

Azerbaijan prohibiting ICRC representatives' from seeing captured soldier and organizing an "interview"

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Azerbaijan has shown once again that it fully ignores International humanitarian law. The Azeri didn't let the International Committee of the Red Cross representatives meet with the captured soldier and instead of that, they organized an "interview".

Let us remind that on the night of 8 August, soldier of the NKR Defense Army Hakob Injighulyan got lost and found himself in the territory under the control of the Azeri armed forces. A day later, he was transferred to Baku. In regard to the capture, Secretary of the State Commission for Prisoners of War, Hostages and the Missing Shahin Sailov issued a statement in which he stated: "If the Armenian soldier in captivity in Azerbaijan wishes to return to Armenia, he will be returned. It all depends on his desire."

On 12 August at 18:00, the representatives of the ICRC in Baku still hadn't received permission to meet with the soldier in captivity. Moreover, it was already four days after the capture.

Instead, the Azerbaijani authorities are organizing an "exclusive interview" with Injighulyan for ANS.

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A part of that interview is posted on haqqin.az. One can only guess how Injighulyan, who has been in captivity for four days, was pressured and threatened to say that he "voluntarily" crossed the border. The speed at which that "exclusive interview" was prepared goes to show once again that it's needless to speak about international law in Azerbaijan.

Let us remind that Azerbaijani soldier Firuz Farajev is currently in the Armenian side after having crossed the border in July 2012. He has declared several times that he wouldn't like to return to his homeland.