

Session 1: Rule of Law I

Independence of the judiciary

Right to a free trial

Follow up to constitutional justice seminar in may, 2008

Reply of Azerbaijani delegation:

...On behalf of Azerbaijani delegation I want to thank the USA for always keeping in the center of attention the human rights situation in the OSCE region.

But with regard to Agil Khalil's case of Azerbaijan, I would like to inform all here that his stabbing was not at all related to his professional work, but rather to his personal relationships. In fact the delay of his leaving for France was due to the fact that, back then his case was still being considered in the court and he was allowed to leave Azerbaijan for France as soon as the trial was over and the person who had stabbed him was punished in accordance with our relevant national legislation. Mr. Khalil is currently in France.

Thank you for attention!

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