

Baku Jails Rights Activist

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BAKU, Azerbaijan — An Azeri human rights activist has been sentenced to three years in prison on charges of interfering in parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan, his lawyer said.

Lawyer Khalid Bagirov said a Baku district court found his client Vivadi Iskenderov guilty of "interfering in an election campaign." He described the verdict as "unfair" and said he would appeal.

Iskenderov was arrested in April during an opposition rally in Baku. He told the court that he is being persecuted for reporting vote-rigging in Azerbaijan's 2010 parliamentary election.

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