

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN**

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## ABOUT THE “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, General Coordinator of Islamic Conference Youth Forum initiates the International Awareness Campaign on 8 May 2008 for Dialogue and Cooperation under the motto of “Justice for Khojaly, Freedom for Karabakh”.

The Campaign is aimed at raising international civil awareness through demonstration of creative photos and images of suffered people in the Karabakh conflict and Khojaly Massacre in particular and reaching out globally via Media, Internet and Live events. Photos demonstrating human opposition to massacres and cleansing based on all forms of racial, ethnic or religious discrimination, solidarity with the innocent victims and suffering children of the Khojaly massacre; global call on removing the root cause of the conflict - ending the aggression by the Armenia in the Nagorno Karabakh region of Azerbaijan.

The Campaign is also aimed at raising awareness on grave situation of oppressed people (due to total ethnic cleansing only Armenians remain at these territories) under the military regime of occupation forces in Nagorno Karabakh and on necessity for promotion of liberation of this ancient cradle of civilization.

Civil society organizations, social entrepreneurs and human rights activists as well as all concerned individuals, can join and contribute to the campaign:

- 1. BECOME A MEMBER.** Sign the Declaration of the Campaign and become its member; be up to date on Campaign news; get invitation to the Campaign events;
- 2. CREATE YOUR IMAGE MESSAGE.** Generating your own photo/image message reflecting the Campaign theme at the Campaign website;
- 3. EXPRESS YOURSELF.** Sending the letter or essay on your experience on learning about Khojaly and/or campaigning toward justice for Khojaly;
- 4. PETITION NOW:** Sign up to the short messages at the campaign website to parliaments, international organizations and world’s decision makers and demand from them to act. Our web faxing technology will bring your message into the decision makers’ offices just by one click.
- 5. ORGANIZE YOUR EVENT.** The Campaign will support you to organize presentations, exhibition, lectures and other events (eligible to receiving technical support from the Campaign) in your respective organizations, at national landmark venues or headquarters of international organizations and at the side of international events.
- 6. GO TO MEDIA.** Highlight aims and publicize narratives of the Campaign in local national and international media

<http://justiceforkhojaly.org>.



## **“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED IN MAJOR WESTERN AND MUSLIM CAPITAL CITIES**

**For taking participation in the event related with campaign in your city please kindly contact** [campaign@justiceforkhojaly.org](mailto:campaign@justiceforkhojaly.org)

**WASHINGTON:** Memorial Day on Khojaly tragedy will be organized on 26 February in the US Congress. Congressmen will be introduced with the purpose of the campaign and campaign's website. Demonstration of the film and paint exposition also will be held at the same day in G. Washington University.

**BERLIN:** For commemoration of Khojaly tragedy Khojaly Memorial Day will be organized in Berlin. Members of the Bundestag and the Berlin city parliament, representatives of government organizations and NGOs, academicians and social/human rights activists, cultural persons, as well as representatives of the foreign embassies accredited in Berlin and media institutions are invited to the event. Programme of the event includes presentation of the Campaign and its website ([www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)) also.

**BUCHAREST:** According to the local Campaign chapter event devoted to the presentation of the “Justice for Khojaly” International campaign and to commemoration of Khojaly massacre will be held on 26th February in Bucharest with participation of politicians, representatives of NGO's and local Media institutions. In the framework of the event paint exposition – “Khojaly with the view of children” will be organized and book “Khojaly Tragedy” in Romanian will be exposed.

**RIYADH:** As a part of the "Justice for Khojaly" International Campaign a forum on Khojaly massacre will be held on 25th of February in the major conference centre in Riyadh, with participation of politicians, representatives of different international organizations, including the Organization of the Islamic Conference, as well as local Media institutions.

**ALEXANDRIA:** During the Alexandria International Book Exposition to be held on 19 February – 4 March will be held presentation of the “Justice for Khojaly” International campaign and its website.

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysian trustee is going to organize addresses of the diplomats for the believers with participation of Parliament members on 25 February Friday Prayer which will feature presentation of the International Campaign “Justice For Khojaly” and its web-site. As durability of the event, the presentation of the Campaign and web-site will be introduced to the Accredited Diplomatic corpuses and Government structures.

**KIEV:** Exhibition of Ukrainian painter R. Seydimov together with exhibition “Khojaly with the view of children” will start on 15 February in Kiev and will continue until 26 February. These exhibitions will be part of the commemoration of the tragedy and closing of the exhibitions will be held on 26 February in one of the biggest paint galleries of Kiev with participation of social and political officers and persons. Forum on Khojaly Tragedy will be organized in one of the universities of Kiev. As part of this campaign events will include signing campaign regarding to legal and political recognition of the Khojaly tragedy.

**VIENNA:** The national campaign will set up a tent in one of central district of the city in remembrance of hundreds tent camps which sheltered refugees of Khojaly and other occupied territories in Nagorno Karabagh region of Azerbaijan. On 26th February campaign and the web-site will be presented to invited representatives of Austria, NGOs, academic community and media.

**BRUSSELS:** On 3rd March Memorial Day on Khojaly massacre will be organized in Brussels in the European Parliament. Embassies accredited in Brussels, Members of Belgium and European Parliament, governmental officials and national NGO's will participate in the introduction of the “Justice for Khojaly” international campaign and its web-site [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org).

**RIGA:** The presentation of the “Justice for Khojaly” campaign and its web-site [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org) will be organized on 20th February with participation of Members of the Parliament, representatives of President's office and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and representatives of other governmental as well as Non-governmental entities. On 26th February presentation of the campaign and its web-site for ethnic minorities living in Lithuania will be held in “Ojag” Cultural Centre.

**WARSAW:** Presentation ceremony of the “Justice for Khojaly” Campaign and its website [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org) will be held within the framework of the event related with Khojaly Massacre to be organized on 26 February in Warsaw University with participation of representatives of the accredited embassies to Warsaw, politicians, academicians, representatives of community and local media institutions.

**LONDON:** Introduction of the “Justice for Khojaly” Campaign and its website [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org) will be organized in the Imperial War Museum with participation of British governmental officials, representatives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and diplomatic corps accredited to UK as well as experts and academia from leading British think tangs and universities.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)  
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## **“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN HAGUE**

The “Ana Veten” (Motherland) Union of Azerbaijani women of Europe organized a commemoration ceremony and procession in the Hague to pay a tribute to the victims of Khojaly massacre, perpetrated by the Armenian militants in the Azerbaijan town of Khojaly on 25th February, 1992. The event, including presentation of the internet site [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org) devoted to Khojaly massacre, was organized on February 22 as part of the International awareness campaign “Justice for Khojaly-Freedom for Karabakh” supported by coordinator for the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Intercultural Dialogue Leyla Aliyeva and Heydar Aliyev Foundation, press service of the Azerbaijan Embassy to the Netherlands said.

Prior to the commemoration ceremony, a group of youth wearing T-shirts with the web site’s URL and banners to draw attention to Khojaly massacre got together in front of the Peace Palace in the Hague, where a number of international courts, Hague Academy of International Law and other law organizations are located. Then participants of the event started a procession from the Peace Palace and proceeded through the streets toward the first-ever monument to the victims of the Khojaly massacre erected in the Kamperfoeliestraat Park, where there was held a commemoration ceremony.

The commemoration ceremony was addressed by Gulshan Kazimova, Head of the “Ana Veten” Union of Azerbaijani women of Europe, Marion Van Der Vecht, Executive Director of “Dutch Friends of Azerbaijan” Society and Grigori Pasternak, Executive Director of the Coordinating Council of Russian Compatriots in the Netherlands. The speakers outlined that “Justice for Khojaly-Freedom for Karabakh” international campaign, supported by Leyla Aliyeva and Heydar Aliyev Foundation and the web site will bring the truth about Khojaly massacre to the world community’s notice.

Open-air presentations are very popular in the Western Europe, and presentation of internet site devoted to Khojaly tragedy was given a high profile in Dutch daily papers.

Representatives of the Azerbaijani Diaspora, “Dutch Friends of Azerbaijan” Society and mass media have joined the commemoration ceremony.

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**“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN  
WAS LAUNCHED IN ALEXANDRIA AND LOS ANGELES**

Alexandria, 19 February – 4 March 2009 – Starting from February 19 up to March 4 during the International Book Fair in Alexandria city of Egypt the web site of the Justice for Khojaly International Campaign – [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org) was presented.

Los Angeles, 20, 23 February - There was a conference on “Justice for Khojaly” in well-known Berkeley University with the participation of professor of Montana University Thomaz Goltz on February 20. Azerbaijani member of parliaments also participated at the event. During the event, the participants were informed about campaign, its purpose, and web site. There was also organized a similar event in Councilor Office in Los Angeles on February 23.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)  
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**“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN  
WAS LAUNCHED IN LONDON**

Presentation of the “Justice for Khojaly” International Campaign and its web site [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org) was organized in the Imperial War Museum with the participation of British parliamentarian Mike Hancock, representatives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, diplomatic corps accredited in London, research centers focused on Caucasus region, media, as well as members of Azerbaijani and Turkish communities on February 24. Britt Montimer, the local coordinator of the campaign in the UK, made the presentation.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)  
24 February 2009**

## **PRESENTATION OF “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN AND ITS WEBSITE UNDERWAY ABROAD**

Presentation of the international awareness campaign “Justice for Khojaly” and its website ([www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)) continues in major countries of the world.

On February 24, the campaign and its website were presented in British Imperial War Museum in London. The presentation ceremony brought together member of British parliament Mike Hancock, government officials, representatives of embassies accredited to London, journalists, members of the Azerbaijani and Turkish Diaspora.

The same day, the Azerbaijani-American Council arranged a similar ceremony in Houston, U.S. Representatives of the Azerbaijani and Turkish Diaspora and others attended the event.

Another ceremony to present the campaign and its website was held on February 25 in Bern, Switzerland. The event brought together Swiss government officials, MPs, NGO representatives, members of the diplomatic corps accredited in the country and journalists.

The book “War against Azerbaijan – Targeting Cultural Heritage” prepared by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation was presented during the event, as well.

The participants also saw a documentary on the Khojaly massacre, and signed the statement supporting the “Justice for Khojaly” campaign.

The same day, the campaign and its website were presented in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The event was attended by the country’s officials, representatives of international organizations including the Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), members of the diplomatic corps accredited to the country and journalists.

The attendees also saw a documentary on the Khojaly genocide.

Meanwhile, General Coordinator of the OIC Youth Foundation on Intercultural Dialogue Ms. Leyla Aliyeva initiated the “Justice for Khojaly” international campaign.

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**“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN  
WAS LAUNCHED IN BERLIN**

Presentation of the "Justice for Khojaly" international campaign and its website was organized with participation of members of the Berlin city parliament, representatives of the embassies accredited in Germany, representatives of the government and NGOs, academicians and social/human rights activists, cultural persons, as well as media institutions in the bureau of the Coordination Center of Azerbaijanis in Germany. Ms. Samira Patzer, the local coordinator of the campaign in Germany, presented the campaign and the website. Representatives of German Bundestag Mr. Eduard Lintner, Mr. Otto Hauser, Mr. Hakki Keskin and employee of the Bundestag Mr. Hayko Langner also participated in the event and Mr. Lintner delivered an address on the issue.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)  
26 February 2009**

**“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN  
WAS LAUNCHED IN BUCHAREST**

Event devoted to the presentation of the "Justice for Khojaly" International Campaign and to commemoration of Khojaly massacre was held on 26 February in Bucharest with participation of politicians, former and current MPs, representatives of government organizations and NGOs as well as local media institutions. Within the event paint exposition – "Khojaly with the view of children" was organized and the book "Khojaly Tragedy" in Romanian was exposed.

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## **“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED IN MOSCOW**

The international campaign "Justice for Khojaly" started in Moscow.

Islamic Conference Youth Forum held the presentation of the mentioned campaign and its website [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org) in Moscow's «Baku Cinema» club for Dialogue & Cooperation (ICYF-DC) together with Azerbaijan Youth Organization of Russia (AMOR). Before the official part of the event campaign posters of Justice for Khojaly, photo gallery drawn by children devoted to the tragedy and map composition of Azerbaijan made of candles as well as "Dua" movie were demonstrated for guests. The event started with the demonstration of the film devoted to the Khojaly tragedy.

After the demonstration of the film Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, the ICYF-DC General Coordinator for Intercultural Dialogue, the Representative of Heydar Aliyev Foundation in Russia, the chairperson of Azerbaijan Youth Organization of Russia greeted the participants with her opening remarks and called Khojaly tragedy as one of the cruelest massacre of the modern history. Mrs. Aliyeva expressed her gratitude to the representatives of Russia's youth organizations and Azerbaijan Diaspora for joining the campaign and noted that the campaign would positively influence to the restoration of historical justice and as well as regional peace.

Mr. Elshad Iskandarov, the Secretary General of the ICYF-DC made presentation of the campaign "Justice for Khojaly". In his speech Mr. Iskandarov talked about the importance of the initiative, informed the participants about the goals of campaign, the type of activities, as well as different kind of events launched in more than 20 countries within the campaign.

Ms. Janna Krivolap, the Russian coordinator of the campaign presented [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org) the website of the campaign. Following, Professor and writer Yuri Pompeyev in his speech called Khojaly tragedy as a crime against human being and told about his book "Karabakh - bloody whirlpool".

At the end, the event participants signed the final declaration of the campaign.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)**

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## **“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED IN TURKEY**

Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, General Coordinator of Islamic Conference Youth Forum initiates the International Awareness Campaign on 8 May 2008 for Dialogue and Cooperation under the motto of "Justice for Khojaly, Freedom for Karabakh".

The Campaign is aimed at raising international civil awareness through demonstration of creative photos and images of suffered people in the Karabakh conflict and Khojaly Massacre in particular and reaching out globally via Media, Internet and Live events. During the week there will be organized various events within the campaign, the new web site – [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org) will be presented.

Today, February 26, "Justice for Khojaly" International Campaign was launched in Turkey within the conference called "Justice for Khojaly: humanitarian and juridical recognition perspectives". The event was organized by ICYF-DC and took place in the headquarters of the Forum located at Istanbul World Trade Center. Parliamentarians, official figures, municipal chairs, scientists and media representatives took part at the event.

Conference started with the demonstration of “DUA” movie. Following, the Secretary General of ICYF-DC Elshad Iskandarov greeted the guests, had opening remarks, and emphasized the importance of the initiative. He noted that the campaign had been launched in more than 20 countries and expressed his gratitude to the Turkish government and society for their support to the campaign. Amina Yetim, the Campaign National Coordinator in Turkey has presented the Campaign and its website, [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org). Following, the President of ICYF-DC Ali Sarikaya and the Director on Youth and Sport of Istanbul City Municipality Enis Erdem remarked the importance of the campaign and expressed their organizations’ willingness to provide with comprehensive support for the campaign. The lecturers appreciated the campaign and noted that it is utmost important to involve Azerbaijani – Turkish Diasporas’ contribution to the promotion process of the campaign and suggested to act together. At the end of the opening ceremony, participants signed the declaration of the campaign.

At the first session of the conference the professor of one of the leading universities of Turkey – Yeditepe University, Chairman of Recent History Research Center Mehmet Saray and professor of Gazi University Ilyas Dogan delivered speeches. During their speech, they talked about occupation of Azerbaijani territories by Armenian military forces and emphasized the necessity of legal assessment of Khojaly massacre on international level. At the second session of the conference, the students of Turkish universities took the floor and analyzed the Khojaly massacre as an international crime perpetrated against humanity. Youth noted that the international pressure should not be reduced until negative results of Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict lifted and actors of this terrible crime in Khojaly asked for forgiveness. According to youth, Turkish Government should continue its close borders policy towards Armenia, which has no respect against territorial integrity of its neighbors.

The movie "Let it be the last" producer demonstrated Korhan Yurtsever at the end of the event.

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## “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED IN MAJOR WESTERN AND MUSLIM CAPITAL CITIES

**HOUSTON, 24 February.** The Azerbaijan-American Council in Houston held presentation ceremony of the «Justice for Khojaly» Campaign and its website [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org) within the framework of the campaign on February 24. Representatives of local community, members of Azerbaijani and Turkish Diasporas have actively participated at the event.

**BERN, 25 February.** "Justice for Khojaly" international campaign and its website was presented in Bern, Federal Governments building "Politforum" with the participation of government officials, parliamentarians, NGO representatives, members of diplomatic corps, and journalists on February 25. During the event there was a presentation of the book called "War against Azerbaijan – Targeting Cultural Heritage" and demonstration of the photo gallery prepared by Heydar Aliyev Foundation. Besides, a movie about Khojaly tragedy was demonstrated during the event. The participants at the end of the event signed campaign support declaration.

**RIYADH, 25 February.** A presentation of "Justice for Khojaly" International Campaign was held in the major conference centre in Riyadh, with participation of official figures, representatives of different international organizations, including the Organization of the Islamic Conference, as well as local mass media on 25th of February. During the event a movie and a photo gallery was presented to the participants.

**KIEV, 25 February.** Exhibition of Ukrainian painter R. Seydimov together with exhibition "Khojaly with the view of children" started on 15 February in Kiev and continued until 25 February. The closing ceremony of the exhibition was held with participation of politicians and public figures of Ukraine in one of the biggest galleries of Kiev. These exhibitions were part of the commemoration of the tragedy and were organized within the framework of international launching of the "Justice for Khojaly" Campaign. Necessary information on the campaign was given to the participants and presentation of the website [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org) was made during the event, which came to end with the signing up of declaration of the campaign by event participants.

