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Amnesty International report on freedom of expression in Azerbaijan

Amnesty International is presenting a report on freedom of expression and civil liberties in Azerbaijan at a press conference in Baku on 16 November.

The report, *The spring that never blossomed: Freedoms suppressed in Azerbaijan*, catalogues a clampdown on dissent since protests erupted in March and calls on the international community not to turn a blind eye to the human rights violations in oil-rich Azerbaijan.

Amnesty International's spokespeople, John Dalhuisen, Deputy Director Europe and Central Asia Programme, and Natalia Nozadze, researcher on Azerbaijan, will be available for embargoed interviews in Istanbul on 13-14 November.

Audiovisual material illustrating the report will be made available to journalists.

Media opportunities:

- Press conference in Baku on 16 November at the Azerbaijan Media Centre; 218 Dilara Aliyeva street.
- Embargoed media briefing in Istanbul on 14 November at 0900 GMT at City Centre Hotel; Katip Celebi Mahallesi Billurcu Sokak, No:1 Siraselviler.
- Embargoed interviews in London until 12 November.

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