

LIST OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

Union for the Freedom for Political Prisoners of Azerbaijan

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144 persons

After former KGB general Heydar Aliyev came to power in 1993, in Azerbaijan, political repressions began in the country. In 2003, he was replaced by his son Ilham Aliyev, and the repressions against dissidents became systematic. Azerbaijani human rights defenders regularly compile the list of “prisoners of conscience” and political prisoners.

Current list, by August 10, 2020, includes all arrested and convicted on political motives, about whom it was possible to collect detailed information.

This list consists of 8 groups and includes 144 people:

- Group № 1 Journalists and Bloggers – 6 persons
- Group № 2 Members of Opposition Parties and Movements – 7 persons
- Group № 3 Arrested after the rally on July 14-15, 2020 – 4 persons
- Group № 4 Peaceful Believers – 46 persons
- Group № 5 Convicted in Tartar case - 25 persons
- Group № 6 Convicted in Ganja case - 41 persons
- Group № 7 Hostages - 1 person
- Group № 8 Life Term Sentenced – 14 persons

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GROUP № 1

Journalists and bloggers – 6 persons

1. Elchin Ismayilli - the Chief Editor of www.kent.info website



Arrest: 17 February 2017

Charge: Articles 182 (*Extortion*) and 308 (*Abusing official powers*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on 18 September 2017 the Shaki District Court sentenced to 9 years in prison

Judge: Rashid Huseynov

Conclusion:

Elchin Ismayilli is a member of the Supreme Council of the Party of the Popular Front of Azerbaijan (PFPA), he wrote critical articles on corruption, and the arbitrariness of local authorities.

In 2013, he covered the events in Ismayilli (the protests of local residents were suppressed by the police). E. Ismayilli was convicted for his professional activities.

Elchin Ismayilli was prosecuted for critical publications about officials of the Ismayilli district. Before the detention, E. Ismayilli wrote a lot about the opening of a new poultry and livestock complex in Ismayilli in 2013-2014, but this did not happen. Also, E. Ismayilli wrote about lawlessness, unresolved social problems, violation of the rights of the residents of the district. On 15 February 2017 E. Ismayilli suddenly disappeared and 2 days did not have any news about him from his relatives. And only on February 17 the family found out that he was being held in a police station and a criminal case was brought against him.

2. Polad Aslanov – the Chief Editor of www.xeberman.com and www.press-az.com websites



Arrested: 12 June 2019

Charge: Article 274 (*Treason to the state*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

On 14 June 2019 the Sabayil District Court of Baku City chose towards him preventive in form of arrest for the period of 4 months

Sentence: on 16 November 2020 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 16 years in prison

Place of detention: Pre-trial Detention Center of the State Security Service

Conclusion:

Polad Aslanov pleaded not guilty and linked the arrest to his journalistic activities, since in his articles he wrote and mentioned the names of the MNS officers (now the State Security Service) who take bribes from Azerbaijani pilgrims traveling to holy places when they cross the border.

3. Elchin Mammad - the Head of the non-governmental organization (NGO) “*Legal Enlightenment of the Sumqayit Youth*” and the chief editor of the website www.yukselis.info



Arrested: 30 March 2020

Charge: Article 177.2.4 (*Theft of property causing significant damage*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

On 31 March 2020 the Sumqayit City Court chose towards him preventive in form of arrest for the period of 3 months

Sentence: on 14 October 2020 the Sumqayit City Court sentenced to 4 years in prison

Conclusion:

Elchin Mammad pleaded not guilty, saying that his arrest is related to a report published by him the day before on the violation and suppression of human rights in Azerbaijan.

Amnesty International published statement about arrest of Elchin Mammad: “Azerbaijani human rights defender Elchin Mammad was arrested on 30 March 2020 and has been detained since under trumped up charges, after publishing online a critical report on the human rights situation in Azerbaijan. Elchin Mammad should be released immediately and unconditionally.” - <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur55/2069/2020/en/>

Amnesty International Netherlands is holding Urgent Action for Elchin Mammad, which you may find here: <https://www.amnesty.nl/forms/urgentaction-azerbeidzjan-elchin-mammad>

4. Bahruz Aliyev - the chief editor of the website www.nia.az



Arrested: 30 May 2018

Charge: Articles 311.3.2 and 311.3.4 (*Taking bribes, especially large-scale bribery by a group of individuals*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 5 November 2018 Lankaran Grave Crimes Court sentenced him to 8 years and 6 months in prison

Conclusion:

Bahruz Aliyev posted materials about SOCAR's illegal actions on his website. Despite repeated requests to remove these materials from the site, he continued to post new articles.

5. Afgan Sadiqov - the chief editor of the website *Azel TV*



Arrested: 13 May 2020

Charge: Article 182.2.1. (*Extortion by threats by prior agreement of persons*) and 182.2.4. (*Extortion by threats with the purpose of seizing property in a significant amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

On 14 May 2020 the Binagadi District Court chose towards him preventive in form of arrest for the period of 4 months.

Also, the Jalilabad District Court is considering two lawsuits against Afgan Sadiqov - under articles 147.2. (*Libel for committing a serious crime*) and 148 (insult) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on 3 November 2020 Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced him to 7 years in prison

Conclusion:

On the eve of his arrest, Afgan Sadiqov posted a material on facebook entitled "Crime hidden in Takhtakorpyu", in which he claims that two girls in the village of Takhtakorpyu, one of whom is a minor, were sexually assaulted. He stated that there was no objective investigation of these facts. A.Sadiqov also published critical materials about officials of the Executive power of the city of Sumqayit.

6. Aslan Qurbanov - blogger



Arrested: 14 July 2020

Charge: Article 281.2 (*Calls against the state*) and 283.1 (*Incitement of national, religious, social discord*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Court chose towards him preventive in form of arrest for the period of 4 months.

Conclusion:

Blogger Aslan Qurbanov published a post on facebook with statements about the arrest of an activist of the Popular Front of Azerbaijan (PFPA) Party Pasha Umudov and former Defense Minister Rahim Gaziyeu, demanding their release. Aslan Qurbanov suffers from a serious neurological disease and, at the request of the defense, was transferred from the SIZO of the State Security Service to the Medical Institution of the Penitentiary Service.

GROUP № 2

Members of opposition parties and movements – 7 persons

7. Orhan Bakhshly - member of Youth Committee of the PFPA and Vice-Chairman of Khatai branch of Youth Committee of the PFPA



Arrested: 7 May 2018

Charges: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons or organized group in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 18 September 2018 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 6 years in prison

Judge: Mahmud Agalarov

Conclusion:

Orhan Bakhyshly is a member of Youth Committee of the PFPA and deputy chairman of the Khatai branch of PFPA Youth Committee. Chairman of Khatai department Fuad Ahmadli is currently political prisoner. Fuad Ahmadli was arrested on 25 December 2015. On 16 June 2017, Baku City Court on Grave crimes sentenced him to 4 years in prison). Orhan Bakhyshly led active political and social life. He often criticized policy of authorities during different events, and at social networks. He was also responsible for organising various PFPA events.

On the eve of 31 March 2018 rally, organised by National Council of Democratic Forces of Azerbaijan, several members of PFPA were brought to administrative responsibilities: Abdullah Mahmudov to 30 days (on 26 March 2018), Ayaz Qasimov to 15 days (on 29 March 2018), Orhan Bakhyshly to 30 days (on 27 March 2018). All the detainees were accused of committing the offence under Article 535.1 (*Insubordination to legal demands of police*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic on administrative violation. Young activists who organised the rally were arrested on the eve of the rally.

On 3 May 2018, on the World Press Freedom Day, during his speech at the grave of killed journalist Elmar Huseynov O. Bakhyshly accused Azerbaijani authorities in his murder. Already on 7 May he was arrested. Bakhyshly denies the charges, indicating that he does not even smoke. According to activist, drugs were planted to him by police officers.

8. Saleh Rustamov - former head of the executive authority of Gadabay District in 1992-1993, during the rule of the PFPA



Arrested: 8 May 2018

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons or organized group in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic. On 9 May 2018 the Narimanov District Court of Baku City chose towards him preventive him in form of arrest for the period of 4 months

Sentence: On 27 February 2019 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7 years and 3 months in prison

Conclusion:

Saleh Rustamov was the head of the executive authority of Gadabay District in 1992-1993, during the rule of the Popular Front of Azerbaijan. He lived in Russia for the last 20 years. He visited Azerbaijan once in a year. On 8 May while returning home, he was detained in Shamkir District. He was charged in drug trafficking. On 10 May his nephew, Vidadi Rustamov was arrested under same charge.

