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TRIAL OF CORRUPTION WHISTLE-BLOWER POSTPONED IN AZERBAIJAN

The trial of Ahad Ahadov, who last summer launched a campaign to spotlight corruption by local officials in Masally Raion, has been postponed from 5 to 12 January due to the absence of a police witness for the prosecution, Turan reported on 5 January. Ahadov was detained in late September by police in Baku who reportedly planted drugs on him and then arrested him for drug possession (see "RFE/RL Newsline," 8, 13, and 29 September and 21 October 2004). LF