



United States Mission to the OSCE

Call For Investigation into Death of Activist Mehman Galandarov in Custody in Azerbaijan

As delivered by Chargé d' Affaires, a.i. Kate Byrnes
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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The United States notes with deep concern the death of Azerbaijani blogger and activist Mehman Galandarov on April 28 while in the custody of Azerbaijani authorities.

We urge the Government of Azerbaijan to conduct a full, transparent, and independent investigation into the circumstances of Mr. Galandarov's death and to release all activists in Azerbaijan incarcerated for exercising their fundamental freedoms.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.