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EXTRA 91/93      Death penalty: Fear of imminent execution      1 November 1993

AZERBAJDZHAN

BABAYEV Kurban

GULIYEV Ali

MAMEDOV Dzhulagay

PASHAYEV Kingiz

RUFULAYEV Sirudin

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Amnesty International fears that these five men, who are under sentence of death, face imminent execution. The limited information currently available to the organization suggests that an appeal against their sentence to the Supreme Court of Azerbaydzhnan was turned down. A petition for clemency to the President of Azerbaydzhnan, their only hope of avoiding execution, was reportedly also turned down in October 1993. Their execution can now be carried out at any time.

Kurban Babayev, Ali Guliyev, Dzhugulay Mamedov, Kingiz Pashayev and Sirudin Rifulayev were sentenced to death on 30 November 1990 for banditism (Article 70 of the Azerbaydzhani Criminal Code) and premeditated aggravated murder (Article 94).

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases and without reservation, on the grounds that it is a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Amnesty International is appealing to the President of Azerbaydzhnan to stop the execution of these five men.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express and airmail letters either in English, Russian or in your own language:**

- urging the President to stop the execution of Kurban Babayev, Ali Guliyev, Dzhugulay Mamedov, Kingiz Pashayev and Sirudin Rifulayev and to commute their death sentences;

- urging the President to commute all other death sentences that come before him.

**APPEALS TO:**

1. President of the Azerbaydzhani Republic, Geydar Aliyev.  
Azerbaydzhanskaya Respublika  
370066 g. Baku  
ul. Kommunisticheskaya, 19  
Prezidentu Azerbaydzhanskoy Respubliki  
ALIYEVU G.

**Telegrams: Azerbaydzhnan, 370066 Baku, Prezidentu Aliyevu G.**

**Faxes: + 8 922 92 17 63**

**Salutation: Dear President**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

1. Head of the Presidential Department of Citizenship and Clemency Questions,  
T. Aslanov.

Azerbaydzhanskaya Respublika

370066 g. Baku

ul. Kommunisticheskaya, 19

Otdel po voprosam grazhdanstva i pomilovaniya pri apparate Prezidenta  
Zaveduyushchemu otdelom Aslanovu T.

**Telegrams: Azerbaydzhan, 370066 Baku, Otdel po pomilovanii pri Prezidente,  
Aslanovu T.**

2. Acting Chairman of the Supreme Court of Azerbaydzhani, Gadzhiyev Khamlar.

Azerbaydzhanskaya Respublika

370601 g. Baku

ul. Vurguna, 30

Verkhovny Sud

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3. Procurator General of Azerbaydzhani, Ali Omarov.

Azerbaydzhanskaya Respublika

370201 g. Baku

ul. Ezima Sarapostam, 9

Prokuratura Azerbaydzhanskoy Respubliki

Generalnomu prokuroru Omarovu A.

4. Ambassador of the Azerbaydzhani Republic to the Russian Federation, Ramiz  
Rizayev.

Rossiyskaya Federatsiya

g. Moskva

ul. Stanislavskogo, 16

Posolstvo Azerbaydzhana

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 2 December 1993.