

ABDUCTION OF MUSTAFA CEYHAN IN BAKU, AZERBAIJAN

WHO?

Mustafa Ceyhan is a businessman from Turkey who resided in Georgia under UN protection. He visited Azerbaijan from Batumi (Georgia) on 4/20/2017 for a business trip. Once he entered Azerbaijan, he was unjustly arrested on charges of illegally crossing the border to Azerbaijan.

WHAT?

On 4/26/18, he was acquitted of all charges. As Ceyhan was leaving the court with his lawyers around 12:00 PM, he was abducted in front of the court by a group of eight men in a black Ranger Rover with black tinted windows. His lawyers could not do anything.

WHEN?

He was abducted on 4/26/18, around 12:00 PM, right after his trial ended.

WHERE?

In front of the courthouse in Baku.

WHY?

The Turkish government had accused Ceyhan of having ties to the Gulen Movement (also known as Hizmet Movement) and appealed to Azerbaijan to extradite Ceyhan. Alleged supporters of the Movement in Turkey have been dealing with arrest, imprisonment, torture, inhuman and degrading treatment, confiscation and passport seizure. There are many examples of abductions and physical violence incidents in several countries like Sudan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Georgia, Myanmar, Malaysia and most recently in Kosovo. President Erdogan has on numerous occasions explicitly praised the abductions and promised more abduction in near future.

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