

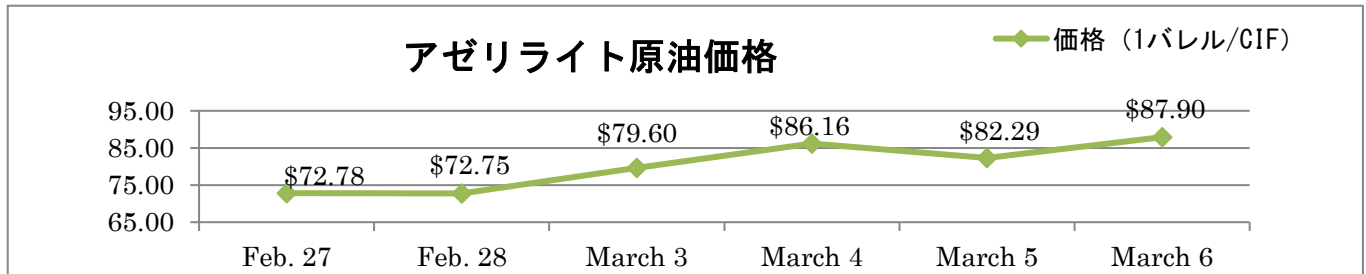
# アゼルバイジャン経済情報

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## 1. エネルギー・環境



### ●アリエフ大統領が EU のヨルゲンセン・エネルギー・住宅担当欧州委員と会見 欧州へのエネルギー供給等につき意見交換

On March 3, President Aliyev received a delegation led by European Commissioner for Energy and Housing Dan Jørgensen, who is participating in the 12th Ministerial Meeting of the Southern Gas Corridor Advisory Council and the 4th Ministerial Meeting of the Green Energy Advisory Council, on March 3. Emphasizing the importance of the event, Dan Jørgensen underlined the significance of partnership with Azerbaijan and expressed interest in further expanding cooperation, conveying gratitude for the collaboration achieved to date. The sides highlighted Azerbaijan's contribution to Europe's energy security, particularly under the current circumstances. They also discussed the expansion of Azerbaijan's energy export geography in the European market, as well as prospects for cooperation in natural gas and green energy. (Azertag, 03.03.2026)

### ●シャフバゾフ・エネルギー大臣、ナジャフ SOCAR 総裁がモルドバのエネルギー大臣とそれぞれ会談

- On March 3, Azerbaijan's Minister of Energy Parviz Shahbazov held meetings with Moldova's Minister of Energy Dorin Junghietu. Discussions with Minister Dorin Junghietu focused on exploring new cooperation opportunities in natural gas and renewable energy.
- On March 3, SOCAR President Rovshan Najaf met with Moldova's Minister of Energy Dorin Junghietu. It was noted during the meeting that Azerbaijan makes a significant contribution to Europe's energy security, with particular emphasis placed on the role of the Southern Gas Corridor. The sides reviewed opportunities to expand cooperation between SOCAR and Moldova's energy companies and exchanged views on other issues of mutual interest. (Apa, 03.03.2026)

### ●シャフバゾフ・エネルギー大臣が TAP AG 取締役と会見 拡張の次段階を協議

On March 3, Azerbaijan's Minister of Energy Parviz Shahbazov met with Managing Director of TAP AG Luca Schiepati. The sides discussed the next phase of the TAP expansion, the first

stage of which was completed earlier this year, as well as the current state of the European natural gas market. (Azertag, 03.03.2026)

●**シャフバゾフ・エネルギー大臣及びナジャフ SOCAR 総裁が UAE マスダールの CEO とそれぞれ会談 風力発電所建設等につき意見交換**

- On Feb. 27, Parviz Shahbazov, Azerbaijan's Minister of Energy, met with Mohamed Jameel Al Ramahi, CEO of Masdar. The sides reviewed the implementation status of solar energy projects with a total capacity of 760 MW in Bilasuvar and Neftchala, as well as wind energy projects with a capacity of more than 200 MW in the Absheron and Garadagh districts. The parties agreed to speed up the work within the project to ensure the commissioning of the 445 MW Bilasuvar solar power plant (SPP) by the end of the year. The discussions also revolved around the Azerbaijan's regional energy connectivity initiatives. The two exchanged views on the prospects of new interconnector projects for the export of electricity, including green energy, to Europe. The meeting highlighted the regional significance of the projects implemented and planned by "Masdar" in Azerbaijan. The sides expressed their intention to further expand the partnership in the future.
- On Feb. 27, SOCAR President Rovshan Najaf met with Mohamed Jameel Al Ramahi, CEO of Masdar. During the meeting, both sides hailed the successful cooperation between SOCAR and Masdar in the development of renewable energy sources. In this context, the parties reviewed progress on wind and solar power plant projects implemented in Azerbaijan with the joint participation of the companies. The sides also discussed prospects for further developing cooperation in the areas of a just energy transition and decarbonization, as well as other issues of mutual interest, emphasizing the importance of continuing dialogue in these directions. (Azertag, 27.02.2026)

