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The Honorable Mehriban Aliyeva

The First Lady of The Republic of the Azerbaijan

**Dear Mehriban Aliyeva,**

Please accept my greeting on behalf of the Shia Rights Watch, I am writing because we at S.R.W are concerned about a case of human rights violation in the Azerbaijan. To our knowledge Mr. Cavid Muhammadi was arrested in Baku on the October 17th, 2012. Şeyx Cavid Muhammadi is an Islamic activist who dedicated his life to peace and non-violent. According to our sources he was arrested on the mentioned date in Baku near the Al-Azraq mosque without any explanations. His families are unaware of his situation and there is no clear reason for his arrest.

S.R.W appreciates your humanitarian works and we believe you, as a winner of many awards, do understand and appreciate human rights value. Şeyx Cavid Muhammadi's arrest can be a human rights violation and his families have all the right to know his status.

It is important to know that Şeyx Cavid Muhammadi's wife and children have not heard of him since his arrest back in October. His absence has led to unpleasant life situation for his children and young wife since they do not have any source of income. Şeyx Cavid Muhammadi's family would like to know that he is safe and what was the reason behind his arrest.

We appreciate you investigating this case and getting back to us as soon as possible so we can update his family as well.

As you may know, Shia Rights Watch is the world's first independent organization dedicated to define and protect the rights of Shia Muslims around the world. SRW is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization headquartered in Washington, DC, USA. The organization's operations rely on research and advocacy to highlight and monitor infractions on Shia human rights. In order to protect these rights, we conduct investigations and publish reports and articles detailing the current atmosphere of human rights for Shia Muslims.

Your immediate investigation and response to this letter is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mustafa Akhwand

Director of the Shia Rights Watch