After 2014-2015 events, independent non-governmental organisations and the representatives of civil society in Azerbaijan became deprived of any possibility to receive financial assistance from foreign donors.

Azerbaijan authorities started persecuting Azerbaijanis who live abroad, and who provide support to the opposition and political prisoners in the country. Since the beginning of May 2018, the arrests of Azerbaijani activists living abroad, but aiding financially, sending donations to Azerbaijan, trying to support with medicine and products the political prisoners - began. There are tenth of people in prison who are not receiving food parcels.

9. Aqil Maharramov - the member of Board of the PFPA



Arrested: 25 May 2018

Charge: Articles 192.2.3 (*Illegal business committed with extraction of income in the significant size by organized group*); 193-1.3.1 and 193-1.3.2 (*Legalization of money or other property obtained by crime committed in the large size*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic. On 25 May court chose preventive measure towards A. Maharramov in form of arrest for the period of 4 months. On 1 June 2018 the Baku Court of Appeal dismissed the complaint on his arrest

Sentence: On 27 February 2019 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 4 years in prison

10. Babak Hasanov - activist of the PFPA



Arrested: 25 May 2018

Charge: Articles 192.2.3 (*Illegal business committed with extraction of income in the significant size by organized group*); 193-1.3.1 and 193-1.3.2 (*Legalization of money or other property obtained by crime committed in the large size*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic. On 25 May 2018 court chose preventive measure towards B. Hasanov in form of arrest for the period of 4 months. On 31 May 2018 the Baku Court of Appeal dismissed the complaint on his arrest

Sentence: On 27 February 2019 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 3 years in prison

Conclusion:

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11. Pasha Umudov - Chairman of District Department of the PFPA



Arrested: on 19 October 2019

Charge: Article 234.2 (*Illegal distribution of narcotics or psychotropic substances*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic. On 24 October 2019, court chose preventive measure against him in form of arrest for period of 3 months.

Sentence: On August 7, 2020, the Narimanov District Court of Baku sentenced Pasha Umudov to 4.5 years in prison

Judge: Vusala Qurbanova

Conclusion:

Pasha Umudov - chairman of District Department/branch of Azerbaijan Popular Front Party and at the same time the driver of Party Chairman Ali Karimli.

Charges against him are falsified. It is yet another charge incriminated by law enforcement agencies against opposition activist.

12. Zamin Salayev – member of the PFPA



Arrested: 20 April 2020

Charge: Articles 147 (*Libel for committing a serious crime*) and 148 (*Insult*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 20 April 2020 the Salyan District Court sentenced him to 2 years and 3 months in prison.

Conclusion:

Zamin Salayev – member of the PFPA, publicly accused the head of the Investigative Department of the Salyan police, Hamza Azizov, of blackmailing a 21-year-old local woman into cohabiting. Family members of the young woman in their video appeal said that the police put pressure on them, demanding not to complain about the actions of the police officer, threatening to arrest them. Instead of an objective investigation, law enforcement agencies arrested and tortured Zamin Salayev and sentenced him to 2 years and 3 months in prison.

13. Niyamaddin Ahmadov - member of the PFPA



Arrested: 16 April 2020

Charge: Article 214-1 (*Financing terrorism*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 16 May 2020, Nasimi District Court of Baku City chose preventive measure against him in form of arrest for period of 4 months

Conclusion:

On 16 April 2020, Niyamaddin Ahmadov was placed in custody for 30 days under administrative detention "for violating quarantine measures and disobeying the lawful demands of a police officer". The Azerbaijani Popular Front Party made a special statement stating that during the administrative arrest N. Ahmadov had been taken out of the Binagadi Temporary Detention Facility and placed in the Pre-trial Detention Center of the State Security Service, where he had

been subjected to torture in the form of inflicting physical injuries by means of beating and with the use of a taser. N. Ahmadov was kept in the SSS Pre-trial Detention Center where he was tortured for 10 days. N. Ahmadov was forced to testify against Ali Karimli and other party members. On 9 May 2020, he was brought back to the Binagadi Temporary Detention Facility. On 16 May 2020, Niyamaddin Ahmadov's 30-day administrative arrest was due to expire. His family, relatives, friends and the journalists were waiting for Niyamaddin Ahmadov at the exit of the Binagadi Temporary Detention Facility, where he had to be kept, but they were unable to meet him. The media wrote about his disappearance. There was no news about Niyamaddin Ahmadov for three days.

Only on 19 May 2020, the Azerbaijan Republic General Prosecutor's Office released the information about the initiation of criminal case against Niyamaddin Ahmadov confirming his detention in the Pre-trial Detention Center of the SSS. In the statement of the General Prosecutor's Office it was indicated that Ahmadov had received money from his fellow villager Qabil Mammadov residing in Germany in order to finance some terrorist organizations.

GROUP № 3

Arrested after the rally on 14-15 July 2020 – 4 persons

14. Muhammad Imanly - member of the PFFA



Arrested: 15 July 2020

Charge: Article 139-1.1 (*Violation of the anti-epidemic regime, sanitary and hygienic or quarantine procedures*) of Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 22 July 2020, the Baku City Sabunchi District Court issued a ruling to impose a preventive punishment measure against M. Imanly in the form of 3-month detention.

Judge: Suleyman Agayev

Conclusion:

The drop in oil prices and the COVID-19 pandemic led to big socio-economic problems in Azerbaijan, which can prompt protests from Azerbaijani citizens. The dictator decided to prevent

possible protests of the population exclusively through of repressions. Already in March 2020, started arrests.

On 13-14 July, there were intense clashes in Tovuz district on the Azerbaijani-Armenian border. As a result of those fights eleven Azerbaijani militaries were killed including the general Polad Hashimov and colonel Ilqar Mirzoyev.

On 15 July 2020, a large rally and demonstration in support of the Azerbaijani army was held in Azerbaijan. A large number of people were marching a long way from the city of Sumgait to the center of the capital of Baku. The protesters passed by the President administrative building and approached the Parliament. According to eyewitnesses, a small group of strangers burst into the Parliament building and damaged the state property. The rally participants said that those people had been provocateurs who had been sent to break the law. On the photos made during the rally, there were captured some employees of the State Security Service (SSS), in particular, the Major General of the SSS and cousin of President Rauf Khalafov himself.

After 15 July, around 150 people were arrests of PFFA functionaries who were accused of premeditated destruction or large-scale property damage, organization of actions facilitating violation of public order or active participation in such actions, as well as resistance or use of violence against the authorities. Those arrested were brutally beaten and demanded to give evidence about the impending coup.

Criminal cases were initiated against 36 citizens under the following Articles: 127.2.1. (organization and participation in intentional infliction causing of a less serious harm to health); 186.2.1. (*Organization and participation in intentional destruction or damage of property*), 233 (*Organization and incitement to activities that facilitate public order violation*) and 315 (*Organization and participation in resistance or use of violence against a state official*) of the Criminal Code of Azerbaijan Republic.

In addition to the listed articles, members of the PFFA Fuad Qahramanli and Mammad Ibrahim were additionally charged under the Article 278 (*Actions directed on violent capture power or violent deduction power in infringement of the Constitution of the Azerbaijan Republic, as well as directed on violent change of constitutional grounds of the states*) of the Criminal Code of Azerbaijan Republic.

15. Nijat Ibrahimov

Arrested: 17 July 2020

Charge: Article 139-1. (*Infection of other person with venereal disease committed by a person who knew to be infected*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 22 July 2020 Nasimi District Court of Baku City chose preventive measure against Nijat Ibrahimov in form of arrest for period of 3 months.

Judge: Solmaz Mustafayeva

16. Samad Gadirov

Arrested: 17 July 2020

Charge: Article 139-1. (*Infection of other person with venereal disease committed by a person who knew to be infected*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 22 July 2020 Nasimi District Court of Baku City chose preventive measure against Samad Gadirov in form of arrest for period of 3 months.

Judge: Tural Alakparov

17. Vugar Valiyev

Arrested: 17 July 2020

Charge: Article 139-1. (*Infection of other person with venereal disease committed by a person who knew to be infected*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 22 July 2020 Nasimi District Court of Baku City chose preventive measure against Vugar Valiyev in form of arrest for period of 3 months.

