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Statement regarding Assault on Journalist Idrak Abbasov April 20, 2012

The United States Embassy condemns the assault on the independent journalist Idrak Abbasov on April 18 in Azerbaijan.

Freedom of the media is essential for every democracy. Journalists must be able to work free of intimidation and fear.

We call on the Government of Azerbaijan to launch a prompt and thorough criminal investigation of the incident and hold accountable those responsible for the assault.

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