

Response of Government of Azerbaijan

The editor-in-chief of website called Xeber44.com - Guliyev Araz Faig regularly had made appeals against state and statehood in Azerbaijan, campaigned inflammatory on necessity of changing current secular government system of Azerbaijan to an Islamic regime, and to this end, he tried to create a radical religious-separatist organization. He had also attempted to incite religious hatred and hostility among the population by most of his speeches and writings, and even tried to disrupt number of events that for him were not in conformity with the laws of Sharia.

During one of his attempts, public order was violated, and a police officer was subjected to physical pressure while restoring public order. On September 9, 2012 Araz Guliyev was detained for his wrongdoings by law enforcement officers and was arrested by decision of Lankaran District Court. During investigation, his house was searched and 2 explosives and 2 kilograms of narcotic drug were seized and confiscated. He was found guilty in committing crimes stipulated in the articles 228.1, 233, 283.1, 315.2 and 324 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and was sentenced to 8 years of imprisonment by the decision of the Lankaran Court of Grave Crimes on April 5, 2013.