

Association for the Human Rights of the Azerbaijani people in Iran (Norway)

I would like to take this valuable opportunity to reflect part of the voice of the tens of millions of the Azerbaijani Turks living in Iran. On the front line of the awakening movement to defend and advocate for our ethnic and linguistic rights stand volunteer youths who use every diverse means in the media and digital world. They have proved to be successful in dissemination of information and mobilization of resources better than many other organizations.

The main challenge seems to be how information can be reached out to other side and the mainstream international community and media. Here there is huge a gap. What is known to us is that there are a lot of unbelievable new ?? information news and historical happening from minority in Iran about which still international community and media is unaware. However, education in minority language is forbidden in the Iranian official educational system. There is no language academy to protect and maintain our assimilated mother language which has been left completely unprotected.

This is also a place to our identity which has been inhumanly denied and offended by the official mainstream bureaucracy. Adoption of official educational system to accommodate Minority language respect and acceptance of their own identity and culture seems to be far away from today's reality and contemporary Iran. We can only dream about this, as well as human rights education from a young age seems to be unrealistic in Iran. Science, human rights and democracy are officially considered to be Western and foreign agenda against national—(cut off by chair)