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Milli Majlis adopts Bill on Amnesty

On May 8, following a minute silence in the memory of those killed during the occupation of Azerbaijan's Shusha city by Armenian armed forces, the Milli Majlis started to debate a bill on amnesty. The amnesty bill dedicated to the memory of the nationwide leader of Azerbaijan, Heydar Aliyev, was introduced by Member of Parliament and President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, Mehriban Aliyeva.

Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva acknowledged that the Heydar Aliyev Foundation receives a lot of appeals from prisoners and their families, noting: "We prepared the bill on amnesty taking into account these appeals. I think that it necessary to help those people who made mistakes by committing crimes. Approval of the bill on amnesty shows that Azerbaijan supports humanism values." She further noted that, "at the same time, it is an important fact that the bill has been dedicated to Heydar Aliyev's memory."

Chief of the Milli Majlis' Commission on Legal Policy and Statehood, Ali Huseynov, said that the amnesty will be implemented within three months. The amnesty applies to some 9,000 convicts; 1500 of which will be freed from imprisonment and 7500 to receive reduced punishment. The draft law on amnesty was adopted after the debate.