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Announcement

Amnesty International reports that in Azerbaijan history student Jabbar Savalan is imprisoned for his peaceful political activities. We hope that you can send the recommended World Wide Appeal (please see below) immediately. Please remember to write in your professional capacity.



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WORLD WIDE APPEAL

31 October 2011

AZERBAIJAN: JABBAR SAVALAN

History student Jabbar Savalan is serving a two and-a-half-year prison sentence in Azerbaijan in response to his peaceful anti-government activism. His activities included using the Facebook website to share a newspaper article criticizing Azerbaijan's President, and calling for an anti-government protest. On the evening of 5 February 2011, Jabbar Savalan was arrested as he returned home from a meeting of the opposition Azerbaijan Popular Front Party (APFP) in the city of Sumgayit. He was seized without any explanation or being informed of his rights. He was 19 years old at the time. He was interrogated for two days without access to a lawyer. When he eventually met with his lawyer, Jabbar Savalan said that police had slapped and threatened him until he signed a confession. Police claim to have found 0.74g of marijuana in Jabbar Savalan's outer jacket pocket. Jabbar Savalan says this was planted on him by the police. Subsequent blood tests showed no traces of drugs, and Jabbar Savalan's family, friends and classmates told Amnesty International he had no history of drug use. Jabbar Savalan was convicted of possessing illegal drugs for personal use on 4 May 2011. His sentence is due to end in August 2013.

Please write to the President, calling for Jabbar Savalan's immediate and unconditional release from prison. Say that Amnesty International considers him to be a prisoner of conscience,

detained for the peaceful exercise of his right to freedom of expression. Call for an immediate and impartial investigation into the allegations that police planted evidence on Jabbar Savalan.

SEND APPEALS TO:

President Ilham Aliyev
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Salutation: Dear President

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Photograph of Jabbar Savalan:

http://www.amnesty.org/sites/impact.amnesty.org/files/PUBLIC/documents/TheWire/3729_Wire_OctNov_Insert_web.pdf

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