

Side-event at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

UNPRECEDENTED REPRESSION IN AZERBAIJAN

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International Media Support (IMS) and Human Rights House Foundation (HRRF),
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as well as Article 19, Freedom Now and Human Rights Watch

Speakers:

- **Khadija Ismayilova**, Investigative journalist in Azerbaijan
Giving an overview of the situation in Azerbaijan and will brief also about the list of 98 political prisoners documented by Azerbaijani human rights defenders
- **Gulnara Akhundova**, International Media Support
Speaking mainly about media rights in Azerbaijan and harassment of media rights NGOs
- **Maran Turner**, Freedom Now
Freedom Now will present an overview of their legal analysis of some key cases of political prisoner
- **Nathalie Losekoot**, Article 19
The International Partnership Group on Azerbaijan, coordinated by Article 19, prepared a report on freedom of expression in the country and will highlight main trends in this regard and the situation of journalists and media workers in the country
- **Florian Irminger**, Human Rights House Foundation
Speaking about reprisal against human rights defenders who cooperated with the Council of Europe and action to be taken by the Council of Europe

Refreshments will be provided

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