

# 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

### ● ワシントンで、抗議者とアリエフ大統領警護隊が暴力事件に発展

#### **Aliyev's bodyguards involved into a violent incident with protesters in Washington**

The Presidential Security Service of President Aliyev beat Azerbaijani protesters in Washington as they gathered to confront him on Feb.19. The beatings, which took place in view of US police officers, were captured on film and widely circulated on social media.

Among them was Rahim Yagublu, son of prominent politician Tofiq Yagublu, who was sentenced to nine years in prison on charges of fraud and forgery in March 2025.

Aliyev and his entourage were in Washington to attend the inaugural meeting of US President Donald Trump's Board of Peace.

Footage of the incident showed Aliyev's guards attacking protesters who were shouting in Azerbaijani, 'freedom to political prisoners'. Yagublu stated on social media that their goal was simply to demand the release of government critics in Azerbaijan.

Another video shows one of the protesters, Adil Amrakhly, being beaten, leaving him with a black eye, and bruised forehead and nose. Later, Amrakhly told the Washington Post that 'the attack came as protesters ran from the hotel's front entrance to a different entrance, to try to prevent Aliyev from slipping by without notice'. Amrakhly is a blogger and a member of the union American Organisation of Azerbaijani Political Refugees (AOAPR). The union was founded by exiled Azerbaijani people who live in the US and that the body 'rejects violence and illegal actions'.

As the video began to circulate on social media, Azerbaijani pro-government media claimed that a 'dangerous group' tried to enter the hotel where Aliyev was staying. The pro-government media outlet Qafqazinfo wrote that 'anti-Azerbaijani elements' living abroad 'aggressively and provocatively' attempted to enter the hotel. "Azerbaijani presidential security officers, together with American police, quickly intervened, professionally neutralised these individuals, and prevented the sabotage attempt", wrote Qafqazinfo.

Nonetheless, the Washington Post reported that 'the incident did not occur on hotel property or involve hotel staff'.

In a response to a media inquiry from OC Media, the Washington police department said they were 'aware of the incident', but that no arrests had been made.

Washington police spokesperson Tom Lynch confirmed to the Washington Post that the incident 'involved Azerbaijani security guards', but did not clarify if the US police had intervened, or if the guards in question were still in the US. Lynch said the matter was 'referred to the State Department'.

Later, Azerbaijan's Embassy in the US issued its own statement on the matter, claiming that 'a group of protestors committed provocative actions' and that 'the protestors violently attempted to enter the protected area and took offensive actions against the Presidential vehicle. This group also used indecent expressions against the leadership of Azerbaijan. The Presidential Security Service had no choice but to immediately intervene, since any attempt to obstruct or physically interfere with a protected vehicle carrying the head of state constitutes a serious security concern. Protective responses, as a standard practice, were aimed solely at ensuring the safety and security'.(OC-MEDIA / 20.02.2026)

### ● ロシア国防省・航空宇宙軍代表団がアゼルバイジャンを訪問

#### **Russian delegation is on a visit to Azerbaijan**

On Feb.25, the delegation led by the Chief of Armaments - Deputy Commander-in-Chief for Armaments of the Aerospace Forces of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation, Colonel General Yurii Grekhov, paid a visit to Azerbaijan. The delegation met with the Deputy Minister of Defense – Commander of the Air Force, Lieutenant General Namig Islamzade. The meeting discussed the current state of Azerbaijani-Russian military cooperation, as well as other issues of mutual interest.

As part of the visit, the delegation also took part in a seminar held with the participation of the command staff of the National Defense University and a group of attendees. The sides exchanged views on innovations applied in the fields of military education and science. (MOD.GOV.AZ / 25.02.2026)

## 2. 内政関連

### ● メディア開発庁と社会調査センターを再編

#### **Azerbaijan reorganizing Media Development Agency and Social Research Center**

On Feb.20, President Aliyev signed the decree, which states that the Media Development Agency is being reorganized as the Center for Analysis of International Relations and Multiculturalism public legal entity, through the merger of the Social Research Center public legal entity, with it, and the Center for Analysis of International Relations public legal entity, through the merger of the Baku International Multiculturalism Center with it. (TREND / 20.02.2026)

● **ギュルテキン・ハジエバ氏、国家保安庁での事情聴取後に釈放**

**Gultekin Hajibeyli was released after interrogation by the State Security Service**

Opposition figure Gultekin Hajiyeva, who was deported from Turkey to Baku in mid-February after months of international efforts to prevent this, has testified as a witness at State Security Service and is currently not under arrest. Earlier, a search was conducted at her home. Hajiyeva is a member of the National Council of Democratic Forces and a former member of parliament. She is accused under an article related to “activities threatening national security” and is involved in a case linked to the arrested Ramiz Mehdiyev — the former head of the presidential administration. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 24.02.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン国立科学アカデミー、ラミズ・メフディエフ氏に関する声明**