●**ナジャフ SOCAR 総裁とトタルエナジーズ上級副総裁が意見交換 南ガス回廊やアブシェロン・ガスコンデンセート田開発など議論**

On March 3, SOCAR President Rovshan Najaf met with Martina Opizzi, Senior Vice President of TotalEnergies. The sides highlighted the importance of energy projects implemented at the initiative of Azerbaijan, including the Southern Gas Corridor for Europe's energy security. The parties reviewed the implementation status of jointly executed projects, including operational results at the Absheron gas-condensate field and progress related to its full-scale development. The discussions also covered energy security, digitalization, sustainability priorities, and other issues of mutual interest. (Azertag, 03.03.2026)

●**アサドフ首相と SOCAR 総裁が bp の上級副社長と意見交換 当地案件の重要性を強調**

- On March 2, Azerbaijan's PM Ali Asadov met with a delegation from bp led by Gordon Birrell, Executive Vice President for Production and Operations. During the meeting emphasized the importance of bp's projects in Azerbaijan and reviewed promising initiatives included in the agenda of bilateral cooperation.
- On March 2, SOCAR President Rovshan Najaf met with Gordon Birrell, Executive Vice President for Production and Operations at bp. During the meeting, the sides hailed the long-standing and successful cooperation between SOCAR and bp. They also emphasized the importance of jointly implemented projects. The discussions covered upstream projects, including ACG and NAG (Non-Associated Gas), Shah Deniz Compression, Karabakh, Ashrafi-Dan Ulduzu-Aypara (ADUA), as well as Shafag-Asiman. The parties also reviewed opportunities for joint participation in various projects in third

countries. The discussions further addressed midstream and renewable energy projects, along with other issues of mutual interest. (Azertag, 02.03.2026)

**●SOCAR と bp、カスピ海盆地で地震探査・坑井研究の協力協定締結 アゼルバイジャン海域で初の疑似 3D 地震データ作成へ**

On Feb. 27, SOCAR and bp signed a cooperation agreement on seismic and well studies in the Caspian Basin. Under this agreement, bp and SOCAR will conduct a pioneering seismic study that applies innovative technologies to create a regional pseudo 3D seismic volume by matching and merging existing seismic datasets of various vintages. This will be the first project of its kind undertaken in the Azerbaijan sector of the Caspian Sea. The resulting pseudo 3D seismic volume is expected to greatly improve regional geological interpretation by reducing reliance on individual 2D seismic lines. It will enable basin scale 3D mapping, enhance the understanding of exploration potential, and help derisk future exploration plays across the Caspian basin.

As part of the collaboration, SOCAR will provide bp with 2D seismic lines, well data, and geological samples. In return, bp will procure the seismic processing and laboratory analyses of the samples. The pseudo 3D seismic data will be delivered by an experienced contractor with advanced technical capability and a proven track record in applying this technology. (Apa, 27.02.2026)

**●第 12 回南ガス回廊諮問評議会閣僚会合及び第 4 回グリーンエネルギー諮問評議会閣僚会合が開催 アゼルバイジャン産ガス供給先 16 か国に拡大**

On March 3, the 12th Ministerial Meeting of the Southern Gas Corridor Advisory Council and the 4th Ministerial Meeting of the Green Energy Advisory Council were held in Baku.

*President Aliyev addressed the event saying:*

- At the annual Advisory Council review what has been done since the last meeting and also plan our joint future steps in order to strengthen partnership cooperation in the field of energy security and sustainable energy supply.
- Last time I was addressing the audience, saying that we supply gas to 12 countries. Now the number of countries where Azerbaijani gas has reached its consumers has reached 16. And by this number, Azerbaijan is number one in the world with respect to the number of countries it supplies with pipeline gas.
- Our gas supplies have already reached other destinations beyond Europe. For the first time, we started to supply gas to Syria in order to help the Syrian people reduce the dramatic electric energy deficit. By supplying 1.5 billion cubic meters of Azerbaijani gas to Syria, we helped the population be better protected and have more opportunities to do business and make enterprises functional.
- We need to think about the expansion of the existing gas transportation infrastructure, because today the Southern Gas Corridor is already fully packed. We are looking for other extensions and interconnections in order to be able to supply as much as the market needs and probably will need even more, taking into account the current situation in the world, and in order to be able to export as much as we can.
- This year, we expect the beginning of production from the ACG deep gas field. We expected production to start last year, but it did not happen. But definitely, this year production will start. In 2-3 years, we expect the beginning of the full-phase development of the Absheron field, which will increase gas production from Absheron three times. We also expect the beginning of gas production from the second phase of the Umid field. In 2028, we expect the beginning of production from a new phase of Shah Deniz. All these

gas production profiles will allow us, at the maximum level of production, to reach an additional 10 to 15 billion cubic meters of gas. For that we will need new markets, expansion of the existing pipeline system, and of course, we need to look at how to diversify our gas distribution network.

