

## DECISION

of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan  
on investigation of the appeal # 03 submitted to the Central Election Commission on  
January 6, 2025 in the Municipal Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan, appointed to  
January 29, 2025

In his appeal addressed to the Central Election Commission (hereinafter – Central Election Commission) on January 6, 2025, Satdarov Musa Dashdemir, self-nominee to the membership of Rahimli municipality from Shabran-Khachmaz Con.EC # 56 in the Municipal Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan, appointed to January 29, 2025 challenged the Con.EC decision # 46/113 dated 4 January 2025 on refusal to register his candidacy and therefore, requested to annul that decision and to adopt an appropriate decision for the registration of the candidacy.

The complaint was adopted for the implementation in comply with Articles 112 and 112-1 of the Election Code (hereinafter – 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”, was examined by a member of the Expert Group under CEC, provided an opinion and considered at the Commission session.

The applicant was contacted in connection with the investigation, he was explained to participate in the investigation and meeting, as well as his other rights, but he refused to participate in the investigation and session.

M.D.Satdarov indicated in his appeal that in the Municipal elections scheduled for January 29, 2025, he nominated his candidacy for the Rahimli municipality, submitted signature sheets and other election documents to the Con.EC for registration. However, the request to participate in the examination of these documents and the commission's meeting was not ensured and by the decision # 46/113 dated January 4, 2025, the registration of the candidacy was refused.

The Con.EC justified its decision # 46/113 dated 4 January 2025 to refuse to register the candidacy of M.D.Satdarov with the fact that he had not indicated information on the land spot belonged to him basing on the right to property in the information on the property submitted by the candidate.

In connection with the investigation, the documents were requested from Con.EC and presented to the working group under CEC for verification.

As a result of the investigation, the working group members provided an opinion on January 7, 2025, along with supporting documents regarding property rights. It was confirmed that the candidate, M.D.Satdarov had not indicated information on 3/24 of the real estate within his common property of 2.41 ha of the land spot in Uzunboyad village of Shabran region, although the property had been registered in the State Gerigtser of Real Estate.

According to Article 58.3 of the Election Code, information about the property owned by the candidate based on private ownership rights (including property based on common ownership rights) is provided in the form specified in Annex 5 made to the Election Code.

According to Article 60.2.3 of the Election Code, the incorrect information provided by candidates, political parties, political party blocs as implied in Articles 57 and 58 of the Election Code shall be the basis for rejection of the candidacy.

According to Article 216.1 of the Election Code, candidates to municipality membership shall be registered within the manner implied in Article 60 of the Code.

It is determined from the reference dated January 7, 2025, submitted to the Shabran-Khachmaz Con.EC # 56 that the candidate M.D.Satdarov was informed about the meeting, but he refused to attend the meeting due to participating in the funeral ceremony of a close relative.

Basing on these, the Con.EC decision on refusing to register M.D.Satdarov as a candidate to the membership of Rahimli municipality was grounded. Therefore, there is not grounded basis to implement the complaint.

Thus, the appeal shall not be implemented due to groundlessness and the decision # 46/113 of Shabran-Khachmaz Con.EC # 56, dated 4 January 2025 on refusing to register M.D.Satdarov as a candidate to the municipality membership of Rahimli shall be remained enforced without making amendments.

Basing on the above-mentioned and pursuant to Articles 19.4, 28.2, 58, 59, 60, 112, 112-1 and 216-1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and items 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 of the "Instruction on the rules for filing complaints and appeals to the Central Election Commission and Constituency Election Commissions of the Republic of Azerbaijan and their consideration" the Central Election Commission **d e c i d e s**:

1. The appeal # 03, dated 6 January 2025 by Satdarov Musa Dashdemir, self-nominee to the membership of Rahimli municipality in the Municipal Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan, appointed to January 29, 2025 shall not be implemented due to groundlessness and the decision # 46/113 of Shabran-Khachmaz Con.EC # 56 dated 4 January 2025 shall be remained enforced without making amendments.
2. The decision shall be enforced upon its publication.

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CEC Secretary                                      Arifa Mukhtarova

CEC Secretary                                      Mikayil Rahimov