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Journalist Seymour Hazi Sentenced on Hooliganism Charges

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

📍 1 Journalist in detention

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Detention and
imprisonment of journalists

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ

Seymour Hazi is a reporter for the opposition newspaper “Azadliq” and a leading anchor for “Azerbaijan Saati” (Azerbaijani Hour) TV program, a cable news channel. He is known for his comments and analysis which are often critical of Azerbaijani authorities. Police arrested him on 29 August 2014, alleging that he had attacked a man at a bus stop. He was charged of hooliganism and sentenced to five years in prison, a sentence considered disproportionate as no aggravating circumstances were established as a justification. Hazi believed authorities had orchestrated the altercation to provide a motive for his arrest.

UPDATES

15 Apr 2016: On 15 April 2016, the Supreme Court dismissed Seymour Hazi's cassation appeal.

STATE REPLIES



01 Jun 2015 | Reply by the Government of Azerbaijan

📍 Written Response by the Government of Azerbaijan

JOURNALISTS IN DETENTION

Currently in detention (1):

