

URGENT ACTION

LAWYER UNDER THREAT SENDS THANKS FOR ACTION

An investigation into death threats made against lawyer Magamed Abubakarov has been opened and is ongoing.

Criminal defence lawyer from North Caucasus, Russia, **Magamed Abubakarov**, sends his deep gratitude to Amnesty International members for letters of support from the Urgent Action Network, and requests that actions taken on his behalf should now discontinue. He has told Amnesty International that letters have helped, and an investigation into threats made against his life has been opened and is currently ongoing. The action taken on his behalf has sent a strong message to the authorities that intimidation, hindrance and harassment against criminal defence lawyers in the North Caucasus is unacceptable.

Further letters on Magamed Abubakarov's behalf should end as continued action may have a negative result by compelling the investigation team to reply at the time when we would like to see them making fast progress in identifying the perpetrators behind these threats and bringing them to justice. Amnesty International continues to watch this case closely.

There is no need to take further action on this case. Many thanks to everyone who has campaigned on his behalf.

This is the second update of UA 38/13. Further information <http://amnesty.org/en/library/info/EUR46/007/2013/en>

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