

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 released immediately and unconditionally, and drop the drug charges against them.

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.

Bayram and Giyas should not be facing up to 12 years in prison for exercising their right to freedom of expression. Please release them now.

Yours sincerely,