

# 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

- **国家保安庁、アリエフ大統領の義理の娘を標的とした恐喝キャンペーンの首謀者を拘束**  
**Security Service has arrested the organizer of a blackmail campaign against the daughter-in-law of Ilham Aliyev**

The State Security Service said it had uncovered and arrested the organizer of a blackmail campaign targeting the family of Ilham Aliyev. Public Television aired a report stating that a person abroad attempted to contact senior Azerbaijani officials using various foreign phone numbers and email addresses. He allegedly demanded €5 million from the family in exchange for not releasing “intimate videos” of Alena Aliyeva, the wife of the president’s son, Heydar Aliyev.

In this context, the authors accused well-known Azerbaijani bloggers living abroad—Mehman and Emin Huseynov, and Gabil Mammadov—of spreading defamatory information about Alena Aliyeva on various online platforms. All three bloggers actively criticize the Azerbaijani authorities in their publications.

“The images found on the phone of the person who blackmailed the president’s family were taken from 18+ websites. The woman appearing in the footage is known on such sites under the pseudonym Amber Lulu. Investigators have identified her real name and address. The entire campaign conducted against Alena Aliyeva is built on a major lie,” the report says. The authors emphasize that it remains to be established who provided these videos to certain bloggers who then distributed them online. In particular, the report includes an audio recording in which a blogger named Zaki Salimov, who published the videos, speaks about an “upcoming change of power in Azerbaijan, for which a button has been pressed from above,” and about his potential role in this “big politics.” “Who is this—some individual or force based abroad—making decisions about a change of power in Azerbaijan? Why does this force oppose the authority of a strong and victorious Azerbaijan? This is a subject for a completely different investigation,” the TV report states. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 17.03.2026)

- **バクーの裁判所、仏国籍のライアン氏に懲役10年の判決を言い渡す**  
**Baku court announced the verdict in the case of Ryan and Mammadli**

French citizen Martin Ryan was sentenced to 10 years in prison on charges of espionage, and Azerbaijani Azad Mammadli received 12 years in prison on charges of treason. A Baku court has been considering the case since December 2024. Mammadli denied the charge of treason in court, declaring his innocence, while Ryan pleaded "partially guilty."

In May 2025, Azad Mammadli told the court that a French citizen had tried to recruit him, and Ryan, in turn, said that Mammadli was interested in the prospects of cooperation with the French intelligence services.

The court established that Ryan, as the CEO of the company "Merkorama", was assigned by the French intelligence services to collect information about the production of weapons and ammunition in Azerbaijan, as well as about the recruitment of the Azerbaijani army during the Second Karabakh War in the fall of 2020.

After completing his prison term, Martin Ryan must be expelled from Azerbaijan, the court ruled. (ENG.KAVKAZ-UZEL.EU / 16.03.2026)

### ● アゼルバイジャンのオンブズマン、ヴァルダニャン氏の主張に反論

#### **Azerbaijani Ombudsman responds to Vardanyan's allegations**

The Office of the Human Rights Commissioner (Ombudsman) of Azerbaijan has issued a statement addressing allegations made by businessman and detainee Ruben Vardanyan, rejecting claims circulated in Armenian media as unfounded. According to the statement, reports suggested that Vardanyan attempted to make an appeal to Azerbaijan's Ombudsman, Sabina Aliyeva, but that the call was interrupted.

The Ombudsman's Office stated that Vardanyan's detention conditions are regularly monitored and meet international standards. Officials emphasized that his legal rights, including access to a lawyer, medical care, and participation in court proceedings, are fully ensured. The statement also noted that Vardanyan has been met confidentially several times and, according to the office, acknowledged humane treatment and adequate conditions. Authorities reaffirmed that all his appeals have been reviewed and handled in accordance with the law. (OLKE.AZ / 16.03.2026)

### ● 米務省、アゼルバイジャンへの渡航計画見直しを米国民に勧告、注意情報レベルを引き上げ

#### **State Department warns US citizens to reconsider travel plans to Azerbaijan, raises advisory level**

The US has warned its citizens to "reconsider travel" to Azerbaijan amid rising Iran conflict fears, Alex Raufoglu, an Azerbaijani journalist living in the US, has announced on X. US State Department raised its advisory to Level 3 following drone strikes and "ongoing threat" of missile attacks from Iran. According to the statement, people should not travel to the southern border region due to the risk of armed conflict—unless it is the best land exit from Iran. (X.COM / 13.03.2026)