Judge: Tural Alakparov

GROUP № 4

BELIVERS - 46 people

Members of the Islamic Party

18. Movsum Mardan oglu Samadov – Chairman of the Islamic Party of Azerbaijan



Date of arrest: January 07, 2011

Charge: Articles 28 (*Preparation to a crime*); 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community/organization*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 228.3 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group*) and 278 (*Violent capture power or violent deduction power*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on October 07, 2011 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 12 years in prison

Judge: Eldar Ismayilov

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

Conclusion:

The Islamic Party of Azerbaijan (IPA) was founded in 1991 in Baku and registered in 1992. Although the IPA's registration was revoked in 1995 by the Supreme Court, its activity was not actually banned. Thus, the party is still operating without registration. When Movsum Samadov

was elected as the Party Chairman in 2007, the party applied to the Ministry of Justice for registration. The Ministry did not register the party.

At the IPA General Assembly held on January 02, 2011, Samadov made a speech strongly criticizing President Aliyev for the social situation in the country. In his speech, Samadov referred to articles from the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times* about villas in Dubai reportedly owned by the president and his son, adding that the wealth of the Azerbaijani people and state had been stolen; there were no jobs for Azerbaijani youth despite the country's great wealth; injustice and bribery ruled in the country; the money spent on the Flower Festival to celebrate the birthday of former President Heydar Aliyev was essentially stolen from the people; and idolatry was promoted in the country by idolizing Heydar Aliyev. Samadov's speech went viral on social media networks, particularly on YouTube, leading to broad discussions.

Five days after this speech was made, on January 07, 2011, Samadov and many of his fellows were arrested and charged in preparation of a terrorist act and a coup. However, in court Movsum Samadov and other arrested believers categorically rejected all charges and stated that law enforcement officials planted them weapons during the arrest, then tortured during the investigation. During the trial the prosecution had failed to prove the fact of preparation of terrorist act and a coup. But the court nevertheless agreed with the arguments of the prosecution and sentenced to large period of imprisonment.

19. Ruhulla Akhundzada – member of the IPA



Date of arrest: January 21, 2011

Charge: Articles 28 (*Preparation to a crime*); 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community/organization*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 228.3 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group*) and 278 (*Violent capture power or violent deduction power*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on October 07, 2011 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 11 years and 6 months in prison

Judge: Eldar Ismayilov

Place of detention: Prison No. 15

Conclusion:

Ruhulla Akhundzada passed through the same trumped-up case with Movsum Samadov

20. Abqul Neymat oglu Suleymanov - head of the religious community *Jafari Hayat* (Jafar's Life)



Date of arrest: August 12, 2011

Charge: Articles 228.1 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation or carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies (except for the smooth-bore hunting weapon and ammunition to it), explosives*); 233 (*Organization of actions promoting infringement of a social order or active participation in such actions*); 234.1 (*Illegal purchase or storage without a purpose of selling of narcotics or psychotropic substances in a quantity (amount) exceeding necessary for personal consumption*) and 283.2.1 (*Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility with application of violence or with threat of its application*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on August 10, 2012 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 11 years in prison

Judge: Mayil Bayramov

Place of detention: Prison No. 11

Conclusion:

Abqul Suleymanov is well known in Azerbaijan as a religious activist and influential religious figure. Abqul Suleymanov, who was teaching the Koran and Islamic religion since 2001 on a mobile basis, helped to establish the "National Moral Values" Public Union in 2005.

On 12 August 2011, the Ministry of National Security (MNS) and the Prosecutor General's Office released a joint statement saying Suleymanov and journalist Ramin Jahangir oglu Bayramov and IPA member Arif Gulsuvar oglu Qaniyev who were arrested together with him were suspected of assisting a foreign state and its delegates in conducting enmity against Azerbaijan, as well as inciting mass disorders and violation of public safety, and encouraging people for disobedience. The statement went on to say that Suleymanov, with financial support from the Baku-based Cultural Center of the Islamic Republic of Iran, created and led a radical religious group called "Jafari" without official state registration.

All three were sentenced to pre-trial detention. Although they were subject to a joint investigation, their trials were conducted separately, in conflict with the statement released on 12 August. The district courts sentenced Ramin Bayramov and Arif Qaniyev to 1.5 years in jail (Ramin Bayramov was recognized by Amnesty International as a prisoner of conscience; both men have since been released). But Suleymanov's case was heard by the Baku Court of Grave Crimes. The trial started in August 2012. The last decision about Suleymanov's pre-trial detention was issued by the Sabayil District Court on 6 April 2012. The decision stated that his pre-trial detention was extended to 11 May 2012. This clearly showed that Suleymanov was detained in prison for three months (from May to August 2012) illegally, that is, without a court decision.

During the investigation and at the trial Abqul Suleymanov stated about the falsification of the charges against him and indicated that weapons and drugs were planted by police officers. Abqul Suleymanov is a victim of political repressions against popular religious figures.

21. Elshan Mustafaoglu – scholar and theologian



Date of arrest: December 17, 2014

Charge: Article 274 (*High treason, that is, deliberate action committed by a citizen of the Azerbaijan Republic to the detriment of the sovereignty, territorial integrity, state security or defensibility of the Azerbaijan Republic: changeover to enemy side, espionage, distribution of state secrets to foreign state, rendering assistance to a foreign state, foreign organization or their representatives resulting in hostile activity against the Azerbaijan Republic*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on December 30, 2016 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 10 years in prison

Place of detention: Prison No. 1

Conclusion:

Doctor (Ph.D.) Elshan Mustafaoglu worked in 2006-2007 on *Public TV* and led the most popular program about religion "Friday conversations". Also in 2007, on *ANS TV* he led a program "About God and Religion". At the trial E. Mustafaoglu categorically rejected all the charges and said about systematic tortures during the investigation. The defendant's lawyer Afgan Mammadov stated that there are no materials demonstrating validity of the accusations.

22. Ilham Aliyev – the acting Chairman of the IPA



Date of arrest: February 29, 2020

Charge: Article 274 (*Treason to the Motherland*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic. On March 2, 2020 the Sabayil district court of Baku city chose a measure of restraint arrest for 4 months

Conclusion:

The authorities have been actively persecuting peaceful believers, especially activists of the Islamic party and the Muslim unity movement, for almost 20 years. In 2011, the Chairman of the IPA, Movsum Samadov, was arrested and sentenced to 12 years in prison on charges of attempting to violently overthrow the constitutional order and create a religious state in the country. Ilham Aliyev took his place in the Islamic party and was also arrested

ARRESTED ON *NARDARAN CASE*, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE *MUSLIM UNITY MOVEMENT*

Explanation about *Nardaran case* and *Muslim Unity Movement*

There are arrested at different times and in different places and are the victims of political repressions of regime that brooks no dissent and criticism.

There are all residents of Nardaran village which is located 40 km from Baku, has low standards of living and acute unemployment problem. One of the most respected by Shiites mosques, founded in the 8th century, is located in Nardaran. Nardaran differs from other Baku villages with its religiosity. In 2000, 2002, and 2006, the residents of Nardaran held peaceful protests with socio-economic demands. In June 2002, police carried out military operation in the village, as a result of which 28 people were injured, one died. 23 people were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment on falsified charges; in espionage in favour of Iran, in attempt of violent change of power, and etc. However, as a result of the active work of human rights defenders, none of them remained in the custody after 2005.

On November 26, 2015, there was another police operation in Nardaran. Armed with automatic weapons, the police entered the village and opened heavy fire. As a result, 6 people were killed, including two police officers. Dozens of citizens were arrested. The Ministry of Internal Affairs and General Prosecutor's Office issued the joint statement, in which they explained the use of firearms against the villagers as an operation necessary to neutralise a criminal armed group that functioned under a religious cover, which planned mass riots, terrorist acts and destabilisation of the socio-political situation in the republic.

On July 19, 2016 the trial of 18 defendants in the *Nardaran case* was held in the Baku Grave Crimes Court. During the trial all the accused testified that both the policemen and four residents of Nardaran were killed by the police officers. On the trial defendants informed that the police beaten them to death in a car in which they were transported to the Main Directorate for Combating Organized Crime (MDCOC) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

The accused told about brutal tortures to which they were subjected in the MDCOC. All appeals of lawyers to the Prosecutor's Office to the need of investigation of the facts of tortures and crimes of law enforcement officers were ignored.

Tale Bagirzade testified that he was beaten and tortured more than 30 days so he testified against leader of the opposition Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan Ali Kerimli and chairman of the National Council of Democratic Forces Jamil Hasanli.

