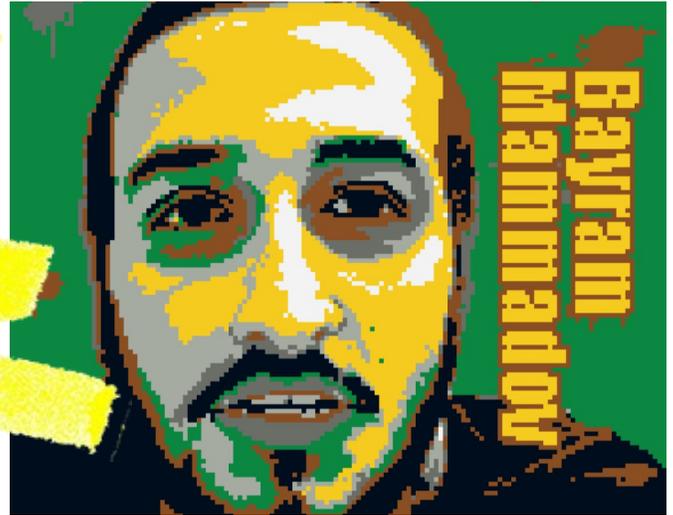


AZERBAIJAN:

Students jailed for graffiti

Youth Action (Ages 9+)



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Have you ever done something a bit naughty?

Bayram Mammadov and his friend Giyas Ibrahimov have.

On May 9, 2016, they carried some paint to a statue of Azerbaijan's former president. To express how unhappy they are with the government's rules, they sprayed "Happy slave day" on the statue. They posted a photo of their action on Facebook.

Guess who is ruling the country now? The former president's son. You can imagine how much trouble they were in.

The day after the spray-painting, officials arrested Bayram and Giyas. Amnesty International is upset about that. For one thing, they were beaten very badly. Secondly, they should have been charged with spray-painting the statue. Instead, the officials made something up and charged them with possessing a powerful drug, heroin.

The government has told Giyas and Bayram that they will be in prison for 10 years - all for spray-painting a message that criticizes the government and posting it to Facebook.

Bayram and Giyas protested in the only way they knew how, by using their right to say what they think, and doing it in a peaceful way. Their action may have been naughty but it was not violent.

Urge Azerbaijan's president to make sure that Bayram Mammadov and Giyas Ibrahimov are released right away.

To take action, go to the next page.

No one has the right to hurt you.

Everyone has the right to express what they think.

Articles 5 and 19,
Universal Declaration
of Human Rights

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Unleash your pens and keyboards!

Please write to the President of Azerbaijan.

- ◆ Start with Dear President.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the detention of Bayram Mammadov and Giyas Ibrahimov.
- ◆ Ask him to free Bayram and Giyas right now.

Send your message to

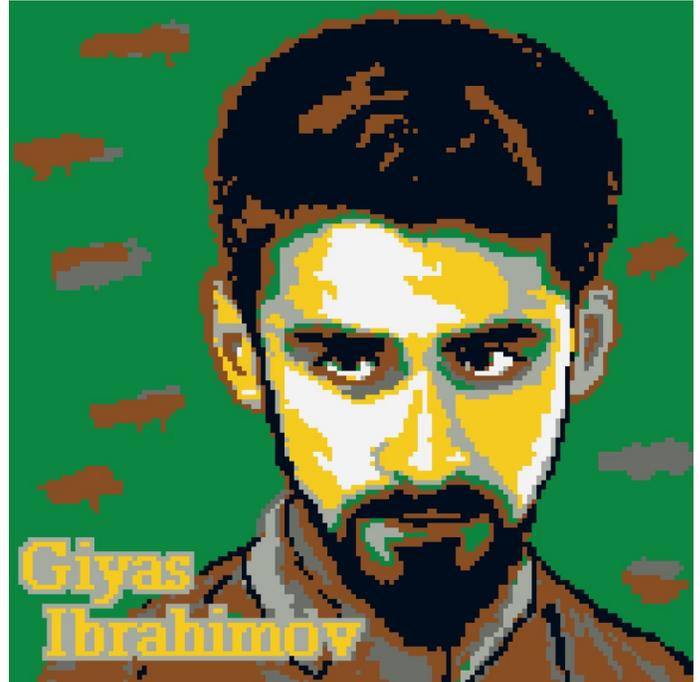
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Show Bayram and Giyas that you support them. Send them cards, letters or drawings. Please include "Möhkəm ol" ("Stay strong") in your message.

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