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The World Youth Democracy Forum and Webcast  
Meeting with the 2015 Ion Ratiu Democracy Award Winner:

**DR. JAMIL HASANLI**

Chairman of the National Council for Democratic Forces of Azerbaijan



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The World Youth Democracy Forum (WYDF) was founded in December 2008 as a platform for the exchange of ideas, experiences, and projects among democracy practitioners, advocates, and emerging young democratic leaders. The Ion Ratiu Democracy Award (IRDA), established in 2005, aims to bring visibility and international recognition to the ideas, ideals and accomplishments of individuals around the world who are working on behalf of democracy. It brings recognition to the importance of the work carried out by democracy activists around the world. Previous awardees include Mustafa Nayem (Ukraine, 2014), Angela Kocze (Hungary, 2013), Aung San Suu Kyi (Myanmar, 2012), Nabeel Rajab (Bahrain, 2011), Oleg Kozlovsky (Russia, 2010), Adam Michnik (Poland, 2009), Eleonora Cercavski (Moldova, 2008), Anatoli Mikhailov (Belarus, 2007), Saad Ibrahim (Egypt, 2006), and Sergio Aguayo (Mexico, 2005).

**Dr. Jamil Hasanli** was a deputy of the Parliament of Azerbaijan beginning in 2002. In 2013, he was chosen as the sole opposition candidate to face Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev in election. He is currently the Chairman of the National Council for Democratic Forces of Azerbaijan, a body that unites the various genuine opposition parties to the currently government.

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