- Part of the discussions for several years at the Advisory Council has been the green agenda. And here also we can report good results. This January, we inaugurated the biggest wind power station in the region so far — 240 megawatts — financed and constructed by ACWA Power. This is an additional source of green energy to what we already had. In 2023, Masdar built a 230-megawatt solar power station. Several projects are already in the implementation phase, and we expect the inauguration of new renewable power stations in the coming years. We need to work jointly on energy cables, including the energy cable stretching from Azerbaijan to Europe across the Black Sea and the energy cable from Central Asia to Azerbaijan. By 2032, we expect 6 to 8 gigawatts of electric power from renewable sources.
- We provide important oil transit for Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan, and year after year, the volume of oil transported through our system is growing.
- We recently acquired one of the biggest power stations in Türkiye — 870 megawatts. Last month, a contract was signed with Serbia to build a 500-megawatt power station there. Our contribution to energy security is not limited to our boundaries or to the Southern Gas Corridor. Among important achievements for us is also the acquisition of two refineries in Italy with a total capacity of 10 million tons. If we add that to what we already have on the Turkish Aegean coast — a 12-million-ton refinery — in total we will have 22 million tons of refinery capacity in the Mediterranean and Aegean regions, which will definitely help provide sustainable supplies of oil products. Thousands of petrol stations are also part of the deal.

*EU Commissioner Dan Jørgensen addressed the event saying:*

- In 2022, the strategic importance of the Southern Gas Corridor became abundantly clear. When Russia began its war of aggression and its weaponization of energy, the European Union took the decision to diversify our energy supplies. To replace Russian energy, we turned to our most trusted and reliable partners, and Azerbaijan was chief amongst these. Since then, we have significantly increased natural gas deliveries through the Southern Gas Corridor. And since late 2020, the Trans-Adriatic Pipeline has already delivered more than 50 billion cubic metres of Caspian gas to Europe.
- With the help of Caspian gas, the EU's dependency on Russian gas fell from 45% of overall imports in 2022 to 12% in 2025, and these numbers will continue to fall. In less than 2 years, the remaining 35 billion cubic metres of Russian gas that we are still importing every year will be out of our markets. The 10 billion euros per year that the EU spends on this gas bill will no longer finance Russia nor its aggression against Ukraine. We continue to reduce our dependencies on Russian gas, and the importance of our partnership with Azerbaijan will increase, bringing benefits for Europe's energy security and Azerbaijan's economy.
- Since the Trans-Adriatic Pipeline started commercial deliveries, Azerbaijan has earned around 24 billion euros in natural gas export revenues from EU buyers through 2024. My visit today is an opportunity to make it very clear. Azerbaijan's gas supplies will remain an important backbone of the EU's energy security. The EU will remain a reliable purchaser of Azerbaijani gas for the foreseeable future, underpinning structural transformation in the Azerbaijani economy.

- EU companies are ready to engage and commit in clean transition and electrification, bringing financing capacity, technological excellence, and high standards in cybersecurity and system reliability. To unlock the potential of this offer and to mobilize private capital at scale, we need transparent and competitive procurement schemes, clear market-driven regulation, and long-term predictability.
- The EU stands ready to explore further opportunities to strengthen energy connectivity and the energy transition in the region, including through the mobilization of guarantees and blended finance instruments. The active involvement of the private sector will be essential, and EU companies bring significant added value in expertise, innovation, and standards. The EU will also stand ready to support partner countries in the region to go further in strengthening their energy regulations. The recently launched third phase of the EU4Energy programme will further advance this work and provide concrete technical support on bilateral and regional levels.

The meeting was attended by representatives from 27 countries, including various European nations, 11 international financial institutions and organizations, and 49 energy companies. Participants included ministers, deputy ministers, and other high-ranking officials. Following the opening session, the summit continued with a Ministerial Meeting and plenary sessions titled Southern Gas Corridor Session: Sustaining Success and Driving the Next Phase of Development of the Southern Gas Corridor and Green Energy Projects. Then EU-Azerbaijan Green Connectivity Investment Roundtable was held as part of the Advisory Council. (Azertag, 03.03.2026)