During the trial in the Baku Grave Crimes Court, the accused refused the primary testimony given during the investigation, indicating that they had testified under torture.

The majority of those arrested had no lawyers, all witnesses against them were police, and many of believers were convicted without trial. But when conducting trials, there were no evidence against the accused presented at these trials.

We divided political prisoners in so-called *Nardaran case* into three groups.

Group № 1

Arrested from November 5 to November 26, 2015

23. Elvin Hatif oglu Bunyadov

Date of arrest: November 05, 2015

Charge: Articles 228.4 (*Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting*); 233 (*Organization of actions promoting infringement of a social order or active participation in such actions*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority, committed with violence dangerous to life or health*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on August 03, 2016 the Sabunchi District Court of Baku City sentenced to 6 years 1 month and 15 days

Judge: Suleyman Agayev

24. Sahil Khalid oglu Rzayev

Date of arrest: November 05, 2015

Charge: Articles 233 (*Organization of actions promoting infringement of a social order or active participation in such actions*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority, committed with violence dangerous to life or health*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on August 03, 2016 the Sabunchi District Court of Baku City sentenced to 6 years 5 months and 15 days

Judge: Suleyman Agayev

25. Niftali Ashraf oglu Valiyev



Charge: Articles 233 (*Organization of actions promoting infringement of a social order or active participation in such actions*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority, committed with violence dangerous to life or health*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on August 03, 2016 the Sabunchi District Court of Baku City sentenced to 5 years 11 months and 10 days

Judge: Suleyman Agayev

26. Teymur Adilkhan oglu Osmanov

Charge: Articles 233 (*Organization of actions promoting infringement of a social order or active participation in such actions*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority, committed with violence dangerous to life or health*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on August 03, 2016 the Sabunchi District Court of Baku City sentenced to 5 years 11 months and 15 days

Judge: Suleyman Agayev

Group № 2

This group includes arrested on November 26, 2015 believers headed by the Chairman of the *Muslim Unity Movement* Tale Bagirzade

27. Tale Kamil oglu Bagirzade – Chairman of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: Articles 28 (*Preparation to a crime*); 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization)*); 214.2.3. (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of firearms or subjects used as a weapon*); 220.2 (*Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens*); 228.4 (*Illegal purchase, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority, committed with violence dangerous to life or health*) of the Criminal Code.

On May 19, 2016 the investigation brought a new charges under articles 29 (*Attempt to a crime*), 120.2.1 (*Deliberate murder, committed by group of persons, on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community*), 120.2.3 (*Deliberate murder of victims or his close relatives in connection with implementation of a given person of service activity or performance of public debt*), 120.2.4 (*Deliberate murder, committed with special cruelty or in publicly dangers way*), 120.2.7 (*Deliberate murder of two or more persons*) and 120.2.12 (*Deliberate murder on motive of national, racial, religious hatred or enmity*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 20 years in prison
Judge: Aloysat Abbasov
Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

28. Farhad Nasraddin oglu Balayev

Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 14 years and 6 months in prison

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

29. Jahad Balahuseyn oglu Balakishiyev



Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 14 years and 6 months in prison

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

30. Abbas Abdulrahman oglu Quliyev



Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 14 years and 6 months in prison

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

31. Abbas Hafiz oglu Taqizade



Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 14 years and 6 months in prison

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

32. Javad Alibala oglu Valiyev



Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 14 years and 6 months in prison

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

33. Jabbar Amirkhan oglu Jabbarov



Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 19 years in prison

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

34. Ibrahim Mammad oglu Khudaverdiyev



Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 14 years and 6 months in prison

Judge: Alovsat Abbasov

35. Rasim Mirzabala oglu Jabrayilov



Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 17 years in prison

Judge: Alovsat Abbasov

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

36. Ali Khazrat oglu Nuriyev

Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 14 years and 6 months in prison

Judge: Alovsat Abbasov

37. Zakir Tapdiq oglu Mustafayev



Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 14 years and 6 months in prison

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

38. Shamil Adil oglu Abdulaliyev



Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 14 years and 6 months in prison

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

39. Ramin Maharram oglu Yariyev



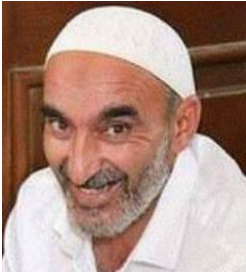
Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 10 years in prison

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

40. Etibar Rasim oglu Ismayilov



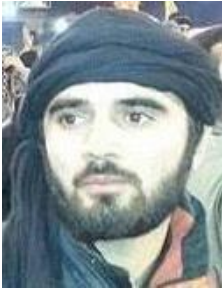
Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 14 years and 6 months in prison

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

41. Bahruz Rahib oglu Askarov



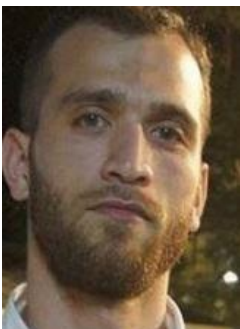
Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 14 years and 6 months in prison

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

42. Abbas Mammadbagir oglu Huseynov



Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

Sentence: on January 25, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 20 years in prison

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

43. Aqil Azer oglu Ismayilov

Date of arrest: November 26, 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

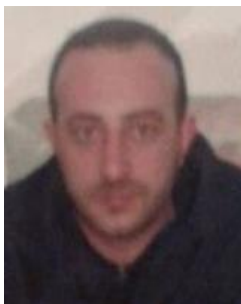
He was sentenced on the process *Nardaran-2*

Sentence: sentenced to 10 years in prison

Group № 3

This group includes believers arrested on Nardaran and other regions of Azerbaijan after November 26, 2015

44. Jabir Sabir oglu Aliyev



Date of arrest: on December 2015

Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization)*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 214-2 (*Public calls for terrorism*), 220.2 (*Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens*); 221.2.2 (*Committed with resistance to representative of the authority, acting as on protection of a social order or stopping infringement of a social order or with resistance to other person*); 228.3 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group*); 228.4 (*Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting*); 279.1 (*Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment*); 281.2 (*Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons*); 283.2.3 (*Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position*) and 315.1 (*Application of violence, resistance with application of violence concerning the representative of authority in connection with performance of official duties by him or application of the violence not dangerous to life or health concerning his close relatives, as well as threat of application of such violence*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on December 06, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 16 years in prison

Judge: Zeynal Agayev

45. Mubariz Eyyub oglu Ibrahimov



Date of arrest: December 01, 2015 in Ganja City

Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization)*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 214-2 (*Public calls for terrorism*); 220.2 (*Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens*); 221.2.2 (*Committed with resistance to representative of the authority, acting as on protection of a social order or stopping infringement of a social order or with resistance to other person*); 228.3 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group*); 228.4 (*Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting*); 279.1 (*Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment*); 281.2 (*Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons*); 283.2.3 (*Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position*) and 315.1 (*Application of violence, resistance with application of violence concerning the representative of authority in connection with performance of official duties by him or application of the violence not dangerous to life or health concerning his close relatives, as well as threat of application of such violence*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on December 06, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 15 years in prison

Judge: Zeynal Agayev

46. Ramil Suliddin oglu Seyfullayev



Date of arrest: November 29, 2015

Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization)*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 214-2 (*Public calls for terrorism*), 220.2 (*Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens*); 221.2.2 (*Committed with resistance to representative of the authority, acting as on*

protection of a social order or stopping infringement of a social order or with resistance to other person); 228.3 (Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group); 228.4 (Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting); 279.1 (Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment); 281.2 (Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons); 283.2.3 (Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position) and 315.1 (Application of violence, resistance with application of violence concerning the representative of authority in connection with performance of official duties by him or application of the violence not dangerous to life or health concerning his close relatives, as well as threat of application of such violence) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on December 06, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 15 years in prison

Judge: Zeynal Agayev

47. Agaali Eldar oglu Yahyayev



Date of arrest: November 05, 2015

Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization); 214.2.3 (Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon); 214-2 (Public calls for terrorism), 220.2 (Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens); 221.2.2 (Committed with resistance to representative of the authority, acting as on protection of a social order or stopping infringement of a social order or with resistance to other person); 228.3 (Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group); 228.4 (Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting); 279.1 (Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment); 281.2 (Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons); 283.2.3 (Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position) and 315.1 (Application of violence, resistance with application of violence concerning the representative of authority in connection with performance of official duties by him or application of the violence not dangerous to life or health concerning his close relatives, as well as threat of application of such violence) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic*

Sentence: on December 06, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 15 years in prison

