

LIST OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

Union for the Freedom for Political Prisoners of Azerbaijan

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235 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, on 04 October 2023, 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 235 people:

- Group № 1 Journalists and Bloggers – 6 persons
- Group № 2 Human Rights Defenders – 2 persons
- Group № 3 Members of Opposition Parties and Movements – 11 persons
- Group № 4 Political emigrants deported from Germany – 5 persons
- Group № 5 Peaceful Believers – 171 persons
- Group № 6 Convicted in Tartar case - 7 persons
- Group № 7 Convicted in Ganja case - 22 persons
- Group № 8 Life Term Sentenced – 11 persons

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GROUP № 1

JOURNALISTS AND BLOGGERS – 5 persons

1. **Polad Aslanov** - 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

Sentence: On 16 November 2020, the Baku City 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.

2. **Osman Narimanoglu Rzayev** – journalist and owner of the <https://demokratik.az> website



Arrested: 5 July 2022

Charge: Article 182.2.2 (*Extortion or requirement to transfer another's property or right on property or commitment of other actions committed repeatedly*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 7 July 2022, the Goygol District Court issued a ruling: to apply a preventive measure against Osman Narimanoglu Rzayev in the form of detention for a period of 4 month.

On 6 November 2022 the pre-trial detention was extended by 3 months. On 1 February 2023 the criminal case was sent to the judge of the Ganja Court for Serious Crimes Roman Akbarli. Yet, the litigation had been dragging on and then, on 23 July 2023, Osman Narimanoglu Rzayev announced a hunger strike demanding his release.

Place of detention: Pre-trial Detention Center № 2 of Ganja City

Conclusion:

On 5 July 2022, Osman Narimanoglu Rzayev was arrested on charges of extorting money from the officials of the Land Reclamation Department and Physicians of Goranboy and Goygol districts. At the end of 2018, Osman Rzayev filed a lawsuit in the Goygol Court, in which he accused the Head of the Land Reclamation of Goygol district, Ilqar Maharramov, in slander and blackmailing.

Following his arrest, the journalist claimed that the accusations had been false and that he had been slandered by those he had published revelatory material on the corruption about. Meanwhile, Ilqar Hajizade, the Goygol District Prosecutor, had taken the side of the corruptionists.

Osman Rzayev claims that the prosecution neither has evidence of extortion nor there is any evidence at all.

Osman Rzayev, while being in the detention center, passed a message through his relatives in which he reported the moral torture he had been subjected to by the investigative and prosecutorial authorities.

According to the Article 91 of the Criminal Code of Azerbaijan Republic, an individual may request a transfer of his/her case to a public trial hearing whilst being under investigation. Osman Rzayev is demanding a public trial. He believes that along with the unlawful prolongation of the investigation, he is being subjected to moral torture.

3. 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

Sentence: On 15 April 2021, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7 years in prison

Conclusion:

Blogger Aslan Qurbanov published a post on Facebook with statements about the arrest of an activist of the *Popular Front of Azerbaijan 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 Detention Centre of the State Security Service to the Medical Institution of the Penitentiary Service.

4. Rashad Ramazanov - blogger



Date of arrest: 20 May 2022

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 21 May 2022, the Baku City Sabunchi District Court issued a ruling: to apply a preventive measure against Rashad Ramazanov in the form of detention for a period of 4 month.

In September 2022 and January 2023, the Baku City Sabunchi District Court extended the terms of imprisonment each time for another 4 months.

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

Conclusion:

Earlier, Rashad Ramazanov was arrested twice for his political views. He was released in 2019 by Presidential pardon in March 2019.

On 20 May 2022, at about 4 pm he was detained and brought to the 14th Police Station of the Sabunchi District Police Department of Baku. Later, officers of this police station reported that Rashad Ramazanov was detained by the Main Directorate for Combating Drug of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. After the arrest, he was taken to the Binagadi District Police Department.

Rashad Ramazanov denied all the accusations against him.

5. Bakhtiyar Hajiyev – blogger and civil activist



Date of arrest: 9 December 2022

Charge: Articles 221.1 (*Hooliganism*) and 289.1 (*Disrespect to court*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

Bakhtiyar Hajiyev was detained on 9 December 2022 on charges of hooliganism and contempt of court. On the same day, the Baku City Khatai District Court arrested him for 1 month and 20 days. On 15 December 2022, Hajiyev went on a hunger strike demanding his release. On 28 December he ended his hunger strike after persistent calls from the public and family members.

On 9 January 2023, the Court of Appeal refused his release and he resumed his hunger strike. On 21 January, the Baku City Khatai District Court extended the term of his arrest for a month, and on 23 February for another two months until 28 April 2023.

On 28 February 2023, on the 51st day of the hunger strike, Hajiyev stopped his hunger strike.

On 22 July 2023, the Baku City Khatai District Court, based on the petition of the investigating authority, extended the period of pre-trial detention public activist Bakhtiyar Hajiyev for another 2 months 10 days until 8 October 2023.

On 3 October, 2023, the Baku City Khatai District Court extended the term of arrest of public activist Bakhtiyar Hajiyev for another three months. The defense considered this decision unlawful. According to lawyers, now the period of pre-trial arrest of B. Hajiyev will be 13 months, and the investigation period will be 16 months, which does not correspond to the gravity of the charges against him. The defense will appeal.

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

Conclusion:

On 9 December 2022, the day before the International Human Rights Day, Bakhtiyar Hajiyev was arrested on December 9 last year on charges of hooliganism and disrespect for court. On the same day, the Khatai District Court arrested him for 1 month and 20 days.

He was abducted twice by law enforcement agencies and subjected to physical and psychological pressure by them. B. Hajiyev criticized the Ministry of Internal Affairs and personally the minister Vilayat Eyvazov.

Mr. Hajiyev, speaking in court, rejected the charges against him and said that he was being persecuted for his political activities, including for criticizing the government at international forums.

6. Jamil Mammadli – journalist and blogger



Date of arrest: 24 August 2023

Charge: Articles 178.2.4 (*Swindle, that is maintaining another persons property or buying another persons property by a deceit or breach of confidence, committed with causing damage in the significant size*), 182.2.1 (*Extortion committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons*), 182.2.2 (*Extortion committed repeatedly*) and 221.2.2 (*Hooliganism 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*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 24 August 2023, the Sumgayit Court for Serious Crimes presided by the Judge Fahmin Humbatov sentenced Jamil Mammadli to a preventive measure in the form of arrest until the end of the judicial investigation. He was taken into custody in the courtroom.

Conclusion:

Jamil Mammadli had worked as a regional correspondent for the Azadliq radio (the Azerbaijani section of Radio "Liberty") since 2010 until its Baku bureau was shut down in December 2014. Afterwards, he broadcast on his YouTube channel the programmes dedicated to social problems of the northeren Azerbaijanis, and in recent years he started investigating the illegal and corrupt activities of the Head of the Executive Power of the Azerbaijani Quba district. As a result, the local law enforcement bodies often initiated proceedings against him.

On 17 January 2023, Jamil Mammadli appeared as a suspect in a criminal case involving the acts of hooliganism. The occasion was an incident that took place on 15 December 2022, when the car in which the blogger was travelling got into the traffic accident. The blogger said that the driver of the car that hit his tried to provoke a fight, while the police officers who were watching the

conflict did not interfere and even videotaped the incident and the fight! In the morning of 18 January, Jamil Mammadli was detained and accused of assaulting the participant of the road accident, Jeyhun Aghabalaev, and Jeyhun's mother, but he did not plead guilty. On the same day, the police released Jamil Mammadli having prohibited him to leave the Khachmaz district for the period of investigation. The blogger considered the charges of hooliganism and resisting the law enforcement officers unfounded. However, the journalist continued to cover the activities of the local district Head. Then, on 20 August 2023, at the next trial hearing, the Sumgayit Court for Serious Crimes concurred with the arguments of the prosecution that the accused, while at large, influenced the investigation, therefore, the Court granted the prosecution's motion and Jamil Mammadli was taken into custody right in the courtroom.

The accused, Jamil Mammadli, categorically refuted all the charges, pointing out that the real reason of his detention was indeed his journalistic activities. Fariz Namazly, his lawyer, said that the charges of hooliganism, extortion and fraud brought against Jamil Mammadli had been unsubstantiated and that his client's arrest was unfounded.

GROUP № 2

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS – 2 persons

7. Tale Vidadi oglu Khasmammadov – human rights defender



Arrested: 17 September 2023

Charge: Article 221.3 (*Hooliganism committed with application of a weapon or subjects, used as the weapon*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 19 September 2023, the Goychay District Court issued an order: to satisfy the investigator's petition on arrest and issue a preventive measure against Tale Khasmammadov in the form of detention for a period of 3 months

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

Conclusion:

According to the mother of activist Gulbut Khasmammadova, her son has been arrested on a far-fetched charge:

"When I was waiting in the building for the court to decide on my son's case, one employee in civilian clothes said to me: "what did you think that your son would criticize the police with impunity?". This confirms that he was arrested on false charges. In fact, my son defended the rights of citizens."

According to her, the activist was detained on September 17 on the basis of a "slandorous complaint" by two persons.

Taleh Khasmammadov was previously convicted twice – for hooliganism and beating a person. Human rights activists recognized him as a political prisoner. Both times he was pardoned. In 2018, a criminal case was opened against him for the third time on charges of extortion, but he was later released.

8. Rail Abbasov – public activist



Arrested: 19 September 2023

Charge: Article 178.3.2 (*Swindle, that is maintaining another persons property or buying another persons property by a deceit or breach of confidence, committed by organized group*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 20 September 2023, the Baku City Nasimi District Court issued an order: to satisfy the investigator's petition on arrest and issue a preventive measure against Rail Abbasov in the form of detention for a period of 4 months

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

Conclusion:

Public activist Rail Abbasov was detained by officers of the Nasimi district police department of Baku on September 19. According to his lawyer Zubeida Sadigova, Abbasov was detained on the basis of a complaint from a certain citizen.

"Rail Abbasov does not accept the charges and declares that they want to arrest him in order to remove activist Bakhtiar Hajiyev from public protection," the lawyer said.

Azerbaijani human rights activists consider Abbasov's arrest a political order. After all, Rail Abbasov was actively involved in the protection of the rights of the arrested activist Bakhtiyar Hajiyev, that's why he was arrested.

A few days before his arrest, Rail Abbasov drafted a petition to the head of state, which was signed by a number of well-known public figures calling for the release of Bakhtiar Hajiyev.

GROUP № 3

MEMBERS OF OPPOSITION PARTIES AND MOVEMENTS

– 11 persons

9. Niyamaddin Ahmadov - member of the *Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan*



Date of arrest: 16 April 2020

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

Sentence: On 8 October 2021, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 13 years in prison

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 Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan 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 Pre-trial Detention Center of the State Security Service, 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 State Security Service. 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.

