

DECISION

of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

**on consideration of the appeal # 16 submitted to the Central Election Commission
on September 27, 2015 in the Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of
Azerbaijan on November 1, 2015**

In his written apply addressed to the Central Election Commission on September 27, 2015, Dadash Rashid Ahmadli nominated to deputy on "Musavat" Party on Barda village Con.EC # 94 challenged the decision of Con.EC on refusal to register as a candidate and requested to restore violated rights by adopting an appropriate decision in the Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan on November 1, 2015.

The complaint was adopted for the implementation in comply with Articles 112 and 112-1 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and "Instruction on the rules for filing appeals and complaints to the Central Election Commission and Constituency Election Commissions of the Republic of Azerbaijan and their consideration", relevant opinion was provided on this issue by a member of the Expert Group under CEC and considered at the Commission session upon the investigation of the appeal by the Expert Group member.

The candidate D.R. Ahmadli noted in his appeal that, he was nominated on "Musavat" Party on Barda village Con.EC # 94 in the Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan on November 1, 2015, collecting signatures of voters in the territory of the same constituency he submitted to the Con.EC signature sheets and other important documents attached to it, but being invalid registration of his candidacy was rejected by appropriate decision of the Con.EC.

During investigation, it was kept in touch with candidate nominated to deputy and he was informed on his rights to submit additional documents and materials, participate in meeting and investigation.

Con.EC substantiated the decision on rejection for nomination of the candidacy of D.R. Ahmadli that the number of valid voters' signatures was not sufficient for registration of his candidacy.

The compiled minutes and opinions during investigation by Working Group under Central Election Commission at the result of examination of necessary documents for registration of candidate dated September 28, 2015, reveal that from 550 voters included in signature sheets, signatures of 192 voters having wrong information confirming their personality are considered to be invalid.

Pursuant to the Articles 59.7 and 59.7.1 the signatures of voters who do not have the right to vote or who provided incorrect information, as determined by the opinion of the specialists mentioned in article 59.2 of this Code or by a statement given by the relevant executive authority, signatures shall also be considered incorrect.

Pursuant to the Article 59.12 of Election Code, a candidate shall not be registered if the number of valid signatures after removal of invalid signatures is less than the number of signatures required for registration.

Pursuant to Article 147.1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan at least 450 voters' signatures should be collected in support of a candidate within the territory of the constituency for which he/she has been nominated.

Pursuant to the above-mentioned, complaint shall not be implemented due to groundlessness, decision #12/26, dated September 26, 2015 on rejection for registration D.R. Ahmadli as a candidate on Barda village Con.EC # 94 shall be kept in force.

Taking the above mentioned as a basis, pursuant to Articles 19.4, 28.2, 59, 60, 112, 112-1, 147, 148.1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and item # 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 of the" Instruction on the rules for filing appeals and complaints to the Central Election Commission and Constituency Election Commissions of the Republic of Azerbaijan and their consideration" the Central Election Commission decides:

1. The appeal # 16, dated September 27, 2015, on nomination of Dadash Rashid Ahmadli on "Musavat" Party on Barda village Con.EC # 94 in the Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan on November 1, 2015 shall not be implemented due

to groundlessness, decision # 12/26 of the same Con.EC, dated September 23, 2015 shall be kept in force without being amended.

2. The decision shall be enforced upon its publication.

CEC Chairman

Mazahir Panahov

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