Judge: Zeynal Agayev

48. Ali Atabala oglu Shahbazov



Date of arrest: December 02, 2015

Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization)*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 214-2 (*Public calls for terrorism*); 220.2 (*Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens*); 221.2.2 (*Committed with resistance to representative of the authority, acting as on protection of a social order or stopping infringement of a social order or with resistance to other person*); 228.3 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group*); 228.4 (*Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting*); 279.1 (*Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment*); 281.2 (*Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons*); 283.2.3 (*Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position*) and 315.1 (*Application of violence, resistance with application of violence concerning the representative of authority in connection with performance of official duties by him or application of the violence not dangerous to life or health concerning his close relatives, as well as threat of application of such violence*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on December 06, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 12 years and 3 months in prison

Judge: Zeynal Agayev

49. Hasan Mammad oglu Mammadov

Date of arrest: on December 2015

Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization)*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 214-2 (*Public calls for terrorism*); 220.2 (*Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens*); 221.2.2 (*Committed with resistance to representative of the authority, acting as on protection of a social order or stopping infringement of a social order or with resistance to other person*); 228.3 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group*); 228.4 (*Illegal*

acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting); 279.1 (Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment); 281.2 (Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons); 283.2.3 (Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position) and 315.1 (Application of violence, resistance with application of violence concerning the representative of authority in connection with performance of official duties by him or application of the violence not dangerous to life or health concerning his close relatives, as well as threat of application of such violence) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on December 06, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 12 years and 3 months in prison

Judge: Zeynal Agayev

50. Mehman Abulfaz oglu Quliyev

Date of arrest: December 01, 2015

Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization); 214.2.3 (Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon); 214-2 (Public calls for terrorism), 220.2 (Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens); 221.2.2 (Committed with resistance to representative of the authority, acting as on protection of a social order or stopping infringement of a social order or with resistance to other person); 228.3 (Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group); 228.4 (Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting); 279.1 (Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment); 281.2 (Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons); 283.2.3 (Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position) and 315.1 (Application of violence, resistance with application of violence concerning the representative of authority in connection with performance of official duties by him or application of the violence not dangerous to life or health concerning his close relatives, as well as threat of application of such violence) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic*

Sentence: on December 06, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 13 years in prison.

Judge: Zeynal Agayev

51. Mehman Balahuseyn oglu Mammadov



Date of arrest: on December 2015

Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization)*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 214-2 (*Public calls for terrorism*); 220.2 (*Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens*); 221.2.2 (*Committed with resistance to representative of the authority, acting as on protection of a social order or stopping infringement of a social order or with resistance to other person*); 228.3 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group*); 228.4 (*Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting*); 279.1 (*Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment*); 281.2 (*Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons*); 283.2.3 (*Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position*) and 315.1 (*Application of violence, resistance with application of violence concerning the representative of authority in connection with performance of official duties by him or application of the violence not dangerous to life or health concerning his close relatives, as well as threat of application of such violence*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on December 06, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 12 years and 3 months in prison

Judge: Zeynal Agayev

52. Amirali Ismayil oglu Aliyev

Date of arrest: on December 2015

Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization)*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 214-2 (*Public calls for terrorism*), 220.2 (*Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens*); 221.2.2 (*Committed with resistance to representative of the authority, acting as on protection of a social order or stopping infringement of a social order or with resistance to other person*); 228.3 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group*); 228.4 (*Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting*); 279.1 (*Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment*); 281.2 (*Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons*); 283.2.3

(Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position) and 315.1 (Application of violence, resistance with application of violence concerning the representative of authority in connection with performance of official duties by him or application of the violence not dangerous to life or health concerning his close relatives, as well as threat of application of such violence) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on December 06, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 12 years and 3 months in prison

Judge: Zeynal Agayev

Members of the Muslim Unity Movement

53. Nahid Nasib oglu Qahramanov



Date of arrest: on December 2015

Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization)*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 214-2 (*Public calls for terrorism*); 220.2 (*Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens*); 221.2.2 (*Committed with resistance to representative of the authority, acting as on protection of a social order or stopping infringement of a social order or with resistance to other person*); 228.3 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group*); 228.4 (*Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting*); 233 (*Organization of actions promoting infringement of a social order or active participation in such actions*); 278 (*Violent capture power or violent deduction power*); 279.1 (*Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment*); 281.2 (*Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons*); 283.2.3 (*Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position*) and 315.1 (*Application of violence, resistance with application of violence concerning the representative of authority in connection with performance of official duties by him or application of the violence not dangerous to life or health concerning his close relatives, as well as threat of application of such violence*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on December 28, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 13 years in prison

Judge: Mayil Bayramov

Conclusion:

Nahid Qahramanov was arrested on November 5, 2012 for participation in the rally "Freedom to a hijab" and sentenced to 4 years. He was recognized as "the prisoner of conscience" and in 2014 released by presidential pardon.

54. Elgun Akhund oglu Akhundov



Date of arrest: December 01, 2015

Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 214-2 (*Public calls for terrorism*), 220.2 (*Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens*); 233 (*Organization of actions promoting infringement of a social order or active participation in such actions*); 228.3 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group*); 228.4 (*Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting*); 278 (*Violent capture power or violent deduction power*); 279.1 (*Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment*); 281.2 (*Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons*); 283.2.3 (*Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position*) and 315.1 (*Application of violence, resistance with application of violence concerning the representative of authority in connection with performance of official duties by him or application of the violence not dangerous to life or health concerning his close relatives, as well as threat of application of such violence*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on December 28, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 12 years and 6 months in prison

Judge: Mayil Bayramov

55. Vusal Nadir oglu Alishov



Date of arrest: on December 2015

Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization)*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 214-2 (*Public calls for terrorism*); 220.2 (*Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens*); 228.3 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group*); 228.4 (*Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting*); 233 (*Organization of actions promoting infringement of a social order or active participation in such actions*); 278 (*Violent capture power or violent deduction power*); 279.1 (*Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment*); 281.2 (*Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons*); 283.2.3 (*Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position*) and 315.1 (*Application of violence, resistance with application of violence concerning the representative of authority in connection with performance of official duties by him or application of the violence not dangerous to life or health concerning his close relatives, as well as threat of application of such violence*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on December 28, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 12 years and 6 months in prison

Judge: Mayil Bayramov

56. Seyfaddin Nurulla oglu Shirvanov

Date of arrest: on December 2015

Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization)*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 214-2 (*Public calls for terrorism*); 220.2 (*Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens*); 228.3 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group*); 228.4 (*Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting*); 233 (*Organization of actions promoting infringement of a social order or active participation in such actions*); 278 (*Violent capture power or violent deduction power*); 279.1 (*Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment*); 281.2 (*Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons*); 283.2.3 (*Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position*) and 315.1 (*Application of violence, resistance with application of violence concerning the representative of authority in connection with performance of official duties by him or application of the violence not dangerous to life or health concerning his close relatives, as well as threat of application of such violence*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on December 28, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 12 years and 3 months in prison

Judge: Mayil Bayramov

57. Isa Tofiq oğlu İbrahimov



Date of arrest: December 18, 2015

Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization)*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 214-2 (*Public calls for terrorism*); 220.2 (*Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens*); 228.3 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group*); 228.4 (*Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting*); 233 (*Organization of actions promoting infringement of a social order or active participation in such actions*); 278 (*Violent capture power or violent deduction power*); 279.1 (*Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment*); 281.2 (*Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons*) and 283.2.3 (*Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on December 28, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 12 years and 3 months in prison

Judge: Mayil Bayramov

58. Farhad Mirza oğlu Muradov



Date of arrest: on December 2015

Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization)*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 214-2 (*Public calls for terrorism*); 220.2 (*Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above*

citizens); 228.3 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group*); 228.4 (*Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting*); 233 (*Organization of actions promoting infringement of a social order or active participation in such actions*); 278 (*Violent capture power or violent deduction power*); 279.1 (*Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment*); 281.2 (*Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons*); 283.2.3 (*Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position*) and 315.1 (*Application of violence, resistance with application of violence concerning the representative of authority in connection with performance of official duties by him or application of the violence not dangerous to life or health concerning his close relatives, as well as threat of application of such violence*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on December 28, 2017 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 12 years and 6 months in prison

Judge: Mayil Bayramov

59. Muhammadali Ruhulla oglu Akhundzade – theologian



Date of arrest: December 28, 2015

Charge: Article 234.2 (*Illegal purchase or storage with a view of selling, manufacturing, processing, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics or psychotropic substances*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On June 30, 2016 the Court of Lankaran City sentenced to 5 years and 6 months in prison

Conclusion:

M. Akhundzade studied at religious educational school (*madrassa*), on social networks wrote critical articles about the policy of the authorities of Azerbaijan. He was arrested after the “Nardaran events”, when come back home from Iran.

