

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
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Dear President Aliyev,

I call on you to ensure that Bayram Mammadov and Giyas Ibrahimov are immediately and unconditionally released, and that the drug charges against them are dropped.

Bayram and Giyas were tortured into confessing to possession of heroin, which was planted on them – a ruse used by police whose real motives were to punish the students for spraying graffiti on the statue of the former president of Azerbaijan, Heydar Aliyev.

Giyas was sentenced to 10 years in prison and Bayram is facing up to 12 years in prison for exercising their right to freedom of expression. Please release them now.

Yours sincerely,