

Political Prisoners in Azerbaijan PROFILE: ANAR MAMMADLI



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 Civil Rights Defender and Election Observer in Azerbaijan

- Chair of <u>Election Monitoring and</u> <u>Democracy Studies Center</u> <u>(EMDS)</u>
- Published a critical assessment of the conduct of the 2013 presidential elections

"Our unbiased and objective election monitoring helped to record the alternative history of the Azerbaijani election system and keep trace of political processes of our country..." **Anar Mammadli** on the day of his sentencing

Illegitimate Conviction: Arrested December 2013

- Sentenced to <u>5 years and 6 months</u> in jail in May 2014
- Fabricated charges: illegal entrepreneurship, tax evasion
- Prisoner of Conscience (Amnesty International)

"Baku court sentencing of Anar Mammadli to five years, six months in prison is a travesty of justice. Imprisonment of prisoners of conscience and harassment of human rights defenders is a breach of international commitments of Azerbaijan." Steering Committee, Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, 3 June 2014

Shortlisted Nominee for the Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize 2014

EaP CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM calls for the IMMEDIATE RELEASE of <u>Anar Mammadli</u> arrested on fabricated charges connected to his activities as an election monitor in Azerbaijan!