10. Aqil Humbatov - member of the *Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan*



Date of arrest: 15 August 2021

Charge: Article 126.1 (*Intentional infliction of serious harm to health*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 15 November 2021, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 10 years in prison

Conclusion:

An activist of an opposition party is being persecuted for criticizing the authorities on social networks. On the eve of his detention, Aqil Humbatov's Facebook page was hacked and his video messages to the president, where he demanded the establishment of child benefits, were deleted. A. Humbatov was previously arrested on slanderous charges. In 2020, according to the perjury of one woman, Aqil Humbatov was placed in a psychiatric hospital.

11. Shahin Hajiyev - member of the *Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan*



Date of arrest: 26 January 2022

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances or their precursors committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 31 March 2022, the Ganja City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 4 years in prison

Conclusion:

In 2021, Shahin Hajiyev was repeatedly detained by the police, 2 times he has been detained administratively for 30 days. The fact that Shahin Hajiyev is under constant police persecution is due to his harsh criticism of the authorities on the social networks.

In his appeal to the public, he stated that he had been arrested upon the order on the basis of trumped-up charges. Hajiyev stated that he had signed his testimony as a result of torture. According to the activist, no expertise was conducted after his detention, and falsified reports were attached to his case.

"They wrote that a forensic drug examination dated on 29 November, determined that I had suffered from heroin addiction. However, no examination was conducted on 29 November. I never used either cigarettes or alcohol," Hajiyev wrote.

The Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan is convinced that the real reason for the activist's arrest is his critical publications against the authorities on the social networks.

12. Zamin Oqtay oğlu Salayev - member of the *Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan*



Date of arrest: 7 February 2023

Charge: Article 221.3 (*Hooliganism committed with application of a weapon or subjects, used as the weapon*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 7 February 2023, the Baku City Qaradag District Court issued a ruling: to apply a preventive measure against Shahin Qadirli in the form of detention for a period of 3 months.

Sentence: On 22 May 2023, the Baku City Qaradag District Court sentenced to 4 years in prison

Judge: Rufan Mursalov

Conclusion:

According to the lawyer Neimat Karimli, Mr. Salayev denies the charges brought against him.

“He said that a planned provocation was committed against him. Last night, at a bus stop in the Lokbatan circle, he was attacked by a man with a knife, insulting Salayev. To defend himself, Salayev pushed this man away and wanted to leave the territory. However, a few minutes later, the police detained Salayev,” the lawyer said.

According to him, as a sign of protest, Salayev went on a hunger strike from the day of his arrest. In turn, according to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, on the night of 7 February, a resident of the village of Sahil, Natiq Suleymanov was stabbed in the stomach and arm. The attacker fled the scene. The wounded man was hospitalized. After it, the police officers detained the suspect Zamin Salayev.

It is worth recalling that Alizamin Salayev has been arrested several times before on administrative and criminal charges.

On 20 April 2020, he was convicted on charges of "slander" and "insult" by the Salyan District Court and sentenced to two years and three months imprisonment. The charges were based on a complaint by a local police department officer. He was released on 19 January 2022.

13. Nazim Baydamirli (Mammadov) – ex-MP and businessman



Date of arrest: 4 July 2023

Charge: Article 182.2.4 (*Extortion with the purpose to seize property in significant amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 5 July 2023, the Baku City Narimanov District Court issued a ruling: to apply a preventive measure against Nazim Baydamirli in the form of detention for a period of 4 month. On 10 July, 2023, the Baku Court of Appeal did not grant Baydamirli's appeal leaving in force the decision of the Court of First Instance

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

Conclusion:

Nazim Baydamirli (Mammadov) was born in 1963 in the village of Chay Rasullu in Gadabay region. In the period from 2005 to 2010 he was a MP of the Azerbaijani Parliament elected at the Gadabay region. On 20 June 2023, the residents of Soyudlu village of Gadabay region held a rally protesting against the environmental pollution caused by a nearby gold mining facility. The police violently cracked down on the protest. As a result of the police actions 10 people had been injured whereas five others had been detained and arrested.

Following the protests in the village of Soyudlu in Gadabay region, Nazim Baydamirli expressed the legitimacy of the citizens' claims regarding the harmful impact on human health and environment caused by the activities of the nearby gold mining facility. As a result, he was detained on 4 July. He called his lawyer and informed him that he had been brought in due to his position in connection with the riots in Soyudlu village of Gadabay region.

According to the official version of the MIA press service, one of the citizens applied to the police with a complaint that Baydamirli had extorted 50,000 manat (\$29,400) from him, otherwise the businessman threatened to spread defamatory images of that citizen. According to the complainant, on 24 June that year he handed over AZN 10,000 (\$5,900) to the ex-deputy, but the latter was not pleased with the amount and continued to threaten him.

14. Gubad Ibadoglu - Head of the Azerbaijan Democracy and Prosperity Movement



Date of arrest: 23 July 2023

Charge: Article 204.3.1 (*Manufacturing with a view of selling, and also buying or selling of counterfeit money, state securities either foreign currency, or securities in foreign currency committed by organized group*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 24 July 2023, the Baku City Narimanov District Court issued a ruling: to apply a preventive measure against Qubad Ibadoglu in the form of detention for a period of 4 month.

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

Conclusion:

Initially, the reason for the arrest of Gubad Ibadoglu, a well-known Azerbaijani scholar-economist and politician, was the information regarding his association with the recognized in Turkey terrorist religious organisation FETÖ. But officially the reason for Gubad Ibadoglu's detention by the officers of the Interior Ministry Department for Combating with the Organised Crime was the complaint of some Anar Aliyev who claimed that Ibadoglu had sold him dollars. While searching

Gubad's flat 40 thousand dollars were found. However, Ibadoglu stated that the cash had not been his, since he had not lived in the flat in the recent years and been engaged in the scientific and teaching activities in the United States and the United Kingdom; he had just returned to Azerbaijan in July 2023.

The real reason for the arrest was the fact that in June 2023, Gubad Ibadoglu, along with Prof. Jamil Hasanli, the Head of the opposition National Council, who has been living in political exile in Europe, and Arif Mammadov, a disgraced diplomat, they both had established the Azerbaijani Youth Education Fund registered at the same time in London. Furthermore, Gubad Ibadoglu came up with an initiative to confiscate the Azerbaijani officials' and first of all Ilham Aliyev's properties abroad and transfer those funds to the above-mentioned Fund. His request aroused the anger in Baku, and as soon as Ibadoglu arrived from London he was immediately arrested in a particularly brutal manner and his wife was also hurt. That's why at the moment of detention, Ibadoglu briefly replied to the journalists' question regarding the reasons "It was Ilham Aliyev's order".

That arrest and ridiculous accusations against Ibadoglu sparked a wave of public outrage. A campaign under the slogan "Free Gubad Ibadoglu!" was launched by the activists on social networks. The arrest of the internationally renowned scientist evoked a reaction abroad as well: the European Union demanded Ibadoglu's release. A joint statement requesting the release of Gubad Ibadoglu signed by the Ambassadors of Germany, France, the United Kingdom and the United States on the territory of Azerbaijan was also issued.

15. Elkhan Aliyev - member of the *Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan*



Date of arrest: 26 July 2023

Charge: Articles 178.3.2 (*Swindle, that is maintaining another persons property or buying another persons property by a deceit or breach of confidence, committed by organized group*); 320.1 (*Fake of certificate or other official document giving the rights or releasing from duties, with a view of its use or selling of such document, as well as manufacturing in same purposes or selling of counterfeit state awards of the Azerbaijan Republic, stamps, seals, forms*) and 320.2 (*Use of obviously counterfeit documents*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 27 July 2023, the Baku City Sabunchi District Court issued a ruling: to apply a preventive measure against Elkhan Aliyev in the form of detention for a period of 3 month.

On 21 September 2023, the Baku Court of Appeal did not satisfy the defense's complaint against the refusal to transfer Elkhan Aliyev. His lawyer Neymat Karimli called the court's decision unfounded and says, that now the defense will appeal to the European Court of Human Rights.

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

Conclusion:

Elkhan Aliyev was detained by the Baku City Sabunchi District Police Department officers in the afternoon of 26 July 2023. Yusif Aliyev and Vafadar Akhundov were also detained along with Aliyev, as said in the press service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. According to the MIA version, all three of them were suspected of selling a land plot in Nardaran settlement using the forged documents.

Prior to his detention, Aliyev released a video in which he spoke of a possible provocation against him.

According to the lawyer, Neimat Karimli, his client denied the accusation and declared that his arrest was of a political nature:

"Elkhan Aliyev said that the accusation had been trumped up. He did not commit the offences he was accused of. The investigation did not provide the initial reliable evidence of Aliyev's guilt. The activist said that he is being persecuted for political reasons because of his PFA political activities".

The lawyer did not reveal the details of the case having referred to the confidentiality agreement but indicated that he would file an appeal.

It should be noted that Elkhan Aliyev has been repeatedly subjected to administrative arrests. Thus, in October 2021, he was detained for 15 days on charges of disobeying the police, and in December of that year, Aliyev was arrested for 20 days for participating in a rally. On 19 March 2022, Elkhan Aliyev was arrested for a 30-day period on charges of disobeying police and hooliganism. Following his arrest, Aliyev claimed that 2,500 manat (\$1,500) had gone missing from his car having suspected the law enforcement officials in the matter. While in the detention center he went on a hunger strike to protest against his arrest and the money disappearance.

16. Elvin Mustafayev – activist of the *Trade Unions Confederation “Workers’ Table”*



Arrested: 4 August 2023

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

On 5 August 2023, the Baku City Binagadi District Court issued an order: to satisfy the investigator's petition on arrest and issue a preventive measure against Elvin Mustafayev in the form of detention for a period of 4 months

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

Conclusion:

On 1 August 2023, in Baku, there was a rally organised by the motorbike couriers. They protested against the police that requested their driving licenses and the actions of the authorities taking their vehicles to the impound yard. It should be noted that the new law adopted in this field prohibited such actions of the police.

Among those taking part in the rally there were members of the Trade Unions Confederation “Workers’ Table” including an activist Elvin Mustafayev who, in March 2023, had previously been arrested for his critical statements on social media for the period of 30 days. He was arrested for criticising the authorities' negligence on the water shortage in the Saatly District of Azerbaijan. Elvin Mustafayev, interrogated in the course of the trial, testified that he worked as a courier for the Wolt Company. He had never been involved in drug dealing and, moreover, had always had a negative attitude towards such people, always avoiding them. He also testified that he had been

forcibly detained in his yard and forced to “confess” due to threats, which had been recorded on a video. He was threatened to face heavier charges if he failed to admit guilt.

17. Aykhan Israfilov – activist of the *Trade Unions Confederation “Workers’ Table”*



Arrested: 11 August 2023

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

On 14 August 2023, the Baku City Binagadi District Court issued an order: to satisfy the investigator’s petition on arrest and issue a preventive measure against Aykhan Israfilov in the form of detention for a period of 4 months

Place of detention: Pre-trial Detention Center No. 3 of Shuvelyan

Conclusion:

Aykhan Israfilov was detained on August 11 by employees of the Narimanov district police department of Baku.

