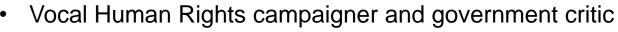


Political Prisoners in Azerbaijan PROFILE: RASUL JAFAROV

Detained: August 2014



- Founder of unregistered NGO Human Rights Club
- Launched "Sing for Democracy" & "Art for Democracy Campaigns that exposed HR violations in Azerbaijan
- Led the effort of compiling <u>the list of political prisoners</u> in Azerbaijan - last updated on 10 August 2014

Current situation:

- Held in three-month pre-trial detention
- Faces travel bans and frozen assets
- HR orgs. fear for his physical & psychological integrity

Fabricated Charges:

• Illegal enterprise, tax evasion

Active Member of EAP CSF Forum Working Group I: Democracy, Human Rights, Good Governance and Stability

Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum:

"Imprisonment of prisoners of conscience and harassment of civil society is a breach of international commitments of Azerbaijan, which currently chairs the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe"

European Union External Action Service:

"The arrest of Mr Jafarov, coming so soon after the arrest last week of Dr Leyla Yunus, adds to the impression that the **authorities are systematically restricting the space for public discourse and civil society** in Azerbaijan."

CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM calls for the <u>IMMEDIATE RELEASE</u> of Rasul Jafarov, arrested on fabricated charges following his campaign for the release of other political prisoners!