**WASHINGTON, 26 February.** Memorial Day on Khojaly tragedy was organized on 26 February in the US Congress. Congressional representatives were introduced with the purpose of the "Justice for Khojaly" campaign and campaign's website. Demonstration of the film and paint exposition also was held at the same day in G. Washington University within the ceremony of presentation of the campaign and the website. Sheltered refugees of the occupied territories of Azerbaijan including Khojaly was set up in one of the central districts of the city and with participation of public figures of Austria, NGO representatives, academic community and Mass Media representatives presentation of the campaign and its website was held there.

**RIGA, 26 February.** Presentation of the "Justice for Khojaly" campaign and its web-site was organized on 20th February with participation of Members of the Parliament, representatives of President's office and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and representatives of other governmental as well as Non-governmental entities. On 26th February there was another event in the framework of the international launching of the campaign for the community members as well as for ethnic minorities living in Lithuania in "Ojag" Cultural Centre.

**WARSAW, 26 February.** Presentation ceremony of the "Justice for Khojaly" Campaign and its website [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org) was held within the framework of the event organized in memory of Khojaly victims on February 26 in Warsaw University with participation of representatives of the accredited embassies in Warsaw, politicians, academicians, representatives of community and local media institutions.

**KUALA LUMPUR, 27 February.** 17th anniversary of Khojaly tragedy was commemorated in one of the biggest mosques of Malaysia with the participation of local and foreign diplomats and representatives of leading organizations after the Friday praying. At the mentioned event the attendees were informed about "Justice for Khojaly" campaign and its website.

**NEW YORK, 27 February.** Members of Azerbaijan-American Council organized protest demonstration in front of the Office of Permanent Representative of Armenian Republic in New York City. During the demonstration [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org), the website of the campaign was presented and the participants were informed about the "Justice for Khojaly" campaign.

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**“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY-FREEDOM FOR  
KARABAGH” INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN SAUDI ARABIA**

Azerbaijan`s embassy in Saudi Arabia has launched “Justice for Khojaly-Freedom for Karabagh” international campaign initiated by Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, general coordinator of ICYF-DC for Inter-Cultural Dialogue, on the occasion of the 17th anniversary of Khojaly genocide.

The ceremony brought together Saudi state and government officials, members of the Azerbaijani community, diplomats and representatives of international organizations, including Deputy Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference Ezzat Mufti, and journalists.

Addressing the event, Ambassador Tofiq Abdullayev raised the awareness among the participants about history of Armenian nationalists` genocide policy against Azerbaijanis and the massacre of innocent people in Khojaly.

According to the Ambassador, "On this night 17 years ago, 613 innocent people - 106 women, 63 children and 70 the old – were killed; 1275 taken hostage, with 155 of them still missing; while 487, of them 76 underage people, were left disabled."

"As a result of this military-political crime 8 families were completely slaughtered, 25 children lost both, while 130 one of their parents. Fifty six of those killed were murdered with extreme brutality as some of them were burnt alive, others had their eyes put out and were scalped and beheaded; pregnant women were bayoneted in the stomach."

The Ambassador also expressed regret over the fact “the international community has not yet given a legal assessment to the genocide”.

The ceremony also featured a Heydar Aliyev Foundation made-documentary on the genocide.

OIC Deputy Secretary General Mufti said he was deeply impressed by the film, and described the Khojaly genocide “as vandalism not only against the Azerbaijanis, but also the whole humanity.’

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**PRESENTATION OF “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY”  
INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN SWITZERLAND**

The Azerbaijan Embassy to Switzerland has organized an event dedicated to the conflict over Nagorny Karabakh and the 17th anniversary of Khojaly massacre at the Political Forum of the Federal Government of Switzerland. The event supported by Azerbaijan – Switzerland Cultural Center, brought together senior representatives of the Swiss Parliament, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, diplomatic corps, mass media, non-governmental organizations, Azerbaijani and Turkish Diasporas. The attendees were told about the kernel and consequences of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorny Karabakh.

The meeting also highlighted the presentation of “Justice for Khojaly” international campaign, supported by Leyla Aliyeva, coordinator of Cultural dialogue for the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation. Also there was presented a Khojaly website, a book titled “War against Azerbaijan: Targeting Cultural Heritage”, released by Heydar Aliyev Foundation, and photo exhibition “Khojaly in the Eyes of children”.

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**“NONE OF AZERBAIJANIS WHO FELL FOR MOTHERLAND  
WILL BE FORGOTTEN”, LEYLA ALIYEVA**

Azerbaijani youth of Russia revered memory of the victims of the Khojaly tragedy. An action dedicated to the anniversary of the tragedy and presentation of the website of the “Justice for Khojaly” campaign ([www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)) initiated by chief Coordinator on Intercultural Dialogue of OIC Youth Forum Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva was held in Moscow.

Addressing the event, Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva called this tragedy a crime against humanity. “It was a result of aggressive policy, nationalism and ethnic cleanse pursued by Armenian occupants at the territory of sovereign Azerbaijan. It is disaster and grief of hundreds and thousands people. It is particularly tragic when innocent people are killed. Armenian armed forces deliberately killed the civilians - women, old people and children, who did not pose any military threat, Head of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Office in Russian Federation Leyla Aliyeva said. The Heydar Aliyev Foundation, the Azerbaijani Youth Organization in Russia and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Youth Forum organized the commemorative ceremony.

Aliyeva said Azerbaijani people will never condone with occupation of their native lands and will restore the country’s territorial integrity. “Today we are commemorating all those who were killed during the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh, victims of the Khojaly tragedy and once again urge the international community to give legal and moral assessment to this tragedy,” Aliyeva said.

“None of Azerbaijanis who fell for native lands will be forgotten. Azerbaijan’s territorial integrity will be restored and justice will triumph,” Aliyeva said.

Justice for Khojaly web site was presented as part of the large-scale campaign dedicated to the 17th anniversary of Khojaly genocide. The commemorative event began with a minute of silence in memory of the Khojaly victims. A documentary titled “Khojaly. Tragedy of a Town”, shot by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, was demonstrated. The film tells about genocide of Azerbaijanis and history of the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict.

Yuri Pompeyev, a writer, author of “Bloody Pool of Karabakh” book, who first protested against the genocide of Azerbaijanis of Khojaly, shared his memories of the bloody events of Feb. 26, 1992.

A documentary film told about tolerance of the Azerbaijani people. A photo exhibition on the Khojaly tragedy was organized in the foyer. Finally, books, magazines and brochures were distributed among visitors and participants.

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## **“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

The international awareness campaign “Justice for Khojaly” and its website ([www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)) were presented in the United States and Malaysia.

On February 27, members of the Azerbaijani-American Council held a protest action in front of Armenia`s permanent representation to the United Nations in New York. During the event, participants were informed of the campaign and its website.

The same day, a ceremony to commemorate the 17th anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy was arranged in Kuala Lumpur. The event brought together foreign and local diplomats, officials and public figures. During the ceremony, participants were briefed on the goal of campaign and its website.

General Coordinator of the OIC Youth Foundation on Intercultural Dialogue Ms. Leyla Aliyeva initiated the “Justice for Khojaly” international campaign.

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**“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN  
WAS LAUNCHED IN OTTAWA**

At National Library and Archive Canada the Azerbaijani Community of Ottawa hosted a presentation entitled "Khojaly Massacre: Crime and No Punishment" dedicated to the massacre of February 25-26, 1992 committed by the Armenian Armed Forces in the Mountainous Karabakh region of Azerbaijan. Mr. Thomas Goltz, American professor and journalist, was the key speaker. His presentation was followed by comments on war crimes and accountability from Mr. Matt Eisenbrandt, Legal Coordinator from the Canadian Centre of International Justice.

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**02 March 2009**

**“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN  
WAS LAUNCHED IN BRUSSELS**

Members of the European Parliament, representatives of diplomatic missions accredited in the European Union, mass media, research institutions in Brussels, nongovernmental organizations and Azerbaijani community attended the event organized within the framework of international launching of the "Justice for Khojaly" campaign to commemorate the Khojaly Genocide.

The participants of the event became familiar with the photo exhibition on Khojaly Genocide prepared by Heydar Aliyev Foundation. Senior fellow of Jamestown Foundation Vladimir Socor shared with his thoughts on Khojaly Genocide. Following, a member of the European Parliament Gisela Kallenbach called the participants to commemorate the Khojaly victims with a minute silence.

The participants were informed about the international campaign "Justice for Khojaly" initiated by Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, the General Coordinator on Intercultural Dialogue of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation. At the end of event, participants for being sent to the related organizations signed a petition.

The event ended with the screen show of Khojaly Genocide victims' name.

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**THE MEMBER OF THE US CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY  
RECOGNIZES KHOJALY MASSACRE**

Member of the US California Legislature Assembly Felipe Fuentes sent a letter to the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev on Khojaly massacre

“I am joining Azerbaijani-Americans and the citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan as they mourn victims of the Khojaly tragedy, which took place on February 26, 1992. On that day, over 613 Azerbaijani civilians lost their lives and hundreds more were injured in what the Human Rights Watch described as “the worst massacre to date” in the war between neighboring Armenia and Azerbaijan. International eyewitness accounts state that the attack on Khojaly was carried out jointly by Armenian forces and Russian troops based in the region. Peaceful resolution of the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict and justice for perpetrators of war crimes are important for ending violence against civilians throughout the world. I support the efforts of the U.S. State Department to bring about peaceful solutions to the existing conflicts in the Caucasus and express my condolences to the families of Khojaly”, Fuentes said in his letter.

Assembly member Felipe Fuentes made this statement not conceding to the pressure of local Armenian Diaspora and pro-Armenian legislators.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)  
25 March 2009**

**“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN GETS BOOST IN TURKEY**

The “Justice for Khojaly” campaign initiated by Leyla Aliyeva, general coordinator of Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation, has been widely supported in Turkey.

Campaign coordinator in Ankara, expert in genocide studies Gozde Kilic Yashin said he is confident the work done will produce serious results.

Yashin said launch of the Justice for Khojaly website is instrumental in the efforts not to forget genocides committed by Armenians. He called on to combine efforts to have genocides committed by Armenians recognized by parliaments of foreign countries. Leyla Aliyeva`s initiative is an important step to raise public awareness in those countries.

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**36TH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS  
SUPPORTS “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN**

Ministers participating in the 36th session of OIC Council of Foreign Ministers adopted a resolution concerning OIC Youth Forum, which backed the Justice for Khojaly campaign and called on OIC member countries to take an active part in it.

Ministers hailed the campaign started by Leyla Aliyeva, OIC Youth Forum coordinator for cross-cultural dialogue.

Conference participants called for supporting the campaign until the world community recognizes the Khojaly massacre.

It is Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers`s third statement in recognition of the Khojaly tragedy as an outrage on humanity.

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**OIC FOREIGN MINISTERS SUPPORT “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY”  
INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

The 36th session of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Foreign Ministers Council ended up its work with adoption of new resolution on Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC)

(Full version of the Resolutions is available at <http://www.oic-oci.org/36cfm/w/en/res/36CFM-CS-RES-FINAL.pdf>).

Foreign Ministers Council welcomed the results of the OIC intergovernmental meeting of experts organized by ICYF-DC in partnership with ISESCO, in particular establishment of the Memorial day for commemoration of “Humanitarian catastrophes of Muslim communities throughout the twentieth century” and one of its projects in the action, namely International civil awareness campaign “Justice for Khojaly” initiated by Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, ICYF-DC General Coordinator for Inter-Cultural Dialogue. The successful launch of the campaign on international level is assessed as initiative demanding international justice for innocent victims of wars.

During the 36th session of the (OIC) Foreign Ministers Council the “Justice for Khojaly” campaign was discussed and supported by 57 countries in high political view and ended up with resolution. The resolution appreciates the activities held by the youth organization to disseminate historical truth on the "Humanitarian catastrophes in the OIC Countries" in a special publishing series in particular, the first Arabic publication on the mass massacre of Azerbaijani civilians by Armenian armed forces in Khojaly town in February 1992 as well as international awareness campaign entitled “Justice for Khojaly – Freedom for Karabakh”. The resolution invites the OIC Member States to support and actively participate in the events of the Campaign aimed at recognition and commemoration of Khojaly mass massacre on national and international level; calls upon world community to give political and moral assessment to the mentioned tragedy and as well as eliminate the injustice perpetrated against the Azerbaijani civilians.

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**01 June 2009**

## **INDONESIAN CHILDREN SUPPORT “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY CHILDREN” ACTION**

Indonesian children of secondary school from capital Jakarta sent their letter of condolence to Justice for Khojaly international campaign team on June 2, 2009. In the letter, they share their grief and condolence for killing of innocent children in Khojaly in 1992 by Armenian soldiers and expressed their support to “Justice for Khojaly Children” action held on June 1 2009. Students also expressed their support to the Justice for Khojaly campaign and hoped this kind of massacres never happen again.

“Justice for Khojaly” International Civil Awareness campaign has been launched in more than 25 countries around the world, as well as in Indonesia. The national coordinator of the campaign in Jakarta (Indonesia) Ms. Imas Choirun Nisa Fujiati, 29, English teacher of the secondary school in Jakarta has informed her students about the massacre in Khojaly and talked about brutal attack to a small town.

“My students were listening to me attentively while talking about Khojaly massacre. I saw fear and sorrow in their eyes. However, I understand that all people as well as children should know about the truth of history and what happened in Khojaly, Azerbaijan. Innocent inhabitants of small town were massacred, 83 children were killed, and many children lost their parents. They [students] asked me several times why Armenians killed children, but I found no word to answer. It is even hard for me to understand why to kill children who did not hurt anyone in their life,” said Ms. Imas, the English teacher in Indonesia.

Justice for Khojaly International civil awareness campaign is aimed at raising international civil awareness through demonstration of creative photos and images of suffered people in the Karabakh conflict and Khojaly Massacre and reaching out globally via media, internet and live events. Photos demonstrating human opposition to massacres and dissemination based on all forms of racial, ethnic or religious discrimination, solidarity with the innocent victims and suffering children of the Khojaly massacre, call on removing the root cause of the conflict - ending the aggression by the Armenia in the Nagorno Karabakh region of Azerbaijan. Through creative and peaceful actions the Campaign will ensure to reach victims’ voice to governments, international organizations, media and decision-makers at all levels to bring change on the long standing denial by Armenia and silence by world community on Khojaly massacre.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)  
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**“BLOODY POOL OF KARABAKH” BOOK SENT TO THOUSANDS OF  
“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN SUPPORTERS**

On the Russia Day, Justice for Khojaly Campaign posted on its website an online version of the “Bloody pool of Karabakh” book by Prof. Yuri Pompeyev, well-known Russian writer and journalist.

The book is based on written materials and interviews with politicians, who played a key role in unleashing the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan. The book reveals irresponsible and criminal policy of the Soviet leadership, which connived at the Armenian aggression against Azerbaijan.

Prof. Pompeyev presented the history of the Karabakh conflict from the late eighties to the Russian public. “Bloody pool of Karabakh” book is the first of the trilogy, which also includes books titled “Khojaly, bloody events” and “Painful days”.

Leyla Aliyeva, Head of the Azerbaijan Youth Organization of Russia and OIC Youth Forum coordinator for cross-cultural dialogue, launched the “Justice for Khojaly” campaign. The main purpose of the international awareness campaign "Justice for Khojaly-Freedom for Karabakh" is to contribute to restoration of historic justice and recognition of Khojaly genocide by the world community.

English version of the book as well as two other books by Prof. Pompeyev about Karabakh conflict are due to come out in the nearest future.

The online version of the book is available at [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)

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## **GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE PRODUCE A VIDEO TO SUPPORT THE JFK CAMPAIGN**

A group of young activists produced a Video on Khojaly Massacre to support the Justice for Khojaly International Civil Awareness campaign. The 5-minute video roller was prepared by campaign supporters, a group of Azerbaijani students jointly with foreign students that signed up online declaration of the campaign and became activists of the JFK campaign around the world.

The video was submitted to JFK Campaign team on June 20, the World Refugee Day, to remember refugees and internal displaced people (IDPs) from Khojaly town and victims of Nagorno Karabakh conflict in between 1988-1994. As the results of Armenian aggression against Azerbaijan, 1 million people (Azerbaijanis) have become refugees and IDPs, 20,000 killed 50,000 disabled, 5100 taken hostages and missing.

Justice for Khojaly International civil awareness campaign is aimed at raising international civil awareness through demonstration of creative photos and images of suffered people in the Karabakh conflict and Khojaly Massacre. Through creative and peaceful actions, the Campaign makes an effort to reach victims voice to governments, international organizations, media and decision-makers at all levels to bring change on the long-standing denial by Armenia and silence by world community on Khojaly massacre.

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**22 June 2009**

### **NOW WE ARE 120 000**

Number of Justice for Khojaly campaign supporters that signed up online declaration in the website [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org) already reached 120 000 people and 115 organizations on July 1, 2009.

Justice for Khojaly international civil awareness campaign has been successfully launched in more than 25 countries of the world on 25-26 February 2009 and more than 120 000 people and 115 organizations joined the campaign. Global, regional and local coordinators of the campaign are functioning in many counties. They contribute to the promotion of the campaign using social network; organize exhibition, rallies, demonstrations, and seminars; make presentations on Khojaly Massacre (1992 February) and get people know about the worst massacre of the Caucasian War of 1988-1994.

It is worth mentioning that during the recently held 36th session of the (OIC) Foreign Ministers Council in Damascus the “Justice for Khojaly” campaign was discussed and supported by 57 countries in high political view and ended up with resolution. The resolution invites the OIC Member States to support and actively participate in the events of the Campaign aimed at recognition and commemoration of Khojaly mass massacre on national and international levels; calls upon world community to give political and moral assessment to the mentioned tragedy and as well as eliminate the injustice perpetrated against the Azerbaijani civilians. The successful launch of the campaign on international level is assessed as initiative demanding international justice for innocent victims of wars.