According to the head of the movement “Democracy 1918” Ahmed Mammadli, Israfilov's detention is of a political nature with connection with participation of the couriers' action on August 1.

18. Afiyaddin Mammadov – Chairman of the *Trade Unions Confederation “Workers’ Table”*



Arrested: 20 September 2023

Charge: Articles 126.1 (*Deliberate causing of serious harm to health, is harm dangerous to human life, or brought to loss of seeing, hearing, speech either organs or loss by body of its functions, mental frustration or other frustration of health, long disability which is not less than on one third or obviously for guilty caused full loss of professional work capacity, either interruption of pregnancy, or harm which consequence brought to disease of a person to narcotics or glue sniffing or expressed in ugliness of persons*) and 221.3 (*Hooliganism committed with*

application of a weapon or subjects, used as the weapon) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 21 September 2023, the Baku City Khatai District Court issued an order: to satisfy the investigator's petition on arrest and issue a preventive measure against Afiyaddin Mammadov in the form of detention for a period of 2 months. On 29 September, 2023, the Baku Court of Appeal did not grant Afiyaddin Mammadov's appeal leaving in force the decision of the Court of First Instance

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

Conclusion:

Chairman of the alternative Trade Unions Confederation "Workers' Table" Afiyaddin Mamedov was detained by police on the afternoon of September 20 near his home. According to the relatives and members of Trade Unions Confederation "Workers' Table",

"Afiyaddin was detained when he left the building where he lives. One person approached him, he injured himself with a knife and threw the knife at Afiyaddin. And the police immediately appeared and detained Afiyaddin."

The organization believes that Mamedov's detention is related to his trade union activities and a provocation was committed against him.

Afiyaddin Mammadov himself also said about his innocence and claims that he is being unjustly targeted for his activities within the organization.

19. Ruslan Vahabov - activist of the *Public Council of Talysh of Azerbaijan*



Date of arrest: 22 September 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 23 September 2023, the Baku City Nizami District Court issued a ruling: to satisfy the investigator's petition to elect a measure of restraint in the form of arrest and impose on Ruslan Vahabov a measure of restraint in the form of arrest for a period of 4 months. On 29 September 2023, the Baku City Court of Appeal did not satisfy the appeal to change the measure of restraint to house arrest against Ruslan Vahabov and upheld the first instance court's ruling.

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

Conclusion:

Ruslan Vahabov, a 33-year-old civil society activist criticised the activities of the Azerbaijani authorities in social and economic spheres on the social networks. At the same time, as a member of the Public Council of Talysh of Azerbaijan (PCTA), he has been in favour of ensuring the

constitutional national-cultural rights of his people. During his public activities, he has repeatedly been subjected to pressure from the police.

On 21 September 2023, on his Facebook page, he wrote an anti-war text entitled "What did we earn for 23 hours and 43 minutes?", in which he meant that the one-day military operation in Karabakh pursued the goal of the ruling elite's enrichment. On the morning of 22 September, as he was on his way to work, he was detained by the police from the 23rd Station of the Baku Nizami District. According to his relatives and the PSTA management, the police brutally assaulted Ruslan Vahabov at the police station and then grabbed him by the hair and dragged him across the floor, telling him "We will now show you what we have achieved in Karabakh within 24 hours". Unable to withstand the torture, R. Vahabov incriminated himself, i.e. admitted that he had allegedly been detected with 6 grammes of heroin and that the drugs belonged to him.

Vahabov's lawyer, Elchin Sadigov, confirmed to the journalists that Ruslan Vahabov had complained about abuse, self-incrimination and the claims of law enforcement officers in connection with the publication on the social network. The defender also pointed out that Vahabov's rights had been violated following his detention: he was not allowed to contact his family and ask for a lawyer of his choice.

However, the Court of Appeal, presided over by the Judge Ibrahim Ibrahimli, did not pay attention to Vahabov's claim of torture and his lawyer's arguments about violation of the activist's rights to defence and lack of primary reliable evidence of the defendant's guilt; the Court dismissed the complaint.

The PSTA members are convinced that Ruslan Vahabov has being persecuted for his anti-war statements, as well as his social media posts in which he raised the issues of ensuring the Talyshs' national and cultural rights. The organisation also pointed out that Vahabov is the only family breadwinner and has two young children. Moreover, Vahabov has health problems, has suffered from jaundice, also has a chronic lung disease, and from this point of view his detention is not only unreasonable but also inhuman.

GROUP № 4

POLITICAL EMIGRANTS DEPORTED FROM GERMANY

– 5 persons

20. Mutallim Orujev - member of the *Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan*



Date of arrest: 23 October 2021

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

Sentence: On 21 October 2022, the Sumgayit City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7 years in prison

Judge: Fahmin Humbatov

Conclusion:

Mutallim Orujev, a member of the Popular Front of Azerbaijan Party, had lived in Germany the past several years. He participated in the rallies concerning the protection of the political prisoners' rights in Azerbaijan. On 1 June 2021, Mutallim Orujev was deported from Germany to Azerbaijan. The media sources informed that the Azerbaijani citizens deported from Germany some months earlier had been questioned by the police; some of them had been detained.

21. Malik Rzayev - member of the *Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan*



Date of arrest: 25 October 2021

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

Sentence: On 28 September 2022, the Sumgayit City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 7 years in prison

Conclusion:

Malik Rzayev, a member of the Popular Front of Azerbaijan Party, had lived in Germany the past several years. He participated in the rallies concerning the protection of the political prisoners' rights in Azerbaijan. On 1 June 2021, M. Rzayev was deported from Germany to Azerbaijan.

On 25 October 2021, he was arrested in the Taqiyev settlement of Sumgayit. Lawyer Neymat Karimli declared a violation of the procedural Code and considers the arrest politically motivated:

"From the beginning the investigation was conducted with violations. After the arrest, Rzayev was not allowed to call relatives and invite his lawyer. The state lawyer did not even write an appeal against the arrest. Unfortunately, I was involved to the defense late and the deadline for the arrest appeal has been missed. We will file a motion to change the preventive measure to house arrest. I have already written a complaint to the Sumgait City Prosecutor's Office in connection with Rzayev's statement about torture."

According to Karimli, Rzayev told him about torture:

"Malik Rzayev was brutally beaten up, his legs were parted into splits; they threatened to rape him with a foreign object. Under such pressure, he was forced to testify about the allegedly found drugs on him," the advocate has stated.

Rzayev denied the accusation. He was arrested almost simultaneously with activist of the Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan Muallim Orujev, who was also deported from Germany last summer. According to human rights activists, in Germany both participated in actions in defense of political prisoners in Azerbaijan.

22. Punkhan Karimli - member of the *Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan*



Date of arrest: 25 January 2022

Charge: Articles 234.4.1 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons or organized group*) and 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 27 July 2022, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 6 years in prison

Judge: Samir Aliyev

Conclusion:

Punkhan Karimli, a member of the Khatai branch of the Popular Front of Azerbaijan Party, was detained by the officers of the Anti-Drug General Directorate and arrested on the false accusation related to drug possession. Punkhan Karimli had been living in Germany for some time, where he took an active part in most of the actions organized by the political emigrants in Europe. A few months ago, he was deported from Germany to Azerbaijan and detained near the Narimanov Park on 25 January 2022.

23. Jafar Mirzoyev - member of the "*Choose Democratic Azerbaijan*" organization operating in Germany



Date of arrest: 24 November 2021

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances or their precursors committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 16 January 2023, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 6 years in prison

Judge: Javid Huseynov

Conclusion:

Jafar Mirzoyev was deported from Germany. According to Karimli's lawyer, after his readmission, his clients were placed in a pandemic athletes' village of Baku and questioned by some people in civilian clothes about their activities in Germany.

The lawyer, Neimat Karimli, (defends the rights of 3 of 4 detainees after deportation from Germany - Mutallim Orujev, Malik Rzayev and Jafar Mirzoyev) said,

"The mentioned individuals, upon their return to Baku, were subjected to interrogations and they were asked about their activities in Germany. My clients testified under the pressure. The complaints concerning the use of torture against them remained inconclusive".

24. Samir Ashurov



Date of arrest: 19 April 2022

Charge: Article 126.2.4 (*Deliberate causing of serious harm to health, committed from hooligan prompting*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 21 April 2022, the Baku City Nizami District Court issued a ruling: to apply a preventive measure against Samir Ashurov in the form of detention for a period of 4 month.

Samir Ashurov denied the charge and started a hunger strike, demanding stop his persecution.

Conclusion:

Samir Ashurov was deported from Germany on 29 March and after arrival in Baku announced of his arrest. On 19 April 2022, he received a passport and planned to go abroad, but on the same day was committed provocation against him. When Samir Ashurov got home, an unknown person was attacked him. He knocked Ashurov to the ground and immediately police officers appeared, who detained him and put a knife in his right jacket pocket. He was brought to the 24th Police Station. There Ashurov was beaten, and later he was beaten again in the Nizami Police Department

GROUP № 5
BELIVERS - 171 people

25. Ilham Aliyev – member of the *Islamic Party of Azerbaijan*



Date of arrest: 29 February 2020

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

Sentence: On 6 May 2021, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 16 years in prison

Judge: Faiq Hasanov

Conclusion:

The authorities have been actively persecuting peaceful believers, especially activists of the Islamic Party of Azerbaijan 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.

26. Sardar Babayev - member of the Association “*Spiritual figures of Azerbaijan*”



Date of arrest: 19 October 2021

Charge: Article 274 (*High treason*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 21 October 2021, the Baku City Sabayil District Court, having considered the case at a closed judicial session, issued a ruling to impose on Sardar Babayev a preventive measure in the form of detention for a period of 6 months.

On 18 September 2022, the Baku Sabayil District Court to extend Sardar Babayev’s preventive measure for another 5 months, until 19 March 2023. On 9 March 2023, there was the first court hearing. Following it, on 14 April 2023, the Sabayil district court ruled to extend a detention period for the theologian Sardar Babayev while under investigation for another 5 months, until 19 September 2023.

Sentence: On 28 September 2023, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 17 years in prison

Judge: Ahmad Quliyev

Conclusion:

Sardar Babayev, 49 years old, also known as Sheikh Sardar Hajihasanly, is a very popular theologian, especially in the southern Azerbaijan. His Friday sermons at the mosque in Masalli have always been popular. He has already been convicted for that in February 2017. After his release in February 2020, he founded the website maide.az, where he published not only religious content, but also materials on socio-political issues. When in 2021 Azerbaijani-Iranian relations began to deteriorate and there were detentions and arrests among the Shiite believers, S.Babayev was one of the first victims of the campaign; on 19 October 2021, the State Security Service arrested him along with 4 other members of the public association "Spiritual Figures of Azerbaijan" on charges of treason and espionage in favour of Iran.