#### ●シャフバゾフ・エネルギー大臣とインドネシア大使が会見 エネルギー分野の協力拡大につき意見交換

On March 5, Minister of Energy Parviz Shahbazov met with Ambassador of Indonesia to Azerbaijan Berlian Helmy. During the meeting, discussions focused on expanding cooperation opportunities between Azerbaijan and Indonesia in the field of energy. They reviewed the energy cooperation prospects in the areas of energy security, renewable energy, and sustainable development, as well as promoting business and investment. The meeting also highlighted the continuation of crude oil supplies from Azerbaijan to Indonesia within the framework of energy security, participation in joint exploration and production projects in the oil and gas sector, as well as the development of cooperation between SOCAR and Pertamina in the fields of petroleum products and oil and gas processing. The parties emphasized that both countries have significant potential for the development of renewable energy resources and cooperation opportunities in wind and solar energy projects, the application of waste energy production technologies, as well as biomass-based energy production. The sides agreed to hold the first meeting of the Working Group in the field of energy in the near future. (Azertag, 05.03.2026)

#### ●アゼルバイジャン領を通じた石油製品及びロシア産肥料のアルメニアへの輸送が継続中

The supply of oil products and Russian fertilizer from Azerbaijan to Armenia continues. On 5 March, 31 wagons carrying 1,984 tons of diesel fuel and 2 wagons loaded with 135 tons of Russian fertilizer were dispatched from the Bilajari station of "Azerbaijan Railways" CJSC en route to the Boyuk Kasik station. The cargo will reach Armenia via transit through Georgian territory. Russian fertilizer is also being sent to Armenia via transit through Azerbaijan. (Azertag, 05.03.2026)

## ●ナジャフ SOCAR 総裁がコートジボワールを訪問 バレイン・ガス油田の権益取得等につき意見交換

On March 6, SOCAR President Rovshan Najaf visited Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. During the visit, the delegation comprising representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan and SOCAR held a number of meetings with senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire and representatives of the country's energy sector. During meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Mines, Petroleum and Energy of Côte d'Ivoire, the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons of the Ministry, as well as the management of Côte d'Ivoire's national oil company PETROCI, the parties discussed prospects for cooperation between the two countries in the energy sector, including the implementation of joint projects in the oil and gas industry, investment opportunities, and energy security. The meetings also included discussions on SOCAR's acquisition of a 10 percent participating interest in the Baleine oil and gas field development project, including the project's development stages, production potential, logistics, and commercial aspects. (Azertag, 06.03.2026)

## ●bp 地域社長（アゼルバイジャン・ジョージア・トルコ担当）、ACG 油田の増産策説明 深部ガスは今夏生産開始へ

On March 6, BP's Regional President for Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Türkiye Gio Cristofoli held a press briefing in Baku during which he provided the following information:

- bp's challenge for Azerbaijan is to maximize oil production from the ACG field while managing the natural decline in reservoir productivity as more oil is extracted. Firstly, bp is increasing the number of wells being drilled into the reservoir. Thanks to bp's partnership with SOCAR and drilling contractors, bp has managed to increase the number of drilled wells by more than 30% using the same equipment and at the same cost. Secondly, there's 'reservoir activation'. As oil is extracted, pressure must be maintained to ensure fluid continues to flow to the surface. To do this, bp inject water and gas into the right areas to ensure continuous activation of the reservoirs. Thirdly, there's technology. For example, bp conduct seismic surveys using high-precision seabed units.
- BP will partially suspend operations at the Central Azeri platform within the Azeri-Chirag-Gunashli oil and gas field block in August this year for scheduled maintenance work.
- bp plans to begin production from ACG free gas reservoirs this summer. In the first half of the year, around summer, BP will commission a well in the deeper part of the ACG field. This will allow to explore a new part of the reservoir, which could yield a large volume of gas, significantly increasing production.
- When sanctions affected Lukoil, bp interacted with SOCAR, Lukoil, the European Union, and the United States to develop an agreement and a working mechanism on operations at Azerbaijan's Shah Deniz gas field. This arrangement allowed operations at Shah Deniz to continue in full compliance with the essence of the sanctions.
- The transfer of bp's operatorship of the BTC pipeline is not a unilateral decision by the company but a requirement outlined in the original contract. This is stipulated in the contract concluded 30 years ago. The transition is being managed through a strict change management process designed to prevent operational disruptions.
- Reliability indicators for Shah Deniz projects in Azerbaijan remain at 100%. Activities continue. Firstly, bp continues drilling – bp plans to drill approximately six new wells. Secondly, bp is making good progress on the construction of a new facility, Shah Deniz Compression. This facility will essentially reduce reservoir pressure and extract more gas, thereby providing the country with additional resources.
- BP and SOCAR are exploring potential joint activities in Uzbekistan's Ustyurt region. (Trend, Apa, report.az, 06.03.2026)

## 2. マクロ経済・財政

公式為替レート(出典：中央銀行)

Date	02/25	02/26	02/27	03/02	03/03	03/04	03/05	03/06
USD/ AZN	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000
EURO/AZN	2.0051↑	2.0092↑	2.0080↓	2.0035↓	1.9857↑	1.9706↓	1.9734↑	1.9741↑