The target point of the campaign is to collect 1 000 000 signatures to support Khojaly Massacre victims. By joining the campaign, you will protest violence against humanity, demand justice for innocent victims of the military conflicts and wars and become a community member of justice seekers.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)**

**01 July 2009**

## **ISESCO AND ICYF-DC SIGN A DOCUMENT SUPPORTING “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN**

The 10th Session of the ISESCO General Conference started its work in Tunis on July 2, 2009. During the ceremonial opening of the event, a Covenant to the Memorandum of Understanding between ISESCO and Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) was signed with the participation of ISESCO Member States and international organizations head of delegations. The Covenant considers support to the Justice for Khojaly International civil awareness campaign initiated by ICYF-DC General Coordinator for Inter-cultural Dialogue Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva. This is the first document in the ISESCO history devoted to providing an extensive support to the restoration of justice on humanitarian tragedy perpetrated against one of the member-states. The covenant was signed by Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Al-Twajri, Director General of ISESCO and on behalf of Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva by Ambassador Elshad Iskandarov, Secretary General of ICYF-DC.

The document contains concrete implementation steps by ISESCO and ICYF-DC in all Member States for the the campaigns action plan. The parties agreed on developing the educational program and including information on Khojaly Mass Massacre to the higher educational curriculums of the OIC countries. According to the document, ISESCO undertook obligations for including the mentioned information to the curriculums of the higher education institutions in the OIC countries already for 2009 - 2010 academic years. In general, the document plays the role of road map for implementation of the concerned resolutions adopted with the initiative of ICYF-DC by the Fourth Islamic Conference of the Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan on 6-8 October 2008; and by the 36th session of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Foreign Ministers Council held on 23-25 May 2009 in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic.

Justice for Khojaly International civil awareness campaign was initiated by Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, General Coordinator of ICYF-DC for Inter-cultural Dialogue and is aimed at raising international civil awareness on Khojaly Mass Massacre as well as to reach to governments, international organizations, international media and decision-makers at all levels, to bring change on the long standing denial by Armenia and silence by world community on this mass massacre perpetrated against innocent Azerbaijani population on February 26, 1992.

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03 July 2009**

### **JFK CAMPAIGN PRESENTATION IN 3RD YOUTH NGO EXHIBITION**

The international campaign Justice for Khojaly was presented in third nationwide Youth NGOs Exhibition by Bridge to the Future Youth Public Union, one of the partner non-profit organizations on July 8, 2008. The open air exhibition took place in Ganja, the second largest city of Azerbaijan where more than 60 local youth non-governmental organizations came together to present their activities and projects, to get to know about each other as well as compose links for future partnership.

Apart from NGO representatives, political figures, university rectors and professors, as well as mass media representatives participated in the exhibition, which was organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The campaign was supported by local Azerbaijani organizations, hundreds of individuals signed the declaration, and number of organizations expressed their willingness to join the campaign.

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**10 July 2009**

**ARMENIAN GOVERNMENT BANS  
“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” WEBSITE IN ARMENIA**

As it was reported in Armenian internet forums, government of Armenia banned access of Armenian internet users to the official website of the “Justice for Khojaly” International Civil Awareness Campaign ([www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)). “I have a very high quality internet and entering the “Justice for Khojaly” site I am told "forbidden" and I have tried from different places, so the problem can't be only mine...,” wrote an Armenian internet user from Yerevan in her comment posted at Justice for Khojaly Campaign Facebook page.

“Justice for Khojaly” Campaign deeply regrets that Armenian population, in particular its youth generation is restricted to access internet which constitutes clear violation of freedom of expression and Armenia’s own international commitments to respect basic human rights. The Campaign urges Armenian government to stop any kind of restrictions towards Armenian citizens, including free access to internet!

“Justice for Khojaly” International Civil Awareness Campaign is aimed at delivering the truth about Khojaly Massacre to international community. Khojaly Massacre is the most brutal killing against the humanity, perpetrated by Armenian forces against the peaceful civilians of a small town in Nagorno Karabakh region of Azerbaijan on February 26, 1992.

As the results of Armenian aggression 1 million citizens of Azerbaijan of different ethnic and religious background have become refugees and IDPs, 20,000 were killed; 50,000 disabled; 5100 taken hostages or missing.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)  
20 July 2009**

## **“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” EVENT TAKES PLACE IN SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL**

"Signature Collection" action to Declaration of Justice for Khojaly Civil Awareness Campaign started in São Paulo, the most populous Brazilian state on August 15, 2009. The event took place in Ipiranga District within the framework of “GREEN PLANET” project in the support of “Justice for Khojaly” international campaign.

All the participants attending the event were enlightened about Khojaly Massacre (26 February 1992) by video material and info brochures. The event participants expressed their impressions on the massacre and JFK international peaceful campaign.

Members of Young greens movement interviewed some locals during the event and they expressed their views as following: “We learned about Khojaly massacre and protest any kind of violence. I demand justice for Khojaly victims”; “Greens introduced to me JFK campaign I’m sorry for Khojaly tragedy and seek for justice by joining event participants.”; “I heard about Khojaly massacre before. I am sorry about the black pages of history. All parties who are responsible for those killings should be brought to justice”. The interviews will be posted on You Tube and JFK official web site very soon.

At the end of event, more than 2000 Brazilians and people of other nationalities signed the peaceful declaration of JFK under the motto: 1 million signatures for a world without a War.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)**

**18 August 2009**

## **“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN STARTS IN AZERBAIJANI SCHOOLS**

In the first week of an academic year students from secondary School Number 6 in Baku launched a nation-wide initiative supporting the international awareness campaign "Justice for Khojaly", initiated by Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, General Coordinator for Intercultural Dialogue of the OIC Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation. This campaign is aimed at raising awareness on Khojaly massacre to secondary school students of Europe and OIC member states.

To this end, in the first two weeks of the school year during History class (Knowledge Day and the Day of Peace), students all over Azerbaijan are being informed about the Khojaly tragedy. In addition, during Computer science class's students are being informed about the campaign "Justice for Khojaly;" in particular, they are being presented with the official Web site of the campaign ([www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)) and are being instructed on the rules for its use.

After getting familiar with resources of the Web site students from School Number 6 sent an invitation to their fellow pupils from around the world to join this campaign. The letter, drafted by students of School Number 6 said: "On the Day of Knowledge (September 15) we urge you to get familiar with the Khojaly tragedy and express our protest against this massacre on World Peace Day (September 21)".

On Feb. 25-26 2009, presentations of the Justice for Khojaly campaign were held in 25 countries. By the initiative of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum at recent conferences and summits of the Organization of Islamic Conference; documents that assess the Khojaly tragedy as a "massacre" and a crime against humanity were adopted.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)  
21 September 2009**

## **PRESENTATION OF “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN HELD IN BAKU**

A presentation of the “Justice for Khojaly” campaign was held in Baku during the conference on the role of communication technologies (ICT) in youth development.

Speakers noted “Justice for Khojaly” campaign initiated by Leyla Aliyeva, Head of Heydar Aliyev Foundation`s office in Russia has been conducted in 25 countries.

Secretary General of Youth Forum of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) Elshad Iskandarov said 125 organizations and 125 thousand people joined the campaign. Publication of books on the issue is scheduled in five countries. A conference on Khojaly genocide will be held on December 10 in Geneva to mark Human Rights day.

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**COORDINATORS OF “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY”  
CAMPAIGN GET CERTIFICATES**

A certificate awarding ceremony of the international awareness campaign "Justice for Khojaly", initiated by Leyla Aliyeva, General Coordinator for Intercultural Dialogue of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC), was held in Baku on Tuesday.

The ceremony was held as a part of the International conference on “Digital Age and New Generation: Strengthening Capabilities and Capacities of Youth in ICT” jointly organized by Azerbaijan’s Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies and the ICYF-DC.

Speaking at the meeting, Secretary General of Islamic Conference Youth Forum Elshad Iskandarov highly praised the role of ICT in realization of International campaigns. He also spoke about the works done under the “Justice for Khojaly” campaign.

“Huge works done in short time shows that we can do more being together,” added during the meeting Leyla Aliyeva, General Coordinator for Intercultural Dialogue of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC).

The meeting was attended by the campaign’s national coordinators from over 20 countries who were awarded with certificates at the end of the meeting.

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## **CONCERTS SUPPORTING THE CAMPAIGN OF “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” TAKES PLACE IN SWITZERLAND**

Justice for Khojaly campaign was supported in the biggest cities of Switzerland (Zurich and Basel) from the 19th and to 20th of November 2009. Within the frames of the Cultural Days of Azerbaijan in Switzerland, there have been organized concerts where rap groups supported JFK Campaign. The official opening ceremony of the Cultural days of Azerbaijan in Switzerland took place with the participation of President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev in the capital city, Bern on October 19, 2009.

During the above-mentioned concerts, the Campaign posters were pasted on the walls of the central streets of the Zurich and Basel, and local volunteers distributed information booklets to the inhabitants.

Popular groups such as "HOST", which is a project "Dəyirman Production" (Azerbaijan), Turkish famous rapper Ayben, well recognized Swiss rapper Greis, as well as famed Turkish rap group of Switzerland "MAKALE" went on the stage. During the concert, the joiners of the concert were handed out label pins and information booklets with the reflection of JFK campaign logo. "HOST" group and well-known Swiss rapper Greis went on the stage with the T-shirts worn reflecting the slogan of "Justice for Khojaly" in English and French languages. "HOST" group started their performance with "Justice for Khojaly" slogan.

Justice for Khojaly international awareness campaign will have its next event in Switzerland on December 10 of this year. The international conference on Human Rights will be held in Geneva at the UN headquarters.

Justice for Khojaly international campaign has been successfully launched in more than 25 countries of the world. More than 121 000 individuals and 119 organizations joined the campaign. The Campaign is aimed at raising international civil awareness on historical truth through the demonstration of creative photos and images of people who suffered in Khojaly Massacre.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)  
19-20 November 2009**

**“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN ACTIONS WERE HELD IN CARTAGENA,  
COLUMBIA - 6-7 DECEMBER 2009**

“Justice for Khojaly” campaign actions were held in Cartagena, Colombia within the national youth festival dedicated to the World Human Heritage. Under the supervision of National Coordinator of JFK campaign in Colombia Julian Rigo Mendez, local volunteers pasted the campaign posters at the central streets of the city and to deliver informative booklets to the participants of the festival and local people.

More than 2500 young people joined the festival, where signatures were collected under the “1000 faces against injustice”, which condemned Khojaly massacre against the humanity and inhuman behavior against the tragedy victims.

Participants of the actions met with the students of Cartagena University and attended round tables and debates over the Khojaly massacre on upcoming International Human Rights Day. They are planning to hold similar peace actions in future.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)  
6-7 December 2009**

## **CONFERENCE ON KHOJALY MASSACRE OPENS IN UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA - 10 DECEMBER 2009**

The European organization COJEP International and Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation co-organized a conference called “Wars and Conflicts – Situation of Civilians in the frame of Human Rights” in the “Palais De Nations” hall of the United Nation Office in Geneva on December 10, 2009. Heads of human rights organizations, diplomats, human rights activists, and representatives of mass media institutions participated at the conference, which ended up with the report that includes recommendations and sent to UN; headquarter in New York and Geneva.

The Opening Ceremony of the conference started with the video message of Mrs. Navanethem Pillay, the United Nations Commissioner on Human Rights. UN Special reporter on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance 2002-2008 Mr. Doudou Diene, Councilor at the OIC Permanent Observer, Mission to the UN in Geneva Mr. Mujtaba Amiri Vahid, General Secretary of ICYF-DC Ambassador Elshad Iskandarov made speeches during the conference.

Mr. Piere Caramera, the representative of Example of the Genocide in Rwanda, Mrs. Mirelle Fanan Mendez France from French-Jews Union for Peace and Mrs. Munira Subasic – Head of Association Mother of Srebrenica took part at the conference and talked about the tragic events of the history.

Ms. Ieva Lucoseviciute, the National Coordinator of “Justice for Khojaly” campaign in Lithuania made a presentation about Khojaly massacre. She mentioned that the purpose of the Justice for Khojaly campaign is reaching the political and legal recognition of mass violations of human rights as during the massacres in Srebrenica, Rwanda, Cambodia and stressed the need for cooperation between the human rights organizations and urgent resolutions by assemblies of international organizations.

Justice for Khojaly campaign was declared on May 8, 2008 by Mrs. Leila Aliyeva, General Coordinator on Intercultural Dialogue of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation. The Campaign has been successfully launched in more than 25 countries of the world. More than 120 000 individuals and 119 organizations joined the campaign. The Campaign is aimed at raising international civil awareness through the demonstration of creative photos and images of people who suffered in Khojaly Massacre.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)  
10 December 2009**

## **CONFERENCE IN BERLIN DISCUSSES KHOJALY MASSACRE - 14 DECEMBER 2009**

The conference entitled "Truth leads to peace - the Forgotten Victims, Jews and Azerbaijanis in the Caucasus" was held in Berlin, Germany on December 10, 2009 on Human Rights Day.

"The event organized within the framework of the "Justice for Khojaly" international civil awareness campaign took place at the Center for Development of German-Azerbaijani relations and was attended by over 100 guests. One of the main aims of the conference was to inform the German community about the forgotten victims of the tragedies happened in Azerbaijan", said the National Coordinator of the JFK campaign in Germany, Samira Patzer-Ismailova.

Member of the European Parliament Mr. Edward Lintner condemned the occupation policy of Armenia against Azerbaijan, and urged Europe to participate more actively in the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh problem in his speech Condemn

The Professor of Potsdam University Dr. Wilfried Fuhrman and director of The European-Azerbaijan Society (TEAS) Mr. Shahin Namati-Nasab delivered speeches at the conference, talked about the humanitarian catastrophes in Azerbaijan, particularly Khojaly massacre perpetrated against the civilian population of Azerbaijan in February 1992. The professor of the Universities of Bonn and Berlin Dr. Eva Maria Auch talked about the history of the Jews community living in Azerbaijan and in her presentation; underlying tolerance of Azerbaijanis against different religions and cultures mentioned that Jews lived in peace in Azerbaijan for centuries.

At the conference the Director of the Human Rights Institute of National Academy of Science of Azerbaijan Professor Ayten Mustafaeva presented the of book entitled "Death Marches" in German, written by late Professor Rovshan Mustafayev.

Fariz Gasimli representative of the Coordination Center of Azerbaijanis in Germany, made a presentation about the "Justice for Khojaly" international civil awareness campaign in German, gave detailed information about the Khojaly tragedy and the work done within the JFK campaign to reach the international community.

The event was attended by members of the Bundestag, the Jewish community of Germany, the Turkish and Azerbaijani Diaspora organizations, as well as students, the representatives of NGOs and local media.

Justice for Khojaly international civil awareness campaign ([www.justiceforkhojaly.com](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.com)) was initiated by Mrs. Leila Aliyeva, General Coordinator on Intercultural Dialogue of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation and declared on May 8, 2008. The Campaign has been successfully launched in more than 25 countries of the world. More than 120 000 individuals and 119 organizations joined the campaign. The international community aims the Campaign at raising international civil awareness on the Khojaly massacre and achieving political and legal recognition.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)  
14 December 2009**

## **KHOJALY GENOCIDE INCLUDED IN PROJECT “INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL OF WAR VICTIMS” IN SWEDEN**

Thanks to campaign “Justice for Khojaly”, initiated by the general coordinator on intercultural dialogue of the Youth Forum of the Organization of Islamic Conference Leyla Aliyeva, the Khojaly genocide has been included in the archival project “International Memorial of War Victims”, founded in Sweden. The project is widely supported in the virtual world.

Referring to the official site of campaign, the Project included the list of the people killed with special cruelty by the Armenian armed forces in the city of Khojaly during war in Nagorno Karabakh. The tragedy is presented to users of site as one of the most monstrous acts of genocide of the XX century (<http://war-memorial.net/Victims-of-the-Khojali-Massacre-1.224>).

Among used resources, there is also the official website of the campaign of “Justice for Khojaly” ([www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)). The Khojaly genocide is mentioned together with the acts of genocide made in Algeria, Srebrenitse, Darfur, Madagascar, Nigeria, Ruanda, Vietnam and other places.

In the frame of campaign “Justice for Khojaly”, it is planned to organize on 26 February exhibitions, conferences and peace actions in over 30 world countries.

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## **CREATIVE STAFF OF RAP SONG "JUSTICE TO KHOJALY" CREATED IN AZERBAIJAN SIGNS APPEAL TO U.S, EUROPEAN AND OIC PARLIAMENTARIANS**

The creative staff of the rap song "Justice to Khojaly" created in Azerbaijan has signed an appeal to parliamentarians of the United States, Europe and the OIC.

"A purpose of the rap song "Justice to Khojaly" is to bring the truth concerning the genocide committed by Armenians in Khojaly to the attention of the world community," the OIC Youth Forum Secretary General Elshad Iskandarov said at the event held in TREND News Agency on Monday.

Armenian troops committed genocide in Khojaly on Feb. 26, 1992. The tragedy began early morning. Within hours, over 613 unarmed Azerbaijani citizens were killed. Among them were 106 women and 83 children. About 1,000 people were disabled by shots; 8 families were fully destroyed. Twenty-five children lost both of their parents and 130 children lost one of them. About 1,275 people were taken prisoner. Around 150 people went missing. Eight families were completely killed.

Iskandarov said within the campaign "Justice for Khojaly" famous American arranger Gordon Williams and U.S. rap singer, known for his works on social topics, Tony Blackman, signed an appeal to the president, the U.S. Congress calling for the recognition of Khojaly tragedy as a crime against humanity.