Babayev denied the charge. His lawyer, Javad Javadov, told the journalists that,

"Sardar Babayev was accused of the state treason in the form of espionage in favour of Iran. Even at the stage of the investigation he stated that the charges were far-fetched, and he was a victim of the deterioration of Azerbaijani-Iranian relations. Babayev refused to testify in court as a sign of protest. His guilt was not proved in the court either by the witness testimonies or by other evidence. The man was convicted simply on the basis of subjective inferences of the investigation representatives".

At the same time, the defence lawyer abstained from commenting on the details of the prosecution, as the trial was held in private and the lawyer has non-disclosure obligations. According to him, the defence intends to file an appeal against the verdict.

27. Fagan Mammadov - religious activist



Arrested: 2 September 2021

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

Sentence: On 7 June 2022, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 6 years in prison

Conclusion:

According to the investigation, there were found four sachets of methamphetamine with a total weight of 8 grams in Mammadov's possession.

His lawyer argued in his closing statement that there had not been credible evidences in the case other than Mammadov's testimony made under the torture and provided at the Interior Ministry's Main Directorate for Combating Organised Crime. In his turn, the activist denied the charges in his closing statement, saying that on his way from Baku to Ganja, he had been detained while along with two other activists they had been transporting the shirts with non-banned religious slogans printed on. According to Mammadov, he was pushed on the floor, kicked and electrocuted while in the police custody.

Fagan Mammadov actively supported the families of those involved in the "Ganja case" by providing to the prisoners the aid collected by the believers.

28. Vugar Rasulov - member of the *Muslim Unity* Movement



Arrested: 18 June 2022

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 18 June 2022, he was detained by the individuals in civilian clothes. No authorisation have been shown, there were no witnesses at the place. He had been taken to an unknown location.

His relatives said that though Vugar Rasulov had been in custody since 18 July 2022, they had been informed about his whereabouts and charges only days later, on 22 July. He was facing a criminal case on drug charges. Vugar Rasulov denies the charge.

Sentence: On 25 January 2023, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 3 years in prison

Judge: Azad Madjidov

Conclusion:

According to the investigation, it was found 2 small sachets of methamphetamine for sale in the possession of Vugar Rasulov. However, there is no reliable evidence in the case, other than the police officers' testimonies, the ones who arrested Vugar Rasulov.

Vugar Rasulov considered the verdict unjustified. The main reason for his arrest he attributed to his activity on the social network page.

In the course of the trial, the State Prosecutor Fariz Rzayev suggested sentencing Vugar Rasulov to 7 years and 6 months imprisonment. But Rashad Miriyev, Rasulov's lawyer, regarded the accusation unjustified. Highlighting the insufficiency of evidence, the lawyer asked the court to alter the Article. The Judge Azad Madjidov granted the lawyer's request and changed the Article from 234.3.4 to 234.1 (*Transportation, storage, and the like, of drugs in excess of the legal amount for personal consumption without intent to sell*) and convicted Vugar Rasulov according to the Article 234.1 sentencing him to 3- year-period of imprisonment.

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 26 November 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 19 July 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 Karimli 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.

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

29. Tale Bagirzade – Chairman of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 26 November 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 fire-arms 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 of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 19 May 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 25 January 2017, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 20 years in prison

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

30. Jahad Balakishiyev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 26 November 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

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

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

31. Javad Valiyev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 26 November 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

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

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

32. Jabbar Jabbarov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 26 November 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

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

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

33. Rasim Jabrayilov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 26 November 2015

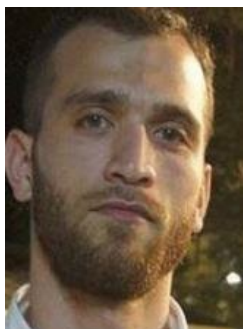
Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

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

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

34. Abbas Huseynov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 26 November 2015

Charge: see articles charges Tale Bagirzade

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

Judge: Aloysat Abbasov

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

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

35. Hasan Mammadov

Date of arrest: 6 December 2015

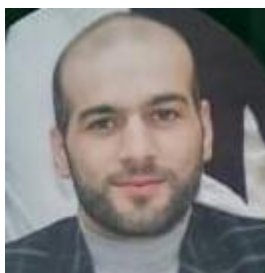
Charge: Articles 214.2.1 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization)*); 214.2.3 (*Preparation of terrorism, committed with application of fire-arms or subjects used as a weapon*); 214-2 (*Public 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 6 December 2017, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 12 years and 3 months in prison

Judge: Zeynal Agayev

36. Seyfaddin Nurulla oglu Shirvanov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 6 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 28 December 2017, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 12 years and 3 months in prison

Judge: Mail Bayramov

37. Ahsan Nuruzade - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 6 October 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 6 March 2018, the Baku City 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 6 October 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 9 October 2017 official of the Pre-trial Detention Center № 1 of Kyurdakhani confirmed that A. Nuruzade transferred to the pre-trial detention center.

38. Shamil Hasanov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 22 June 2020

Charge: Articles 167-3 (*Manufacture, storage, distribution of religious extremist materials or the financing of these acts*) and 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*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 27 October 2020, the Baku City Binagadi District Court sentenced to 4,5 years in prison

Judge: Vusal Tagiyev

Conclusion:

The *Muslim Unity Movement* activist has been seriously ill in recent years. His doctors detected a brain cancer, and he underwent a surgery. From now on he continues to undergo medical treatment, including the prescribed painkilling drugs. Despite of his illness, he is working a lot, as he has three young children.

According to his relatives, at around 5 p.m. on 22 June 2020, unknown people in civilian clothes broke into the house and took Shamil Hasanov away in an unspecified direction. Only the day after the relatives found out that he was held in the Main Department for Combating Organised Crime affiliated with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic. On 23 June 2020, the officers searched his house and found nothing. But it did not prevent to charge the believer with illegal possession of weapons.

At the trial Shamil Hasanov did not plead guilty on all charges and pointed out that he had become a victim of arbitrariness just because he was a member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*.

39. Razi Humbatov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 7 July 2021

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

Sentence: On 20 May 2022, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 6 years in prison

Conclusion:

As part of his political and public activities, Razi Humbatov led the fight against drug addiction, agitated young people for a healthy lifestyle, was very active. But any activity of members of the Muslim Unity Movement causes dissatisfaction with the authorities and activists of this movement are subjected to repression.

40. Elshan Abbasov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 3 March 2022

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 5 March 2022, the Baku City Narimanov District Court issued a ruling: to apply a preventive measure against Elshan Abbasov in the form of detention for a period of 4 month

Sentence: On 30 August 2022, the Ganja City Grave Crimes Court softened the charge and changed the Article from 234.4.3 to 234.1 (*Illegal purchase, storage, manufacturing, processing, transportation without a purpose of selling of narcotics or psychotropic substances in a quantity (amount) exceeding necessary for personal consumption*) and sentenced to 2 years in prison

Conclusion:

Elshan Abbasov, a member of the Muslim Unity Movement, worked in as a salesperson in a shop in Barda. According to him, on 3 March 2022, he was approached by the people in civilian clothes who said that they were officers of the Main Department for Combating Organised Crime, he said:

"I was taken to the Barda district police station. There, they put a drug in my hand and said that if I didn't agree to take it upon myself, then they would bring in my family and my

brother would be sentenced instead of me. I had already been previously arrested on their orders, and four years ago I got familiar with their methods and knew that they would still bring that charge against me by the means of torture or anything else."

On 5 March 2022, he was brought to the Main Department for Combating Organised Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and from there he was taken to the Baku Narimanov District Court, where he was imposed a 4-month preventive measure detention for the period of the investigation. According to Neimat Karimli, his lawyer, Elshan Abbasov's detention was then extended, and on 30 August, he was convicted for his religious views for the third time in the recent years.

41. Mahir Azimov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 20 July 2022

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

Sentence: On 7 July 2023, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 4 years in prison

Place of detention: Penal Colony N 13 in Baku City Qaradag District

42. Shahin Qadirli - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 23 November 2022

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 23 November 2022, Shahin Qadirli was returning home from work and was detained at a bus stop by unknown civilian people and taken to an unknown destination. Later, after the court verdict on 26 November, the relatives learned that he was arrested by detained by the officers of the Main Department for Combating Organized Crime within the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

In the course of the trial held behind closed doors, Shahin Qadirli objected against his arrest and promised the Court that if a measure of restraint other than arrest would be chosen, then he will attend all the sessions.

On 25 November 2022, the Baku City Narimanov District Court issued a ruling: to apply a preventive measure against Shahin Qadirli in the form of detention for a period of 4 month

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

43. Nijat Aliyev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 1 December 2022

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 1 December 2022, Nijat Aliyev was detained near his home in the village of Masazyr by civilians and taken away in an unknown direction without authorization and witnesses. Later, relatives learned that he was arrested by the police on charges of drug possession.

During the trial, Nijat Aliyev objected to the investigators' request to apply to him a preventive measure in the form of arrest.

On 2 December 2022, the Baku City Binagadi District Court issued a ruling: to apply a preventive measure against Nijat Aliyev in the form of detention for a period of 4 month

Sentence: On 22 September 2023, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 5 years in prison

44. Samir Babayev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 2 December 2022

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 2 December 2022, Samir Babayev was detained near his home in the village of Mashtagha by civilians and taken away in an unknown direction without authorization and witnesses. Later, relatives learned that he was arrested by the police on charges of drug possession.

On 2 December 2022, the Baku City Sabunchi District Court issued a ruling: to apply a preventive measure against Samir Babayev in the form of detention for a period of 4 month.

On 5 April 2023, the Baku City Sabunchi District Court extended his detention for another 4 months, and on 17 April, the Baku Court for Serious Crimes declined to release him on house arrest.

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

Conclusion:

On 11 May 2023, the Baku Court of Serious Crimes, chaired by the Judge Eldar Ismayilov, heard the defendant's statement, in which he stated that the police officers of the Baku City Sabunchi District who had arrested and started beating him while he was still in the car. At the police station, they put drugs in front of him and told that they would capture a video while he would have to confess that he had purchased and distributed drugs:

"I replied that the drugs were not mine. Then they started beating me. Several people were relentlessly kicking me on my head and body. But I did not sign the plea."

Then an officer of the Main Department for Combating Organised Crime of the AR Ministry of Internal Affairs entered the room and told Samir Babayev, "If you don't sign this statement, we will also add that they have found a gun in your possession. But I replied that I would not accept any of this. Then they started beating my head against the wall." In his speech, the lawyer Fariz Namazly claimed that the Baku City Sabunchi Court ruling an order to arrest Samir Babayev on 2 December 2022 had remained indifferent to his account of torture.

45. Mirtofiq Huseynov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 6 December 2022

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 6 December 2022, Mirtogiq Huseynov was detained near his home at a bus stop by civilians and taken away in an unknown direction without authorization and witnesses. Later, relatives learned that he was arrested by the police of Baku City Khazar District on charges of drug possession.

