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Jabbar Savalan, a 19-yr-old student activist was imprisoned in May 2011 for calling for protests using the social networking website Facebook. He was charged with possessing marijuana, even though his blood test results showed no history of drug use. Amnesty International considers him a prisoner of conscience, and is calling for his immediate and unconditional release.



Sunday 4th September 2011 will be Jabbar Savalan's 20th birthday. AIUSA wants him to really feel the support of people in the US and around the world, and will thus be celebrating his birthday all of September. Please send a card to Jabbar, wishing him 'Happy Birthday' and expressing solidarity with him while he is in prison on fabricated drug charges. Simultaneously, please send a letter to the President of Azerbaijan, asking him to immediately and unconditionally release Jabbar, thus ensuring that he does not see another birthday in prison.

Solidarity message for Jabbar Savalan (In English and Azeri):

Dear Jabbar,

I am sending this card to let you know that you are not alone, and that many people around the world are thinking of you.

Hörmətli Cabbar,

Bu kartı sizə göndərirəm, biləsiniz ki, biz sizinləyik, siz tək deyilsiniz və dünyada çox insane sizing haqqınızda düşünür.

Sunday 4th September 2011 is Jabbar Savalan's 20th birthday. Please also include the following message in Azeri:

Ad günün mübarək olsun Cabbar! ('Happy Birthday Jabbar')

Please send your solidarity card to:

Jabbar Savalan
Detention Centre No. 10
Muzaffar Narimanov Street
Narimanov District, Baku City
Azerbaijan

Letter to the President of Azerbaijan:

Dear President Aliyev:

I am deeply concerned over the imprisonment of Jabbar Savalan, a 19 year old student activist. He was sentenced to 2^{1/2} years in prison simply for exercising his right to freedom of expression by calling for protests in Baku using the social networking website Facebook in February 2011. He was arrested without explanation and charged with possessing marijuana. Despite the negative blood test results, which showed that he had not used drugs, Jabbar Savalan was convicted.

Jabbar turns 20 on 4 September 2011, and I urge you to bring about his immediate and unconditional release for his birthday. I further call on you to cease punishing activists like Jabbar for their peaceful activities, and allow them to continue their political activities unimpeded and without further prosecutions.

Sincerely,

Please send your letter to:

Ilham Heydar oğlu Aliyev
Office of the President of the Azerbaijan Republic
19 Istiqlaliyyat Street
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