سیاسی دستگیر شده بوده موجب دلگرمی و تقویت روحیه فعالان هویت طلب و ۱۳۸۳</p> <p>ساعت ۱۱:۱۱ قبل از ظهر توسط 85/06/08 نوشته شده در +</p>