On 6 December 2022, the Baku City Khazar District Court issued a ruling: to apply a preventive measure against Mirtofiq Huseynov in the form of detention for a period of 4 month

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

46. Elnur Jafarov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



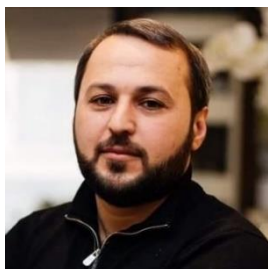
Date of arrest: 25 January 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 25 January 2023, Elnur Jafarov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

47. Azad Karimov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 30 January 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 30 January 2023, the Baku City Nasimi District issued a ruling: to apply a preventive measure against Aazad Karimov in the form of detention for a period of 4 month. On 11 May 2023, Gunay Abidova, the Nasimi District Judge, dismissed Zubeida Sadigova's lawyer's petition to modify the measure of restraint to house arrest.

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

48. Elshan Rahimov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 31 January 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 31 January 2023, Elshan Rahimov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

49. Etibar Ismayilov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 1 February 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 1 February 2023, Etibar Ismayilov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

50. Ruhulla Novruzzade – head of the “*Mizan*” Education Center, member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 1 February 2023

Charge: Articles 234.1 (*Illegal purchase, storage, manufacturing, processing, transportation without a purpose of selling of narcotics or psychotropic substances in a quantity (amount) exceeding necessary for personal consumption*) and 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On the night of the 1 February 2023, Ruhulla Novruzzade was detained by civilians and taken away in an unknown direction without authorization and witnesses. Later, relatives learned that he was arrested by the police on charges of drug possession.

On 1 February 2023, the Baku City Surakhani District Court issued a ruling: to apply a preventive measure against Ruhulla Novruzzade in the form of detention for a period of 4 month. On 10 February 2023, the Baku Appeal Court upheld the decision of the Surakhani District Court.

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

51. Ilqar Ryadzhov – theologian



Date of arrest: 2 February 2023

Charge: Articles 234.1 (*Illegal purchase, storage, manufacturing, processing, transportation without a purpose of selling of narcotics or psychotropic substances in a quantity (amount) exceeding necessary for personal consumption*) and 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 2 February 2023, Ilqar Ryadzhov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

Conclusion:

Ilgar Ryadzov, a well-known theologian of Azerbaijan, told the following about his arrest to his family over the phone:

«The police detained me at noon on February 1, 2023, and openly, in front of my eyes, put drugs in my pocket. The officer who detained me told me that I had to accept either charges of using and selling drugs or of spying for Iran, as I had studied in Qom, Iran, about 20-30 years ago. And he advised me to accept the first charge, for then I would be imprisoned for three to six years, otherwise I would face 20-year-period imprisonment for being a spy».

Finally, the theologian pointed out that he had been arrested due to the recent deterioration of Azerbaijani-Iranian relations».

52. Matlab Bagirov – theologian, founder and the Head of the *SalamNews* Agency as well as the Internet channel *Interaz TV*.



Date of arrest: 1 February 2023

Charge: Articles 234.4.1 (*Illegal purchase, storage, manufacturing, processing, transportation without a purpose of selling of narcotics or psychotropic substances in a quantity (amount) exceeding necessary for personal consumption*) and 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 1 February 2023, Matlab Bagirov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

53. Seymur Rzayev - theologian



Date of arrest: 1 February 2023

Charge: Articles 234.4.1 (*Illegal purchase, storage, manufacturing, processing, transportation without a purpose of selling of narcotics or psychotropic substances in a quantity (amount) exceeding necessary for personal consumption*) and 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 1 February 2023, Seyran Rzayev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

54. Mail Kamal oglu Karimov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 2 February 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 13 January 2023, Mail Karimov took part in the celebration of the 8th anniversary of the formation of the *Muslim Unity Movement* together with his family. The police of the Baku City Khazar District considered this festive ceremony as a religious meeting and on 14 January sent materials on the case of Mail Karimov to the court. On 26 January 2023, Mail Karimov testified in the Baku City Khazar District Court. The next court session was scheduled on 2 February 2023. But when Mail Karimov arrived at the court on 2 February, he was arrested by officers of the 14th Police Department. Only after two days his family learns about the arrest of Mail Karimov and the initiation of a criminal case against him.

On 2 February 2023, the Baku City Khazar District Court issued a ruling: to apply a preventive measure against Mail Karimov in the form of detention for a period of 4 month.

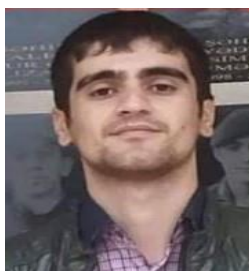
Place of detention: Pre-trial Detention Center № 1 of Kyurdakhani

Conclusion:

Activist of the *Muslim Unity Movement* Mail Karimov has been arrested several times recently. He was among five believers who were detained by the police on 20 May 2022 and sentenced to 30 days of administrative arrest. After his release, at a press conference Mail Karimov told about the torture at the police station and the attempt to rape him. And after the end of his sentence, the police openly warned him that if he will continue activity at the movement's events, he would be arrested on drug charges.

On 7 February 2023, after the arrest of Mail Karimov, the police searched his home. During the search, the police tried to plant religious leaflets and photos of Ayatollah Khamenei and other leaders of Iran. However, Mail Karimov's wife began filming the search on her phone. The police tried to take her phone away from her, but the children intervened and did not allow the police to throw something.

55. Rashad Aliyev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 2 February 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 2 February 2023, Rashad Aliyev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

56. Sadiq Hasanov - believer



Date of arrest: 2 February 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 2 February 2023, Sadiq Hasanov, a resident of Masally City, was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center whilst the preliminary investigation takes place.

Sentence: On 15 June 2023, the Lankaran District Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 5 years in prison

57. Dzhamir Agayev - theologian



Date of arrest: 5 February 2023

Charge: Articles 234.1 (*Illegal purchase, storage, manufacturing, processing, transportation without a purpose of selling of narcotics or psychotropic substances in a quantity (amount) exceeding necessary for personal consumption*) and 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

Jamir Agayev, a well-known theologian in the south, has been under the police surveillance in the Jalilabad district since the end of last year. On 5 February 2023, Jamir Agayev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

58. Samir Nasim oglu Isayev - believer



Date of arrest: 9 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 9 March 2023, Samir Isayev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

59. Mansur Agabala oglu Valishov - theologian



Date of arrest: 9 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 9 March 2023, Mansur Valishov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

60. Shahin Bagirov - believer



Date of arrest: 9 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 9 March 2023, Shahin Bagirov, a resident of Masally, was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center whilst the preliminary investigation takes place.

Sentence: On 12 June 2023, the Lankaran District Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 5 years in prison

61. Murad Afaraga oglu Abdullayev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 9 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 9 March 2023, Murad Abdullayev was detained by the officers of the 27th Police Station of Yasamal District. On the same day, the Baku City Yasamal District Court sentenced Murad Abdullayev to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center whilst undergoing a preliminary investigation. On 10 May 2023, Farid Eyubov, a Judge of the Baku Court of Appeal dismissed Zubeida Sadiqova's lawyer's petition to modify the measure of restraint to house arrest.

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

62. Rza Ismayil oglu Rzayev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 9 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 9 March 2023, Rza Rzayev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

63. Mehman Fataliyev - member of the *Muslim Unity* Movement



Date of arrest: 9 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 9 March 2023, Mehman Fataliyev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

64. Bakhtiyar Babashov - believer



Date of arrest: 9 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 9 March 2023, Bakhtiyar Babashov was grabbed by unidentified people on the street and taken to an unknown location. On 11 March 2023, he was brought to the Narimanov District Court, where he was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center whilst the preliminary investigation takes place.

On 1 May, Ramin Qaraqurbanly, a Judge of the Baku Court of Appeal, dismissed Zubeida Sadiqova's lawyer's petition to release her under a house arrest.

Place of detention: Pre-trial Detention Center № 3 of Shuvelyan

65. Nahid Qahramanli - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 9 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 9 March 2023, Nahid Qahramanli was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

66. Hilal Yaqub oglu Asadov - theologian



Арестован: 10 марта 2023 г.

Date of arrest: 10 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 10 March 2023, Hilal Asadov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

67. Elvin Quliyev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 10 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 10 March 2023, Elvin Quliyev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

68. Ismayil Nizami oglu Ismayilov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 10 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 10 March 2023, Ismayil Ismayilov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

69. Vusal Nadir oglu Alishov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 10 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 10 March 2023, Vusal Alishov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

70. Bahruz Adil oglu Karimov - believer



Date of arrest: 10 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 10 March 2023, Bahruz Karimov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

71. Rustam Tanriverdi oglu Ismayilov – believer



Date of arrest: 10 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 10 March 2023, Rustam Ismayilov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

72. Anar Oruj oglu Khalilov - believer



Date of arrest: 10 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 10 March 2023, Anar Khalilov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

73. Amal Alamdar oglu Ahmadov - believer



Date of arrest: 10 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 10 March 2023, Amal Ahmadov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

74. Khasil Rustamov - believer



Date of arrest: 10 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 10 March 2023, Khasil Rustamov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

75. Tural Valiyev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Tural Valiyev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

76. Maarif Agayev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Maarif Agayev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

77. Nizami Ahmadov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Nizami Ahmadov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

78. Ilqar Musayev - believer



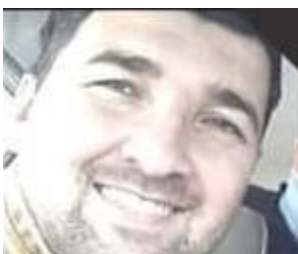
Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Ilqar Musayev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

79. Ramil Mammadov - believer



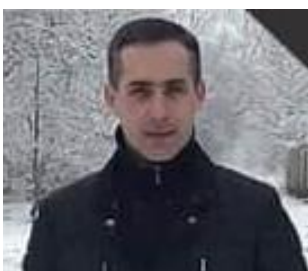
Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Ramil Mammadov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

80. Nizami Ahmadov - believer



Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Nizami Ahmadov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

81. Sakif Agabalayev - believer



Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Sakif Agabalayev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

82. Elvin Nasirov - believer

Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Elvin Nasirov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

83. Nihat Khalilov - believer

Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Nihat Khalilov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

84. Elnur Meybullayev - believer

Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Elnur Meybullayev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

85. Eldaniz Agayev - believer

Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Eldaniz Agayev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

86. Jeyhun Ilyasov - believer

Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Jeyhun Ilyasov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

87. Tural Hasanov - believer

Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Tural Hasanov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

88. Nariman Bakhishov - believer

Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Nariman Bakhishov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

89. Shahin Verdiyev - believer

Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Shahin Verdiyev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

90. Ulvi Aliyev - believer

Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Ulvi Aliyev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

91. Rahid Ibishov - believer

Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Rahid Ibishov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

92. Rovshan Jabbarov - believer

Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Rovshan Jabbarov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

