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## Independent Senior Journalist Parviz Hashimli Jailed in Azerbaijan

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State


CATEGORY  ▶ Detention and imprisonment of journalists

**PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ**

Parviz Hashimli is the editor of the independent news website Moderator and a reporter for the independent newspaper Bizim Yol. On 17 September 2013, agents of the National Security Agency (MNB) arrested Hashimli, allegedly after having found a pistol and several hand grenades in his home. The Baku-based press freedom group Institute for Reporters' Freedom and Safety is convinced that the charges against Hashimli were fabricated. On 15 May 2014, the Baku Court of Grave Crimes sentenced the journalist to eight years in prison.


### RESOLVED

**13 Sep 2016:** On 17 March 2016, Parviz Hashimli was released following presidential pardon. On 13 September 2016, the partner organisations of the Platform declared this case to be "resolved", concluding it was no longer an active threat to media freedom.

 Presidential pardon

### UPDATES

**17 Mar 2016:** Journalist Parviz Hashimli was released along with 147 other prisoners, on 17 March 2016, following presidential pardon.

 Article published on Azadliq Radiosu website: "In Azerbaijan A Number Of High Profile Political Prisoners Pardoned"

STATE REPLIES 



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