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Launch of Amnesty International report on freedom of expression in Azerbaijan

On 16 November 2011, Amnesty International is publishing a report on freedom of expression in Azerbaijan, urging the authorities to stop the harassment of independent media, social media and opposition activists.

The report details a wave of intimidation and arrests around the spring protests against corruption and calls on the international community to put pressure on the authorities in Azerbaijan to respect human rights.

What: Presentation of Amnesty International's new report.

When: Wednesday 16 November 2011, at 14:00hrs local time (10:00 GMT)

Where: Azerbaijan Media Center 218, Dilara Aliyeva street

Baku, AZ-1001

Who: John Dalhuisen, Head of the Eurasia team at Amnesty International Natalia Nozadze, researcher on Azerbaijan, Europe and Central Asia Programme

Also present at the press conference will be Eynulla Fatullayev, who was imprisoned for peacefully expressing his beliefs and released after Amnesty International campaigned on his behalf.

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

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