## 3. 国内経済

### ●アリエフ大統領がギャンジャで生産された家庭ゴミ収集車をバクー万博センターで視察

On March 2, President Aliyev familiarized himself with household waste collection vehicles at the courtyard of the Baku Expo Center. The vehicles, produced at the Ganja Automobile Plant on the order of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, will be distributed to various cities and districts across the country. Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources Rashad Ismayilov and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Ganja Automobile Plant Khanlar Fatiyev briefed the head of state on the project. As part of the project, a total of 70 municipal vehicles with a capacity of 22 cubic meters each have been manufactured. The dispatch of these municipal vehicles from two assembly sites – in front of the Expo Center in Baku and at the courtyard of the automobile plant in Ganja – is planned for 58 cities and districts of Azerbaijan. (Azertag, 02.03.2026)

### ●ナヒチバン発着の航空便が一時的に停止 バクーとトルコ・イグディル間の代替便で対応

Due to the current situation, flight operations to and from Nakhchivan International Airport on both domestic and international routes have been temporarily suspended. According to Nakhchivan International Airport, situation is being promptly assessed and coordination is underway with the relevant authorities. Additional information will be provided to the public as it becomes available. (Azertag, 05.03.2026)

Due to the recent events, all flights scheduled for March 5, 2026, on the Baku–Nakhchivan–Baku route have been canceled, Azerbaijan Airlines (AZAL) told on March 5. In order to ensure transport connection from Baku to Nakhchivan for Azerbaijani citizens, flights have been scheduled from Baku to the Turkish city of Igdir and in the opposite direction. Special buses have been organized to transport passengers from Igdir Airport to Nakhchivan and vice versa. Bus services will operate through the Nakhchivan bus terminal. (Apa, 05.03.2026)

## 4. 対外経済関係

### ●アゼルバイジャン航空が中東諸都市への直行便を一時的に停止

Due to airspace restrictions imposed amid recent developments in the Middle East, AZAL has suspended flights to Dubai, Doha, Jeddah, and Tel Aviv, AZAL told on Feb. 28. Passengers who purchased tickets for these destinations may return or change them without paying any penalty. AZAL continues to closely monitor the current situation and is taking all necessary measures to ensure flight safety. (Apa, 28.02.2026)

### ●アリエフ大統領がロシアの副首相と会見 南北国際輸送回廊等につき意見交換

On March 2, President Aliyev received Alexei Overchuk, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation and Co-Chair of the Intergovernmental Commission. During the meeting, the Russian side expressed gratitude to the Azerbaijani leadership for the prompt assistance provided in evacuating Russian citizens from Iran amid the complex and tense regional situation. The sides held an exchange of views on the agenda of Azerbaijan–Russia relations. The discussion also focused on the shared intention to further develop mutually beneficial cooperation in the economy, trade, investment, industry, and transport-logistics sectors between Azerbaijan and Russia in the future. They also discussed prospects for transport connectivity in the region. The sides reaffirmed their commitment to continuing efforts to advance the International North–South Transport Corridor. A number of humanitarian issues were also discussed during the conversation. (Azertag, 02.03.2026)

### ●アリエフ大統領とエチオピア首相が会談 ASAN サービス等幅広い分野での協力につき議論

On Feb.27, President Aliyev held a tet-a-tet and then an expanded meeting with Abiy Ahmed Ali, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. They discussed strengthening bilateral ties in the political, economic, energy, agriculture, and cultural areas. They also exchanged views on the prospects for cooperation in joint personnel training in agriculture, mining, energy, digital transformation, and artificial intelligence, as well as collaboration in tourism, culture, education, and student exchange programs. The discussion further highlighted the successful operation of centers in Ethiopia based on the “ASAN Service” concept, as well as the application of the “DOST” model. Following the meeting President Aliyev and Ethiopian PM attended signing of the following bilateral documents:

- MoU on Cooperation in the Organization of the Thirty-Second Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP32) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- MoU between the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- MoU between the Export and Investment Promotion Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Ethiopian Investment Commission
- MoU between Azerbaijan Television and Radio Broadcasting CJSC and the Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation. (Azertag, 27.02.2026)

### ●ロシア・アゼルバイジャン政府間経済協力委員会がバクーで開催 貿易、輸送協力拡大など協議

On March 2, another meeting of the Russia-Azerbaijan Intergovernmental Commission on Economic cooperation was held in Baku. The meeting, co-chaired by Shahin Mustafayev, Deputy Prime Minister of Azerbaijan, and Alexei Overchuk, Deputy Prime Minister of Russia, focused on the topical issues of mutual interaction between the two countries. The meeting placed special emphasis on boosting bilateral cooperation across trade, economic, industrial, energy, transport, logistic, and agrarian domains. The officials praised the continuous growth of mutual trade turnover. They highlighted broad opportunities for implementing joint medium- and long-term investment projects. The discussions covered measures to further increase the volume of cargo transportation between Russia and Azerbaijan via road, rail, and sea. The meeting underscored the efficient operation of checkpoints on the Russian-Azerbaijani state border and the feasibility of their future modernization. The Deputy PMs also reviewed the development of the North-South International Transport Corridor, increasing its transport and capacity and improving logistics infrastructure. The parties agreed to hold the next meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission this April. (Azertag, 02.03.2026)

