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AZERBAIJANI ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGNER RELEASED FROM JAIL

Ahad Ahadov, who was sentenced in January to 18 months' imprisonment on charges of possession of drugs, has been released from jail, Turan reported on 3 June. Ahadov was detained in Baku in September, shortly after launching a campaign to coordinate protests against allegedly illegal actions of Masally District Governor Ahad Abiev who, Ahadov claimed, appointed to senior positions members of his immediate family who have allegedly illegally appropriated land and embezzled up to 15 million manats (\$3,054) from the local budget (see "RFE/RL Newslines," 8 September 2004). Human rights activists and Ahadov claim that the drug charge was fabricated and that police planted drugs on him at the time they detained him. LF