

アゼルバイジャン政治・治安情報

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在アゼルバイジャン大使館

1. 軍事・治安関係

● アゼルバイジャン、国家反逆罪で15～20年の刑を宣告されたアルメニア人4名をアルメニアに引き渡し

Azerbaijan handed over to Armenia four ethnic Armenians sentenced to 15–20 years in prison for crimes against the state

In accordance with the bilateral agreement reached between Azerbaijan and Armenia and in line with the principles of humanitarianism, four individuals who had been found guilty under various articles of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and were serving sentences in the country, Vagif Cherkezi Khachaturyan, Gevorg Rubenovich Sujyan, David Tigrani Davtyan, and Viken Abraham Euljekjian, have been transferred to Armenia. This process is also one of the practical outcomes of the peace established between Azerbaijan and Armenia. The convicts were subjected to medical examinations prior to being sent to Armenia, which confirmed that their health conditions were normal. Among them, Vagif Khachaturyan, whose health condition was not satisfactory, was provided with all necessary medical assistance and remained under constant medical supervision.

Although information about the objective reasons for transferring those individuals was disseminated, discussions on social media suggested that the individuals currently undergoing trial would also eventually be extradited to Armenia. According to information obtained by APA from government sources, there is no such possibility. "These possibilities are an illusion. There is no possibility that the leaders of the junta and other individuals who committed crimes against the Azerbaijani people will be released or extradited to Armenia," the government source said.

The handover of the four prisoners took place on Jan.14 over Hakari Bridge, which used to connect Karabakh to Armenia. Khachatryan, 70, was serving a 15-year sentence on war crime charges he denies. He was hospitalised in December 2025 and his health condition was assessed as serious at the time. Khachatryan was arrested at Lachin checkpoint in July 2023, as he was being evacuated by the Red Cross to Armenian hospitals for urgent treatment.

The other three detainees were arrested by Azerbaijan in the aftermath of the Second Karabakh War in 2020. Lebanese–Armenian Vigen Euljekjian was sentenced to 20 years in prison, and suffered from health issues. During his time in Azerbaijani prisons, he started a hunger strike and reportedly attempted suicide. Gevorg Sujyan and Davit Davtyan were taken captive on 11 November 2020 while reportedly transporting humanitarian aid to Karabakh. They were later sentenced to 15 years each in prison.

News of the release was shared by Armenian PM Pashinyan on social media. Pashinyan also later announced that three out of the four Armenian captives ‘have no health issues according to preliminary examinations’, while saying that Khachatryan’s health ‘is initially assessed as satisfactory’. With their release, 19 Armenians remain in Azerbaijani custody.

In parallel, Armenia released two Syrian nationals it alleged were mercenaries captured during the Second Karabakh War of 2020. The two Syrians, Yousef Alaabet al-Hajji and Muharrab Muhammad al-Shkheri, were sentenced to life imprisonment in Armenia, international terrorism, and crimes committed during the Second Karabakh War. The Armenian Justice Ministry announced that the two were transferred ‘to the competent authorities’ via Turkey, ‘in order to continue the enforcement of their sentences in their country of citizenship’.

The Armenian Foreign Minister and the US Secretary of State discussed the issue of Armenian captives in the Azerbaijani capital city of Baku. Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan announced this during a live broadcast from Washington after his meeting with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on the implementation of the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP) project.

The EU institutions welcomed Azerbaijan’s handover of Vagif Khachatryan, Gevorg Sujyan, David Davtyan, and Vigen Euljekjyan to Armenia. (APA, NEWS.AM, OC-MEDIA/14.01.2026)

2. 内政関連

● 人民戦線党副党首、メフディエフ事件に関し事情聴取を受ける

Ali Karimli's deputy summoned for questioning in Ramiz Mehdiyev's case

Deputy Chairman of the Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan, Fuad Gahramanli, has been summoned for questioning in the case of former head of the presidential administration, Ramiz Mehdiyev. Gahramanli, who is currently in France, agreed to give a telephone statement to investigators. He also noted that he has nothing to do with Mehdiyev's case.

"During his tenure in government, I was arrested four times on slanderous criminal charges motivated by political intrigue," Gahramanli added. (Kavkaz-uzel, 13.01.2026)

● **ジャーナリストとブロガー3名、欠席裁判で懲役8年**

Three exiled journalists and bloggers given eight-year prison sentences in absentia

Journalist Sevinj Osmanqizi, who lives abroad, and bloggers Abid Gafarov and Beydulla Manafov have been sentenced in absentia to eight years in prison. They were accused of calling on YouTube and other online platforms for the violent seizure of power and disobedience to lawful demands of the authorities. All three previously denied the charges. Similar in absentia sentences have also been handed down to several other bloggers and public figures who have emigrated. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 14.01.2026)