**Azerbaijani National Academy of Sciences issues statement on Ramiz Mehdiyev**

An official public statement from the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences (ANAS) has been issued regarding the expulsion of Ramiz Mehdiyev from full membership in ANAS, who is currently the subject of an ongoing preliminary investigation by the State Security Service. According to the statement, the academy leadership has once again issued a strong condemnation of Mehdiyev's actions against the state, declaring them to be unforgivable. Should a court verdict confirm his guilt regarding the charges, the matter will be addressed by the members of the ANAS General Assembly, leading to a decision being made accordingly. (TREND / 25.02.2026)

● **アリエフ大統領、ホジャリ虐殺追悼施設開所式に出席**

**President Aliyev attended opening of Khojaly Genocide Memorial**

President Aliyev, First Lady Mehriban Aliyeva, and their family members participated in the opening ceremony of the Khojaly Genocide Memorial in Khojaly town on February 26.

Aliyev marked the opening of the Khojaly Genocide Memorial Complex, calling the Khojaly events a grave war crime and crime against humanity for which he holds the Armenian state responsible. He stated that more than 600 civilians were killed in one night, describing it as the greatest tragedy for the Azerbaijani people.

He emphasized Azerbaijan's long-term efforts to gain international recognition of the Khojaly genocide, highlighting the “Justice for Khojaly!” campaign led by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation. According to the President, around 20 countries have officially recognized the events as genocide.

Aliyev linked the restoration of justice to Azerbaijan's 2020 Patriotic War victory, the 2023 anti-terrorist operation, the liberation of Khojaly, and the prosecution of war criminals. He described these developments as a “complete triumph of justice” achieved through national unity, military strength, and determination.

The President stressed that Azerbaijan rebuilt its army, strengthened its economy, and

maintained its resolve despite international pressure during the years of occupation. He stated that Azerbaijan restored its territorial integrity by military means after negotiations failed. Aliyev concluded by saying the memorial symbolizes remembrance, national resilience, and strength. He affirmed that Azerbaijan must remain vigilant and strong to prevent such tragedies from happening again, honoring the memory of those who died. (AZERTAG / 26.02.2026)

### 3. 外政関連

#### ● アゼルバイジャンとパキスタン、地域及び国際安全保障について協議 **Azerbaijan, Pakistan discuss regional and international security**

On Feb. 21, a telephone conversation took place between FM Bayramov and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan Mohammad Ishaq Dar. Issues arising from the partnership between the two countries, opportunities for expanding bilateral and multilateral cooperation, as well as the current regional and international security situation of mutual interest were discussed. The parties also exchanged views on recent developments in the Middle East, issues arising from the first meeting of the Board of Peace in Washington, and other topics of mutual interest. (TREND / 21.02.2026)

#### ● 外務省、天皇誕生日に祝賀メッセージを発出 **Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry congratulates Japan**

The Azerbaijani Ministry of Foreign Affairs has congratulated the government and people of Japan on their national day. "We extend our sincere congratulations to the Government and people of Japan on the occasion of the National Day. Happy National Day, Japan!" the Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry wrote on X. (REPORT / 23.02.2026)

#### ● アリエフ大統領、天皇陛下に祝賀書簡 **President Aliyev sends congratulatory letter to Emperor of Japan**

On Feb.23, President Aliyev has sent a congratulatory letter to Emperor of Japan Naruhito. The letter reads: "On the occasion of the national holiday of Japan, your Birthday, it gives me great pleasure to sincerely congratulate you and, through you, your entire people, on my own behalf and on behalf of the people of Azerbaijan, and to convey my best wishes. On such a remarkable day, I wish you robust health, happiness, and success in your high endeavors, and the friendly people of Japan permanent prosperity and well-being." (TREND / 23.02.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャンとジョージア議会、地域の和平課題を協議**

**Azerbaijani and Georgian parliaments discuss regional peace issues**

Speaker of the Azerbaijani Parliament, Sahiba Gafarova, discussed the peace process in the region during a meeting with Nikoloz Samkharadze, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Georgian Parliament, who was visiting Azerbaijan to participate in the 10th trilateral meeting of the foreign affairs committees of the parliaments of Azerbaijan, Türkiye, and Georgia. (TREND / 23.02.2026)

