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H.E. Mr. Tawfik Jelassi
Assistant Director-General for
Communication and Information of UNESCO

Dear Assistant Director-General,

Upon request from the Communication and Information Sector of UNESCO (CI/FEJ/2022/04) dated March 4, 2022, I am pleased to present herewith the relevant information on the status of legal investigation being conducted into the death of Azerbaijani journalists Siraj Abishov and Maharram Ibrahimov on 4 June, 2021, in Kalbajar district, Azerbaijan.

I would also like to kindly ask You to post this information on UNESCO website.

Please accept, dear Assistant Director-General, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Enclosure: Information on the status of legal investigation (2 pages)

Sincerely yours,

Elman ABDULLAYEV
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate

Name of journalist	Gender	Date of alleged murder	Investigation Authority	Case number	Current status	Verdict	Additional remarks
Abishov Siraj Abish	male	04.06.2021	Special Investigation Division of Military Prosecution Office of the Republic of Azerbaijan	17D/47019	The criminal Prosecution was suspended in accordance with Article 53.1.3* of the Criminal Procedure Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan.	Baku Military Court ruled out Gumashyan Koryun Landrushy to be remanded in custody for 4 (four) months. He had been placed on the international wanted list under Articles 29; 120.2.1; 120.2.7; 120.2.12** of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and the execution of this decision was entrusted to the National Central Bureau of Interpol in the Republic of Azerbaijan.	On June 4, 2021 a vehicle carrying persons, including employees of television channels and news agencies on their professional mission to the liberated Susuzlug village of Kalbajar region of the Republic of Azerbaijan was exploded by an anti-tank mine buried by Armenian forces at the entrance of the village. As a result of the explosion Siraj Abish oğlu Abishov, cameraman of "Azerbaijan Television and Radio Broadcasting" CJSC; Maharram Ali oğlu Ibrahimov, reporter of "Azerbaijan State Information Agency" were killed, and several others, including Emin Hasan oğlu Mammadov, director of "Azerbaijan Television and Radio Broadcasting" CJSC were seriously injured and hospitalized.
Ibrahimov Maharram Ali	male	04.06.2021	Special Investigation Division of Military Prosecution Office of the Republic of Azerbaijan	17D/47019	The criminal Prosecution was suspended in accordance with Article 53.1.3* of the Criminal Procedure Code of the	Baku Military Court ruled out Gumashyan Koryun Landrushy to be remanded in custody for 4 (four) months. He had been placed on the international wanted list under Articles 29;	On the same day, the Ganja Military Prosecutor's Office initiated a criminal case under the relevant articles of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and

				Republic of Azerbaijan.	120.2.7; 120.2.12** of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and the execution of this decision was entrusted to the National Central Bureau of Interpol in the Republic of Azerbaijan.	conducted an investigation. The investigation revealed that Gumashyan Koryun Landrushi, a citizen of the Republic of Armenia, committed massacres against Azerbaijani citizens while serving as a detachment commander in the Tigran Mets Volunteer Regiment established in 1993. He had buried 17 trucks of anti-infantry and anti-tank mines in the Lachin and Kalbajar districts of the Republic of Azerbaijan in order to deliberately deprive people of their lives.
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***Criminal Procedure Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

Article 53 - Grounds for suspending the conduct of the criminal prosecution;

Article 53.1.3 - if the person to be charged is not available to the investigating authority or the court.

****Criminal Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

Article 29 - attempt to commit a crime;

Article 120 - Intentional homicide;

Article 120.2.1 - deliberate murder committed by a group of persons, on preliminary arrangement by group of persons, by an organized group or criminal community (organization);

Article 120.2.7 - deliberate murder of two or more persons;

Article 120.2.12 - deliberate murder on the motive of national, racial, religious hatred or enmity.