The International Information-Propaganda campaign "Justice for Khojaly" was launched on the initiative of the OIC Youth Forum General Coordinator Leyla Aliyeva. "This campaign was presented in more than 20 capitals of the world in February 2009 and successfully held during the year," he said.

Iskandarov said that meetings aimed at recognizing the Khojaly tragedy are also planned to be held in almost 30 countries worldwide on Feb. 26 this year along with the campaign held throughout the year. "During the events the song in the rap-style 'Justice to Khojaly' will be presented. Arranger of the song is Gordon Williams," the general secretary said.

At present, video shooting is going on in Baku, he said.

"Video shooting will take place in the Alley of Martyrs, in the areas where internally displaced people have been settled. The creative staff is planned to meet with the victims of Khojaly tragedy. These shots are planned to be used in the clip," he said.

He said the song was performed by Tony Blackman and well-known Azeri rap group Dayirman.

"Blackman participated in a meeting of national coordinators of the campaign in Baku in November 2009. After reading the information on this unprecedented injustice committed against the Azerbaijani people, he decided to act to inform the world community about true facts of the Khojaly tragedy. During the meeting, the campaign initiator Leyla Aliyeva proposed the artist once again to arrive in Azerbaijan and support the campaign "Justice for Khojaly" together with national singers. The American singer has received Aliyeva's proposal with pleasure. He arrived in Baku together with arranger Gordon Williams and presented a song which he has created due to the campaign," Secretary General said.

"I heard about the genocide in Khojaly. But I got the detailed information about this during the visit to Baku last year," Tony Blackman said at the event.

He said the world community should know more information about this genocide. "That's why I participate in the creation of the rap song and the clip for "Justice for Khojaly", the singer said.

The crimes against humanity were committed in Khojaly, Blackman said. "The same happened in Africa. But I have never thought that this could happen in this region", he said.

Iskandarov said the appeal signed by the creative staff of the clip would be also addressed to parliamentarians of European countries and the countries of the Organization of Islamic Conference, besides U.S. congressmen. "We want MPs, both individually and at the level of their parliaments to recognize that the Armenians committed crimes in Khojaly against humanity," the general secretary said.

**AMERICAN RAPPER WRITES AND COMPOSES  
“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” SONG**

As part of the international awareness campaign “Justice for Khojaly”, American rapper Toni Blackman has written and composed a song of the same name.

A press conference on this occasion was held Monday here during which Secretary General of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum (ICYF) Elshad Iskandarov said actions as part of the campaign are planned to be organized in February in about 30 countries. The song and clip will be presented during these events, Iskandarov added.

According to him, “the song features realities about the Khojaly genocide, and calls on the world community to condemn the tragedy culprits.”

Tony Blackman said at the press conference that she heard about Khojaly events earlier, but didn't know details. “I took deep interest during my visit to Baku last November. It is easier to deliver messages by music and I am doing it with great pleasure. I believe that I am doing a good and just deed”.

Blackman said she was shocked when heard details of the Khojaly events.

At the end of the press conference, a petition to the U.S. President and Congress was signed which demands recognition of the events happened in Khojaly as a crime of genocide against humanity.

General Coordinator of the OIC Youth Foundation on Intercultural Dialogue Ms. Leyla Aliyeva initiated the Justice for Khojaly campaign.

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## **OIC PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY ADOPTS RESOLUTION BACKING THE “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN - 30 JANUARY 2010**

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Islamic Conference has adopted a resolution backing the international campaign “Justice for Khojaly” and recognizing Khojaly massacre as a crime against humanity.

The assembly has ended its sixth session in the Ugandan capital, Kampala on January 30, 2010. The organization unites the parliaments of 51 OIC member-states and holds sessions every two years.

A resolution (SSCPE/4-2010/DR/RES.26) "On cooperation between the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) and the Parliamentary Assembly of OIC (PUIC)" defining the Khojaly massacre as a crime against humanity was adopted on the last day of the session at the initiative of the OIC Youth Forum. The resolution notes that the events in Khojaly are "massacres committed by Armenian armed forces against Azerbaijani civilians".

The resolution includes a paragraph, urging the parliaments of 51 countries to recognize this tragedy as a crime against humanity and to support the Campaign at the national and international levels. The session also involved representatives of the leading international organizations including the Black Sea Economic Cooperation parliamentary assembly in which Armenia is involved.

Commenting on the importance of the resolution, the Secretary General of the OIC Youth Forum Elshad Iskenderov said. "This is the first time that an international parliamentary assembly has recognized the Khojaly massacre as a 'crime against humanity'. As the OIC Parliamentary Assembly incorporates one-quarter of the world's parliamentarians, the use of this term, which is of great political and legal importance, marks a new stage in the international recognition of the Khojaly massacre as an integral part of the policy of genocide, committed by Armenian nationalists against the Azerbaijani people as well as punishing those responsible for genocide."

The idea to adopt the resolution was initiated by General Coordinator for Intercultural Dialogue of ICYF-DC, the Campaign's initiator, Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, during her meeting with the international coordinators of the Justice for Khojaly Campaign in autumn last year in Baku. The OIC youth forum worked with several OIC parliaments and primarily the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan and its secretariat on the resolution.

The Campaign was initiated on May 8, 2008, on the day of 16th the anniversary of the Armenian occupation of the town of Shusha in Nagorno-Karabakh.

The campaign aims to raise awareness of the massacre at Khojaly. During the night of 25-26 February 1992, 613 Azerbaijani civilians were killed in an attack by Armenian forces, backed by an ex-Soviet regiment, on the town of Khojaly in Nagorno-Karabakh. Most of the victims perished as they fled the town.

The Campaign plans to hold conference, outdoor events, and concerts in more than 30 countries and hold exhibitions called “JFK Campaign 1 year” in connection with 18th anniversary of Khojaly Massacre on February 26, 2010.

**[www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)  
30 January 2010**

## **ISLAMIC GROUP LABELS KHOJALY MASSACRE AS CRIME AGAINST MANKIND**

The parliamentary assembly of the Organization for Islamic Conference (OIC) has labeled the Khojaly massacre committed by Armenians against Azerbaijanis in 1992 as a crime against humanity in a resolution adopted on Sunday at the sixth OIC session held in Kampala, Uganda, according to the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYFDC) Istanbul headquarters.

The resolution, passed under the Justice for Khojaly international campaign, initiated by Leyla Aliyeva, the Forum's senior coordinator for inter-cultural dialog, terms the massacre as "the Armenian armed forces' mass killings of civilian population".

The resolution voices support for the Justice for Khojaly campaign, urging the parliaments of the 51 OIC member states to recognize the gruesome developments as a crime against humanity and to support the campaign both on the nationwide and international scale.

Elshad Iskandarov, the Forum's secretary-general, commented that the Kampala resolution is the first international document recognizing the Khojaly tragedy as a crime against humankind.

"Given that the OIC parliamentary union comprises a fourth of the world's parliaments and is one of the biggest inter-parliamentary entities in the world, the [use of] this term will pave the way for a new qualitative stage in international recognition of the Khojaly tragedy as being a part of the policy of genocide pursued by Armenian nationalists against the Azerbaijani people and holding those responsible for this crime legally accountable."

The Justice for Khojaly campaign, which was launched in February 2009, is ongoing with the contribution of hundreds of volunteers in over 30 countries. The initiative aims to inform the world community about the tragedy and achieve granting it due political assessment on the world stage.

Armenia and Azerbaijan waged a war in the early 1990s. On February 25-26, 1992, Armenian forces attacked unarmed civilians in Khojaly with the support of the Russian troops. 613 people were brutally killed, while 1,275 taken captives, 487 became handicapped and 150 remain missing. Overall, the war claimed some 30,000 lives and displaced about a million Azerbaijanis. Armenia has been occupying over 20% of Azerbaijan's internationally recognized territory since then. The ceasefire accord was signed in 1994, but peace talks have been largely fruitless so far.

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**“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN PRESENTED IN KUWAIT**

The “Justice for Khojaly” international campaign has been presented in Kuwait in LoYAC youth organization`s office.

Attending the event, Azerbaijani ambassador Shahin Abdullayev briefed the participants on the history of the Khojaly genocide, committed by Armenians against Azerbaijanis.

The participants also signed a Petition addressed to the world leaders, which demands recognition of the events, happened in Khojaly as a crime of genocide against humanity.

General Coordinator of the OIC Youth Foundation on Intercultural Dialogue Ms. Leyla Aliyeva initiated the Justice for Khojaly campaign.

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## **GEORGIA TO COMMEMORATE KHOJALY GENOCIDE VICTIMS**

The “Justice for Khojaly” campaign's presentation in connection with the 18th anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy will be held in Georgian cities of Dmanisi and Marneuli Feb.23, Azerbaijani Embassy in Georgia said.

Tbilisi will also host the campaign's presentation of collection of signatures and official website [www.justiceforkhojaly.ge](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.ge) in the Cultural Centre Varlig. Azerbaijani businessmen will hold meetings in support of the campaign.

The event will end with symphony concert in memory of the Khojaly genocide's victims. Azerbaijan orchestra will perform Azerbaijani and Georgian composers' compositions.

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## **AZERBAIJAN PRESENTS "JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY" SHORT FILM**

Baku hosted a presentation of the short film "Justice for Khojaly" on the genocide perpetrated by Armenians in Khojaly.

Azerbaijani Deputy Youth and Sport Minister Intigam Babayev said at the presentation ceremony that the Khojaly genocide is proof of the heroism of the Azerbaijani people and movie will promote accurate information about this tragedy abroad.

"The main purpose of producing the video in English is that the public outside the country could share the feelings of the Azerbaijani people in connection with the genocide perpetrated by Armenians," he added.

The clip will be shown in 20 countries Feb.25, and will play a significant role in informing the world community about the tragedy, said Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) Youth Forum Secretary General Elshad Isgandarov.

He said about 130,000 people from around the world supported the "Justice for Khojaly" campaign through the Web site [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org).

"Creating a huge number of concurrent Web resources, Armenia tries to resist this propaganda in every way, which again proves the success of our campaign," he said.

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The "Justice for Khojaly" international media campaign was announced upon the initiative of Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) General Coordinator Leyla Aliyeva May 8, 2008.

One of the most important challenges before the Azerbaijani people is to familiarize the world with the truth about the tragedy committed against the Azerbaijani people, Azerbaijani MP Ganira Pashayeva said.

"The way toward the recognition of the Khojaly tragedy in the world is through the implementation of broad propaganda in the world," she said. "Propaganda must be carried out by modern methods and clips play important role here. This clip shows not the music, but the protest against injustice."

In his speech, Azerbaijani Parliamentary Social Policy Committee Chairman Hadi Rajabli noted about Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev's call to the Azerbaijani Diaspora to move from defense to attack in the issue of promoting the truth about Karabakh. "This clip is an indicator of successful launch of this policy," he added.

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## **“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” MUSIC MANIFESTO PRESENTED**

The “Justice for Khojaly” music manifesto was presented here Wednesday as part of the events to mark the 18th anniversary of the Khojaly genocide.

The event was co-organized by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, Youth and Sport Ministry and Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYFDC).

American rapper Toni Blackman and Azeri Dayirman group performed the song.

The event was addressed by deputy youth and sport minister Intigam Babayev, Secretary General of ICYF Elshad Iskandarov, MPs and chairman of the Irali Public Union Jeyhun Osmanli.

They said the Azerbaijani government had used all opportunities to raise the world community’s awareness of the Khojaly tragedy.

“The massacre was given political assessment after national leader Heydar Aliyev came to power in 1993.”

The orators described the Khojaly massacre as the gravest crime against the humanity.

The town of Khojaly was occupied on February 26, 1992 and followed with unprecedented brutalities against the civilian population. In a few hours, the aggressors killed 613 innocent and unarmed people. Among them were 106 women, 83 children, 56 people were killed with special brutality, 8 families were totally exterminated, 25 children were totally, and 130 children were partly orphaned, 476 people became disabled persons (of them 76 were minors), 1275 people were taken hostage and even though afterwards most of the hostages were released from captivity, the fate of 150 of them are still unknown.

The town itself was leveled to the ground.

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**WORLD AZERBAIJANIS COMMEMORATE  
18TH ANNIVERSARY OF KHOJALY GENOCIDE**

Azerbaijan`s Embassies and Diaspora Organizations in foreign countries organized a series of events to mark the 18th anniversary of the Khojaly Genocide.

India. Azerbaijani Embassy to India held a seminar and exhibition in Jamia Millia Islamia University to commemorate the victims of Khojaly Genocide, committed by Armenians eighteen years ago. The event brought together students and teaching staff of the University. They were aware of occupation of 20 per cent of Azerbaijani lands during the Nagorno Karabakh conflict and over one million Azeri refugees and IDPs. A documentary film on Khojaly was also demonstrated. The event is held as part of “Justice for Khojaly” campaign.

Kazakhstan. A commemorative event to revere victims of Khojaly Genocide took place in Almaty. The event was organized by Azerbaijani Culture Center and Turkic Nations Culture Center. Members of Azerbaijan and Turkish Diasporas, students, journalists kept a one minute silence in tribute to Khojaly victims. The participants familiarized themselves with the photo exhibition reflecting Armenians brutality in Khojaly city.

Lithuania. An event to revere memory of Khojaly victims took place in Lithuanian Parliament initiated by Azerbaijan Embassy to Lithuania. Heydar Aliyev Foundation-related collection “Karabakh realities” were distributed among the MPs. The Embassy also presented the publications on the tragedy in Lithuanian and English languages.

Korea. Azerbaijani Embassy to Korea organized an event to commemorate victims of Khojaly Genocide, committed by Armenians. The meeting is held as part of the “Justice for Khojaly” campaign initiated by general coordinator of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum Leyla Aliyeva.

Events to commemorate the anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy were also held in Romania, Norway, Kuwait, Mexico and Saudi Arabia.

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**MUCH HAS BEEN DONE, BUT WE ARE FACED TO DO MORE  
TO RESTORE "JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY"**

Azerbaijani Youth Organization in Russia (AYOR) held an event devoted to Khojaly genocide at St. Petersburg Hall of President Hotel Moscow within the worldwide campaign Justice for Khojaly on Feb. 26.

Prior to the event, was held a presentation of the clip rap songs in English "Justice for Khojaly".

The event was opened by the head of Russian representation of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Leyla Aliyeva. At her request, the hall paid a minute of silence to the memory of the victims.

In her opening speech, Leyla Aliyeva told participants of the event about the tragedy of Khojaly residents, hundreds of victims of Armenian aggression, including women, children and the old people.

"On the Khojaly it was told in the European Parliament and the UN headquarters, the building of the ICTY and other international organizations. A rock festival was held in Zurich, as well as numerous activities in universities. This is only part of more than seventy actions, held during the year. The campaign was realized by the variety of methods - conferences, seminars, hearings, pickets, distributing leaflets, stickers", said the head of AYOR.

According to her, during the campaign were implemented unique projects, which pursue a goal to convey the pain of the Azerbaijani people to the very different audiences around the world.

An important part of the campaign "Justice for Khojaly," says Leyla Aliyeva, is the publication of the book of Russian writer-historian and public figure, Yuri Pompeyev "Karabakh Diary". Reliable historical facts about the Armenian-Azerbaijani Nagorno-Karabakh conflict are collected in the book.

Justice for Khojaly was launched a year ago by AYOR together with other international youth organizations. According to Aliyeva, the actions within the program took place in more than 30 countries and covered all continents.

"Youth Forum of the OIC has already raised the issue of recognition of Khojaly tragedy on a global level. Most recently, based on proposals of the Forum of the OIC Parliamentary Council, which consists of the parliaments of 51 countries, put forward a resolution recognizing the events in Khojaly as a crime against humanity. This is a great political achievement. As you see, much has been done, but we are faced to do more to restore justice for the Khojaly in order to such tragedies will never occur", concluded the head of AYOR.

She thanked all those who supports the campaign and takes an active part in it.

"Like the rest of the Azerbaijani people, I believe that the conflict will soon be justly resolved, and the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan will be restored", concluded Leyla Aliyeva.

Azerbaijani Ambassador to Russia Polad Bulbuloglu noted the importance of the campaign "Justice for Khojaly", stressed the role and activity of young people in promoting the truth about the terrible tragedy that befell Azerbaijani people.

"I am pleased that today in this hall came a lot of young people, because you will lead the world in the future. We should not forget about the tragedy that occurred in Khojaly and the violation, which our people have suffered 18 years ago. Our duty is to bring the truth about this tragedy to the whole world", said Polad Bulbuloglu.

According to him, because of this campaign it is felt that the attitude of the international community is gradually changing and this campaign has an effective influence on public opinion in different countries.

"Here I would like to note specially the initiative of Leyla Aliyeva about the campaign "Justice for Khojaly", which now goes around the world, and doers of this idea, young people who really convey the tragedy of Khojaly by all available means - let this be a song in the style of rap or books, photographs, brochures, booklets. We must make the world look at this tragedy with our eyes", said Polad Bulbuloglu.

The Ambassador noted that the present time is full of double standards, "when our people can not prove what is white and what is black" and in this context should not underestimate the importance of this campaign.

As an example, he mentioned an article, which appeared on Friday in Russia's "Nezavisimaya Gazeta" newspaper, devoted to the tragedy in Khojaly.

In his conclusion, Polad Bulbuloglu wished young Azerbaijanis, many of which are studying at prestigious universities in Russia, to become good specialists, valuable people to their homeland, and never forget about happened in the Azerbaijani Karabakh land and be able to bring the truth of Azerbaijan to the whole world.



Speaking at the event, the secretary general of the Youth Forum of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Elshad Iskenderov also noted the importance of the international campaign initiated by Leyla Aliyeva.

