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Gubad Ibadoghlu

Dear President Aliyev

The Economist and Civil Activist: **Gubad Ibadoghlu**, was arrested on 23 July and is currently being held in pretrial detention on fabricated charges.

He has been accused of the production, acquisition, or sale of counterfeit money by an organized group. His arrest and prosecution are an apparent retaliation for his criticism of the government and political and civic activities.

Gubad Ibadoghlu is suffering from serious health conditions, including Type 2 diabetes and hypertension. His life is in danger due to unsafe prison conditions and denial of adequate healthcare.

I urge you to take steps to immediately and unconditionally release Gubad Ibadoghlu and ensure he is provided with the correct medication, food and water, and is protected from torture and other ill-treatment. Please also ensure that any allegations of ill-treatment and rights violations are promptly and effectively investigated and all those responsible held to account. Lastly, please end the misuse of the criminal justice system to target peaceful criticism and dissent.

Yours sincerely,