● **バクー上空でドローン確認、当局は市民に冷静な対応を呼びかけ**

**Drones spotted over Baku: authorities urge public not to panic**

Reports about drones seen in the sky over Baku have spread on social media in the morning of Mar.16 and caused concern among some residents. Ministry of Defense emphasized that there is no cause for concern. It was noted that the drones observed in the capital's sky belong to state institutions and are used to control and monitor the situation in certain areas. The ministry explained that such flights are carried out as part of supervisory activities and are normal practice. Residents are asked not to panic if drones are seen in the sky over the city. (VESTI BAKU / 16.03.2026)

2. 内政関連

● **野党・人民戦線党の党員を新たに拘束**

**Azerbaijan arrests another opposition Popular Front Party member**

Azerbaijani authorities have detained the chair of the Popular Front Party's (PFP) local branch in the Sabail district, Jeyhun Novruzov, on charges of petty hooliganism and disobeying the police. The Sabail District Court sentenced Novruzov to 25 days of administrative detention on 13 March. According to local human rights defenders, there are currently 340 political prisoners in Azerbaijan. Government officials deny these claims, stating that those detained are prosecuted for specific crimes. (OC-MEDIA / 16.03.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン、2025年に解放地域へ再定住した人数を公表**

**Azerbaijan reveals number of persons resettled in liberated regions in 2025**

The resettlement of 3,893 families (15,781 people) to reconstructed or restored settlements in the East Zangezur and Karabakh economic regions of Azerbaijan was ensured in 2025. This issue is reflected in the report of the Cabinet of Ministers on its activities in 2025. A total of 4,370 internally displaced families (17,546 people), including residents resettled to the liberated territories, were provided with housing (houses) during 2025. (TREND / 13.03.2026)

3. 外政関連

● **アゼルバイジャンとフランス、パリで二国間関係について協議**

## **Azerbaijan, France discuss bilateral ties in Paris**

Assistant to the President of Azerbaijan and Head of the Foreign Policy Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration, Hikmet Hajiyev, held discussions in Paris on bilateral relations between Azerbaijan and France. "Following the phone call between President Aliyev and President Macron, I had a productive meeting in Paris with Presidential Diplomatic Advisor Emmanuel Bonne and other French colleagues. We exchanged views on bilateral relations and regional and global issues of mutual interest," Hajiyev wrote. (TREND / 18.03.2026)

## **● アゼルバイジャンとトルコ外相、サウジアラビアで地域安全保障について協議 Azerbaijani and Turkish FM discuss regional security in Saudi Arabia**

On Mar. 18, FM Bayramov met with Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan during a working visit to Saudi Arabia. The ministers exchanged views on the current security situation in the region and recent developments. They emphasized the importance of maintaining regional stability, preventing the escalation of tensions, and upholding international law, including the sovereignty and territorial integrity of states.

The officials highlighted the significant role of the Azerbaijani-Turkish alliance in ensuring peace and security in the region and stressed the need for joint, coordinated efforts to address existing challenges. (TREND / 18.03.2026)

## **● バイラモフ外相、ダル・パキスタン副首相兼外相と会談 FM Bayramov met with Deputy Prime Minister, Foreign Minister of Pakistan Mohammad Ishaq Dar**

On Mar.18, they exchanged views on recent regional developments, underscoring the importance of de-escalation, respect for international law, and joint efforts to ensure peace and stability. The Ministers also discussed prospects for expanding cooperation in political, economic, and connectivity domains, and emphasized the value of close coordination within regional and international platforms. (REPORT / 18.03.2026)

## **● バイラモフ外相、リヤドでナヒチバンへのドローン攻撃について説明 Azerbaijani FM briefs Riyadh on Nakhchivan drone attack**

FM Bayramov took part in a consultative meeting of foreign ministers and representatives from 12 countries in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, including Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, and the UAE. Participants strongly condemned Iran's attacks on countries in the region and viewed their cessation as a first step toward ending escalation and advancing diplomacy as a path to resolving the crisis.

FM Bayramov warned that the conflict poses broader global risks and highlighted recent

drone attacks from Iran targeting Nakhchivan, which injured civilians and damaged infrastructure. Minister has reiterated the expectation that the assurances provided by the Iranian side regarding a thorough investigation into the incident will be fulfilled and that necessary measures will be taken to prevent any recurrence.

