



## [Exiled Azerbaijanis protest against arrest of Azad Hasanov](#)

On Friday last week, 19 October, a group of Azerbaijanis living in German exile gathered in Nuremberg to protest against the recent arrest of Azad Hasanov, a member of the Musavat opposition party who was arrested in Baku and sentenced to four months in prison on alleged charges of drug trafficking.

Arannews-The protest, organised by members of the Musavat party, was attended by a number of exiled Azerbaijanis, including from other political parties and organisations. Participants demanded to free Hasanov and other political prisoners and criticized Western countries prioritizing energy interests over the promotion of democracy and human rights. Azad Hasanov has been living in Lithuanian exile since 2014. He returned to his home country on 10 October to visit his critically ill father and was arrested the day after. As lawyer Emin Aslan earlier this year, Hasanov was taken from the streets by men in civilian clothes and resurfaced hours later in police custody. A court has sentenced him to four months in prison on alleged charges of drug trafficking. He faces up to twelve years in prison.