3. 外政関連

● **イスラエル外相、今月下旬にアゼルバイジャンを訪問予定**

Israeli foreign minister to visit Azerbaijan later this month

Israel's Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar is scheduled to visit Azerbaijan on January 26, Report informs via AIA Global. (Trend, 10.01.2026)

● **ママドフ外務次官、クレス米国貿易開発庁 (USTDA) 中東・北アフリカ・ヨーロッパ・ユーラシア地域担当地域局長氏率いる代表団と会談**

Deputy FM Elnur Mammadov met with a delegation led by Carl B. Kress, Regional Director for the Middle East, North Africa, Europe and Eurasia of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)

On Jan.12, the meeting focused on the current state of bilateral cooperation in such areas as energy, trade, regional communications, including the TRIPP, and investments, also discussing the introduction of representatives of the U.S. private sector to the relevant infrastructure and logistics opportunities in Azerbaijan, and the development of cooperation. Moreover, the meeting participants discussed Azerbaijan's role in the regional energy security, the importance of developing renewables, the diversification of trade routes along the Middle Corridor, as well as the existing favorable business and investment climate in Azerbaijan and the establishment of new partnerships. (Azertag, 12.01.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャンとイタリア、政務協議を実施**

Azerbaijan and Italy hold political consultations in Baku

On Jan.13, FM Bayramov met with visiting Italian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Edmondo Cirielli as part of the political consultations. The sides discussed the prospects for developing a multidimensional strategic partnership in political, security, economic, trade, energy, humanitarian, education, and other fields. Particular emphasis was placed on joint projects in the energy and education sectors, as well as the importance of the activities of the Italy-Azerbaijan University. On the same day, political consultations were held, led by Deputy Foreign Minister Fariz Rzayev and Italian Deputy Foreign Minister Edmondo Cirielli. (Report.az, 13.01.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャンとトルコ、地域の安全保障情勢について協議**

Azerbaijan and Türkiye discuss security situation in region

On Jan. 13, a telephone conversation took place between FM Bayramov and his Turkish counterpart Hakan Fidan. Issues arising from the allied relations between Azerbaijan and Türkiye, cooperation within regional and international organizations, and the security situation in the region were discussed. Satisfaction was expressed with the joint coordinated activities of the two fraternal countries. (Trend, 13.01.2026)

● **ラフィエフ外務次官、ウクライナ大使と二国間協力について協議**

Azerbaijani Deputy FM and Ukrainian envoy discuss bilateral cooperation

Azerbaijani Deputy Foreign Minister Yalchin Rafiyev discussed bilateral cooperation with Ukrainian Ambassador to Azerbaijan Yuriy Husyev. "Had a productive meeting with Yalchin Rafiyev, Azerbaijan's Deputy Foreign Minister and GUAM National Coordinator. Discussed bilateral cooperation, international collaboration, and thanked Azerbaijan for its steadfast support and humanitarian aid to Ukraine," Husyev posted on X. (Report.az, 13.01.2026)

● **ムスタファエフ駐露大使、ルデンコ露外務次官と会談**

Azerbaijani Ambassador meets Russian Deputy FM

On Jan. 13, Azerbaijani Ambassador to Russia Rahman Mustafayev met with the Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Andrey Rudenko. Issues of Russia–Azerbaijan cooperation within the framework of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia were discussed. (Apa, 13.01.2026)

● **米国務省、TRIPP 実施枠組みを発表**

U.S. State Department announces release of TRIPP Implementation Framework

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Armenian FM Ararat Mirzoyan met in Washington, D.C., to announce the release of the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP) Implementation Framework. U.S. State Department has released the text of the

document. "The Framework outlines a concrete path to operationalize the TRIPP, which is intended to establish unimpeded, multimodal transit connectivity on the territory of Armenia. While connecting the main part of Azerbaijan and its Nakhchivan AR and creating a vital link in the Trans-Caspian Trade Route, the TRIPP is expected to generate reciprocal benefits for international and intra-state connectivity for the Republic of Armenia.

Reflecting the principles affirmed at the historic August 8, 2025, Peace Summit hosted by President Trump, the TRIPP Implementation Framework underscores the importance of sovereignty, territorial integrity, and reciprocity to the overall success of the TRIPP. The ultimate objective of the TRIPP is to strengthen the prosperity and security of Armenia and Azerbaijan and further American commerce by expanding regional trade and connectivity, as well as create new transit opportunities linking Central Asia and the Caspian to Europe," the statement said. (Trend, 13.01.2026)

● 外務省、TRIPP 実施枠組み文書についてコメント

Azerbaijan's MFA comments on TRIPP Implementation Framework document

"The adoption of the TRIPP Implementation Framework document, in addition to once again demonstrating the U.S. side's commitment to the agreements reached within the framework of the Washington Summit on 8 August, is an important step toward starting practical work in this area. It is also important in terms of fulfilling the obligations undertaken by Armenia," said MFA spox Aykhan Hajizada. "Ensuring unimpeded connectivity between the main part of Azerbaijan and its Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic is one of the country's main priorities. The TRIPP route is also important in terms of diversifying trade and connections in the wider region," Hajizada added. (AZERTAG / 14.01.2026)