"During the year, the campaign "Justice for Khojaly" acquired the scale and drew into its orbit thousands of participants. The main mechanism of the campaign became the website justiceforkhojaly.org. Today starts a new stage of implementing this idea, taking into account that a large number of people worldwide have supported our activity - national coordinators of the program work in 25 countries. Khojaly pain should not remain oppressive fact in the collective consciousness of only the people of Azerbaijan. Non-recognition of this truth by the world community will have disastrous consequences.

The world must recognize the tragic events as genocide and share the pain of our people. The aim of the new phase is the international recognition of the tragedy of Khojaly. The site includes a petition, which is designed so that anyone on the planet would be able to send a short message, which reflects the essence of what happened in Khojaly, and ask world leaders to recognize the tragedy as a crime against humanity ", said Elshad Iskenderov.

He expressed the confidence that in such way will be collected many signatures and 10 December, World Human Rights Day, they will be sent to the recipients - the Heads of State and Government of the OSCE Minsk Group, the leading international organizations, parliaments of Europe, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, UN Secretary-General.

"I am sure that the appeal of citizens of the world, regardless of nationality and religion, which expresses the pain of our people will not be overlooked", said the representative of the youth organization of the OIC.

Armenian military forces committed genocide acts in the town of Khojaly, Azerbaijan, with the population of 7,000 people on Feb. 26 1992. There were 3,000 people in the town at the time of Armenian military forces' attack. Most part of the population had to leave town during four months blockade. 613 people were killed, 1,000 peaceful people of different age became invalid during Khojaly genocide. 106 women, 63 children, 70 old men were killed. 8 families were completely annihilated, 130 children lost one parents, while 25 both of them. 1,275 peace residents were taken hostages, while the fate of 150 of them is still unknown.

Justice for Khojaly campaign initiated by Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, General Coordinator of Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation started May 8, 2008.

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**ICYFDC PRESENTS BOOK “KARABAKH: QUESTIONS AND  
FACTS” IN TURKISH PARLIAMENT**

A presentation ceremony of the book “Karabakh: Questions and Facts” initiated by the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYFDC) took place in Turkey’s Grand National Assembly.

The book written by Azerbaijani well-known scientists and experts says about history of Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict over Nagorno Karabakh.

Chairman of Turkey’s Grand National Assembly Mehmet Ali Shahin stressed the necessity to join efforts of Azerbaijani and Turkish Diasporas to bring the realities of Khojaly Genocide to the world community. He praised Khojaly for Justice Campaign initiated by general coordinator of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum Leyla Aliyeva.

Launched in February 2009, “Justice for Khojaly” campaign unites hundreds of volunteers from over 30 countries. Aim of the campaign is to bring realities of Khojaly Genocide, committed eighteen years ago by Armenians, to the world community. The campaign launched its website

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## **KHOJALY GENOCIDE`S ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATED IN U.S.**

As part of the “Justice for Khojaly” international campaign, a commemorative event to mark the genocide`s 18th anniversary was held in the U.S. George Washington University.

Azeri ambassador Yashar Aliyev, board director of the Azerbaijani-American Council (AAC) Javid Huseynov and President of Azerbaijan Society of America Tomris Azeri, addressed the event.

They said on February 26, 1992 the town of Khojaly was occupied by Armenia with the help of the former USSR`s 366th motor rifle regiment, and followed with unprecedented brutalities against the civilian population.

Ambassador Aliyev noted events to honor the memory of the tragedy`s victims were being held today in 42 countries of the world.

Aliyev particularly stressed the Justice for Khojaly campaign, initiated by General Coordinator of the OIC Youth Foundation on Intercultural Dialogue Ms. Leyla Aliyeva, to raise the world community`s awareness of the tragedy.

American rapper Toni Blackman who wrote and composed a song called “Justice for Khojaly” also attended the event.

Blackman said when she heard about the Khojaly events she decided to deliver the truth about the tragedy to the world through music. No people has faced such a torture and injustice, she underlined.

The event participants saw a documentary prepared by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation featuring the tragedy and the Justice for Khojaly rap manifest.

Events to commemorate the 18th anniversary of the Khojaly genocide were held in California and New York, as well.

Because of the Khojaly events, the Armenian aggressors killed 613 innocent and unarmed people. Among them were 106 women, 83 children, 56 people were killed with special brutality, 8 families were totally exterminated, 25 children were totally, and 130 children were partly orphaned, 476 people became disabled persons (of them 76 were minors), 1275 people were taken hostage and even though afterwards most of the hostages were released from captivity, the fate of 150 of them are still unknown. The town itself was leveled to the ground.

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## **KHOJALY CAMPAIGN FOLLOW-UP MEETING HELD IN MOSCOW**

A meeting in the follow-up of the Justice for Khojaly campaign has been held in Moscow, Islamic Conference Youth Forum reported.

The event co-organized by the Russia-Azerbaijan Youth Organization and ICYF began with presentation of Justice for Khojaly musical project. Famous American rapper, Tony Blackman and Deyirman band of Azerbaijan sang a rap song.

Speaking at the event, initiator of the Justice for Khojaly campaign, chairman of the Russia Azerbaijani youth Organization Leyla Aliyeva told of the progress achieved during the campaign

“Our campaign marked a new era in its activity today as we start a new stage of sending appeals to the Heads of States, world parliaments and international organizations. Accomplishments we achieved last year make us confident of intensifying our campaign this year,” said Leyla Aliyeva.

Also speaking at the event were Secretary General of the ICYF Elshad Iskandarov, author of book “Karabakh diary” Yuri Pompeyev and others.

The participants of the event signed a new petition to the US President, UN Secretary General, members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and European Parliament, calling on to recognize the Khojaly tragedy as an outrage on humanity and bring all genocide committers to trial.

Over 500 people including students, Azerbaijani community, scientists and media attended the event.

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**EVENTS TAKE PLACE IN KUWAIT, QATAR AND UAE  
AS PART OF “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN**

In connection with the 18th anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy, within the “Justice for Khojaly” campaign, the State Commission on Prisoners of War, Hostages and Missing Persons of Azerbaijan held a series of activities in Kuwait, Qatar and United Arab Emirates, together with the embassies of Azerbaijan in these countries.

Representatives of the Azerbaijani communities in these countries, leaders, diplomats, several embassies, media representatives, attended the event, many foreign nationals who are friends of Azeri people, the Commission told Trend News on March 3.

Ambassadors of Azerbaijan in these countries provided the participants of the event detailed information on terrorist acts committed by Armenians against Azerbaijan, and Khojaly tragedy, which is a crime against humanity.

Addressing the meeting, Secretary of the State Commission on Prisoners of War, Hostages and Missing Persons Shahin Sailov spoke in detail about the Armenian policy of ethnic cleansing and genocide against the Azerbaijanis, the material and moral damage inflicted to Azerbaijan and Armenia's destruction of cultural monuments in the occupied Azerbaijani lands, as well as the crimes committed by Armenians against captives and hostages from Azerbaijan.

Participants of the event were presented a documentary film, books, photographs and other materials reflecting Khojaly tragedy and the Armenian terrorism. The event was covered in the media of these countries.

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## **NAYO JOINS “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN**

The Norwegian Azerbaijanis Youth Organization (NAYO) has joined the "Justice for Khojaly" campaign, NAYO Chairman Ramil Aliyev said at the structures' extraordinary meeting.

"We will organize a photo exhibition at the Norwegian Centre "Holokost" dedicated to the Khojaly genocide by establishing a fruitful business cooperation with the Heydar Aliyev Foundation. We as a diaspora organization must continually carry out a propaganda in the virtual space on the basis of written materials, facts, pictures and other effective means, until the tragedy is given a political assessment," Aliyev said.

NAYO decided to hold a seminar titled “Khojaly: Lesson from Tragedy”. The main purpose of the seminar is to convey historical facts about Khojaly genocide to both Norwegians and representatives of other nations.

A photo exhibition prepared by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and dedicated to the Khojaly tragedy will be shown at the event, the State Committee on Work with Diaspora told Trend.

Azerbaijani Ambassador to Norway Rafael Ibrahimov will attend the seminar as honorable guest and speak about Khojaly genocide and its results. Members of NAYO, representatives of Norwegian government, Norwegian and foreign political analysts, professors, local, as well as students studying in Norway, media representatives will also attend the seminar.

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## **RALLY TO BE HELD IN STRASBOURG IN CONNECTION WITH KHOJALY TRAGEDY**

The Centre of Cooperation of Azerbaijanis and other Turkic peoples (CCATP) jointly with Azerbaijani House in Strasbourg plans to hold a series of events dedicated to the 19th anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy, and a rally within the campaign "Justice for Khojaly" on Feb.24-27, CCATP said.

A representative delegation of Azerbaijan, which will attend the event, will include CCATP chairman Ilham Ismayilov, Chief of sector on work with Diaspora of the Presidential Administration`s Department for Social and Political Affairs Gafar Aliyev, MP Fuad Muradov and a board member of the Azerbaijani Nagorno-Karabakh Community, eyewitness of the Khojaly tragedy Javid Aliyev.

Organizers appealed to law enforcement authorities of Strasbourg with a request to prevent any provocation of the Armenian side during the rally.

Last year, the Armenians attempted to break a rally dedicated to the 18th anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy, held by CCATP jointly with the Azerbaijani House in Strasbourg. However, the law enforcement authorities prevented the incident and made Armenians to move away from the Kléber Square.

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**WITHIN THE “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN, THE ICD TO LAUNCH  
EVENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE'S COUNTRIES**

Within the "Justice for Khojaly" campaign, the International Center of the Diaspora will launch events in Eastern Europe's countries. On February 28 in Czech Republic and on February 28 at the Technological University of the Brno city of Czech Republic will hold a conference in the framework of “Justice for Khojaly” campaign International Center of the Diaspora with National NGOs.

Professors, teachers and student's staff of the university and representatives of the Diaspora will participate in the conference. At the same time on February 25 in Prague and on February 26 in Vienna will hold a conference dedicated to “Justice for Khojaly”.

Armenian troops committed genocide in Khojaly on Feb. 26, 1992. The tragedy began early morning. Within hours, over 613 unarmed Azerbaijani citizens were killed and among them were 106 women and 83 children. About 1,000 people were disabled by shots; eight families were fully destroyed. A total of 25 children lost both of their parents and 130 children lost one of them. About 1,275 people were taken prisoner and around 150 people went missing. Eight families were completely killed.

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## **PETITION OVER KHOJALY TRAGEDY WILL BE SENT TO HAGUE TRIBUNAL**

The International Hague Tribunal will be sent an appeal with request to give a legal assessment of the tragedy in the Azerbaijani town of Khojaly, Chairman of Youth Forum of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) Elshad Igararov said on Monday.

"The appeal (the petition) is undersigned in the framework of "Justice for Khojaly" campaign in online and other forms of treatment are signed. This year, the petition will be submitted to the International Hague Tribunal. The Hague tribunal is of particular importance from the standpoint of giving legal assessment to the Khojaly tragedy," Igararov said.

He said the court decision could put an end to this matter. "The question of genocide is considered in special courts created by the decision of the UN. This decision is political in nature, and countries or their representatives taking part in this process follow political will. The campaign is aimed, on the one hand, to collect evidence and exposure of distorted information about the genocide, but on the other hand – create political frameworks to give a fair assessment of the Khojaly events. This political framework is prepared in the framework of the body to which we belong. This decision was taken by the Foreign Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly of the OIC. We are working towards the adoption of another resolution of Heads of States of the OIC. If more than 57 of the 190 UN member states show a political will, it would be a serious basis for giving a fair evaluation of the genocide," Igararov said.

He said an investigation was held in connection with Khojaly genocide and new evidence obtained. "An objective report about the Khojaly genocide will be prepared next year with and submitted to international organizations," he added. Igararov also talked about other plans in the framework of the "Justice for Khojaly" campaign.

"The events will be held in a number of leading universities and flashmob-shares will be held in Houston, Berlin, Potsdam, in general, in 30 high schools. We plan to collect about 100,000 signatures," Igararov said.

He said the campaign's website will be presented and trailer for "The Road to Khojaly" film demonstrated at an event in Moscow. "Participants will be familiarized with the contents of the collection of Robert Arakelov " The recognition of the Armenian intelligentsia" covering two books. The event will also be attended by representatives of broad scientific, social and political circles of Russia," he said.

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**ST. PETERSBURG WILL HOST SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE DEDICATED  
TO KHOJALY MASSACRE**

A scientific conference titled “Justice to Khojaly” will be conducted at Maxim Gorkiy House of Culture in St. Petersburg on Friday. The Heydar Aliyev Foundation in conjunction with Consulate General of Azerbaijan to St. Petersburg will organize the event.

The conference will bring together members of the Azerbaijani community of St. Petersburg, including students, public of the city and press. The conference will focus on the Khojaly genocide, one of the most terrible massacres of the 20th century. The conference will also feature a presentation of a book titled “The Karabakh diary” by Russian writer Yuri Pompeyev, a photo exhibit and a documentary dedicated to Khojaly tragedy. The participants will be presented “The Karabakh truth” bulletin prepared by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.

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## **ISLAMIC CONFERENCE YOUTH FORUM TO ORGANIZE EVENTS ON KHOJALY GENOCIDE`S ANNIVERSARY IN WORLD COUNTRIES**

As part of the “Justice for Khojaly” campaign, the Islamic Conference Youth Forum will organize several large-scale events in various countries of the world, Secretary General of the Forum, Elshad Isgandarov said Monday at a press conference.

Isgandarov noted commemorative events to mark the 19th anniversary of the Khojaly genocide will be held on February 24-26 in London, Moscow, Berlin, Vilnius, Hague and other cities. According to him, the events aim at increasing the world community`s knowledge about the Khojaly massacre.

Isgandarov pointed out special petition had been prepared on the website of the “Justice for Khojaly” campaign ([www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)). He added peaceful student actions on the anniversary of the tragedy would be organized for the first time in the world`s 30 leading higher education institutions, including universities of Manchester, Houston, Florida, Linkoping, Berlin and Potsdam.

General Coordinator of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum Leyla Aliyeva initiated “Justice for Khojaly” campaign.

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**LEYLA ALIYEVA: "WE INTEND TO PRESENT TO ATTENTION OF LEGISLATURES  
OF OTHER COUNTRIES TRUE AND RELIABLE INFORMATION ON  
KHOJALY MASSACRE"**

The Bolshoi Petrovsky hall of Hotel complex President-Hotel in Moscow hosted a conference dedicated to the Khojaly tragedy.

The commemorative event was organized by the representation office of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation in Russia, the Azerbaijani Youth Organization in Russia, the OIC Youth Forum and the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Russia.

The conference ended in signing of an international petition of the campaign to be addressed to the U.S. Congress, UN, PACE and European Parliament to recognize the Khojaly massacre as "a crime against humanity and make the culprits criminally responsible, according to an official statement of the Eurasian regional center of the OIC Youth Forum.

The conference participants attended the photo exhibition organized in the foyer of the Hotel to inform activities carried out as part of the campaign in various countries worldwide in 2009.

More than 500 guests, including representatives of the Russian intelligentsia, academic and creative circles, Azerbaijani diaspora, media outlets, as well as students of Moscow universities, attended the conference.

Secretary General of the OIC Youth Forum Elshad Iskandarov made key remarks to the event. He presented to the event participants the trailer of a documentary film 'Path to Khojaly', taken in cooperation of British and Dutch filming groups.

Leyla Aliyeva, the Vice President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, General Coordinator of the OIC Youth Foundation on Intercultural Dialogue, the Chairperson of Azerbaijani Youth Organization in Russia (AYOR), the initiator of the campaign 'Justice for Khojaly', delivered an official report to the event. She spoke about the activities carried out as part of the campaign, the results achieved in 2010, and future plans and strategies.

Aliyeva stressed the importance of a resolution adopted at the session of the OIC Parliamentary Assembly, which was held last January in Abu Dhabi, on recognizing Khojaly massacre as a crime against humanity. "We also intend to present to the attention of legislatures of other countries true and reliable information about the Khojaly massacre for political and moral evaluation of the massacre by the international community in the near future," Aliyeva said.

In his speech, the Azerbaijani Ambassador to Russia Polad Bulbuloglu spoke about the activities of the country's leadership in the way of a fair settlement of the Armenian-Azerbaijani Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, and Baku's decisive position to preserve the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan.

A book titled 'Confessions of Armenian intellectuals' by Robert Arakelov was presented during the event. Based on facts, the book tells about the destructive activities of Armenian Diasporas, which for centuries cherished a dream of 'Great Armenia' and played an inciting role in breaking out the Armenian-Azerbaijani Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. A Yekaterinburg State University professor, historian Alexander Nesterov appraised the objective reasoning of the author of the book about the conflict, and mentioned baselessness of Armenian claims to Nagorno-Karabakh. Azerbaijani MP Elmira Akhundova and Deputy Dean of the History Faculty of Moscow State University named after M.V. Lomonosov, Alexei Vlasov, also addressed to the conference.

At the end of the event, the participants watched a clip rap-manifesto 'Justice for Khojaly', prepared as part of the campaign and launched this week to go on a number of telecasts broadcasted in the CIS countries, Eastern Europe and Turkey.

Leyla Aliyeva initiated the international information campaign 'Justice for Khojaly' ([www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)) on the day of occupation of Shusha, May 8, 2008. Currently, the campaign is aimed at presenting the truth about the Khojaly tragedy and achieving a political-legal and moral assessment on the tragedy from the world community. Hundreds of volunteers in over 30 countries worldwide successfully implement the campaign.

## **HUNGARY HOLDS EVENT ON ANNIVERSARY OF KHOJALY GENOCIDE**

Hungary held the event on the anniversary of the Khojaly genocide. The staff of the Azerbaijani Embassy and Azerbaijani students presented T-shirts, brochures, maps, posters with the inscription "Justice to Khojaly", and small flags of Azerbaijan in the old part of Budapest, the embassy said.

