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Further Information on UA 219/05 (MDE 13/046/2005, 24 August 2005) Fear for safety/fear of torture or ill-treatment/possible prisoner of conscience

IRAN

Hojjatoleslam Ezimi Qedimi (m) aged 32, Muslim cleric

Hojjatleslam Ezimi Qedimi was reportedly released on bail to await trial on or around 24 October. No date is known to have been set for his trial.

Hojjatoleslam Ezimi Qedimi is an ethnic Azeri Muslim cleric from Verziqan, near the capital of Azerbaijan province, Tabriz. He was reportedly arrested on 5 August in Tabriz at the mausoleum of an Azeri hero called Baghir Khan, one of the authors of Iran's 1906 Constitution, which led to the country's first elected parliament, as security forces broke up a celebration of the anniversary of the introduction of the Constitution.

Hojjatoleslam Ezimi Qedimi is said to be accused of leading an illegal gathering at the mausoleum; giving an interview published on the *Shams-e Tabriz* website; giving an interview to *Ana Yurdu* television station; "opposition to the Islamic Republic"; contempt of court; aiding the setting up and distribution of the publication *Rasul*; and misleading young religious students in the city of Qom.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Persian, Arabic, English or your own language:

- welcoming the news that Hojjatoleslam Ezimi Qedimi has been released on bail;
- asking for details of the charges against him and for details of any trial proceedings;
- expressing concern that he is reported to be facing charges that are vaguely worded and may infringe his right to freedom of expression and association

APPEALS TO: (Fax numbers and e-mail addresses for Iran are unreliable so please send letters if you cannot get through)

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