**●ママドフ農業大臣がラトビア大使と会見 農業分野の協力強化と法的枠組み等につき意見交換**

On March 3, Azerbaijan's Minister of Agriculture Majnun Mammadov met with Edgars Skuja, Ambassador of Latvia to Azerbaijan. The meeting focused on strengthening cooperation and the legal framework in the agricultural sector, hosting the 9th meeting of the Azerbaijan–Latvia Intergovernmental Commission in the near future, establishing a joint working group on agriculture, exchanging information on products with high export potential, increasing trade turnover in agricultural and food products, expanding ties between business communities, and ensuring the participation of Latvian entrepreneurs in the Azerbaijan International Agricultural Exhibition. The sides reaffirmed their commitment to deepening agricultural cooperation and also discussed other issues of mutual interest. (Apa, 03.03.2026)

**●イブラヒモフ・アゼルゴールド総裁がウッド・マッケンジー副社長と意見交換 ウズベキスタンやカザフスタンで金・銅鉱山プロジェクトに関心**

On Feb. 27, Zakir Ibrahimov, Chairman of the Executive Board of AzerGold CJSC, met with a delegation led by Malcolm Forbes-Cable, Vice President of the international consulting firm Wood Mackenzie. During the meeting, AzerGold's strategic development priorities, production increases, and plans for accessing international markets were discussed. It was mentioned that the commissioning of new deposits in the coming years and the start of a new production phase from 2028 are planned. Strengthening human capital and the application of international experience are among the main goals. It was stated that the company considers international expansion a priority in the long-term perspective and is showing interest in foreign projects, particularly gold and potentially copper deposits. Preference is given to countries that are stable from an investment standpoint with clear legal frameworks, as well as "brownfield" projects that possess existing infrastructure and production bases. Central Asian countries—Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan were mentioned as potential directions for cooperation. Although it was reported that initial discussions had been held in African countries, the existence of political and institutional risks in some regions was emphasized. Malcolm Forbes-Cable spoke about the global experience of "Wood Mackenzie" in the fields of the mining industry, energy, oil and gas, and investment strategies. Information was provided regarding projects on improving legislation in the mining sector and increasing investment attractiveness in different countries. The sides also exchanged views on the application of international experience in Azerbaijan's mining sector, the use of benchmarking tools, and the enhancement of competitiveness. The parties agreed to continue discussions on issues of mutual interest. (Azertag, 27.02.2026)

**●イランからの無人機攻撃受けアゼルバイジャン・イラン国境のトラック輸送を一時的に停止**

The Cabinet of Ministers has released information regarding the decision to suspend the movement of cargo trucks across the Azerbaijan–Iran state border, the Cabinet of Ministers told on March 5. As previously reported, on March 5, attacks were carried out on the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic of the Republic of Azerbaijan using unmanned aerial vehicles launched from the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, targeting civilian infrastructure. Nakhchivan International Airport, a school, and other locations came under fire from Iran. As a result of the attacks, several civilians were injured and the terminal building of the airport was damaged. Taking into account the current situation resulting from these attacks, which contradict the norms and principles of international law, the Cabinet of Ministers has adopted a decision to temporarily completely suspend the movement of cargo trucks across all border crossing points on the Azerbaijan–Iran state border, including transit cargo transportation. (Apa, 05.03.2026)