M. Akhundzade is a son of Ruhulla Akhundzade (in our list No. 20), who was arrested in 2011 for political reasons. The arrest of members of families of political prisoners who continue to speak critically against policy of authority is common practice in Azerbaijan

60. Elkhan Sayadulla oglu Iskandarov



Date of arrest: March 15, 2017

Charge: On December 2, 2015 wanted under the article 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority, committed with violence dangerous to life or health*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic. When Elkhan Iskandarov was wanted, on May 13, 2016 he was accused with additional charges under the articles: 28 (*Preparation to a crime*); 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 214-2 (*Public calls for terrorism*); 220.2 (*Appeals to active insubordination to legal requirements of representatives of authority and to mass disorders, as well as appeals to violence above citizens*); 233 (*Organization of actions promoting infringement of a social order or active participation in such actions*); 228.3 (*Illegal purchase, transfer, selling, storage, transportation and carrying of fire-arms, accessories to it, supplies or explosives, committed by organized group*); 228.4 (*Illegal acquisition, selling or carrying of gas weapon, cold steel, including throwing weapon, except for districts where carrying of a cold steel is an accessory of a national suit or connected to hunting*); 278 (*Violent capture power or violent deduction power*); 279.1 (*Creation of armed formations or groups, which are not provided by the legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic, and also participation in their creation and activity, supplying them by weapon, ammunition, explosives, military engineering or military equipment*); 281.2 (*Public appeals directed against the state, committed repeatedly or by group of persons*) and 283.2.3 (*Excitation of national, racial or religious hostility committed by person with use of the service position*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on July 11, 2018 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 14 years in prison

Judge: Afgan Hajiyev

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

Conclusion:

E. Iskandarov was prosecuted on Nardaran events in November, 2015. He was charged with the same charges as the activists of the *Muslim Unity Movement*. All arrested in this case are in the list of political prisoners and recognized as political prisoners by *Amnesty International*, *HRW* and other human rights organizations.

61. Ahsan Nuruzade - activists of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: October 06, 2017

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons or organized group in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on March 06, 2018 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7 years in prison

Judge: Sabuhi Huseynov

Conclusion:

Ahsan Nuruzade actively participated in the protection of the rights of arrested members of the *Muslim Unity* Movement, assisted in covering of the trial in media and social networks. In 2016, twice was detained administratively. On October 06, 2017, A. Nuruzade was again detained in the courtyard of his house by persons in civilian clothes. Three days the lawyer appealed to the police and the courts, trying to establish his location. But only on the evening of October 09, 2017 in the Pre-trial Detention Center No. 1 of Kyurdakhani confirmed that A. Nuruzade transferred to the detention centre.

62. Shamkhal Eyvazov - activists of the *Muslim Unity* Movement



Date of arrest: April 27, 2018

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons or organized group in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Place of detention: Pre-trial Detention Center No. 1 of Kyurdakhani

Conclusion:

Shamkhal Eyvazov is a theologian, studied in Iran in the Qum City, actively participated in publishing site www.sizinyol.com . For this, his family for a long time is controlled by the police. On April 16, 2018, Shamkhal Eyvazov together with his brother Migdad Eyvazov passed a customs inspection at the border with Iran and were detained and taken to the Main Directorate for Combating Organized Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Azerbaijan, where illegally

detained more than 4 days. Only then they announced a ban on leaving the country. The arrest of Eyvazov Shamkhal is a continuation of repressions against peaceful believers.

63. Elvin Murvat oglu Muradov - activists of the *Muslim Unity* Movement



Date of arrest: March 13, 2020

Charge: Article 228.1 (*Traffic in weapons*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Place of detention: Pre-trial Detention Center No. 1 of Kyurdakhani

Conclusion:

Elvin Muradov was first detained by law enforcement agencies on February 5, 2020 when returning from Moscow (Russia). But then, after holding him for several hours in the Department for combating serious crimes of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, he was released in the evening. However, on March 13, he disappeared and there was no information about him for three days. Only on March 16, his family was officially informed that E. Muradov had been charged under article 228.1 of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

According to his family, the reason for the arrest of Elvin Muradov was that he wrote and sang songs about the Chairman of the "Muslim Unity" movement Tale Bagirzade, as well as about other political prisoners.

GROUP № 5

Sentenced on Tartar Case - 25 persons

64. Emil Abdulnasir oglu Aliyev



Arrested: January 15, 2018

Charge: Articles 150.2.1 (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organised group*); 274 (*state betray*) and 338.1 (*Infringement of rules on implementing fighting service*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On August 16, 2018 Ganja Military Court sentenced to 12 years in prison.

Chief Judge: Vugar Mammadov

Judges: Salman Huseynov, Vidadi Nasirov

Conclusion:

In 2011, Emil Aliyev completed military service with excellent service track characteristics at Military Unit # N in Tovuz Region, AR, and he was demobilized from army. After arrests in spring and summer of 2017, in Tartar region, he was summoned to the prosecutor's office on January 15, 2018. He was arrested and sentenced to 12 years in prison 7 years after expiration of military service in 2011.

65. Emin Abilov



Arrested: On May 7, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organised group*), 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On July 9, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 15 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

66. Orhan Nariman oglu Babayev



Arrested: on May 7, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organised group*); 274 (*State betray*), including 8 more Articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On July 9, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 15 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

67. Natiq Altay oglu Quluzade



Arrested: On May 5, 2017

Charge: 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organised group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On July 9, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 16 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

68. Vali Sovkhoz oglu Khalilov



Arrested: On May 7, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organised group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On July 9, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 10 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

69. Nijat Qabil oglu Rzayev



Arrested: On May 15, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organised group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On July 9, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 15 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

70. Zaur Akif oglu Abdullayev



Arrested: On May 5, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organised group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On July 9, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

71. Yalchin Amir oglu Tarverdizade

Arrested: On May 7, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organised group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On July 9, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 9 years in prison.

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

72. Ismayil Intiqam oglu Huseynov



Arrested: On May 7, 2017

Charge: Articles 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On August 1, 2018 Baku Military Court sentenced to 16 years in prison

73. Sadayil Mikayil oglu Shukyrov

Arrested: On January 15, 2018

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On August 16, 2018 Ganja Military Court sentenced to 11 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Vugar Mammadov

Judges: Salman Huseynov, Vidadi Nasirov

74. Sultan Ramazan oglu Zeydullaev

Arrested: On May 7, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On June 14, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 20 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

75. Rauf Rashid oglu Orujev

Arrested: On May 8, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On June 14, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 7 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

76. Atabey Muqabil oglu Rahimov



Arrested: On May 10, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On June 14, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 20 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

77. Emin Qadir oglu Adilzade

Arrested: On May 7, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On June 14, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 16 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

78. Mirpasha Zahid oglu Mehdiyev

Arrested: On May 7, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On June 14, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 8 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

79. Faiq Alibey oglu Ahmadov



Arrested: On May 7, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On June 14, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 20 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

80. Nasif Mehman oglu Aliyev



Arrested: On May 7, 2017

Charge: Article 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On June 14, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 20 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

81. Majid Kamal oglu Qasimov

Arrested: On May 7, 2017

Charge: Article 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On June 14, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 9 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

82. Mushfiq Seymur oglu Ahmadli



Arrested: On May 7, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On June 14, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 16 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

83. Alizamin Alimdar oglu Quliyev

Arrested: On May 7, 2017

Charge: Article 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On June 14, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 7 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

84. Turan Maarif oglu Ibrahimli



Arrested: On May 7, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On June 14, 2018 Tartar Military Court sentenced to 9 years in prison.

