

Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Ganja branch

Half year report/information within the frame work of Yellow Tulips project.

In the period of 01.01.05-01.07.05

Ganja office used its human potential, materials, and equipments during 6 months. The report is the result of works that has been done.

1. During 6 months in Azerbaijan hostage and captivity position were watched by Mass-Media (Electron and print versions). Also by interview, survey, conversation, information we get a lot of information.

The person who lives in Touch Line of Karabakh – Azerbaijan was also getting information. In these fields were done such things, to indicate the list who has missed, addition, the reaching of the social problems of the relatives of missing people to social society and organs that is in need, the defense of their social rights and education in this field. In this time during current half year during hostage were monitored in Geneva Convention. During 6 months were monitored that 3 Azeri soldiers has been kept hostage in Karabakh who has been kept in hostage from 15th of February to 8th of May. During the time that they have been kept in hostage we kept in touch and get information about how the hostages are being kept from the coordinator of HI'92, Karen Ogacanyan. At this moment we keep in touch with X. hostage's relative who lives in Ganja. Our hostages who came back are still in observation.

Meantime four Armenian soldiers who had been kept in hostage from 23.11.2004 were returned in 28.01.2005 from Azerbaijan side. We watched the returning of hostages through TV. We watched that the physical appearance, health were ok. For more information lets say that these hostages were taken from the land of Karabakh although they are the citizen of Armenia. Except it in May a soldier and a civil citizen were given back to Armenia. And these hostages were given back to Armenia directly.

Despite of it government doesn't give more information about hostages that in kept.

In hCA Ganja office besides it during 6 months of this year were given law recommendation to 252 people-veterans, missing, also the people who has violated in army, national minorities, poor generation of society etc.

The complaint applications are concerned with corruption poverty, unemployment. Cause of our office makes the work against corruption. According to facts with applications we give information to mass-media and publish it's in our monthly bulletin. We educate those people and are given information about law papers; we organize meetings with those organs that made corruption. And we held meetings with prosecution, court and police.

During half year was written 53 letters to various state organs and were got 25 letters by organization.

The relatives of missing people are being kept touch, are learned in what field they have needs. To 5 members of relatives of missing people have been made promotion. To 40 people (the old, veteran's of war, invalids, war victims) were made promotion for getting national identity card and 4 people of them were the relatives of missing people. To the relatives of missing people were given physiological help, are being activated for the integration to society, meantime to obtain for taking their part in democratization and peacebuilding. We obtained to the relatives of missing people's treatment with appealing to the local medical system.

In January we appealed to the President of Azerbaijan Republic, to the Speaker of Parliament, to the State Commission of Missing and Hostages, to the Ministry of Labour and Social Defense, to the local government (executive power) and municipality

in order to memorize missing people in Karabakh war and to erect monument, for to be received law for to regulate social defense of relatives of missing people, to be lasted the searching of them. From the answers were said that in order to improve their social position provided and will provide to get apartment and car in turn.

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