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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 150 of the Rules of Procedure

on the cases of Ali Karimli, Anar Mammadli and other political prisoners in Azerbaijan
(2026/2914(RSP))

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**European Parliament resolution on the cases of Ali Karimli, Anar Mammadli and other political prisoners in Azerbaijan
(2026/2914(RSP))**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Azerbaijan,
- having regard to Rule 150 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Azerbaijan continues facing significant challenges in establishing certain fundamental freedoms and ensuring sufficient protection of fundamental rights, including freedom of speech, democratic representation and shrinking civic space;
- B. whereas Azerbaijan has been the subject of criticism regarding its treatment of political activists, journalists and opposition politicians; whereas these issues risk to compromise Azerbaijan's alignment to democratic norms and international human rights standards;
- C. whereas Ali Karimli, chairman of the Azerbaijan Popular Front Party, has been held in State Security Service detention since November 29, 2025 on charges of attempting the violent seizure of power and forcible change of the constitutional order, carrying a potential life sentence;
- D. whereas on September 7, 2026 the Baku Grave Crimes Court sentenced prominent election monitor and human rights defender Anar Mammadli to 13 years in prison and civic activist Anar Abdullayev to 12 years following proceedings marred by serious due-process violations;
- E. whereas the authorities in Azerbaijan have made efforts to silence dissent through politically motivated accusations, prolonged pretrial detention and considerable prison sentences against critics;

1. Calls on Azerbaijan to urgently review the proceedings against Ali Karimli, Anar Mammadli and Anar Abdullayev, and to release them without delay;
2. Calls on Azerbaijan to refrain from political persecution against opposition politicians and politically motivated prosecutions and the misuse of criminal law against opposition figures, journalists, media, academics, election monitors, and civil society activists;

3. Calls on Azerbaijan to comprehensively review and address structural practices that may lead to repeated violations;
4. Calls on Azerbaijan to ensure protection from ill-treatment to all detainees in the country and ensure access to lawyers, family communication, medical care and other safeguards;
5. Calls on the EU Delegation in Baku to monitor the aforementioned cases and invites the EU to further support efforts to promote human rights and improve democratic governance in Azerbaijan;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Government and Parliament of Azerbaijan.