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## Amnesty International report on freedom of expression in Azerbaijan Istanbul embargoed media briefing

An Amnesty International delegation is in Istanbul on 13-14 November for an embargoed presentation of a report on violations against freedom of expression and civil liberties in Azerbaijan. The report will be launched 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.

What: Presentation of Amnesty International's new report.

**When:** Monday, 14 November 2011, 11:00hrs local time (9:00 GMT) with the possibility of one-to-one interviews throughout the day

Where: City Centre Hotel

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Who: John Dalhuisen, Deputy Director Europe and Central Asia Programme

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

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