

Ilham Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan
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19 Istiqlaliyyat Street
Baku AZ1066, Azerbaijan

Veenendaal,

Dear President,

I am writing to demand the immediate and unconditional release of **Gubad Ibadoghlu**, a prominent academic and political activist. He is being targeted for his anti-corruption work and criticism of the Azerbaijani authorities, and was detained on 23 July 2023 on fabricated charges. He remains in **Kurdakhani** detention centre, where his health is deteriorating due to poor conditions and lack of adequate healthcare for his diabetes and heart conditions. The International Committee of the Red Cross have not been granted access raising further concerns that the state of his health and his conditions are very poor and being concealed by the government.

Ibadoghlu has not committed any crime and the charges against him are trumped up. The conditions of his detention and the denial of adequate health care may amount to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

I urge you to take steps to ensure Ibadoghlu's release and immediately provide him with the health care he requires.

Yours sincerely,

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