Bayramov reaffirmed Azerbaijan's commitment to defending its sovereignty while calling on Iran to investigate the incident and prevent recurrence. He also noted Azerbaijan's humanitarian assistance to Iran and support for aid delivery and evacuations. The minister emphasized that expanding the conflict is dangerous and called for respect for international law and regional cooperation as the only path to lasting peace. (TREND / 18.03.2026)

### ● 駐アルメニア・イラン大使「アゼルバイジャンは警戒を怠らず、危険なゲームを避けるべき」

#### **Iran's ambassador to Armenia: Azerbaijan must remain vigilant and avoid a dangerous game**

Amid escalating tensions in the Middle East, Azerbaijan has emerged as a key regional actor whose position is being closely watched by neighboring countries, particularly Iran. Recent remarks by Iran's ambassador to Armenia Khalil Shirqolami highlight both concern and cautious optimism regarding Baku's role in the unfolding crisis.

According to the Iranian diplomat, Azerbaijan must act with heightened vigilance and avoid being drawn into what he described as a "dangerous game" orchestrated by external powers. Tehran has expressed concern that provocations in the region could be aimed at involving Azerbaijan in the conflict, particularly by actors seeking to expand the scope of hostilities. At the same time, the ambassador acknowledged that tensions between Iran and Azerbaijan—sparked in part by a drone incident in Nakhchivan—have largely been resolved. He characterized Azerbaijan's initial reaction as "emotional" and premature, noting that the situation was later corrected through diplomatic engagement.

Importantly, Iran stated that, based on its current assessment, Azerbaijani territory has not been used for military operations against Iran during the ongoing conflict. This stance appears to have eased some of Tehran's concerns and contributed to maintaining a degree of stability in bilateral relations.

Iran has also welcomed assurances from Azerbaijani leadership that the country's territory will not be used in any actions targeting Iran. However, Tehran emphasized that it will continue to closely monitor developments, particularly any involvement of external forces in the region. (NEWS.AM / 18.03.2026)

### ● アゼルバイジャンとロシア、関係の完全回復に向けて取り組み

#### **Azerbaijan and Russia are working towards a full restoration of relations.**

Azerbaijan's ambassador to Moscow, Rahman Mustafayev, said relations with Russia are steadily normalizing, with growing cooperation in economic, political, and humanitarian areas.

He noted signs of recovery in Russian tourism, with visitor numbers rising in early 2026 after a dip in 2025. (MINVAL / 16.03.2026)

● **アリエフ大統領、メルツ独首相と電話会談**

**President Aliyev and Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany Friedrich Merz held a telephone conversation**

On Mar.17, the sides expressed concern over the ongoing tensions in the Middle East and exchanged views on their potential impact on the South Caucasus region.

Friedrich Merz welcomed the ongoing peace process between Azerbaijan and Armenia, emphasizing its importance for regional stability. The President of Azerbaijan and the Federal Chancellor of Germany also discussed prospects for bilateral relations, as well as issues related to expanding cooperation between Azerbaijan and the European Union. (AZERTAG / 17.03.2026)

● **バイラモフ外相、ペク・ジュヒョン韓国外交部長官特別代表率いる代表団と会談**

**FM Bayramov received a delegation led by Baik Joohyeon, Special Representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea**

On Mar.17, the parties discussed prospects for developing cooperation in areas such as politics, the economy, trade, education, high technology, and others. The importance of the Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation between the governments of the two countries, as well as political consultations between the foreign ministries, was also noted.

In addition, the sides discussed large-scale energy and transport projects being implemented by Azerbaijan in the region, as well as plans for the export of alternative energy. Within this framework, an exchange of views took place on issues of Azerbaijan's cooperation with Central Asian countries, including cooperation within the C6 format.

The parties also exchanged views on regional and international security issues, including the current situation in the Middle East. The Korean side expressed its deep gratitude for the support provided during the evacuation of its citizens from Iran through the territory of our country. (TREND / 17.03.2026)

● **バイラモフ外相、アラグチ・イラン外相と電話会談**

**FM Bayramov had a phone conversation with his Iranian counterpart Seyed Abbas Araghchi**

On March 17, FM Bayramov stressed the importance of Iran completing its investigation in accordance with the promise made following the drone strikes on the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic from Iranian territory. In general, it was emphasized that during the ongoing war, civilian targets should not be targeted, that Azerbaijan supports a short-term cessation of military escalation in the region and is a supporter of resolving existing difficulties

through negotiations. (TREND / 17.03.2026)