93. Imran Alaskarov - believer

Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Imran Alaskarov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

94. Qoshqar Hasanov - believer

Date of arrest: 12 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 March 2023, Qoshqar Hasanov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

95. Rashad Farajov - believer



Date of arrest: 13 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 13 March 2023, Rashad Farajov was sentenced together with wife Samira Jafarova to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

96. Bahruz Quliyev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 15 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 15 March 2023, Bahruz Quliyev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

97. Vugar Mammadov – believer



Date of arrest: 15 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 15 March 2023, Vugar Mammadov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

98. Shamil Adil oglu Abdulaliyev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 15 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 15 March 2023, Shamil Abdulaliyev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

99. Afiq Qurbanov – believer



Date of arrest: 17 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 17 March 2023, Afiq Qurbanov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

100. Javid Allahverdiyev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 17 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 17 March 2023, Javid Allahverdiyev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

101. Elchin Zeynalov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 17 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 17 March 2023, Elchin Zeynalov, inhabitant of the Sumgayit City was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

102. Mushfiq Jafarov – believer



Date of arrest: 23 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 23 March 2023, Mushfiq Jafarov, inhabitant of the village Bala Khashimli from the Sabirabad district was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

103. Ilham Shikhaliyev – believer



Date of arrest: 27 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 27 March 2023, Ilham Shikhaliyev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

104. Ilkin Bagirov – believer



Date of arrest: 27 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 27 March 2023, Ilkin Bagirov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

105. Faiq Zeynalov – believer



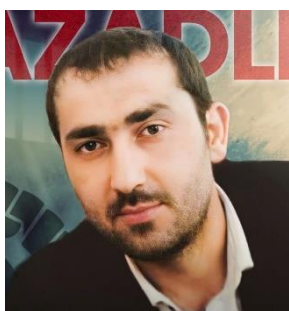
Date of arrest: 27 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 27 March 2023, Faiq Zeynalov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

106. Vusal Askarov – believer



Date of arrest: 27 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 27 March 2023, Vusal Askarov, inhabitant from the Shamkir district was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

107. Ali Aslanov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 29 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 29 March 2023, Ali Aslanov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

108. Nijat Agayev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



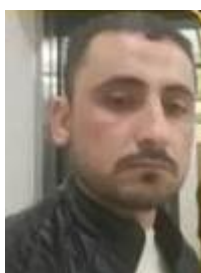
Date of arrest: 29 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 29 March 2023, Nijat Agayev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

109. Fadayil Shukurov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 29 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 29 March 2023, Fadayil Shukurov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

110. Akif Huseynli – believer



Date of arrest: 29 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 29 March 2023, Akif Huseynli, inhabitant from the Astara district was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

111. Mahmudaga Agayev – believer



Date of arrest: 29 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 29 March 2023, Mahmudaga Agayev, inhabitant of the village Arkivan from the Astara district was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

112. Agalar Agayev – believer

Date of arrest: 31 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 31 March 2023, Agalar Agayev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

113. Anar Sholaliyev – believer

Date of arrest: 31 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 31 March 2023, Anar Sholaliyev, inhabitant of the village Morul from the Shamkir district was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

114. Rza Karimov – believer

Date of arrest: 31 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 31 March 2023, Rza Karimov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

115. Khayal Qasymov – believer

Date of arrest: 31 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 31 March 2023, Khayal Qasimov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

116. Siyasat Bagirov - theologian



Date of arrest: 31 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 31 March 2023, Siyasat Bagirov, a resident of Neftchala district, one of the well-known theologians with the religious status of "*hujjat-ul-Islam*" (the only higher status among Shiites is that of an ayatollah) was arrested and the same day sentenced to 4 months in the pre-trial detention center for the period of the preliminary investigation.

Place of detention: Pre-trial Detention Center № 3 of Shuvelyan

117. Vasif Abbasov – believer



Date of arrest: 31 March 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 31 March 2023, Vasif Abbasov, inhabitant from Lankaran district was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention.

Sentence: On 23 June 2023, he was sentenced to 5,5 years imprisonment.

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

118. Aliakbar Sadigov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 1 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 1 April 2023, Aliakbar Sadigov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

119. Kamil Mahmudov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 2 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 2 April 2023, Kamil Mahmudov Sadigov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

120. Ilyas Qasimov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 2 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 2 April 2023, Ilyas Qasimov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention.

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

121. Yasin Ahmadov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 2 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 2 April 2023, Yasin Ahmadov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

122. Elsevar Rahmat oğlu Hajiyev – believer

Date of arrest: 2 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 2 April 2023, Elsevar Hajiyev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

123. Ruslan Mukhtar oglu Agayev – believer

Date of arrest: 3 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 3 April 2023, Ruslan Agayev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

124. Elnur Quliyev - believer

Date of arrest: 3 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 3 April 2023, Elnur Quliyev, inhabitant of the settlement Fatmai near the Baku City was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

125. Saleh Ali oglu Khamzayev - believer



Date of arrest: 4 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 4 April 2023, Saleh Khamzayev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

126. Karbalai Matlab - believer



Date of arrest: 4 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 4 April 2023, Karbalai Matlab, inhabitant from Shamkir district was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

127. Telman Asadullayev – theologian



Date of arrest: 5 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 5 April 2023, Telman Asadullayev, akhund of the "Juma" mosque in Hojasan settlement on the outskirts of Baku, was sentenced to 4 months' imprisonment in a pre-trial detention by the Baku Binagadi District Court for the period of preliminary investigation. On 21 September 2023, the first hearing was held in the Baku Court of Serious Crimes.

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

Conclusion:

The well-known 48-year-old theologian Telman Asadullayev said at a hearing in the Baku City Court for Serious Crimes that on 5 April 2023, the police came to his mosque and took him to the 40th Police Station of the Baku Binagadi district. There, according to the theologian, he was given a choice: either to admit that he had had in his possession firearms or drugs. Otherwise, he would be accused of plotting the attack on MP Fazil Mustafa, which took place on 28 March 2023. The theologian replied that he hadn't had any weapons, had never smoked or drunk, and therefore would not take anything offered to him by the police officers of the 40th Police Department of Binagadi District of Baku. In response, the policemen threatened to rape him. After such a threat, the theologian could not bear it and signed a statement that he had allegedly bought drugs for himself.

128. Elkhan Ismayilov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 7 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 7 April 2023, Elkan Ismayilov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

129. Natiq Firudin oglu Qasimov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 7 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 9 April 2023, the Baku City Sabunchi District Court sentenced Natig Gasimov to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center whilst the preliminary investigation takes place. On 10 May 2023, the Baku City Sabunchi District Court Judge, Nigyar Imanova, rejected the petition of the lawyer Zubeida Sadiqova to modify the measure of restraint to house arrest.

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

130. Rufat Qurbanov - believer

Date of arrest: 7 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 7 April 2023, Rufat Qurbanov, inhabitant from the Barda district was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

131. Ali Bekhisti - theologian



Date of arrest: 7 April 2023

Charge: Article 274 (*High treason*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 8 April 2023, Ali Bekhisti, famous theologian and inhabitant from the Bina settlement was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

132. Telman Rashidov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 8 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 8 April 2023, Telman Rashidov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

133. Arif Fataliyev - believer



Date of arrest: 10 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 11 April 2023, Arif Fataliyev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

134. Elsevar Isayev - believer



Date of arrest: 10 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 11 April 2023, Elsevar Isayev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

135. Vusal Manafov - believer



Date of arrest: 10 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 10 April 2023, Vusal Manafov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

136. Mehman Qarayev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 11 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 11 April 2023, Mehman Qarayev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

137. Kanan Yusifzade - believer



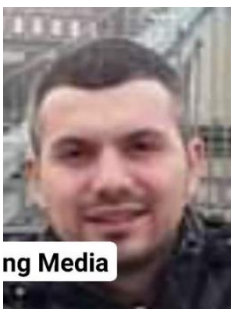
Date of arrest: 11 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 11 April 2023, Kanan Yusifzade was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

138. Seyid Javad - believer



Date of arrest: 11 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 11 April 2023, Seyid Javad was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

139. Bakhtiyar Isazade - believer



Date of arrest: 11 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 11 April 2023, Bakhtiyar Isazade was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

140. Elyar Nazarov - believer



Date of arrest: 11 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 11 April 2023, Elyar Nazarov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

141. Vugar Suleymanov - believer



Date of arrest: 11 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 11 April 2023, Vugar Suleymanov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

142. Natiq Aliyev – believer



Date of arrest: 11 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 11 April 2023, Natiq Aliyev was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

143. Karbalai Sarvar – believer



Date of arrest: 11 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 11 April 2023, Karbalai Sarvar was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

144. Mohubbat Aslanov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 15 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 15 April 2023, Mohubbat Aslanov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

145. Agasaf Khurshidov – believer



Date of arrest: 17 April 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 17 April 2023, Agasaf Khurshidov was sentenced to 4 months in pre-trial detention

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

146. Elkhan Zamanov - believer



Date of arrest: 10 May 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 10 May 2023, Elkhan Zamanov, a believer from Sumgayit City, was detained by unknown people in civilian clothes. On 15 May, the Sumgayit City Court sentenced Elkhan Zamanov to 4 months of detention in the pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

147. Eldar Mahir oglu Osmanov - believer



Date of arrest: 10 May 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 10 May 2023, Eldar Osmanov, a believer from Dyallar settlement in Shamkir district, was detained by some unknown men in civilian clothes. On 12 May 2023, the Shamkir District Court sentenced Eldar Osmanov to 4 months of detention in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

148. Shahin Malikov - believer



Date of arrest: 11 May 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 11 May 2023, Shahin Malikov was arrested by the Khazar district police officers and taken to the Mardakan police station. On 13 May 2023, the Khazar District Court sentenced Shahin Malikov to 4 months in the pre-trial detention center for the duration of the pre-trial investigation

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

149. Rovshan Aliyev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 12 May 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 May 2023, Rovshan Aliyev was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

150. Namiq Askarov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 13 May 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 13 May 2023, Namiq Askarov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

151. Elkhan Zaman - believer



Date of arrest: 13 May 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 15 May 2023, the Absheron District Court sentenced Elkhan Zaman to 4 months in the pre-trial detention center for the duration of the pre-trial investigation

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

152. Seyid Jahangir - believer



Date of arrest: 16 May 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 16 May 2023, Seyid Jahangir was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

153. Fadaim Jafarov - believer



Date of arrest: 16 May 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 16 May 2023, Fadaim Jafarov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

154. Khanlar Alizada - believer



Date of arrest: 22 May 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 22 May 2023, Khanlar Alizada was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

155. Baba Shukurov - believer



Date of arrest: 22 May 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 22 May 2023, Baba Shukurov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

156. Elshan Rahimov - believer



Date of arrest: 24 May 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 24 May 2023, Elshan Rahimov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

157. Idris Hasanov - believer



Date of arrest: 24 May 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 24 May 2023, Idris Hasanov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

