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On 18 September, the Baku Court for Serious Crimes sentenced a member of the youth committee of the opposition Popular Front of Azerbaijan Party (PFAP), Orkhan Bakhishli, to six years in prison

Arannews-Bakhishli was [detained](#) by men in plain clothes in downtown Baku on the evening of 7 May. On 10 May, the Yasamal District Court in Baku charged the youth activist with drug possession and ordered his detention for four months. The PFAP has claimed that the charges against Bakhishli are trumped up and politically motivated. Several days before his arrest, on 3 May at a World Press Freedom Day event at the grave of journalist [Elmar Huseynov](#), who was shot and killed in 2005, Bakhishli accused the Azerbaijani government of Huseynov's murder

Human rights activists consider Bakhishli a political prisoner. Previously, he served 30 days of administrative detention after being arrested ahead of a 31 March opposition rally. In recent years, activists [Ahsan Nuruzadeh](#), [Murad Adilov](#), [Bayram Mammadov](#), [Giyas Ibrahimov](#), [Elgiz Gahramanov](#), blogger [Rashad Ramazanov](#) and others have also been jailed on charges of drug possession