●ナビエフデジタル開発運輸大臣がロンドンで開催された諸会議に出席 ブラックロックや英政府関係者と AI・データセンター投資など協議

- On March 5, Rashad Nabiyev, Azerbaijan's Minister of Digital Development and Transport, met with Charles Hatami, Global Head of the Financial & Strategic Investors Group (FSIG) at BlackRock. The meeting focused on developing cooperation under the Memorandum of Intent signed by President Aliyev in Davos with BlackRock and its subsidiary Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP). The two sides exchanged views on the initial outcomes of joint work on digital infrastructure, the artificial intelligence ecosystem, the establishment of a regional data center, and attracting investments in air transport infrastructure.
- Nabiyev met with Baroness Lloyd, UK's Under-Secretary of State in the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology. The sides reviewed opportunities for enhancing cooperation in artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, and digital transformation. They also exchanged views on fostering cooperation with the UK universities in human capital development through joint programs, scholarships, and digital academies, as well as investment in AI data centers.
- Nabiyev met with representatives of Entrust, a global technology company specializing in digital identification, electronic signatures, and cryptographic technologies. During the meeting, the parties explored potential opportunities for cooperation in the digital sector, as well as the current state and future prospects of collaboration. The meeting concluded with signing of a memorandum of cooperation between Entrust and AzInTelecom.
- Nabiyev met with UK Minister for Aviation, Maritime and Decarbonisation, MP Keir Mather. The two sides also discussed digital transport systems, including the "Digital Transport Twin" powered by artificial intelligence, and explored opportunities to expand air links with the UK and increase the number of flights between the two countries.
- Nabiyev met with Lord John Alderdice, the UK Trade Envoy to Azerbaijan and a member of the House of Lords. They discussed prospects for cooperation in AI, cybersecurity, and technology as part of the Strategic Partnership Agreement between Azerbaijan and the United Kingdom. They also exchanged views on expanding physical and digital connectivity, investment opportunities in artificial intelligence-based data centers, the use of competitive energy resources, the development of transport infrastructure, and partnering with UK universities to implement joint personnel training programs.
- Nabiyev met with Chief Executive of the UK government agency UK Export Finance. During the meeting, information about the transformation being carried out in Azerbaijan in the areas of transport, logistics, and digital infrastructure was presented. The sides discussed opportunities for strategic partnership with the United Kingdom in these fields, (Apa, Azertag, 05.03.2026)
- On March 6, Minister of Digital Development and Transport Rashad Nabiyev met with Adrian McDonald, President for Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) of Dell Technologies. The sides discussed prospects for cooperation between Azerbaijan and Dell Technologies in the fields of digital transformation, artificial intelligence, and data infrastructure. They also exchanged views on sovereign "cloud" solutions and artificial intelligence opportunities in Azerbaijan.
- On March 6, Nabiyev met with members of the diaspora engaged in the technology sector in the UK, as well as students studying there. During the meeting, diaspora representatives were encouraged to participate in knowledge and experience exchange, collaborate on joint projects and engage more actively in technological diplomacy.
- On March 6, Nabiyev held a meeting with representatives of Palantir Technologies Inc.. The discussion focused on cooperation in national data integration, artificial intelligence management, cybersecurity, and critical infrastructure monitoring. The sides also reviewed

Azerbaijan's potential role in developing local skills, facilitating knowledge transfer, and implementing Palantir platforms in Africa.

- On March 6, Nabiyeu met with representatives of US company ScaleAI . They discussed opportunities for cooperation in the application of artificial intelligence (AI) and the development of the AI ecosystem in the country. Exchange of views was held on scaling AI projects in the short and long term, developing local talent, and building ecosystem partnerships. (Azertag, report.az, 06.03.2026)

**●経済副大臣とドイツ・アゼルバイジャン商工会議所事務局長が会見 再エネや水素技術での協力など意見交換**

Azerbaijani Deputy Minister of Economy Anar Akhundov met with a delegation of German business representatives led by Nargis Wieck, Executive Director of the German-Azerbaijani Chamber of Commerce. The two sides discussed cooperation opportunities in renewable energy, sustainable industry, energy efficiency, industrial decarbonization, hydrogen technologies, and innovative financial mechanisms. They also reviewed investment opportunities for German businesses in Azerbaijan and explored ways to expand institutional cooperation. (Azertag, 05.03.2026)

**●経済副大臣が OECD ユーラシア部門長と会見 経済改革や投資環境改善での協力など協議**

On March 5, Samad Bashirli, Azerbaijan's Deputy Minister of Economy, met with William Thompson, Head of the Eurasia Division of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Secretariat of International Relations. During the meeting, the parties discussed the current state of cooperation between Azerbaijan and the OECD, as well as prospects for its future development, and reviewed opportunities to expand the partnership into new areas of activity. The importance of joint initiatives, particularly in economic reforms, improving the investment climate, sustainable development, and strengthening institutional capacity, was highlighted. (Azertag, 05.03.2026)

**●ママドフ農業大臣がイスラム食糧安全保障機構事務総長と会談 アゼルバイジャンの加盟手続き及び加盟国間の農産物貿易額の拡大等につき意見交換**

On March 5, Majnun Mammadov, Azerbaijan's Minister of Agriculture, met with Berik Aryn, Director General of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS), to discuss agricultural cooperation. The meeting focused on the imminent completion of Azerbaijan's accession process to the IOFS, increasing trade turnover in agricultural products between the IOFS member countries and facilitating trade, implementing international projects in line with Azerbaijan's national interests and agricultural policy priorities, boosting ties among the businessmen of the organization's member countries, transferring modern technologies, and implementing scientific research and educational internship programs in agricultural sector. (Azertag, 05.03.2026)

