

# Thompson Rivers University Students' Union

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Head of the Judiciary, Ebrahim Raisi  
c/o Permanent Mission of Iran to the UN  
Chemin du Petit-Saconnex 28, 1209 Geneva, Switzerland

October 26, 2020

## Abbas Lesani Arbitrarily Detained

Dear Mr Raisi,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we call on you to release Azerbaijani Turkic activist **Abbas Lesani**, who has been imprisoned in **Ardabil prison** because of his long history of activism. He was sentenced there for fifteen years after an unfair trial where he had no access to a lawyer.

We are deeply concerned by reports from Amnesty International about reports of the imprisonment of Azerbaijani Turkic activist **Abbas Lesani**. He has been sentenced to fifteen years in prison after an unfair trial. He has been subjected to reinforced disappearance for six weeks and his family has been unaware of his whereabouts. He was held in solitary confinement and his interrogators attempted to make him confess to crimes he did not commit.

We believe that you have an obligation to provide Abbas Lesani with access to a lawyer and to his family until he is released. We also urge you to end the state harassment and intimidation towards his family.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Lane".

Nathan Lane  
Executive Director  
TRU Students' Union

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mackenzie Francoeur".

Mackenzie Francoeur  
Vice President Equity  
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