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Dear Prof. Rehman,

Brief: The Reports of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, to the Human Rights Council in 2022 with a Particular Focus on Accountability using Events since June 2021

Please find enclosed Brief (the Brief) to inform you on your topics of interest as required for the above towards Special Rapporteur's (SR) next report in 2022. We thank you for consulting us and giving us this opportunity to respond to the issues identified for the report.

The Brief will strive to create a general picture in Iran but will illustrate the issues in terms of the situations of Azerbaijanis in Azerbaijani provinces in Iran. We notice that your Call for Consultation lists emblematic events including:

- The use of force during the November 2019 protests
- The use of force during the protests in Khuzestan in July 2021
- The shooting down of Flight PS752 in January 2020
- Health crisis over the summer of 2021 associated with the COVID-19 vaccination policy

We have informed you of all these in our past responses in detail but none of them found directly or indirectly their way into your reports. Likewise, our reports have informed you details of emblematic events by Azerbaijanis in Azerbaijani provinces systematically suppressed and repressed during:

- The persecution for celebrating the International Mother Language Day on 21 February 2014 still goes on and yet no word in this call for contributions or any other SR's reports.
- At least 34 Azerbaijani individuals were arrested for expressing their solidarity with Al-Ahwazis protesting against the water crisis in the Summer 2021.

We take the opportunity to call your attention to key issues identified in our response to the "Next Reports of Secretary-General and Special Rapporteur on Iran to the General Assembly." These were as follows:

- The dire situation of "Mr. Alirza Farshi and Mr. Abbas Lisani continues and they even more critical state now.
- We wrote to you that "The Iranian Majlis has now approved the new major changes on the entry requirement to the education in primary schools to impose the Sufficiency of Farsi for enrolment. Our campaigns will go to expose this through your channels.
- Also Prof. Jalali, a Swedish scientist from Tabriz (with dual passport), who is on death row in Evid prison accused of spying, has just been awarded for Academic Freedom and therefore we would strongly recommend that his case for freedom is promoted in your report too.



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Our summary in May 2021 was that “Unfortunately, any positive progress in the functions of the Iranian authorities in Azerbaijani provinces in the course of the last year are none to be detected.” After nearly six months of time lapse we would only say that this hypernormalised conditions still remains.

We thank you in advance for your care.

Your sincerely
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Figure 1: Cumulative Number of Activist Who Suffered Arbitrary Acts of Iranian Authorities at Least Once.

This included a number of emblematic events in Azerbaijani province, as follows:

- **The Celebration of the International Mother Language Day:** See Section 1.8
- **The 2019 Protests Against Petrol Price Rise:** 80 Azerbaijani individuals detainees during the 219 Petrol Price Rises that we identified their details for your attention (please see our Communication ArcDH /2019/200 on 18 November 2018; its Update 1 on 20 November 2019; and Update 2 on 9 Dec. 2019).
- At least 34 Azerbaijani individuals were arrested for expressing their solidarity with Al-Ahwazis protesting against the water crisis (see ArcDH/2021/200 on 4 August 2021).

Table 1: Overview of Activists Being Arbitrarily Prosecuted since June 2021

Id	Name	Occupation	City	Case Outline
1. Currently Imprisoned				
1	Abbas Lisani	Poet, writer, HR Defender	Ardabil	We have written in length on this veteran activist
2	Ali Vaseqi	Artist	Ardabil	ArcDH/2018/050 on 4 July 2018. See ABA ³
3	Riza Vaseqi	Artist	Ardabil	
4	Alirza Farshi	Academic, writer, journalist		International Mother Language day
5	Tohid Amir Amini	University student		International Mother Language day
6	Ekber Azad	Writer, journalist	Tehran	Currently released on bail
7	Keyanush Aslani	University student	Evin prison	International Mother Language day
8	Akbar Nai'mi	Writer, activist	Evin prison	Originally from Khoy
9	Hamid Qaraoglan	Labour Activist	Urmia	Death sentence was commuted the sentence to a 14-years imprisonment and now is kept in Urmia. He is a trade unionist and was absurdly accused of spying
10	Prof. Ahmad Reza Jalali,		Dual nationality	He is a Swedish-Iranian academic from Tabriz, still remain on death row
2. Currently Under Incidental Arbitrary Persecutions				
11	Ayyub Shiri		Tabriz	A New case – details unknown yet
12	Davud Shiri		Tabriz	
13	Saman Bidar Ajirlu			Supports the Azerbaijani National Football Team, Tirakhtur. Accused of:
14	Seid Rzayi			
15	Mehdi Danayi			
Currently Under Persecution For Peaceful Gathering Trial was Held in October 2021 and we Have not Yet the Opportunity to Write About them				
16	Behmen Kheyriju	Writer	Ardabil	