**●第 13 回世界都市フォーラム運営会社が廃棄物処理業者と覚書を締結 イベント開催に伴い発生する都市固形廃棄物の効率的な管理を目指す**

On March 5, a MoU was signed between the WUF13 Azerbaijan Operations Company and "Tamiz Shahar" Open Joint-Stock Company. The document was signed by Etibar Abbasov, Chairman of the Executive Board of "Tamiz Shahar" OJSC, and Adil Mammadov, Executive Director of the WUF13 Azerbaijan Operations Company. The primary aim of the memorandum is to ensure the effective management of municipal solid waste generated during the organization and staging of the event. Under the MoU, municipal solid waste generated at the Baku Olympic Stadium and other WUF13 venues will be transferred to the operational facilities of "Tamiz Shahar" OJSC. The

waste will be treated using modern methods to ensure safe disposal, with materials suitable for recycling directed to specialist processing facilities. (Azertag, 05.03.2026)

●アゼルコスモス代表団がウズコスモス宇宙監視・地理情報技術センター代表と意見交換 地球観測や衛星監視で協力協議

On March 5, a delegation of the Space Agency of Azerbaijan (Azercosmos), met with representatives of the Center for Space Monitoring and Geoinformation Technologies under the Space Research and Technology Agency of Uzbekistan (Uzcosmos) and they discussed cooperation in Earth observation, satellite monitoring and application of geoinformation systems. (Azertag, 05.03.2026)

●欧州投資銀行（EIB）アゼルバイジャン鉄道（ADY）の安全対策への投資を拡大

Two investment options have been prepared to improve safety on Azerbaijan's main east-west railway line, European Investment Bank (EIB) said. It was noted that the main railway line, which is more than 500 kilometers long, connects the city of Baku with the Boyuk Kesik station located on the border with Georgia. Built in the 1970s, the line passes through cities and villages, so there are 76 level crossings and pedestrian-animal crossings along the route. Although these crossings are used daily, they pose safety risks. It was noted that over the past 20 months, there have been 36 collisions involving animals and 97 collisions involving people on the railway line. As a result of these incidents, 15 people have lost their lives. For this reason, "Azerbaijan Railways" CJSC (ADY) applied to the EIB's advisory program to assess opportunities to improve safety. As part of the project, the Eastern Partnership Connectivity Investment Mechanism (EPIC) team of the bank examined all critical crossings along the railway line. During the study, each crossing was mapped, and the intensity of use and risk levels were analyzed. The aim was to determine optimal solutions to separate train movement from people and animals. As a result, two investment options were developed. The first option involves installing fences, constructing underground crossings for animals, and closing the eight most dangerous crossings. The cost of this project is estimated at approximately €50 million. The second option expands the same measures to cover 17 crossings. The cost of this option is estimated at about €90 million. It is reported that the main goal of both approaches is to minimize the intersection of railway traffic with human and animal crossings, thereby preventing accidents. (Apa, 06.03.2026)

●bp とアゼルバイジャンデフリンピック委員会がパートナー契約を締結

On March 6, bp and the Azerbaijan Deaflympic Committee (ADC) signed a Domestic Partner Agreement, appointing bp as an official partner of the ADC in Azerbaijan until 31 December 2027. The agreement marks a new chapter in bp's long-standing commitment to supporting the development of national sports and fostering a more inclusive society in Azerbaijan. (Trend, 06.03.2026)

●パシニャン・アルメニア首相がアゼルバイジャンとの貿易拡大に楽観的な見通しを表明

On March 5, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan expressed optimism over the growing economic ties between Armenia and Azerbaijan. Speaking at a briefing with journalists, Pashinyan said the economic agenda is starting to take precedence over politics. "It seems the economic agenda is prevailing over the political, and that's a positive development, because political programs are meant to serve economic ones. I am glad to see trade between Armenia and Azerbaijan beginning to take shape.", he said. Looking ahead, Pashinyan expressed hope that the two countries will not only continue importing goods from one another but also establish

full-fledged bilateral exports. On the prospect of a formal peace agreement, he cautioned that it is still too early to set a specific timeline for completion. (report.az, 05.03.2026)

●**経済第一副大臣がモルドバの副首相兼外務大臣と意見交換 投資機会を模索**

On March 6, Elnur Aliyev, Azerbaijan's First Deputy Minister of Economy met with Mihai Popșoi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Moldova. The sides explored investment opportunities and fostering cooperation in promising areas. (Azertag, 06.03.2026)

●**経済副大臣が欧州東方パートナーシップの東方及びトルコ担当部長と意見交換 パートナーシップの優先分野を協議**

On March 6, Samad Bashirli, Deputy Minister of Economy, met with Adrienn Kiraly, Director of Neighbourhood East and Türkiye, European Commission's Directorate-General for Enlargement and the Eastern Neighbourhood. During the meeting, the sides exchanged views on priority areas of partnership. (Azertag, 06.03.2026)

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