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## **HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN CZECH REPUBLIC SIGN DECLARATION CALLING ARMENIA AS AGGRESSOR**

Prague held the action "Justice to Khojaly - Light of Khojaly" dedicated to the 19 th anniversary of the Khojaly genocide. The action took place on Friday. It was organized by the society "Azer-Czech" with the support of the Azerbaijani Embassy in the Czech Republic in the central square of the city, the society said.

The tent "Khojaly was set on this square before the temple of St. Ludmila.

The film on the tragedy was demonstrated in the Czech language for four hours. Moreover, an open-air photo exhibition was launched. More than 500 booklets and brochures were distributed. Hundreds of Czech and foreign tourists showed interest in the tent as it was placed at the central square.

They signed a declaration declaring Armenia as the aggressor country. The chairman of the society Elshan Nazarov spoke about the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the campaign "Justice for Khojaly". In his speech, Ambassador Tahir Taghizade compared Khojaly genocide that occurred 19 years ago, with the events in the Czech town of Lidice 69 years ago. He urged the public to support Azerbaijan in its fair position. Honorary citizen of Khojaly, Professor Vagif Arzumanli shared his own bitter memories. He said that Karabakh is an inseparable part of Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijani and Czech public figures, representatives of NGOs, officials and numerous media representatives attended the event. The representatives of delegations from Azerbaijan - MP Gular Akhmedova, president of the National Forum of the NGO Rauf Zeyni, chairman of the International Centre for Diaspora Ismail Agayev and representative of the Azerbaijani Chamber of Commerce Alesker Hasanov also participated in the event.

The materials, used during the campaign, were prepared with the support of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, the State Committee for Diaspora Affairs, Odlar Yurdu (Land of Fire) organization operating in Great Britain, the executive branch of Ganja and the International Bank of Azerbaijan.

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## **PROCESSION HELD IN MANCHESTER ON KHOJALY GENOCIDE**

The Association of Azerbaijanis in Manchester held a rally in connection with the 19th anniversary of the Khojaly genocide as a part of the "Justice for Khojaly" campaign, the Association told Trend.

The action started at 12:00 on Feb.25 in front of the Manchester University and was attended by more than 30 Azerbaijanis.

The peaceful protest was continued in front of the BBC Manchester Office. Protesters voiced the slogans 'Justice for Khojaly', 'Justice for Azerbaijan' and 'No more Genocide', the report said.

Then, protesters marched to the main street of Manchester Piccadilly Gardens. During the action, 33 foreigners have joined the campaign by signing the petition "Justice for Khojaly".

The international media campaign "Justice for Khojaly" ([www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)) was launched on May 8, 2008. Hundreds of volunteers in over 30 countries worldwide successfully implement the campaign aimed to bring the truth about the Khojaly tragedy to the world and achieve the political and moral assessment of the tragedy by the world community.

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## **KHOJALY TRAGEDY COMMEMORATED IN MEXICO**

The Museum 'Memory and patience' in the Mexican capital hosted a conference titled "Do not allow the genocide any more!" dedicated to the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Khojaly genocide. The commemorative event was conducted as part of "Justice for Khojaly" campaign, a source at the Azerbaijani embassy in Mexico told Trend.

The event was addressed by the Azerbaijani ambassador to Mexico Ilgar Mukhtarov, chairman of the Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group Mexico-Azerbaijan, MP Marcos Perez, and coordinator of the Human Rights Commission under the Government of Mexico Leonardo Mier and coordinator of the international campaign "Justice for Khojaly" in Mexico Jimena Holguin.

Holguin provided information about the Khojaly genocide and the campaign "Justice for Khojaly", which is aimed at presenting to the world community the truth about atrocities committed in Khojaly.

Ambassador Mukhtarov told about the territories that historically belong to Azerbaijan, the deportation because of Armenian aggression against Azerbaijan in the twentieth century, and noted that the current president of Armenia Serj Sargsyan is one of the perpetrators of the Khojaly genocide.

Chairman of the Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group Mexico-Azerbaijan, MP Marcos Perez, who called Khojaly events as genocide, said "Khojaly was wiped off the earth not as a result of a natural disaster, but human hands".

During the event, the participants watched a documentary film 'Khojaly genocide', taken in 2010 by the Azerbaijani Embassy in Mexico and first translated into Spanish, and photographs reflecting the activities of the "Justice for Khojaly" campaign. Information was also provided on the web page / [www.justiciaparajodyali.org/](http://www.justiciaparajodyali.org/), presented in 2010 in Mexico.

The Armenian military forces committed genocide in Khojaly on Feb. 26, 1992. More than 600 people were killed, including 63 children, 106 women and 70 old men. A total of 1,000 civilians were disabled during the genocide. Eight families were annihilated, 130 children lost one parent, and 25 lost both. Additionally, 1,275 peaceful residents were taken hostage, while the fate of 150 remains unknown.

The international information campaign 'Justice for Khojaly' ([www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org)) was initiated by Leyla Aliyeva, the Vice President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, General Coordinator of the OIC Youth Foundation on Intercultural Dialogue, on the day of occupation of Shusha, May 8, 2008. Currently, the campaign is aimed at presenting the truth about the Khojaly tragedy and achieving a political-legal and moral assessment on the tragedy from the world community. Hundreds of volunteers in over 30 countries worldwide successfully implement the campaign.

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**UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE STILL DOUBLE STANDARDS IN APPROACH  
TO KHOJALY TRAGEDY - LEYLA ALIYEVA**

Turkey`s leading daily newspaper Hurriyet has published an interview with vice-president of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Leyla Aliyeva.

In her interview, Mrs. Aliyeva said, “everybody who wants justice for Khojaly will listen to the voice of humanity”.

“The world community has not created a concrete and working mechanism after the Khojaly tragedy. Unfortunately there are still double standards in approach to this tragedy.”

Head of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation`s Russia office said: “Armenians brutally murdered 613 innocent people thinking the world will quickly forget this.”

“Among those killed were 106 women and 63 children. Eight families were completely massacred,” she added.

Mrs. Aliyeva said: “Today we have the state that we can rely on. In 2009, we launched “Justice for Khojaly” campaign to make this crime known to the world community. In addition, we created [www.justiceforkhojaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhojaly.org) website to ensure successful continuation of the campaign. I would like to express our gratitude to the brotherly Turkish Republic and people of Turkey for supporting us.”

“As part of the campaign we hold events in 30 countries across the worlds. Washington, Ankara, Brussels, Jakarta, Ottawa, Berlin, Abu-Dhabi, Paris and Sao-Paulo are just a few examples,” said Mrs. Aliyeva.

The newspaper praised Mrs. Aliyeva`s role in creating “Justice for Khojaly” music video - featuring Azeri rap band Deyirman and Toni Blackman, a Cultural Ambassador traveling with the US Department of State – part of the Justice for Khojaly campaign.

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**MILLION SIGNATURES OF NETHERLANDS' CITIZENS SENT TO COUNTRY'S  
PARLIAMENT ON RECOGNITION OF KHOJALY GENOCIDE  
(17 FEBRUARY 2012)**

Within the "Justice for Khojaly" campaign request regarding the 20th anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy and the document with million signatures of the country's citizens to recognize Khojaly genocide have been sent to the Dutch Parliament, the Azerbaijani Embassy in the Netherlands said on Friday.

Representatives of "Justice for Khojaly" campaign functioning in the Netherlands, "Azerbaijani society of friends of Netherlands" together with other activists of the Azerbaijani diaspora held meetings with chairman of the Dutch parliament's committee on foreign relations MP Nebahat Albayrak, secretary of this committee Van Tuur, representative of the Netherlands' Labour Party MP Jeroen de Lange and representative of the party of Christian democrats MP Joshkun Geruz.

Chairman of the local coordinating committee of "Justice for Khojaly" campaign, national hero of the Netherlands, a knight of the Royal Order of Orange-Nassau Geert Van Dam provided detailed information about the Khojaly genocide and demanded to punish the persons responsible for this international crime committed by Armenians against Azerbaijani civilians 20 years ago, and expressed the hope that this tragedy will be included in the agenda of the Dutch Parliament. At the end of the speech Geert Van Dam, providing MPs with book "Karabakh", asked the parliament of the Netherlands and the Dutch public to support the restoration of based on European values justice for the Khojaly genocide.

If historians have not proved the century-old unknown events associated with the Armenians, the Netherlands and the international community should give the legal and political assessment of the proven atrocities committed 20 years ago in Khojaly, executive director of 'Azerbaijani Society of Friends of the Netherlands' Marion van der Vegt said at the meeting.

Gert van Dam and Marion van der Vegt presented a paper with the collected signatures "One Million Signatures - one desire," which demands to give political and legal assessment of the Khojaly genocide and expressed the hope that the Nagorno-Karabakh and other Azerbaijani territories occupied by Armenia will be liberated and that the Dutch Parliament will contribute to the restoration of peace and human rights in the region.

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<http://en.trend.az/news/karabakh/1993739.html>

**PAKISTAN'S NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MODERN LANGUAGES HOSTS  
SEMINAR ON KHOJALY GENOCIDE  
(21 FEBRUARY, 2012)**

Pakistan`s National University of Modern Languages hosts seminar on Khojaly genocide

The Pakistan`s National University of Modern Languages played host to a seminar dedicated to the 20th anniversary of Khojaly genocide. The seminar aimed to support international campaign "Justice for Khojaly" initiated by Leyla Aliyeva, vice-president of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, General Coordinator of the Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC)

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The event was attended by public figures of Pakistan, representatives of various universities of this country, representatives of diplomatic corps accredited in Pakistan.

Chairman of Society of Asian Civilization, professor Z.A.Gureshi briefed the participants on the Armenia-Azerbaijan, Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and its results. The professor described Khojaly genocide the bloodiest stage of the conflict.

The other speakers also condemned the crimes committed by Armenians against Azerbaijanis.

Azerbaijan`s Ambassador to Pakistan Dashgin Shikarov informed the attendees on the Armenia`s aggression against Azerbaijan. He thanked the Pakistani government for its supporting Azerbaijan`s position in Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

<http://www.azertag.com/en/node/919922>

**RALLY HELD IN ODESSA IN CONNECTION WITH 20TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF KHOJALY GENOCIDE  
(22 FEBRUARY, 2012)**

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Representatives of the Ukrainian, Moldavian, Jewish, Turkish and Tatar youth participated in a protest march, co-organized by the Association of the Azerbaijani Youth of Ukraine and the Youth Forum of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Activists of the protest march distributed booklets with information on the atrocities committed by the Armenians in Khojaly in the central streets and squares of Odessa under the slogan "The Armenians have to answer to history for the cruelties procreated in Khojaly".

613 black balloons were released to the air, on which words "Justice for Khojaly" were written, called for justice the world community and international organizations.

Speaking at the remembrance ceremony the President of the Association Anar Tahirov and chairman of the Association's Odessa organization Samir Aliyev brought the facts of numerous crimes, genocide, ethnic cleansing and aggression of Armenia against Azerbaijan, stressing that they can be traced over the past two centuries.

The event participants watched a documentary on Khojaly genocide, narrating about the atrocities the Armenians committed against children, women and elderly people in frosty February night.

Consul General of Turkey in Odessa Argan Hussein Argani, Chairman of the All-Ukrainian Youth Organization Anton Daritchenko, Chairman of the Moldovan youth organization Andrew Tetyu and others called the historical injustice that after 20 years the international community has not given the legal and political assessment of this tragedy.

Finally, an appeal to the Parliament of Ukraine and international organizations was adapted to the Parliament of Ukraine and international organizations to give legal and political assessment of the genocide committed by Armenians against Azerbaijanis in Khojaly.

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**KHOJALY VICTIMS REMEMBERED IN AKTAU  
(24 FEBRUARY, 2012)**

The Azerbaijan`s Consulate General in Aktau has organized a commemorative ceremony to mark the 20th anniversary of the Khojaly massacre.

The event brought together students, officials of “Friendship” Azerbaijan`s Cultural Center in Mangistau Region and journalists.

Participants viewed an exhibition and familiarized themselves with the books about the tragedy.

Azerbaijan`s Consul General in Aktau Rashad Mammadov briefed the event participants about the Khojaly massacre.

He also spoke of the Justice for Khojaly campaign, initiated by the Vice-President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, General Coordinator of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Intercultural Dialogue, Leyla Aliyeva.

Chairman of “Friendship” Azerbaijan`s Cultural Center in Mangistau Region Yusif Guliyev spoke of Armenian aggression against Azerbaijan.

Participants were informed about [www.justiceforkhocaly.org](http://www.justiceforkhocaly.org) website and watched a documentary on the Khojaly tragedy.

**<http://www.azertag.com/en/node/920901>**

**MEMORY OF KHOJALY GENOCIDE`S VICTIMS  
COMMEMORATED IN MEXICO  
(25 FEBRUARY 2012)**

On the eve of the 20th anniversary of the Khojaly genocide, Azerbaijan`s Embassy in Mexico has organized a commemorative concert as part of the “Justice for Khojaly” international campaign.

The event brought together Mexican congressmen, officials, heads and members of diplomatic corps accredited to the country, representatives of the Azerbaijani, Turkish and Ukrainian communities, journalists.

The event started with a minute of silence. Prior to the concert, Mexican senator José Antonio Badía spoke of relationship between Azerbaijan and Mexico. On the Khojaly tragedy the senator called it as the blackest page in human history. José Antonio Badía said the Khojaly massacre took place in the wake of the Armenian aggression against the Azerbaijani people. He pointed out the Armenian aggression could not break the will of the Azerbaijani people and stop the country`s political, economic and cultural development.

Chairman of the Mexico-Azerbaijan interparliamentary friendship group, Marcos Peres said the commemoration of the anniversary of Khojaly genocide demonstrates fraternal relations between the two countries` peoples. Peres spoke of the history of the Khojaly tragedy, stressing that the international community condemned this brutal aggression and demanded the invaders to leave immediately the occupied territories of Azerbaijan. He noted Mexico, committing to peace and friendly relations among peoples, human rights and norms and principles of international law, proved that it does not remain indifferent to the Khojaly tragedy. “So, on December 8 the country`s Congress adopted a resolution condemning the occupation of Azerbaijani territories by Armenia and crimes committed in Khojaly.”

Peres also expressed confidence that Azerbaijan-Mexico relationship would continue to develop.

Azerbaijani ambassador to Mexico Ilgar Mukhtarov said Armenia, with support of the leadership of former USSR, raised territorial claims against Azerbaijan and occupied Nagorno-Karabakh and seven adjacent regions. He expressed regret that the perpetrators of this crime had not been punished so far.

The diplomat said the bloodshed, which happened in Khojaly, must be recognized as a genocide by the international community.

Mukhtarov also thanked the Mexican congressmen for their efforts towards adoption of resolutions by the Mexican Congress on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and Khojaly tragedy. A documentary on the Khojaly genocide was demonstrated at the event, as well.

<http://www.azertag.com/en/node/921444>

**EUROPEAN DIGITAL MAGAZINE PUBLISHES ARTICLE  
ABOUT “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” CAMPAIGN  
(28 FEBRUARY 2012)**

European “EU reporter” digital magazine has published an article on the 20th anniversary of the Khojaly genocide.

The article by Colin Stevens is titled “Justice for Khojaly”. The article says: “‘The term ‘frozen’ doesn’t reflect the situation around the protracted conflict in and around the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan. We find it misleading, it is not adequate and status-quo can’t be kept infinitely’ the Ambassador of Azerbaijan to the EU, Emin Eyyubov, told EU Reporter. ‘We have consciously chosen a civilized way of solving the conflict through diplomacy, but this way requires a lot of work and solidarity of international community, of all those, who reject the violence as an argument we do’. On the eve of the commemoration of the most atrocious episode of the Nagorno-Karabakh war, the Khojaly massacre, the focus is once again on the problems of conflict. During the recent visit of the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev to NATO headquarters in Brussels, he once again expressed ‘a hope that this conflict will be resolved as soon as possible’. He reminded his audience that there is a very good legal basis for that, including the four UN Security Council resolutions demanding the immediate withdrawal of Armenian troops from occupied territories of Azerbaijan.

Nevertheless the cause requires more than resolutions from the West to make things move, especially acknowledging the great aspiration for justice and freedom among young generation of Azerbaijanis.

The tragedy that took place on cold winter night 20 years ago is not just a page in history books for them. Khojaly became a symbol engraved in their hearts: Today Azerbaijan’s youth is actively involved in an international civil awareness campaign ‘Justice for Khojaly!’ initiated by Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, General Coordinator of Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation.

A modern and prosperous society, Azerbaijan remains profoundly sensitive towards the memories of the children, women and elderly people that lost their lives while attempting to flee the small town of Khojaly, which had been taken over by Armenian military on the night of 25-26 February 1992.

613 people, including more than hundred children, either died under gunfire, perished in the mountains from cold and exhaustion, or were buried under the ruins of the buildings collapsed by shellfire and whose bodies were never recovered. The young generation is not prepared to forget those who vanished as ‘casualties of war’ On contrary, there is a conviction that only through acknowledgment of crimes of the past one can move on to reconciliation to build a better future.

The aspiration of ‘Justice for Khojaly’ is a campaign like no other, because it reflects visions and hopes of a young generation who never experienced the horrors of war. For campaigners the call for the acknowledgment of genocide committed at Khojaly is an integral part of the process of reconciliation over the war.

‘Although, for Azerbaijanis it is not a pre-condition for negotiations around the conflict’ - continues Mr.Eyyubov. –‘They are ready to build trust and confidence with Armenia in spite of tragic events in the past with the hope that it will lead soon to the liberation of the occupied territories’.

