On the new information about the 14-15 rally

Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies Center received new information after issuing a press release on the events of 14-15 July rally in Baku. It should be noted that there were reports from independent sources on more than 70 detained people.

Even though more than 40 hours have passed since the events, the Ministry of Internal Affairs has yet to issue complete information on detained people. Despite the official information claiming 7 people charged for breaking into the Parliament building, an unofficial source disseminated the photos of 6 people today, claiming them to be the group of people opened a criminal case against. Identified detainees, journalist Anar Abdulla and activist Firudin Salimov complain of poor detention conditions in the police station.

Additionally, the Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan reported the detention of 5 members – Asif Yusifli, Farid Asadov, Elvin Mammadov, Matanat Turan and Mahammad Imanli for participating in the rally. Another 2 members of the Party were detained before the rally. The whereabouts of another detainee from the rally, Ughur Shukurlu, cannot be identified, his relatives report. According to the information received by EMDS, the updated list of the detainees is as follows:

1. Anar Abdullayev – journalist
2. Elvin Jabizada – activist
3. Firudin Salimov – activist
4. Farid Asadov – activist
5. Asif Yusifli – activist
6. Matanat Turan – activist
7. Mahammad Imanli – activist
8. Elvin Mammadov – activist
9. Salman Aliyev – participant
10. Sadig Jafarli – participant
11. Ali Abishov – participant
12. Anar Karimzada – participant
13. Ughur Shukurlu – participant

EMDS will keep updating the list based on new developments.

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