NOTE: *The Armenian FM Mirzoyan noted that the respective visible results "on the ground" are expected by the end of summer or the beginning of autumn. But he does not have any information about the supply of American equipment to Armenia.*

● ハジエフ大統領補佐官とウクライナ大使が会談、戦略的パートナーシップについて協議

Ukrainian envoy Husyev, Hikmet Hajiyev mull strategic partnership

Ukrainian Ambassador Yuriy Husyev met with Assistant to the President of Azerbaijan - Head of the Foreign Policy Department of the Presidential Administration, Hikmet Hajiyev, to discuss strategic partnership. "Discussed 2025 outcomes and steps to further strengthen our strategic partnership in 2026. Grateful for Azerbaijan's continued support for Ukraine," Husyev wrote on X. (REPORT / 14.01.2026)

● バイラモフ外相、EU 当局にアゼルバイジャン・アルメニア和平プロセスを説明

Azerbaijani FM briefs EU official on Azerbaijan-Armenia peace process

On Jan. 15, FM Bayramov met with Magdalena Grono, Special Representative of the European Union (EU) for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia. The meeting focused on the current state and prospects of the Azerbaijan-EU cooperation, the Azerbaijan-Armenia peace process, as well as regional and global developments.

The meeting also reviewed cooperation between Azerbaijan and EU in politics, economy, transport, energy security, and other areas, agreements reached within the cooperation platforms and mechanisms, and future steps. The meeting commended efforts and confidence-building measures undertaken within the Azerbaijan-Armenia normalization process. (AZERTAG / 15.01.2026)

● **サダラク・イエラスク鉄道区間の合同検査を実施**

Joint inspection of Sadarak–Yeraskh railway section conducted

On Jan.15, representatives of Azerbaijan and Armenia conducted a joint inspection of the current condition of the Sadarak–Yeraskh railway section. The inspection aimed to assess the technical suitability of the railway section for the movement of specialized railway construction equipment, as part of measures to restore the relevant infrastructure. During the inspection, the parties exchanged views on issues related to evaluating the technical condition of the railway infrastructure along the section. (AZERTAG / 15.01.2026)

● **ファイダン・トルコ外相、アゼルバイジャン・アルメニア和平プロセスについてコメント**

Turkish FM on Azerbaijan-Armenia peace process

Turkish FM expresses support for Zangezur Corridor, expects implementation in line with Azerbaijani interests. “This corridor, which will connect mainland Azerbaijan with Nakhchivan, is of great importance both for the Middle Corridor and for Türkiye’s access to the Turkic world,” Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said at a press conference in Istanbul. Touching upon the peace process between Azerbaijan and Armenia, the minister noted that Türkiye expects the signing and implementation of the peace treaty initiated by the two countries. “Yesterday in Washington, certain agreements were reached with Armenia regarding the launch of the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP). We held a two-hour discussion with Azerbaijani FM Bayramov on this document and its provisions. I also briefed Türkiye’s head of state on the framework agreement,” Fidan said. He emphasized, however, that Armenia must fulfill its obligations for the peace agreement to be fully implemented, adding that Türkiye supports the constructive approach demonstrated by Armenian PM Pashinyan in this regard. (AZERTAG / 15.01.2026)

● **トルコ裁判所、アゼルバイジャン野党指導者ギュルテキン・ハジベイリ氏の国外退去決定を支持**

Turkish court upholds deportation decision against Azerbaijani opposition figure Gultekin Hajibeyli

On Jan. 14, the Istanbul Administrative Court reviewed an appeal seeking to suspend the deportation order against Gultekin Hajibeyli, a member of the Coordination Council of Azerbaijan's National Council of Democratic Forces. Hajibeyli announced the ruling on her Facebook page noting that for nearly two months now, she has been held in closed prison-like conditions at the Catalca Removal Center in Türkiye. "The Istanbul Administrative Court rejected my complaint." According to Hajibeyli, on Jan. 15 the Ankara Administrative Court sent an official inquiry to the Istanbul Governorate in connection with her appeal to have the G-82 security code removed from her file. "This code was assigned on the grounds of an alleged suspicion of membership in a terrorist organization," Hajibeyli said.

Gultekin Hajibeyli was detained by police on November 29 at her residence in Turkey and placed under administrative supervision with a G-82 code, a classification applied to foreigners deemed a threat to national security. On December 15, Turkish authorities issued a five-year deportation order against her. Hajibeyli has described the decision as politically motivated, warning that she would face arrest if returned to Azerbaijan. (HUMANRIGHTSAZ.COM/ 15.301.2026)

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