‘Our president underlined on numerous occasions that Nagorno-Karabakh will be given largest autonomy possible, based on world and also European best practice, as we sited previously as an example Tyrol in Italy’.

‘Further, the position of the European Parliament and European Institutions has a palpable impact, but nevertheless the cause of events could move on at faster pace in resolving Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. As life is passes by, some of those who survived the tragedy have passed away.’

‘We have an obligation to give those expelled the possibility to return to their homes, we can’t allow it to fall into oblivion, which is largely expected by Armenian side, as we presume’, - says the Ambassador. ‘We also have to deal with the crimes in the past, like the Khojaly massacre, for the sake of better future’. ‘Srebrenica’ is qualified as genocide by International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague (ICTY), while the tragedy in Khojaly is awaiting for the judgment of the international community. Nowadays, 20 years after the tragedy, Europe should stand tall for its values in case of the Khojaly massacre to give it an adequate judgment. The approach to human tragedies should be not selective, but universal.”

**AZERBAIJAN STUDENT NETWORK URGES YOUTH TO JOIN JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY  
CAMPAIGN (12 FEBRUARY 2013)**

Founded in Germany, Azerbaijan Student Network - ASN urges the youth to take an active part in all the activities of Justice for Khojaly campaign.

A joint press release of the ASN and ASAIF calls on to bring the reality of this tragedy to the public in countries of residence and education of Azerbaijani students.

**<http://www.news.az/articles/society/76439>**



**SOCIAL NETWORK ACTION OF AZERBAIJANI COMMUNITY OF KARABAKH  
CONTINUES (12 FEBRUARY 2013)**

The social network action launched by the Azerbaijani Community of Nagorno-Karabakh of Azerbaijan Republic Public Union as part of campaign Justice for Khojaly continues successfully.

The action aims to deliver the Armenian-Azerbaijani Nagorno-Karabakh conflict's realities to the world community and achieve a worthy assessment of the Khojaly genocide.

As part of the action, Azerbaijani youths living in the country and those living and studying abroad took photos with word #justiceforkhojaly on A4 paper and shared them in social networks, including page Justice For Khojaly on FB, Twitter and Instagram.

To support the campaign, send your photo or a photo of your foreign friend in the mentioned format to karabakhcommunity@gmail.com .

**<http://www.news.az/articles/karabakh/76453>**

**REGIONAL OFFICE OF AYOR JOINS JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY CAMPAIGN  
(15 FEBRUARY 2013)**

The Yaroslavl regional office of the Azerbaijan youth organization of Russia joins the international campaign 'Justice for Khojaly' held by the Azerbaijani community of Nagorno Karabakh.

In this connection, AYOR calls on the world community to give the due legal assessment to ethnic cleansing against the civilians in Khojaly committed by Armenia and recognition of these actions as genocide.

"AYOR holds large-scaled work on bringing the truth about the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict over Nagorno Karabakh, particularly, about the massacre against civilians of Khojaly to the world community", the chairman of the regional office Parviz Akparov said.

He called on other regional offices of AYOR, as well as representatives of the Russian public to join global action 'Justice for Khojaly' which is aimed at reaching the political and legal and moral assessment to the tragedy.

Held on the initiative of vice president of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Leyla Aliyeva, this information campaign is being implemented in more than 35 countries.

21 years have passed since the day of the massacre committed by Armenian military men in the Azerbaijani village of Khojaly during the occupation of Azerbaijani lands by Armenians.

**<http://www.news.az/articles/society/76658>**

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY CAMPAIGN:  
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY WITHIN POLITICAL AND  
LEGAL ASSESSMENT” KICKS OFF IN BAKU (23 FEBRUARY 2013)**

The Garadagh District Executive Authorities and the New Azerbaijan Party (YAP) have today co-organized a two-day international conference titled “Justice for Khojaly campaign: International Cooperation and Solidarity within Political and Legal Assessment” at the Heydar Aliyev Center, Lokbatan settlement of Baku.

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As part of the conference, participants visited national leader Heydar Aliyev`s monument at the Center, and became familiar with an exhibition dedicated to the genocide victims.

Opening the event, chief of the Garadagh District Executive Authorities Suleyman Mikayilov informed about the tragedy. He said the Khojaly massacre is one of the most heinous and bloodiest events of the 20th century. Late into the night of February 25, 1992, the town of Khojaly came under intensive fire from the town of Khankendi and Askeran already occupied by Armenian armed forces. At night the Armenian forces supported by the ex-Soviet 366th regiment completed the surrounding of the town already isolated due to ethnic cleansing of the Azerbaijani population of the neighboring regions. The joint forces occupied the town, which was ruined by heavy artillery shelling.

Thousands of fleeing civilians were ambushed by Armenian forces. Punitive teams of the so-called NK defense army reached the unprotected civilians to slaughter them, mutilating and scalping some bodies. In just a few hours, 613 civilians were killed, including 106 women, 70 elderly and 63 children.

<http://www.azertag.gov.az/en/node/1059679>

**PARLIAMENTS OF ALL 53 PUIC MEMBER COUNTRIES REITERATE THEIR  
RECOGNITION OF KHOJALY TRAGEDY AS GENOCIDE  
(19 FEBRUARY 2014)**

Parliaments of all 53 member countries of the Parliamentary Union of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Member States (PUIC) have reiterated that they recognize the Khojaly tragedy as genocide as they came together in Tehran, the capital of Iran.

The 9th session of PUIC adopted a resolution, in which all members of the organization called the Armenians` massacre of hundreds of Azerbaijani civilians in 1992 “an act of genocide and a crime against humanity”.

The draft resolution was submitted to PUIC as part of the Justice for Khojaly campaign initiated by Senior Coordinator of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) Leyla Aliyeva.

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**“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” EXHIBITION ENDS IN ISRAEL  
(25 FEBRUARY 2014)**

The Shimon Peres Center in Tel Aviv hosted a commemoration event on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of the Khojaly Tragedy and the 5th anniversary of “Justice for Khojaly” campaign, initiated by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Interior Minister Faina Kirschenbaum and Knesset members Fouad Ben-Eliezer, Rina Frenkel, Constantine Razvozov, public figures and media representatives.

The Israeli politicians emphasized that it was one of the most horrifying tragedies of the 20th century.

Yegana Salman, Director of the Azerbaijani Cultural Center in Israel, opened the event to highlight the work done by the Association “AzIs”. She thanked all those in Israel for their activities as part of “Justice for Khojaly” campaign.

Alex Miller, President of the Azerbaijan-Israel Association (AzIs), presented to MP Fuad Muradov the Memory Book with reviews of the Israelis who had visited the “Justice for Khojaly” exhibition. Organizers of the exhibition, emphasized Miller, call the Memory Book the biggest reward for their work because it contains no formal notes. “Each line is shot through with sincerity and empathy for innocent people suffering from raving nationalists.”

In his speech, Fuad Muradov recalled how the idea to organize the exhibition was started. He described the work of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and the Justice for Khojaly campaign initiated by Leyla Aliyeva to bring truth about the tragedy to the world. Muradov said: “We did not take over anything and we do not want anything belonging to others. We have received a million refugees and we have just recently formed more or less suitable conditions for life. But they really want to return home...”

Aggression and violence brought Armenia no good. The country is on the edge of bankruptcy. We do not wish anything bad for the Armenian people, we only wish them good and welfare. But as long as the government of Armenia is run by corruptionists and aggressors, welfare of the nation and peace with Azerbaijan are a big question. We are ready for a dialogue but there are many forces opposed to peaceful co-existence of Azerbaijan and Armenia today.” “However, those forces must know that Azerbaijan is different now and it would not allow more blood of its citizens to be spilt...”

Then, the documentary “Corridor Without End” shot by the Lithuanian film director Mindaugas Urbonavichius was screened.

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**COMMEMORATIVE EVENT ON KHOJALY TRAGEDY HELD IN INDONESIA  
(25 FEBRUARY 2015)**

A commemorative event on the 23rd anniversary of the Khojaly genocide has been held in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta. The event was held in partnership with the Islamic Conference Youth Forum and as part of the Justice for Khojaly campaign. Tens of thousands of people, as well as a number of senior officials from the ministries and government agencies and famous religious figures of the country participated in the joint prayer in the Istiqlal mosque. Addressing the event, Omas Choirun Nisa Fujiati, the national coordinator of the Justice for Khojaly in Indonesia and Azerbaijan's representative Elmar Iskandarov gave detailed information about the severe humanitarian consequences of the aggressive policy of Armenia, the historical roots of Nagorno-Karabakh conflict as well as the goals of "Justice for Khojaly" campaign. Activists of the campaign also called people who participated in the common prayer to join the "Great Rally" for the Justice for Khojaly. A number of religious figures and senior officials condemned occupation of Nagorno-Karabakh by Armenia and said they fully support Azerbaijan on the issue of Khojaly genocide. A rally under the slogan "Justice for Khojaly - The Forgotten Human Tragedy" was also held in partnership with the Islamic Conference Youth Forum and as part of the Justice for Khojaly campaign. Addressing the participants, Taufik Lubis, the Board Member of the ICYF-DC from Indonesia said the Indonesian government as well as President Joko Widodo should recognize the Khojaly massacre as genocide and support implementation of the UN and OIC resolutions.

A petition calling on the international community to recognize Khojaly tragedy as a "genocide" and a "crime committed against humanity" will be sent to the President of Indonesia and House of Representatives." The activists from the Muslim Youth Association and Youth Organization of Islamic Cooperation participated in the protest events. At night the participants laid 63 candles in memory of 63 children murdered in Khojaly in a square in front of the parliament, using the slogan "Light a Fire to Fight the Liar". The events were widely covered by the Indonesian press.

**[http://azertag.az/en/xeber/Commemorative\\_event\\_on\\_Khojaly\\_tragedy\\_held\\_in\\_Indonesia-834930](http://azertag.az/en/xeber/Commemorative_event_on_Khojaly_tragedy_held_in_Indonesia-834930)**

**IN TAKSIM WAS HELD A FLASH-MOB ACTION ON KHOJALY TRAGEDY  
(25 FEBRUARY 2015)**

**Yesterday, in famous Taksim Square of Istanbul it was held a flash-mob action on the 23rd anniversary of Khojaly genocide within the framework of “Justice for Khojaly” Campaign. The event was implemented with the support of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum and “Zahra Ana Foundation”.**

APA reports quoting Milliyet that during the flash-mob, in memory of the 63 children killed in Khojaly, 63 teenagers wearing masks collapsed to the ground and dramatized their last breath. Then teens stood up and shouted out the names of children killed in Khojaly genocide and by this way commemorated them.

Within the flash-mob action the activists of the Campaign using the slogan **“Light a Fire to Fight the Liar”** handed the petition more than 1000 tourists and 5000 local residents in Taksim Square. The petition addressed to the world leaders, international media and all people of conscience has been called for the criminal prosecution of those who committed the Khojaly tragedy and recognizing this tragedy as crime against humanity and “act of genocide”. Speaking during the event, Mr. Sardar Qoca, the representative of the “Zahra Ana Foundation” stressed the importance for all of Azerbaijani people living in different countries to support to carry out this sacred mission. The action was widely covered by media outlets such as Milliyet, TRT, A Haber Tv etc.

“Justice for Khojaly” International Awareness Campaign was initiated by Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, the vice-president of the Haydar Aliyev Foundation and the General Coordinator for Intercultural Dialogue of the ICYF-DC in 2009 and currently is being successfully implemented in over 50 countries worldwide. As a result of the Campaign the Khojaly massacre recognized as a genocide and crime committed against humanity by the parliaments of the different countries as well as by the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of OIC member countries and the Parliamentary Unions of the Organization of Islamic Conference.

<http://en.apa.az/news/223660>

**“JUSTICE FOR KHOJALY” ALPINE SKIING MARATHON HELD IN SLOVENIA  
(26 FEBRUARY 2015)**

Initiated by the diplomatic mission of Azerbaijan in Slovenia and supported by Azerbaijani businessmen living in Austria, “Run for Justice” marathon of professional alpine skiers of Austria was held here within the “Justice for Khojaly” campaign at the Rogla Olympic and ski centre, famous in Europe. Wearing jackets with “Justice for Khojaly” slogan, the fastest alpine skiers were presented the “Justice for Khojaly” cups by the diplomatic mission in Slovenia. The “Justice for Khojaly” alpine skiing marathon was joined by Slovenia’s Olympic Committee officials, diplomats, master of sports, media representatives and some hundred skiers of Slovenia. Members of Slovenian parliament have also joined the four-hour marathon. M. Rudi, member of the Slovenia’s upper chamber of parliament said he would promote for adoption of the documents on the Khojaly genocide presented by the Azerbaijani diplomatic mission to the parliament of this country.

**Elgun Niftaliyev,  
Special correspondent  
Vienna**

**[http://azertag.az/en/xeber/Justice\\_for\\_Khojaly\\_alpine\\_skiing\\_marathon\\_held\\_in\\_Slovenia-835158](http://azertag.az/en/xeber/Justice_for_Khojaly_alpine_skiing_marathon_held_in_Slovenia-835158)**



**AWARD WINNING DOCUMENTARY “ENDLESS CORRIDOR” SCREENED IN ATHENS  
(23 FEBRUARY 2016)**

Within the framework of the International “Justice for Khojaly” Campaign, the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Athens and the European Azerbaijan Society (TEAS) held the official presentation of the award winning documentary, “Endless Corridor”, produced directed by Aleksandras Brokas and narrated by Jeremy Irons.

The event also included the presentation of a book by Ian Peart and Fiona MacClchlan, entitled, “Khojaly Witness of a War Crime”.

A concert of traditional music of Azerbaijan also took place in the presence of the Ambassador of Azerbaijan Rahman Mustafayev, filmmaker Aleksandras Brokas and author Ian Peart.

The premiere of the documentary was held on July 1 last year at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA). Gerald Rafshoon (US), a Grammy Award winner, and Aleksandras A. Brokas (Lithuania) are the documentary's producers.

Endless Corridor has been submitted for more than 60 film festivals throughout the world. Most have already included it in their official programs. The next one is the prestigious Cape Town Film Festival in South Africa. Two more awards came from Tenerife International Film Festival in July, where the film was declared to be the "Best Documentary", and Aleksandras Brokas the "Best Director of a Documentary."

Endless Corridor follows two journalists, Lithuanian Richard Lapaitis and Russian Victoria Ivleva, on their return to Azerbaijan 20 years after covering the horrific Khojaly Massacre during the Armenian–Azerbaijani conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh. They journey to find the survivors they had first met in the aftermath of the Armenian attack. The accounts of both victims and perpetrators tell a dramatic story of the humanity and inhumanity of events in western Azerbaijan on 26 February 1992.

The film is narrated by Jeremy Irons, the Oscar-winning British actor, and the Emmy-winning American producer Gerald Rafshoon was the Executive Producer.

The film was presented in Istanbul, Ankara, Rome, Vilnius, London, Paris, Dublin, Berlin, Bern and Luxembourg in February as part of the Justice for Khojaly campaign, organised by Leyla Aliyeva, Vice-President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.

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**BOOK ON “KHOJALY WITNESS OF A WAR CRIME – ARMENIA IN THE DOCK”  
PUBLISHED IN FRENCH (24 FEBRUARY 2016)**

Book on “Khojaly Witness of a war crime – Armenia in the Dock” has been published in French in “TEAS Press”, Publishing house. For the first time, the book was published in English in London’s “ITHACA PRESS” publishing house in 2014, then in Russian in St. Petersburg's "Vestnik" publishing house in 2015.

Initiator of international campaign "Justice for Khojaly", Vice-President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, Leyla Aliyeva wrote the foreword to the book.

According to the European Azerbaijan Society, the book published within the framework of international campaign "Justice for Khojaly", is the first edition in English in the West, which was documented on the original sources of Khojaly incidents occurred on February 26, 1992. This edition is the first collection of witness statements interviewed by Western authors from survived people of Khojaly genocide.

The book covers articles about Khojaly tragedy published in Western and Russian media, scientific researches, as well as reports of international human rights organizations.

Materials and photos from the international media (The Washington Post, Le Monde, The Times, etc.) were obtained as a result of an exclusive agreement by European Azerbaijan Society and published for the first time.

The book on “Khojaly Witness of a war crime – Armenia in the Dock” is a report that reflects the objective situation on the Khojaly massacre and one of the rare publications informing the international community in a comprehensive way about the tragedy.

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**AWARD-WINNING KHOJALY DOCUMENTARY SCREENED IN BRUSSELS  
(25 FEBRUARY 2016)**

Multi-award-winning independent documentary *Endless Corridor* – a US/Lithuanian co-production – was shown at BOZAR – Centre of Fine Arts in Brussels. The screening, organised within the Justice for Khojaly campaign, commemorated the victims of the Khojaly Massacre on 26 February 1992. This was the worst single atrocity of the Armenia–Azerbaijan conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh and claimed the lives of 613 civilian victims in 1992. The death toll included 106 women, 63 children and 70 elderly people.

Following its international premiere throughout 2015, *Endless Corridor* has received plaudits from critics across the world. Marc Verwilghen, Director of TEAS Benelux explained: “TEAS is more than proud to organise this event within the framework of the Justice for Khojaly campaign, which is an international awareness campaign initiated by Mrs Leyla Aliyeva, Vice-President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation. The Justice for Khojaly international campaign was launched on 8 May 2008. The campaign’s rapid development is a measure of international support for the restoration of justice in the region. This support has been expressed at events in over 100 countries in Europe, America, Asia and Africa, and has come from individuals and international organisations, as well as states.”