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17	Esger Ekberzade	Activist	<p><i>ArcDH /2020/620</i> in September and its updates in October</p> <p><i>ArcDH /2020/600</i>; on 10 Oct 20</p> <p><i>ArcDH /2020/550</i>; on 30 Sep. 20</p> <p><i>ArcDH /2020/620.1-12</i>; on 25 Oct 20</p> <p><i>ArcDH /2020/610</i>; on 25 Oct 20</p> <p><i>ArcDH /2020/720</i>; on 26 Nov 20</p> <p>Last week the court sentenced 8 of these activists for 180 months of imprisonment and 888 lashes.</p> <p>We are shortly to lodge a complaint on this.</p>
18	Hamid Heyderi	Activist	
19	Huseyn Balakhani	Artist	
20	Mehdi Hushmend	Activist	
21	Mehemmed Jolani	Activist	
22	Mujtaba Pervin	Activist	
23	Murtuza Pervin	Artist, Activist	
24	Mustafa Pervin	Artist, Activist	
25	Perviz Siyabi	Lawyer, writer	
26	Subhan Bakhshi	Activist	
27	Sejjad Jolani	Artist, Activist	
Currently Under Persecution Accused of Taking Part in The 2019 Petrol Price Rise			
28	Shahin Berzger	Activist, writer	<p><i>ArcDH /2019/200</i> on 18 November 2018; its Update 1 on 20 November 2019; and Update 2 on 9 Dec. 2019</p>
29	Reza Shahrivar	Activist	
30	Mohammad Kazemi	Activist	
31	Naser Sadeqiyani	Activist	
32	Mohammad Mardi	Activist	
33	Yusif Selehshur	Activist	
34	Mujteba Abdoli	Activist	
35	Amir Sattari Rauf	Activist	
36	Vahid Abhari	Activist	
37	Yusif Salahshur	Activist	
38	Saleh Ikrami	Activist	
39	Babek Rezayi	Activist	
40	Bakhtyar Bahmanun	Activist	
41	Davud Rahimi	Activist	
42	Hadi Mohammadi	Activist	
43	Huseyn Qarajadaghi	Activist	
44	Javad Dehqan	Activist	
45	Karim Ismayilzadeh	Activist	
46	Mohammad Mahmudi	Activist	
47	Rahim Sasanian	Activist	
48	Reza Jafarlu	Activist	
49	Se'dulla Sasanian	Activist	
50	Shahruz Berzger	Activist	
51	Siyamek Kushi	Activist	
52	Miss Ulduz Qasemi	Writer	
53	Vahid Mohammadi	Activist	
54	Ashkan Seadetmehr	Activist	
55	Akbar Qulizade	Activist	
56	Mohammad Pur-Ali	Activist	
57	Mohsun Abbaspur	Activist	
58	Semed Lavendi Nadarli	Activist	



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59	Yashar Piri	Activist		
60	Ferzad Veli Uskuyi	Activist		
61	Ayyub Shiri	Activist	Tabriz	
62	Davud Shiri	Activist	Tabriz	
Prisoners of Conscience Endured Arbitrary Sentences				
63	Siyamek Mirzayi		Evin prison	
64	Ali Azizi	Activist	Urmia	2019PP – Payment was made for his prison sentence was by activists.
65	Salar Tahiri	Activist	Urmia	2019PP – Payment was made for his prison sentence was by activists.
1	AD	Arbitrary Detention		
2	IMLD	International Mother Language Day		
3	BA	Annual Babek Assembly Called by Mr. Lisani		
	2019PP	The 2019 Petrol Protests		