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Azerbaijani Journalist Elchin Ismayilli Sentenced to 9 year in Prison

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

🕒 1 Journalist in detention

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Detention and
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On 17 February 2017, Elchin Ismayilli, founder and editor of Kend.info, an on-line news portal known for its reporting on corruption and human rights violations in the Ismayilli region of Azerbaijan, was detained by police. He is accused of threatening a local government employee, and has been charged with extortion and abuse of a position of influence. Ismayilli denies all the charges. On 18 February, the Nasimi District court sentenced Ismayilli to pre-trial detention for an initial period of 24 days. Ismayilli is currently being held in the Kurdakhani pretrial detention centre.

UPDATES

18 Sep 2017: On 18 September 2017, the Sheki Court for Grave Crimes sentenced Elchin Ismayilli to 9 years imprisonment. The court found him guilty under articles 182 (extortion of money by threats), 308 (abuse of office) and 311 (bribery) of the Criminal Code.

03 Aug 2017: Elchin Ismayilli`s preliminary investigation ended on 3 August 2017, but new charges of bribery were brought against him. He is now facing a jail sentence from 8 to 12 years.

🕒 Article published by Caucasian Knot: "Azerbaijani journalist Elchin Ismayilly faces tougher charges"

03 Mar 2017: On 3 March 2017 Elchin Ismayilli`s pre-trial detention time was extended to three more months.

🕒 Article published by the Institute for Reporters` Freedom and Safety (IRFS): "Journalist to Remain in Pre-Trial Custody for another Three Months"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



- ➔ Report published on the Mapping Media Freedom platform : "Azerbaijan: Journalist detained on extortion charges"
- ➔ Update on Azerbaijanfreexpression.com : "Detained: Elchin Ismayilli"

JOURNALISTS IN DETENTION



Currently in detention (1):

Elchin Ismayilli