158. Karbalai Seymur - believer



Date of arrest: 5 June 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 5 June 2023, the Sumgayit City Court sentenced Karbalai Seymur to 4 months of detention in the pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

159. Parviz Abdullayev - believer



Date of arrest: 5 June 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 5 June 2023, the Sabirabad District Court sentenced Parviz Abdullayev to 4 months of detention in the pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

160. Miresghin Seyidov - believer



Date of arrest: 7 June 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 7 June 2023, the Ganja City Court sentenced Miresghin Seyidov to 4 months of detention in the pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

161. Kamal Quliyev - believer



Date of arrest: 12 June 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 June 2023, the Ganja City Court sentenced Kamal Quliyev to 4 months of detention in the pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

162. Kanan Gojayev – believer



Date of arrest: 16 June 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 16 June 2023, the Baku City inhabitant Kanan Gojayev was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

163. Emin Jahangirov - believer



Date of arrest: 16 June 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 16 June 2023, the Ganja City Grave Crimes Court sentenced Emin Jahangirov to 4 months of detention in the pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

164. Samir Mubariz oglu Piriyeu - believer



Date of arrest: 22 June 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 22 June 2023, Samir Piriyeu was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

165. Fariz Aliyev - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 27 June 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 27 June 2023, Fariz Aliyev was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

166. Yusif Ahmadzada – believer



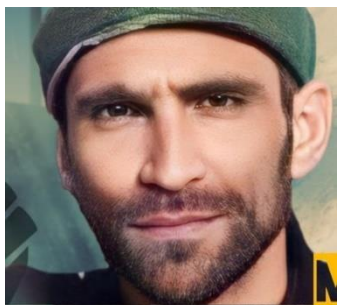
Date of arrest: 27 June 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 27 June 2023, Yusif Ahmadzada was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

167. Aslan Qasimov - believer



Date of arrest: 3 July 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 3 July 2023, the Astara City inhabitant Aslan Qasimov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

168. Bahruz Jafarov - believer



Date of arrest: 3 July 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 3 July 2023, the Shamkir City inhabitant Bahruz Jafarov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

169. Sanan Aliyev - believer



Date of arrest: 3 July 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 3 July 2023, the Shamkir City inhabitant Sanan Aliyev was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

170. Ismayil Agayev - believer



Date of arrest: 3 July 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 3 July 2023, the Baku City inhabitant Ismayil Agayev was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

171. Khayal Shukur – believer



Date of arrest: 4 August 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 4 August 2023, the Sumgayit City inhabitant Khayal Shukur was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

172. Aydin Aliyev - believer



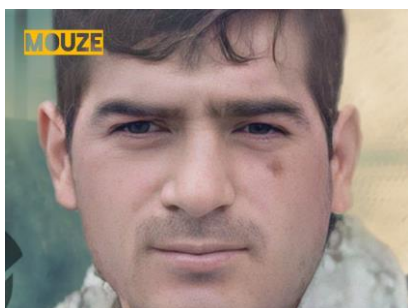
Date of arrest: 7 August 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 7 August 2023, Aydin Aliyev was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

173. Elsevar Hajiyeu – believer



Date of arrest: 8 August 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 8 August 2023, Elsevar Hajiyeu was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

174. Elvin Quliyev - believer



Date of arrest: 9 August 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 9 August 2023, Elvin Quliyev was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

175. Bahruz Hajiyev - believer



Date of arrest: 9 August 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 9 August 2023, Bahruz Hajiyev was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

176. Seyid Javanshir - believer



Date of arrest: 10 August 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 10 August 2023, Seyid Javanshir was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

177. Ruslan Agayev – believer



Date of arrest: 10 August 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 10 August 2023, Ruslan Agayev was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

178. Rza Alakbarov - theologian



Date of arrest: 15 August 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 15 August 2023, Rza Alakbarov, famous theologian and inhabitant from the Sabirabad City was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

179. Elnur Babayev – believer



Date of arrest: 16 August 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 16 August 2023, Elnur Babayev was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

180. Aliqiyam Alishanov – believer



Date of arrest: 16 August 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 16 August 2023, Aliqiyam Alishanov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

181. Agaali Eldar oglu Yahyaev - member of the Board of the "Muslim Unity" Movement



Date of arrest: 31 August 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 1 September 2023, the Absheron District Court for Serious Crimes sentenced Agaali Yahyayev to 4 months' imprisonment in a pre-trial detention center for the period of preliminary investigation. On 7 September 2023, the Sumgayit City Court of Appeal presided by the Judge Rashadat Agayev did not grant the appeal of Agaali Yahyaev on changing the measure of restraint to house arrest and upheld the decision of the Court of First Instance.

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

Conclusion:

The well-known activist of the "Muslim Unity" Movement Agaali Yahyayev has been repeatedly subjected to repression and persecution for his activities by the law enforcement bodies. In 2017, he was sentenced in the so-called "Nardaran case" to 15 years of imprisonment, in March 2021 he was pardoned by the Head of State, in May 2022 he was detained for 30 days, but continued to be engaged in public activity. On 31 August 2023, he was detained by the officers of the Absheron District Police Department of the Azerbaijani Interior Ministry. At the same time, neither his relatives nor his lawyer Zubeyda Sadigova were assured by the officers of that police department that they had no such person in their custody.

Two days later, his sister, Elnara Eldar, met her brother in the Pre-trial Detention Center No. 1 in Kyurdakhani settlement and told the media:

"A man with the rank of colonel and other police officers first tried to persuade my brother to confess to possessing and selling drugs. When they realised that my brother wouldn't comply, they started torturing him. Having tied his hands, they started to hit him on the body with their fists and beat him on the leg with a truncheon. Agaali's legs were swollen from those beatings. Despite the terrible tortures, Agaali refused to plead guilty in the crime he hadn't committed. Then the police threatened to rape him with a baseball bat, after which he was forced to admit a crime that he had not committed."

During the meeting with his lawyer, Zubeyda Sadigova, Agaali Yahyaev showed her bruises on his shoulder and places of blows on his heels. In the course of the trial on 7 September 2023, the lawyer informed the Court of Appeal of all this, as well as the fact that Yahyaev's injuries had also been recorded when he was admitted to the pre-trial detention center.

However, the Absheron Court did not take into account the defendant's and his lawyer's testimonies regarding the torture in the police department and, despite the video and audio recording of the trial, dismissed the petition.

182. Hasan Abbaszade - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 11 September 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 September 2023, the Baku City Binagadi District Court sentenced Hasan Abbaszade to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

183. Vurgun Babayev – believer



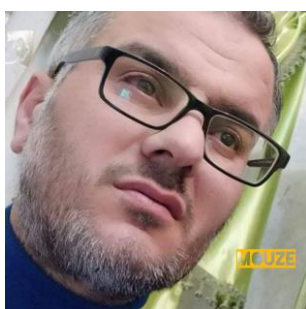
Date of arrest: 11 September 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 September 2023, the Salyan District Court sentenced Vurgun Babayev to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

184. Elshan Hashimov – believer



Date of arrest: 11 September 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 12 September 2023, Elshan Hashimov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

185. Vusal Quliyev – believer



Date of arrest: 13 September 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 13 September 2023, Vusal Quliyev was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

186. Qadir Mammadov – believer, editor of the religious website maide.az



Date of arrest: 14 September 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 14 September 2023, Qadir Mammadov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

187. Vugar Jalal oğlu Mammadov – believer

Date of arrest: 14 September 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 14 September 2023, the Akshu District inhabitant Vugar Mammadov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

188. Vugar Rafiq oglu Mammadov – believer

Date of arrest: 14 September 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 14 September 2023, the Akhsu District inhabitant Vugar Mammadov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

189. Jalal Qurbanov – believer

Date of arrest: 14 September 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 14 September 2023, the Barda District inhabitant Jalal Qurbanov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

190. Nurlan Musayev – believer

Date of arrest: 14 September 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 14 September 2023, the Goychay District inhabitant Nurlan Musayev was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

191. Asif Huseynov – believer

Date of arrest: 14 September 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 14 September 2023, the Goychay District inhabitant Asif Huseynov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

192. Sabuhi Asqarov – believer



Date of arrest: 20 September 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 21 September 2023, the Lankaran City inhabitant Sabuhi Asqarov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

193. Elvin Sadiqly – theologian



Date of arrest: 22 September 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 22 September 2023 he was detained by the police following the anti-war post on Facebook. But since he is a believer, instead of administrative arrest, on 23 September 2023, Elvin Sadiqly was sentenced to 4 months of imprisonment in a pre-trial detention center for the period of the preliminary investigation

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

194. Isfandiyar Arzu oglu Mammadov - member of the *Muslim Unity Movement*



Date of arrest: 23 September 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

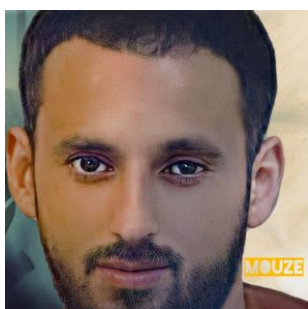
On 23 September 2023, the Baku City Sabunchi District Court sentenced Isfandiyar Mammadov to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

Conclusion:

Isfandiyar Mammadov, an activist of the "Muslim Unity" Movement, was detained by the officers of the 14th Police Station of the Baku City Sabunchi District on 23 September 2023 following the publication of his an anti-war post on Facebook. His relatives found out about his arrest only two days later. But since I.Mammadov is a believer, instead of administrative arrest, as it happened in September to other activists of the anti-war protest, and on 24 September 2023, Isfandiyar Mammadov was sentenced to 4 months of imprisonment in the pre-trial detention center for the period of the preliminary investigation.

195. Namet Israfilov – believer



Date of arrest: 30 September 2023

Charge: Article 234.4.3 (*Illegal manufacturing, purchase, storage, transportation, transfer or selling of narcotics, psychotropic substances committed in large amount*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

On 30 September 2023, Namet Israfilov was sentenced to 4 months in a pre-trial detention center for the duration of the preliminary investigation

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

Conclusion:

Once again there was a deterioration in Azerbaijani-Iranian relations at the end of 2022. And it affected the believers of the "Muslim Unity Movement" (MUM) yet another time. It should be noted that the MUM Chairman Tale Bagirzade was arrested in 2015, sentenced to a 20-year-imprisonment in 2017, and has been detained as a political prisoner in the Gobustan jail for 7 years. Ten other MUM members have been sentenced to long terms of imprisonment at the same time. And now, in November-December 2022, four other MUM members were arrested on the charges, which have become "standard", the charges of drug possession.

