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Vajif Hadjibeyli: opposition politician allegedly beaten by police

Vajif Hadjibeyli is chair of the opposition Ehrar (Peasants') Party. When taking part in an attempted demonstration in Baku on 29 April 2000 he was reportedly detained and severely beaten by police.

Photo: Vajif Hadjibeyli; © Echo

It was further alleged that although suffering from concussion he did not receive prompt and appropriate medical attention after being taken into detention at the local police station; that he was not able to see his lawyer or telephone his family after being taken into detention; and that he was not given a pen and paper in order to make a written complaint.

The Prosecutor General told Amnesty International in July 2000 that a forensic medical examination had found light bodily injuries on Vajif Hadjibeyli, and that measures were being taken to determine those responsible. However, no results of any such measures have come to the attention of Amnesty International so far. The Prosecutor General also stated that Vajif Hadjibeyli had received timely and appropriate medical aid.

Vajif Hadjibeyli was sentenced to 10 days' administrative detention for "resisting the lawful demands of a police officer". Before the end of this term he was transferred from the Main Police Directorate to Bailov investigation isolation prison No. 1, after being charged with "resisting a police officer", but was subsequently released on bail.

Letters on behalf of Vajif Hadjibeyli

Please send politely worded western in Empire, Russian,

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