

Building on the groundwork by the UN Conference in December 2008, I do not need to emphasize on the importance of mother language any further. Absence of education in mother language is now the single most important factor to prove that there is no foundation in the Islamic Republic of Iran for inclusive education, social inclusion and the empowerment of the youth.

South Azerbaijanis are well-aware of their rights to education in mother language and they know that the Iranian authorities are doing nothing to fulfil their international obligations and the meagre provision of their own constitutions. I am afraid the youth in South Azerbaijan is not empowered but the Iranian policies create linguistic barriers between children's emotional world and their parents. Without the education in mother language, parents and children emotions are not channeled to better master articulations skills.

the emerging issues in South Azerbaijan are:

- Impoverished articulation as the ruling Farsi articulation fails to match the natural command of Azerbaijani Turkish and yet using Azerbaijani Turkish in its literary capacity have been securitised.
- Implanting the feel of being inferior among Azerbaijani Turks through a highly discriminatory Iranian policies and extremely abusive Iranian discourse.
- As the “Iranian strategy of learned helplessness” grips South Azerbaijan, the impact is that the home-grown confidence is rubbed out among Azerbaijani youth, What I am saying that

there is no empowerment of the minority youth but there are plenty of rubbing out their confidence.

Last year, the Iranian authorities carried on with securitising the celebrating activists with the usual package of accusations and brought prison terms to the five South Azerbaijani

activists and these were Misters Abbas Lisani, Rehim Qulami, Esger Ekberzade, Ekber Ebulzade and Ibrahim Nuri. Further arbitrary accusations were brought against misters Shapur Nusretpur, Israfil Fetullazade, Mehemmed Rehmanifer, Murtaza Mehemmedi, Meysem Jovlani, Mensur Seyfi, Hebib Ebulzade and Vehid Faiz-zade, who were apparently undermining the security of the Islamic Republic of Iran by celebrating the International Mother Language Day.

I am afraid there is not anything that I can report positively that the Iranian authorities have implemented any measure since 2009 on inclusive education and empowered youth. I propose that this conference passes a resolution and states forcefully to the Iranian authority that enough is enough. The reports produced by the Iranian authorities are nothing other than positive spin. The youth need your action.