Presiding Judge: Ilqar Quliyev

Judges: Ahmad Sariyev, Vidadi Nasirov

85. Teymur Israyil oglu Hasanov

Arrested: On May 14, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On October 8, 2018 Ganja Military Court sentenced to 15 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Vugar Mammadov

Judges: Salman Huseynov, Vidadi Nasirov

86. Faiq Arif oglu Aliyev

Arrested: On May 14, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On October 8, 2018 Ganja Military Court sentenced to 15 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Vugar Mammadov

Judges: Salman Huseynov, Vidadi Nasirov

87. Nusrat Farhad oglu Qurbanov

Arrested: On May 14, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On October 8, 2018 Ganja Military Court sentenced to 15 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Vugar Mammadov

Judges: Salman Huseynov, Vidadi Nasirov

88. Suleyman Eynulla Hajiyev

Arrested: On May 14, 2017

Charge: Articles 150.2.1. (*Violent actions of sexual nature, committed by a group of persons, by a group with a premeditated conspiracy or by an organized group*); 274 (*State betray*) and other articles of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: On October 8, 2018 Ganja Military Court sentenced to 15 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Vugar Mammadov

Judges: Salman Huseynov, Vidadi Nasirov

Conclusion:

On May 7, 2017 the Prosecutor General, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Internal Affairs and State Security Service issued a joint statement on revealing a group of military personnel and civilians that have been compromising military secrets to the intelligence and special units of the Armenian Armed Forces (for mere satisfaction of «material interests»). Authorities opened a criminal case with article 274 (State treason) of the Criminal Code of Azerbaijan and launched a special investigative group with the members of the above-mentioned agencies. On May 7 the wave of arrests affecting not just the military but also civilian residents of the villages in close proximity of the frontline, targeted mainly Tartar region. On May 7-8 media reported 47 arrests within one day, yet they did not specify names of the detainees. After that date press stopped reporting the arrests, yet unconfirmed information from the frontline suggested that number of arrested people reached 400 by May 17.

People were taken from their homes or from the work places. The arrests were taking places without providing the accused with the lawyer, the imprisonment was happening without the court decisions. Journalists and editors reporting on these arrests were called into the Prosecutor general's office to warn them against distribution of «state secrets».

On May 16, 2017 IPD already started receiving information about individuals tortured to death. Finally, was provided information about death of 7 people killed without investigation or trial. The information on the website of IPD:

<https://www.ipd-az.org/law-enforcement-agencies-of-azerbaijan-sanction-murders/>

and

<https://www.ipd-az.org/aliyevs-regime-will-not-succeed-in-hiding-the-killings-of-citizens-of-azerbaijan/>

The bodies were not passed to the families of the killed, they were buried, in such way, trying to prevent of seeing bodies mutilated under tortures.

However, some were managed to see the disfigured bodies of their loved ones.

In 2018 closed trials took place. Military prosecutor Khanlar Veliyev fabricated charges against almost 100 citizens of Azerbaijan Republic. IPD managed to receive only two verdicts:

1. Verdict under No.1 (098) - 146/2018, issued by the Tartar Military Court on July 9, 2018, which sentenced 7 military to long term in prison - <https://www.ipd-az.org/ru/the-trial-of-7-persons/>

2. Verdict under No. 1-1 (095)-163/2018, issued by the Ganja Military Court on August 16, 2018, which sentences Emil Aliyev to 12 years in prison - <https://www.ipd-az.org/ru/another-unbased-accusation-of-change-of-the-homeland/>

Currently, the names of 25 citizens who were convicted on trumped-up charges of treason, etc. are known.

GROUP № 6

Sentenced on “Ganja case” – 41 persons

89. Maarif Hajiev

Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Articles 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on February 22, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 9 years in prison

Presiding judge: Natiq Aliyev

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Khagani Samadov

90. Shahlar Rzayev

Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Articles 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on February 22, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 8,5 years in prison

Presiding judge: Natiq Aliyev

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Khagani Samadov

91. Ruslan Hasanov

Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Articles 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on February 22, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 8 years in prison

Presiding judge: Natiq Aliyev

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Khagani Samadov

92. Tural Bayramov

Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Articles 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on February 22, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 8 years in prison
Presiding judge: Natiq Aliyev
Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Khagani Samadov

93. Nizami Akbarov



Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Articles 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on February 22, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 8 years in prison

Presiding judge: Natiq Aliyev

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Khagani Samadov

94. Kamal Maharramov



Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Articles 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on February 22, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 8,5 years in prison

Presiding judge: Natiq Aliyev

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Khagani Samadov

95. Araz Hasanov

Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Articles 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on February 22, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7,5 years in prison

Presiding judge: Natiq Aliyev

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Khagani Samadov

96. Togrul Verdiyev

Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Articles 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on February 22, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 8 years in prison

Presiding judge: Natiq Aliyev

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Khagani Samadov

97. Orhan Yagnaliyev

Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Articles 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on February 22, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 8,5 years in prison

Presiding judge: Natiq Aliyev

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Khagani Samadov

98. Seymur Aliyev



Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Articles 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on February 22, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 8 years in prison

Presiding judge: Natiq Aliyev
Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Khagani Samadov

99. Vagif Ashrafov

Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Articles 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on February 22, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7,5 years in prison

Presiding judge: Natiq Aliyev

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Khagani Samadov

100. Sabuhi Rajabov



Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Article 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on March 2, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 6 years in prison

Judge: Muhammad Bagirov

101. Elman Quliyev



Date of arrest: July 11, 2018

Charge: Article 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on March 2, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 8 years in prison

Judge: Muhammad Bagirov

102. Iruz Hajiyev



Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Article 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on March 2, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7 years in prison

Judge: Muhammad Bagirov

103. Kabir Azizov

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Article 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on March 2, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 5 years in prison

Judge: Muhammad Bagirov

104. Gulmirza Nurizade

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Article 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on March 2, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 6 years in prison

Judge: Muhammad Bagirov

105. Fikrat Mirzaliyev

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Article 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on March 2, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 6 years in prison

Judge: Muhammad Bagirov

106. Yavar Ismayilzade



Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Articles 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on March 15, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 9 years in prison

Presiding judge: Elmin Rustamov

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Eldar Ismayilov

107. Zabil Mammadov

Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Articles 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on March 15, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 8,5 years in prison

Presiding judge: Elmin Rustamov

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Eldar Ismayilov

108. Qanbar Qarazade

Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Articles 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on March 15, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7,5 years in prison

Presiding judge: Elmin Rustamov

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Eldar Ismayilov

109. Alim Yusifov



Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Article 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on March 15, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7,5 years in prison

Presiding judge: Elmin Rustamov

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Eldar Ismayilov

110. Vugar Khudiyev



Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Article 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on March 1, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7 years in prison

Presiding judge: Khagani Samadov

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Emin Rustamov

111. Elman Rustamov

Date of arrest: July 10, 2018

Charge: Articles 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on March 1, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 8 years in prison

Presiding judge: Khagani Samadov

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Emin Rustamov

112. Elvin Allahverdiyev

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Article 220.1 (*Mass disorders*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: on March 1, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7 years in prison

Presiding judge: Khagani Samadov

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Emin Rustamov

113. Urfan Mammadov

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 120.2.1, 120.2.3, 120.2.7, 120.2.11, 29, 120.2.1, 29, 120.2.3, 29, 120.2.7, 29, 120.2.11, 214.2.1, 214.2.3, 214.2.6, 220.1, 228.3, 228.4, 278.2, 279.1-1, 281.2 and 315.2 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on September 19, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 18 years in prison

Presiding judge: Khagani Samadov

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Emin Rustamov

114. Oqtay Huseynzade

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 120.2.1, 120.2.3, 120.2.7, 120.2.11, 29, 120.2.1, 29, 120.2.3, 29, 120.2.7, 29, 120.2.11, 214.2.1, 214.2.3, 214.2.6, 220.1, 228.3, 228.4, 278.2, 279.1-1, 281.2 and 315.2 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on September 19, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 18 years in prison

Presiding judge: Khagani Samadov

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Mahmud Agalarov

115. Abbas Abbasov

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 228.1, 234.1 and 307.3 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on September 19, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7 years in prison

Presiding judge: Khagani Samadov

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Mahmud Agalarov

116. Elshan Mammadov

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 228.1, 234.1 and 307.3 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on September 19, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7 years in prison

Presiding judge: Khagani Samadov

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Mahmud Agalarov

117. Rauf Bayramov

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 228.1, 228.4, 234.1 and 307.3 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on September 19, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 9 years in prison

Presiding judge: Khagani Samadov

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Mahmud Agalarov

118. Kamal Guliyev

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 228.1, 234.1 and 307.3 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on January 10, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 4 years and 11 months in prison

Presiding judge: Elchin Khasmammadov

119. Raul Suleymanov

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 228.1, 234.1 and 307.3 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on January 10, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 4 years and 5 months in prison

Presiding judge: Elchin Khasmammadov

120. Ulvi Hasanov

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 228.1, 234.1 and 307.3 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on January 10, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 4 years and 6 months in prison

