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Announcement

This is an update in the case of historians and human rights activists **Leyla and Arif Yunus** who were imprisoned in Baku, Azerbaijan ([see circular of 5 December 2015](#)).

Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty reports that Leyla Yunus was released from prison today, 9 December 2015. At the same time, it became clear that her husband Arif had already been released on 12 November. Please see RFE / RL's article "[Rights Activist Leyla Yunus Freed from Jail in Azerbaijan.](#)"

"I said in court that I was turned into camp dust," Leyla Yunus told reporters after her release, quoting from 19th-century poet Fyodor Tyutchev. "It's not given us to foretell how our words will echo through the ages, but sympathy is given us as grace is given us."

No further action is needed at this moment. Thanks to all of you who joined the campaign. This is surely good news at the eve of Human Rights Day (10 December)!