“*Endless Corridor* is a film that came about because Richard Lapaitis, a Lithuanian journalist and witness of the horror of Khojaly, could not let the experience lie or forget the people who survived. He returned with a touching and human desire to find out how the survivors coped with memories of loved ones killed before their eyes. Russian journalist Victoria Ivleva was also reunited with Mehriban, a mother whose two-day-old baby she had saved in the chaos. The stories are of ordinary people whose lives were devastated by the Armenian invasion of their land”, Marc Verwilghen said.

Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Belgium Fuad Isgandarov recalled that the Khojaly Massacre was a terrible atrocity that occurred in February 1992. “We believe in a peaceful resolution of this conflict, and hope that the European and international community will help resolve this. Tonight, we remember Nagorno-Karabakh in the hearts and minds of the Azerbaijani people, and particularly remember the souls of those who died in Khojaly.”

Ambassador Isgandarov has also underlined that “Azerbaijani refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) are still unable to return to their homes and lands because of the illegal occupation of the Azerbaijani territory of Nagorno-Karabakh and seven surrounding regions by Armenia’s armed forces. Despite four UN Security Council Resolutions and 22 years of OSCE Minsk Group negotiations, there is still no progress.”

Richard Lapaitis, a Lithuanian journalist and eyewitness of the Khojaly massacre said: “Today it has been 24 years since the Khojaly tragedy. It turned out that I witnessed the events of the night from the 25th to 26th of February 1992, when Armenian troops with the support of the Russian 366th motor rifle regiment attacked 6,000 civilians of the town of Khojaly in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan.”

“The name of the film *Endless Corridor* does not only describe the terrible Armenian military plan and the whole situation of the massacre, but it also means that until now, the justice for Khojaly has not been done. I am honoured to witness tonight in Brussels about Khojaly. I am a war correspondent for 25 years and until now, I actively work with Azerbaijani IDPs and refugees from the Nagorno-Karabakh region”, Lapaitis concluded.

The programme of the event also included an outstanding classical music performance by Nazrin Rashidova, Azerbaijani violinist, soloist, recitalist, chamber musician and orchestral director.

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20 per cent of Azerbaijani territory remains occupied, and nearly one million refugees and internally displaced persons remain spread across Azerbaijan.

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**KHOJALY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN HELD IN MONTENEGRO  
(25 FEBRUARY 2016)**

Azerbaijan`s embassy to Montenegro and Montenegro-Azerbaijan Cultural and Economic Relations Center have installed posters and information boards in the cities of Podgorica, Budva and Herceg-Novi to raise the awareness of the local people of Khojaly genocide.

The campaign was launched under “Justice for Khojaly” International Awareness Campaign initiated by vice-president of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Leyla Aliyeva.

The posters feature full information about genocide committed by Armenians against Azerbaijani people in the town of Khojaly.

*Magsud Dadashov*  
*Special Correspondent*

**SERIES OF KHOJALY EVENTS HELD IN SWITZERLAND  
(25 FEBRUARY 2016)**

Azerbaijan's embassy in Switzerland has organized a series of events as part of "Justice for Khojaly" International Awareness Campaign initiated by vice-president of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Leyla Aliyeva.

The events provided an insight into the Armenian-Azerbaijani Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, as well as Khojaly genocide committed by Armenians against Azerbaijani civilians on the night of 26 February, 1992.

Posters were installed at subway stations in Bern, educating an ever-larger number of people about this genocidal act.

*Elgun Niftaliyev  
Special Correspondent*

**KHOJALY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN HELD IN SYDNEY  
(26 FEBRUARY 2016)**

"Justice for Khojaly" awareness campaign and photo exhibition initiated and supported by the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Australia has been held at Martin Place, Sydney central square.

The event was co-organized by the Australian-Azerbaijani-Turkish Friendship Association, Azerbaijani Society of Australia and Australian-Turkish Campaign Union.

The event brought together Azerbaijanis living in Australia, students and representatives of the Turkish community.

A commemorative ceremony on the 24th anniversary of the Khojaly genocide was also held in the local Parliament House in the city of Perth on the initiative of Luke Simpkins, head of the Australia-Azerbaijan inter-parliamentary friendship group. The event was also attended by a delegation led by Khanlar Fatiyev, head of the Australia-Azerbaijan inter-parliamentary friendship group, as well as MPs of the State of Western Australia.

Another event organized by John Hammond, head of the Azerbaijan-Australia friendship group in Western Australia, in Perth, to increase the awareness of the city public of the tragedy was held. The event was attended by public representatives and Azerbaijanis living in Perth.

**Vugar Aghayev  
Special Correspondent**

**KHOJALY COMMEMORATION CONCERT HELD IN LONDON  
VICE-PRESIDENT OF HEYDAR ALIYEV FOUNDATION LEYLA ALIYEVA ATTENDS  
THE EVENT (27 FEBRUARY 2016)**

The Khojaly commemoration concert organized by the European Azerbaijan Society was held in London, UK within the “Justice for Khojaly” International Awareness Campaign.

Vice-president of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Leyla Aliyeva attended the event.

The event brought together officials, as well as employees of Azerbaijan`s Embassy to UK, friends of Azerbaijan and music-lovers, public figures, compatriot living in UK, representatives of the Azerbaijani Organizations operated in London.

Director of the European Azerbaijan Society Lionel Zetter spoke about the Khojaly massacre provided an insight into the causes and consequences of Armenia-Azerbaijan, Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

Chairman of the European Azerbaijan Society Tale Heydarov said as the result of Armenian military aggression, more than one million Azerbaijanis became IDPs and refugees, the 20 percent of Azerbaijan`s territories were occupied by Armenia.

Tale Heydarov highlighted the “Justice for Khojaly” International Awareness Campaign initiated by Islamic Conference Youth Forum's General Coordinator, Vice President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Leyla Aliyeva. The Chairman spoke about the successfully works carried out within the Campaign in popularization of Azerbaijan`s realities in international arena.

The concert featured performances by Rafiq Rustamov (Azerbaijani tar); the Deco Ensemble, led by Sabina Rakcheyeva (violin); Nazrin Rashidova (violin); Jamal Aliyev (cello); Ayyan Salahova and Gunel Mirzayeva (pianos); and Seljan Nasibli (soprano).

The concert commemorated the lives of the 613 civilian men, women and children who were the victims of the Khojaly Massacre, which occurred on 26 February 1992.

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**KHOJALY VICTIMS REMEMBERED IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA  
(28 FEBRUARY 2016)**

Azerbaijan`s diplomatic mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina has organized an event to commemorate the 24th anniversary of the Khojaly genocide. The event was held within the “Justice for Khojaly” International Awareness Campaign initiated by Vice-president of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Leyla Aliyeva.

Prior to the event, the event participants visited a memorial to victims of Khojaly and Srebrenica genocides in the Friendship Park.

The event was attended by members of the Bosnia and Herzegovina-Azerbaijan Friendship Society, and Azerbaijanis living in the country.

The event started with a one-minute-silence in memory of the Khojaly victims.

The articles on Khojaly massacre were spotlight in Bosnia and Herzegovinian media.

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**“ENDLESS CORRIDOR” FILM SCREENED IN MADRID (22 FEBRUARY 2017)**

The “Endless Corridor” film was screened in Madrid, Spain. The screening was organized by the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Spain within “Justice for Khojaly” campaign initiated by Vice-President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Leyla Aliyeva.

The event was attended by heads and employees of diplomatic corps accredited in Spain, state officials, members of Congress and Senate, representatives of Azerbaijani diaspora and public figures.

Prior to the screening, Azerbaijani Ambassador Anar Maharramov highlighted the Khojaly genocide.

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The “Endless Corridor” film was produced by Aleksandras Brokas (Lithuania) and the “Grammy Award” winner Gerald Rafshoon (US). British BAFTA award winning actor Jeremy Irons narrated the film.

Following its international premiere throughout 2015, Endless Corridor attracted plaudits from critics across the world. It has received the Best Documentary and Best Director for a Documentary Prizes at the Tenerife International Film Festival in Madrid; the Best Documentary Editing Prize at the Milano International Filmmakers Festival; and in the prestigious US-based Accolade Global Film Competition, it achieved two awards – Best of Show in May 2015 and in January 2016 the Outstanding Achievement Award in the Accolade Humanitarian Awards 2015.

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## **KHOJALY – A TRAGIC ARTISTIC INSPIRATION – HIGHLIGHTED IN WESTMINSTER PARLIAMENT (23 FEBRUARY 2017)**

The month of February is always filled with sorrow in Azerbaijan, and amongst those around the world who support the rule of law and the sanctity of human life. This is because, 25 years ago, that month saw the single worst atrocity of the Armenian–Azerbaijani conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh. The Khojaly Massacre took the lives of 613 civilians. The death toll included 106 women, 63 children and 70 elderly people.

Despite this tragedy, and many other instances of unimaginable brutality, Azerbaijan always looks for peaceful resolution of this unresolved conflict. This has been demonstrated by the recent establishment of the Platform for Peace, an Azerbaijani initiative that brings together members of Azerbaijani and Armenian civil society in an attempt to increase understanding on a human level. The same premise was the catalyst for the annual Khojaly Peace Prize for Art – an initiative of the Justice for Khojaly campaign, under the auspices of The European Azerbaijan Society (TEAS) – that seeks to represent the horrors of the tragedy through art. Launched in 2016, and now in its second year, this prize continues to channel the creativity of art students living in the UK.

The prizes were awarded on 22 February amidst the historic surroundings of the Strangers’ Dining Room in the House of Commons before a gathering of over 100 multinational Londoners, TEAS told APA.

Selected from over 70 entrants, the judging panel for the art prize comprised the Rt Hon Baroness Sayeeda Warsi; Baroness Zahida Manzoor; Bob Blackman MP, Chair, Azerbaijan All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG); Sabina Rakcheyeva, Cultural Advisor, TEAS; and Lionel Zetter, Director, TEAS.

Jack Pegoraro, Director, TEAS London, commented: “During the Armenian–Azerbaijani conflict, all ethnic Azerbaijanis were either killed or forced to flee Nagorno-Karabakh and the seven surrounding regions. One of the defining moments was on 26 February when 613 unarmed civilians – men, women and children – were killed by invading Armenian forces. It is now the 25th anniversary of this tragedy, and no one has been brought to justice. The purpose of events like today is to commemorate the victims and to ensure that such tragedies never recur.”

Baroness Zahida Manzoor, host of the event, stated: “I was one of the judges of the competition. During my visit to Azerbaijan, with some other members of the Azerbaijani All-Party Parliamentary Group, I was very privileged to meet some of the internally displaced persons (IDPs) from the Nagorno-Karabakh region. It was terrible to hear some of their very sad stories. Despite the terror they had experienced, there was hope, love and harmony. They were seeking peace and resolution for the future. I was deeply moved and touched by those experiences.

“Hosting this event is very meaningful – it is about the future of humanity. When we see such atrocities around the world, we must speak up and share our thoughts. By speaking with one voice, we can address those issues with which we don’t agree.

“All these paintings show some element of hope. In some, you can see the peace and love. In others, you can see eyes that are full of despair and sadness. In others, there are wings of the dove of peace, as we all share the same humanity and seek to move forward. It has been very difficult to decide on the winners of the Khojaly Peace Prize for Art, but all the paintings spoke of the need for resolution and peace.”

Baroness Sayeeda Warsi announced the prize winners. First prize was taken by British-born Louisa Marriott, a student at the Norwich University of the Arts, for her painting *Tranquillity of Movement*. In her acceptance speech, she commented: “My art is very political, and I want it to push towards change and positively affect the world. My painting commemorates the 63 children who died in Khojaly, but their faces are those of today’s refugees. Hopefully it will help us become more compassionate to the plight of refugees.”

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Khojaly Peace Prize for Art 2017

First Prize – *Tranquillity of Movement* by Louisa Marriott

Second Prize – *In The Morning* by Tae Eun Ahn

Third Prize – *Don’t Be Submerged* by Ming Ying

Highly commended – *Please Don’t Call Me Refugee* by Katie Shevlin

## **25 YEARS OF KHOJALY TRAGEDY COMMEMORATED IN LUXEMBOURG (24 FEBRUARY 2017)**

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The Khojaly commemoration concert at the well-known Le Royal hotel in Luxembourg on 23 February 2017, organised by the Benelux office of The European Azerbaijan Society (TEAS), within the Justice for Khojaly campaign, commemorated the victims of the Khojaly massacre, which occurred on 26 February 1992.

Various classical and contemporary works by Azerbaijani, German, Russian and French composers were performed by the pianist Nezrin Efendiyeva, accompanied by Astrid Gallez (transverse flute) and Marie-Carmen Suarez (violin), TEAS told APA.

Speaking before the audience of 130 politicians, VIPs, students and press representatives, TEAS Benelux Director Marc Verwilghen explained: “TEAS is organising these events within the framework of the Justice for Khojaly campaign. This is an international awareness campaign initiated by Mrs Leyla Aliyeva, Vice-President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.”

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His Excellency Fuad Isgandarov, Azerbaijani Ambassador to Luxembourg, Belgium and the EU, recalled that the Khojaly Massacre was a terrible atrocity that occurred in February 1992. He said: “Azerbaijan is very well known for its tolerance, rich cultural heritage and European values. I am glad to say that the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic, thus making Azerbaijan the first Muslim-majority country ever to enfranchise women, introduced universal suffrage in Azerbaijan already in 1918. This is one of the numerous examples of the Azerbaijani pro-European orientation. The 613 victims from Khojaly were not only Azerbaijani, they were also European!”

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The event on 23 February was hosted in Luxembourg, a country that has experienced many invasions over the centuries – most notably twice during the 20th century – and has great solidarity with the plight of Azerbaijan. It took place in the centre of the city in the glorious Salon des roses of the Hotel Le Royal and was organised by the Benelux office of The European Azerbaijan Society (TEAS), within the Justice for Khojaly campaign. It commemorated the victims of the Khojaly massacre, which occurred on 26 February 1992. The pianist, composer and singer-songwriter Nezrin Efendiyeva, accompanied by Astrid Gallez (flute) and Marie-Carmen Suarez (violin) performed various classical and contemporary works by Azerbaijani, German, Russian and French composers.

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The concert featured pianist, composer and singer-songwriter Nezrin Efendiyeva, the granddaughter of Fikret Amirov, one of the foremost Azerbaijani composers, who often combined the microtones of mugham from the occupied Karabakh region with western classical music. She is also the great-granddaughter of Mashadi Jamil Amirov, a khanende (mugham singer) and tar player from Shusha, the cultural hub of Nagorno-Karabakh, who also composed the 1915 opera Seyfal mulk, amongst other works. The concert also featured Spanish violinist Marie-Carmen Suarez and the Moroccan-born Belgian flautist Astrid Gallez.

Throughout this evocative and emotional evening, the overwhelming sense was of loss and the umbilical connection of Khojaly, part of Nagorno-Karabakh, with Azerbaijani music. The evening began Fikret Amirov’s mellifluous Lullaby, performed as a piano solo by Nezrin, and the programme include an arrangement for flute and piano of Amirov’s evocative piece Elegy, together with Nezrin’s own arrangement of the Azerbaijani folk song Lachin, which originated in the occupied regions.

The concert also included her arrangements of two of the most serene sequences from the score of The Seven Beauties Ballet by Azerbaijani composer Gara Garayev, a protégé of Dmitri Shostakovich – the Adagio and Most Beautiful of the Beauties.

The highlight of the concert was the world premiere of Nezrin’s emotionally-charged composition In Memoriam, written for the event for piano and violin and dedicated to the victims of the Khojaly massacre.

The concert also included contemplative works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Jacques Ibert, Alessandro Marcello, Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, Domenico Scarlatti, Tommaso Albinoni and Sergei Rachmaninov.

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**KHOJALY VICTIMS REMEMBERED IN BUCHAREST  
(25 FEBRUARY 2017)**

The Embassy of Azerbaijan in Romania has organized a commemorative event marking the 25th anniversary of the Khojaly genocide.

The event brought together employees of the Embassy, representatives of SOCAR Petroleum SA, members of Romania-Azerbaijan Friendship Society, Romania-Azerbaijan Bilateral Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Romania-Azerbaijan Culture and Youth Association and Azerbaijanis living and studying in Romania.

Speakers at the event highlighted the Khojaly genocide, as well as “Justice for Khojaly” campaign initiated by Vice-President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Leyla Aliyeva.

A press release on the Khojaly genocide prepared by the Embassy was sent to Romanian local media, Romanian parliament, the official state authorities, non-governmental organizations, as well as foreign embassies and international organizations in Bucharest.

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**ENDLESS CORRIDOR FILM SCREENED IN BAKU VICE-PRESIDENT OF HEYDAR  
ALIYEV FOUNDATION LEYLA ALIYEVA ATTENDS THE SCREENING  
(25 FEBRUARY 2017)**

The “Endless Corridor” film has been screened at Nizami cinema center on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Khojaly genocide.

Prior to the screening vice-president of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Leyla Aliyeva viewed an exhibition of photos reflecting atrocities committed in Khojaly.

The screening was attended by officials of the Administration of the Azerbaijani President, MPs, representatives of the diplomatic corps and international organizations, and representatives of The European Azerbaijan Society (TEAS).

A multi-award-winning independent documentary, Endless Corridor is a film produced and directed by Aleksandras Brokas. Narrated by Oscar-winning actor Jeremy Irons, it has invariably proved deeply moving to its audiences – reducing some to tears.

Produced at the initiative of Leyla Aliyeva, the film covers the events and the aftermath of the massacre of 613 people that took place in February 1992 during the Nagorno-Karabakh War between Armenia and Azerbaijan. It follows two journalists, Lithuanian Ricardas (Richard) Lapaitis and Russian Victoria Ivleva, as they return to Azerbaijan to discover what had happened to survivors they had met at the time.

Endless Corridor premiered at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) in London in 2014.

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