● **バイラモフ外相、トルコ、ジョージアと安全保障協議**

**Azerbaijani FM engages in crucial security talks with Türkiye and Georgia**

On Feb. 24, FM Bayramov, received delegations headed by Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, Fuat Oktay, and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Georgia, Nikoloz Samkharadze. The meeting discussed the current state and prospects of the Azerbaijani-Turkish alliance and the Azerbaijani-Georgian strategic partnership, as well as the security situation in the region. (TREND / 24.02.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャンとアルメニアの外務次官、ジュネーブで会談**

**Azerbaijani and Armenian deputy foreign ministers meet in Geneva**

Deputy Foreign Minister Elnur Mammadov met with Armenian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Robert Abisoghomyan in Geneva on the sidelines of the 61st session of the UN Human Rights Council. The meeting took place as a continuation of contacts held at a higher political level. The deputy ministers discussed possible confidence-building measures within multilateral platforms and international organizations. (TREND / 24.02.2026)

● **ハラフォフ大統領特別代表、ドイツを訪問**

**Representative of President of Azerbaijan on special assignments visits Germany**

On Feb.25, Representative of President of Azerbaijan on special assignments Khalaf Khalafov visited Germany. He held meetings at the Bundestag and the German Foreign Ministry. The sides discussed the current state of Azerbaijani-German bilateral relations and exchanged views on prospects for expanding mutual cooperation.

They also conducted a broad exchange of views on Azerbaijan's efforts and initiatives aimed at establishing lasting peace, strengthening stability and security in the region, and advancing the normalization process between Azerbaijan and Armenia. (TREND / 25.02.2026)

● バイラモフ外相、「AZAL 機墜落をめぐるアゼルバイジャンの立場は不変、ロシア国防省の責任」と指摘

**Azerbaijan maintains firm stance on AZAL crash, cites Russian MoD responsibility**

Azerbaijan's position regarding the AZAL plane crash remains firm and principled: it was a mistake by the Ministry of Defense of Russia, FM Bayramov said while visiting the "Mother's Cry" monument on the 34th anniversary of the Khojaly genocide. The minister emphasized that Russia must fulfill the commitments mentioned by Vladimir Putin during his meeting with the President of Azerbaijan in October 2025. "Our expectation is that the Russian side will take all necessary actions, provide a legal assessment of the incident, and issue compensation," Bayramov stressed. (REPORT / 26.02.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン、欧州政治共同体（EPC）首脳会合に出席せず

**Azerbaijan not to attend the European Political Community Summit**

No representation at any level is envisaged for the European Political Community Summit to be held in Armenia, said FM Bayramov. The minister noted that President Aliyev's very tight schedule and calendar do not include such a visit in May. (APA / 26.02.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、エルドアン・トルコ大統領と電話会談

**President Aliyev made a phone call to President Türkiye Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**

On Feb.26, the head of state congratulated Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on his birthday, wishing him long life, good health, and success in his future activities. The heads of state exchanged views on future contacts. (AZERTAG / 26.02.2026)

● 露報道官、バイラモフ外相発言を受け「AZAL 機事故の約束は履行中」とコメント

**Zakharova says Russia fulfilling commitments on AZAL crash after FM Bayramov's remarks**

MOSCOW — Russia is consistently implementing agreements reached with Azerbaijan regarding the December 25, 2024 AZAL plane crash, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said, commenting on a statement by Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov that Moscow must fulfill its promises, including providing a legal assessment of the incident and paying compensation.

Zakharova recalled that the leaders of Russia and Azerbaijan discussed the crash in detail during their meeting on October 9, 2025, in Dushanbe, where the Russian side presented comprehensive explanations. According to Zakharova, detailed information was shared on December 9, 2025, during deputy foreign minister-level consultations in Baku, as well as at meetings in Moscow with Azerbaijan's ambassador on December 25, 2025, and February 12.

She said both sides understand that high-level bilateral contacts on the issue will continue in the near future and stressed that Moscow is committed to fully resolving all remaining matters. Zakharova also addressed the broader state of bilateral ties, saying Russia is ready to “turn this tragic page” in relations with Azerbaijan — while emphasizing that doing so does not mean forgetting the victims. She warned against what she described as attempts by some actors to “play with words,” particularly those unsettled by the normalization of Russian-Azerbaijani relations.

In addition, Zakharova called on Baku to promptly release and return Russian citizens detained in the Azerbaijani capital on June 30–July 1, 2025. She also underscored the need to improve the information climate surrounding bilateral relations, saying this would contribute to further productive dialogue between the two countries. (MID.RU / 26.02.2026)

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