Yet, the main impact occurred in late January-early February 2023: 44 MUM members were arrested, eight of whom were charged with drug possession, while the rest were jailed under administrative offences, "resisting the police", for the period from 10 to 30 days. However, the Azerbaijani authorities did not stop. In the period March-April, it was launched the second and most extended campaign of the arrests and detentions of believers. The arrests were carried out almost every day. The scale of repression is illustrated by these figures: between March and April, we managed to collect reliable information concerning the arrests of 82 believers. There is also some data indicating the arrest of another 93 believers, but these figures are incomplete and must be verified. Thus, by mid-April 2023, we were able to obtain reports regarding of 175 believers arrested in March-April of 2023. Moreover, there is information on the arrests of about 200 believers in the provinces, i.e. the number of arrested believers is more than 370 people. In addition, there is also information about up to 40 believers emigrated from the country, mostly to Russia, but also to the European countries.

But the arrests of believers in 2023 did not stop there. In May, it took place another wave of repressions against believers, and in late June and early July there was another campaign of hunting Shi'ite believers.

In September, there was another round of the believers' arrests across the country. It is noteworthy that among those arrested opposed to the war in Karabakh were both representatives of the country's civil society and believers. However, while the civil society activists were subjected to administrative punishment in the form of imprisonment for disorderly conduct for 30 days of arrest, the law enforcement authorities treated the religious opponents of the war more harshly: all of them were arrested on the standard this year charges of drug possession.

In total, about 520 Shiite believers were arrested in Azerbaijan between the end of January and the end of September 2023. Among them we managed to find data and include 151 names of believers to include them in the list of political prisoners: 11 theologians and 40 MUM activists (taking into account the arrests in previous years, 57 MUM activists are currently imprisoned).

Thus, the total number of believers on the present list of political prisoners is 171, or about 73 percent of the total.

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196. Ismayil Intiqam oglu Huseynov

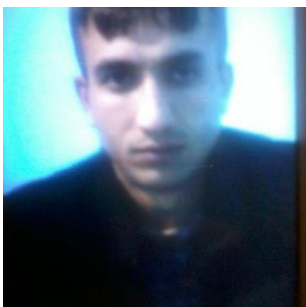


Date of arrest: 7 May 2017

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

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

197. Nusrat Farhad oglu Qurbanov



Date of arrest: 14 May 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 Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 8 October 2018, the Ganja City Military Court sentenced to 16 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Vugar Mammadov

Judges: Salman Huseynov, Vidadi Nasirov

198. Suleyman Eynulla oglu Hajiyev

Date of arrest: 14 May 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 Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 8 October 2018, the Ganja City Military Court sentenced to 14 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Vugar Mammadov

Judges: Salman Huseynov, Vidadi Nasirov

199. Vagif Aliyev



Date of arrest: 7 June 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 Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 8 October 2018, the Ganja City Military Court sentenced to 16 years in prison

Presiding Judge: Vugar Mammadov

Judges: Salman Huseynov, Vidadi Nasirov

200. Faiq Arif oglu Aliyev

Date of arrest: 14 May 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 Azerbaijan Republic

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

Presiding Judge: Vugar Mammadov

Judges: Salman Huseynov, Vidadi Nasirov

201. Teymur Israyil oglu Hasanov

Date of arrest: 14 May 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 Azerbaijan Republic

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

Presiding Judge: Vugar Mammadov

Judges: Salman Huseynov, Vidadi Nasirov

202. Seymur Hasanov

Date of arrest: 10 June 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 Azerbaijan Republic

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

Presiding Judge: Vugar Mammadov

Judges: Salman Huseynov, Vidadi Nasirov

Conclusion:

On 7 May 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 Republic and launched a special investigative group with the members of the above-mentioned agencies. On 7 May 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 7-8 May 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 17 May.

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 16 May 2017, IPD already started receiving information about individuals tortured to death. Finally, was provided information about death of 11 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 Valiyev fabricated charges against 78 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 9 July 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 16 August 2018, which sentences Emil Aliyev to 12 years in prison - <https://www.ipd-az.org/ru/another-unbased-accusation-of-change-of-the-homeland/>

GROUP № 7

SENTENCED ON GANJA CASE - 22 persons

203. Araz Hasanov

Date of arrest: 10 July 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 Azerbaijan Republic

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

Presiding judge: Natiq Aliyev

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Khagani Samadov

204. Sabuhi Sardar oglu Rajabov



Date of arrest: 12 July 2018

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

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

Judge: Muhammad Bagirov

205. Iruz Tofiq oglu Hajiyev



Date of arrest: 12 July 2018

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

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

Judge: Muhammad Bagirov

206. Gulmirza Badal oglu Nurizade

Date of arrest: 12 July 2018

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

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

Judge: Muhammad Bagirov

207. Fikrat Huseyn oglu Mirzaliyev

Date of arrest: 12 July 2018

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

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

Judge: Muhammad Bagirov

208. Alim Yusifov



Date of arrest: 10 July 2018

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

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

Presiding judge: Elmin Rustamov

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Eldar Ismayilov

209. Oqtay Nazim oglu Huseynzade

Date of arrest: 12 July 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 Azerbaijan Republic

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

Presiding judge: Khagani Samadov

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Mahmud Agalarov

210. Kabir Mardan oglu Azizov

Date of arrest: 12 July 2018

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

Председательствующий судья: Мухаммад Багиров

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

Presiding judge: Mahammad Bagirov

211. Rauf Fazil oglu Bayramov

Date of arrest: 12 July 2018

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

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

Presiding judge: Khagani Samadov

Judges: Faiq Mahmudov, Mahmud Agalarov

212. Samir Ramiz oglu Ibrahimov

Date of arrest: 12 July 2018

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

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

Presiding judge: Elchin Khasmammadov

213. Bahram Khaqani oglu Aliyev

Date of arrest: 12 July 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 Azerbaijan Republic

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

Presiding judge: Emin Rustamov

214. Mirza Jeyhun oglu Huseynov

Date of arrest: 12 July 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 Azerbaijan Republic

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

Presiding judge: Emin Rustamov

215. Vugar Rza oglu Yusifov

Date of arrest: 12 July 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 Azerbaijan Republic

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

Presiding judge: Emin Rustamov

216. Mahir Aziz oglu Azizov



Date of arrest: 5 July 2018

Charge: Articles 29.120.2.1; 29.120.2.3; 29.120.2.4, 29.120.2.7; 29.120.2.10; 29.220.2.11; 181.3.1, 181.3.3, 214.2.1, 228.3, 318 and 320 of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 16 August 2021 the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 20 years in prison

217. Jafar Zalov



Date of arrest: 5 July 2018

Charge: Articles 29.120.2.1; 29.120.2.3; 29.120.2.4, 29.120.2.7; 29.120.2.10; 29.220.2.11; 213.2.3, 214.2.6, 214.2.1, 277 and 278 of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 16 August 2021, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 19 years in prison

218. Jeyhun Salahov



Date of arrest: 5 July 2018

Charge: Articles 29.120.2.1; 29.120.2.3; 29.120.2.4, 29.120.2.7; 29.120.2.10; 29.220.2.11; 213.2.6, 214.2.1, 214.2.3, 277 and 278 of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 16 August 2021, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 19 years in prison

219. Jeyhun Qurbanov



Date of arrest: 16 July 2018

Charge: Articles 29.120.2.1; 29.120.2.3; 29.120.2.4, 29.120.2.7; 29.120.2.10; 29.220.2.11; 213.2.6, 214.2.1, 214.2.3, 277 and 278 of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 16 August 2021, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 18 years in prison

220. Akif Ismayil oğlu Aliyev

Date of arrest: 13 July 2018

Charge: Articles 29.120.2.1; 29.120.2.3; 29.120.2.4, 29.120.2.7; 29.120.2.10; 29.220.2.11; 213.2.6, 214.2.1, 214.2.3, 277, 278, 318.2, 320.1 and 320.2 of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 16 August 2021 the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 20 years in prison

221. Rasim Hafiz oğlu Mustafayev



Date of arrest: 11 July 2018

Charge: Articles 29.120.2.1; 29.120.2.3; 29.120.2.4, 29.120.2.7; 29.120.2.10; 29.220.2.11; 213.2.6, 214.2.1, 214.2.3, 229.3, 277 and 278 of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 16 August 2021, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 20 years in prison

222. Firudin Zeynalov



Date of arrest: 1 October 2017

Charge: Articles 221.3 (*Hooliganism committed with application of a weapon or subjects, used as the weapon*) and 315.2 (*Resistance or application of violence concerning the representative of authority*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 2 November 2018, the Ganja City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 3 years in prison.

His sentence expired in 2020, but he was not released. A new case was opened against him on fabricated charges and he was accused of committing a crime together with Yunis Safarov. However, in 2018, during the assassination attempt on the mayor of Ganja City, F. Zeynalov was in prison.

Charge: 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*), 120.2.4 (*Deliberate murder, committed with special cruelty or in publicly dangers way*), 120.2.7 (*Deliberate murder of two or more persons*), 29,120.2.10 (*Deliberate murder, committed repeatedly*) and 120.2.11. (*Deliberate murder, connected to robbery, extortion, terrorism or gangsters*) of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

Sentence: On 16 August 2021, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 19 years in prison

223. Hamlet Abdullayev

Date of arrest: 11 July 2018

Charge: Articles 29.120.2.1; 29.120.2.3; 29.120.2.4, 29.120.2.7; 29.120.2.10; 29.220.2.11; 213.2.6, 214.2.1, 214.2.3, 229.3, 277 and 278 of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 16 August 2021, the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 19 years in prison

224. Vugar Mammadov

Date of arrest: 11 July 2018

Charge: Articles 29.120.2.1; 29.120.2.3; 29.120.2.4, 29.120.2.7; 29.120.2.10; 29.220.2.11; 213.2.6, 214.2.1, 214.2.3, 277 and 278.2, 229.3 of the Criminal Code of the Azerbaijan Republic

Sentence: On 16 August 2021 the Baku City Grave Crimes Court sentenced to 19 years in prison

Conclusion:

On 3 July 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 3-4 July, 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 10 July, in front of Ganja City administration and widespread via social networks.

On 10 July 2018, 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 22 February 2019. Ganja City Court on Grave Crimes sentenced the group of the accused,

consisting of 11 people. On 1 March and 15 March 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 Azerbaijan Republic: Article 28 and 46 of the Constitution of the AR, Article 13 and 21.2 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Azerbaijan Republic; 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 № 8

LIFE TERM SENTENCED – 11 persons

Former Special Police Detachment (SPD) members – 6 persons

225. 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

226. Arif Nasir oglu Kazimov

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

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

227. Dayanat Karim oglu Karimov

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

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

228. Hasan Huseyn oglu Mustafayev

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

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

229. Safa Alim oğlu Poladov

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

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

230. Aliyusif Damat oğlu 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

231. Intiqam Yusif oğlu Qayıbov

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

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

232. Sahib Nuraddin oğlu Mammadaliyev

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

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

233. Yashar Hasay oğlu Şahmuradov

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 – 2 persons**

234. Rashid Nurulla oğlu İsmayilov

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

Place of detention: Gobustan Closed Prison

235. Huseynov Maqsud Vaqif oğlu

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 8 December 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 replace 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.