Presiding judge: Elchin Khasmammadov

121. Vugar Allahverdiyev

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 228.1, 234.1 and 307.3 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on January 10, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 5 years in prison

Presiding judge: Elchin Khasmammadov

122. Samir Ibrahimov

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 228.1, 234.1 and 307.3 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on January 10, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 6 years in prison

Presiding judge: Elchin Khasmammadov

123. Khayal Qafarov

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 228.1, 234.1 and 307.3 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on January 10, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 4 years and 6 months in prison

Presiding judge: Elchin Khasmammadov

124. Ali Rzayev

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 228.1, 234.1 and 307.3 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on January 10, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 4 years and 6 months in prison

Presiding judge: Elchin Khasmammadov

125. Bahram Aliyev

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 29.120.2.1; 29.120.2.3; 29.120.2.7; 29.120.2.10; 220.1; 228.4 and 315.2 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on January 10, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 16 years in prison

Presiding judge: Emin Rustamov

126. Habib Qurbanov

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 29.120.2.1; 29.120.2.3; 29.120.2.7; 29.120.2.10; 220.1; 228.4 and 315.2 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on January 10, 2019 the Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 15 years in prison

Presiding judge: Emin Rustamov

127. Mirza Huseynov

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 29.120.2.1; 29.120.2.3; 29.120.2.7; 29.120.2.10; 220.1; 228.4 and 315.2 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 8 years in prison

Presiding judge: Emin Rustamov

128. Asif Javadov

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 29.120.2.1; 29.120.2.3; 29.120.2.7; 29.120.2.10; 220.1; 228.4 and 315.2 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7 years in prison

Presiding judge: Emin Rustamov

129. Vugar Yusifov

Date of arrest: July 12, 2018

Charge: Articles 29.120.2.1; 29.120.2.3; 29.120.2.7; 29.120.2.10; 220.1; 228.4 and 315.2 of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: Ganja Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 6 years in prison

Presiding judge: Emin Rustamov

Conclusion:

On July 3, 2018 there was assassination attempt on the Chief of the Executive Power Elmar Valiyev. Ganja born Yunis Safarov wounded him and his body guard.

The name Yunis Safarov became well-known in Republic, after his photos were widespread on July 3rd-4th, at social networks, on which Safarov was lying on the floor, there were a lot of blood near him and on him, and there were traces of tortures on his body. Photos became evidence that Y. Safarov was beaten and brutally tortured.

After this, protest action against arbitrariness of the authorities was scheduled to July 10th, in front of Ganja city administration and widespread via social networks.

On July 10, Ministry of Internal Affairs informed about the disorders in Ganja, during which two police colonels were killed. Noteworthy, those were exactly two police colonels, who on July 3rd, did not allow Elmar Valiyev's son to kill Yunis Safarov... It is also important to pay attention, that the killing of the colonels took place without any intervention of police, the killer came to the square with a dragger in his hand, and he also left it easily. State Security Service and Ministry of Internal Affairs started mass arrest among the believers. 77 people were arrested, attracted to criminal responsibility. 8 more persons were killed during "armed resistance"

All the detainees on "Ganja case" were divided into groups. One of the first verdicts was passed on February 22, 2019. Ganja City Court on Grave Crimes sentenced the group of the accused, consisting of 11 people. On March 1, and March 15, 2019, there were also the passing of the verdicts.

Analysis of the indicated judicial proceedings demonstrated that all verdicts are unlawful, groundless, unjust and passed in accordance with political order. Court ignored the absence of any proofs of the guilt of the defendants on pressed charges against them; court did not investigate numerous complaints on the facts of tortures that accused were subjected to; court crudely violated the national legislation of the AR: Article 28 and 46 of the Constitution of the AR, Article 13 and 21.2 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the AR; also the norms of international law: Article 6 (2), 5 (1), 3 of European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, Article 5 of Universal Declaration of Human Rights, also the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Thus, judicial proceedings and verdicts demonstrated the full absence of the judicial independence and their execution of the political order during sentencing on so called "Ganja case".

GROUP № 7

Hostages – 1 person

130. Emin Sagiyeu



Date of arrest: November 17, 2017

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons or organized group in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the AR

Sentence: on October 02, 2018 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7 years in prison

Judge: Eldar Ismayilov

Conclusion:

Emin Nagiyev is the brother of wife of Turkel Azerturk, who is in the political emigrant and presenter of television programs on *Azerbaijan Saaty (Azerbaijan hour)* TV. This TV created by political emigrant Ganimat Zahidov - former political prisoner and chief editor of the opposition newspaper *Azadliq*. The programs sharply criticize the policy of the authorities.

From 2014, in Azerbaijan began to arrests relatives of journalists living abroad Azerbaijan and cooperating with this TV. The charge against Emin Sagiyeu is punishable by imprisonment from 5 to 12 years. In the Main Directorate for Combating Organized Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Azerbaijan as "proof" of support of contacts with T. Azerturk was shown his congratulations on the occasion of the birth of a child with Turkel Azerturk's child.

GROUP № 8

LIFE TERM SENTENCED – 14 persons

Former Special Police Detachment (SPD) members – 6 persons

131. Elchin Samad oglu Amiraslanov

Date of arrest: 10 December 1996

Sentence: in 1996 was sentenced to death, commuted to life imprisonment

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

132. Arif Nasir oglu Kazimov

Sentence: in 1996 was sentenced to death, commuted to life imprisonment

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

133. Dayanat Karim oglu Karimov

Sentence: in 1994 was sentenced to death, commuted to life imprisonment

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

134. Hasan Huseyn oglu Mustafayev

Sentence: in 1996 was sentenced to death, commuted to life imprisonment

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

135. Safa Alim oglu Poladov

Sentence: in 1996 was sentenced to death, commuted to life imprisonment.

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

136. Aliyusif Damat oglu Tahirov

Sentence: in 1996 was sentenced to death, commuted to life imprisonment

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

Former members of the military detachment *Qaranqush* – 3 persons

137. Intiqam Yusif oglu Qayibov

Sentence: in 1996 was sentenced to death, commuted to life imprisonment

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

138. Sahib Nuraddin oglu Mammadaliyev

Sentence: in 1993 was sentenced to death, commuted to life imprisonment

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

139. Yashar Hasay oglu Shahmuradov

Sentence: in 1993 was sentenced to death, commuted to life imprisonment.

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

**Convicted on the case of the former Prime Minister
Surat Huseynov – 5 persons**

140. Rashid Nurulla oglu Ismayilov

Sentence: in 1998 was sentenced to death, commuted to life imprisonment

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

141. Karimov Karamat Pasha oglu

Sentence: – in 1997 was sentenced to death, commuted to life imprisonment

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

142. Mustafayev Elshad Teyyub oglu

Sentence: – in 1995 was sentenced to death, commuted to life imprisonment

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

143 Mustafayev Maqsud Teyyub oglu

Sentence: – in 1995 was sentenced to death, commuted to life imprisonment

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

144. Huseynov Maqsud Vaqif oglu

Sentence: – in 1994 was sentenced to death, commuted to life imprisonment

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

Conclusion:

In 1993-1997 the ruling regime of Azerbaijan condemned a large group of veterans of Karabakh conflict – soldiers and police officers for political reasons to death under the Criminal Code approved by the law of the Azerbaijan SSR on December 08, 1960. All convicts were tortured, some died in prison before the trial.

On 10 February 1998, the Parliament of the Azerbaijan Republic adopted the law “*On amending the Criminal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, and the Correction-Labor Code*”, to abolish the death penalty in Azerbaijan. Article 4 of this law stated that the punishment of persons sentenced to the death penalty prior to the law taking force, shall be replaced with a sentence of life imprisonment. In fact, death penalty was replaced with a type of punishment that was not enshrined in any legislation at the time.

The new Criminal Code of Azerbaijan Republic, which provides for the punishment of life imprisonment, entered into force in 2000. The old Criminal Code, which was in force until 2000, did not provide for life imprisonment, but for the death penalty and a maximum term of 15 years of imprisonment. Therefore, all persons sentenced to the death penalty before 2000 should have to replace the penalty to 15 years of imprisonment or to judge again.

It is not legally lawful for them to be replaced the death penalty for life imprisonment without trial and a court verdict on the basis of a decision of Parliament. When Azerbaijan joined to the Council of Europe in 2001, the Institute for Peace and Democracy (Director Leyla Yunus) presented a list

of 716 political prisoners to the CoE experts. This list included also mentioned above 14 people. All of them were found for political motives.