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Iran MFA: "Araghchi, explaining our country's positions on the military aggression by the United States and the Zionist regime, emphasized that according to international law, no country is permitted to allow its territory and facilities to be used for aggressive actions by others. Our Foreign Minister warned against the mischief and false flag operations by the Zionist regime and the United States aimed at damaging Iran's relations with other countries, stating: Iran's defensive actions are solely directed at the aggressors and also at bases and facilities used for aggression against Iran. During this phone call, some bilateral issues were also discussed, and the importance of continuing close consultations between the two countries to resolve any misunderstandings in the current situation was emphasized". (ISNA / 17.03.2026)

**NOTE:** *The next humanitarian aid is being sent to Iran on Mar. 18 in order to meet the current needs of Iranian people, according to the phone conversation between President Aliyev and President of Iran Masoud Pezeshkian on March 8, 2026. The humanitarian aid includes various types of food products, medicines, and medical supplies with a total volume of 82 tons.*

### ● バイラモフ外相、ダル・パキスタン外相と地域情勢の最新動向を協議

#### **Jeyhun Bayramov, Ishaq Dar mulld latest developments in ongoing regional situation**

On Mar.17, Pakistani Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar spoke with Azerbaijani counterpart Jeyhun Bayramov on Tuesday, according to the Pakistan MFA's statement posted on X. They exchanged views on the latest developments in the ongoing regional situation and discussed bilateral matters of mutual interest. (REPORT / 17.03.2026)

### ● バイラモフ外相、ヴァロヴァヤ国連ジュネーブ事務局長と会談

#### **FM Bayramov met with Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG)**

On Mar.13, various areas of cooperation between Azerbaijan and the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) were discussed, as well as regional issues. The meeting provided an opportunity to share information on the situation in the region and the process of normalizing relations between Azerbaijan and Armenia. In addition, views were exchanged on the military escalation in the Middle East. (TREND / 13.03.2026)

### ● アゼルバイジャン、トルコ領に対する直近のミサイル攻撃を非難

#### **Azerbaijan condemns latest missile attack on Turkish territory**

On Mar.13, FM Bayramov condemned another missile attack targeting the territory of Türkiye

during a phone conversation with Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan. The ministers also discussed the current security situation in the region and rising tensions. Bayramov also stressed that further military escalation could lead to undesirable consequences.

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Ministry of Defense released a statement condemning latest missile attacks on Türkiye: “This is a grave violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity. Such actions represent an unacceptable escalation and a direct threat to regional stability.” (TREND / 13.03.2026)

### ● 中国大使「アゼルバイジャンは中国のグローバル・イニシアティブを支持」

#### **Chinese ambassador: Azerbaijan supports China's global initiatives**

Relations between Azerbaijan and China continue to strengthen across political, economic, and cultural spheres, Chinese Ambassador to Azerbaijan Lu Mei said during a press briefing on Mar.13. The ambassador emphasized the importance of mutual support and expanding cooperation. One notable example of this cooperation was Azerbaijan's assistance in evacuating more than 600 Chinese citizens from Iran during the recent regional tensions. Ambassador Lu Mei expressed gratitude to the Azerbaijani government for facilitating the evacuation through the Astara border crossing.

The ambassador also noted that China supports Azerbaijan's development path based on its national priorities. According to her, Beijing views Azerbaijan as an important partner and is ready to share opportunities created by Chinese modernization. Cooperation in areas such as technological development and innovation, including artificial intelligence, was highlighted as a promising direction for future collaboration.

Joint energy initiatives are becoming an important part of bilateral cooperation, including the Khizi-Absheron Wind Power Plant, which is expected to contribute to Azerbaijan's renewable energy capacity and further strengthen Azerbaijan–China economic partnership.

Ambassador Lu Mei also emphasized Azerbaijan's support for China's global initiatives. She noted that Azerbaijan actively participates in the groups of friends for the Global Development Initiative and the Global Governance Initiative proposed by Beijing.

Beyond economic cooperation, cultural and educational exchanges are also gaining momentum. Interest in Chinese language and culture among Azerbaijanis is steadily growing, with an increasing number of students studying Chinese and engaging with Chinese culture through educational programs and cultural initiatives.

China also intends to actively participate in international events scheduled to be held in Azerbaijan this year, demonstrating its commitment to strengthening dialogue and cooperation through global and regional platforms. (APA, REPORT / 13.03.2026)

### ● ハジエフ大統領補佐官、EU 中央アジア特別代表と TRIPP プロジェクトを協議

#### **Azerbaijan's Presidential Aide discusses TRIPP project with EU Special Representative**

Assistant to the President of Azerbaijan - Head of the Foreign Policy Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration, Hikmet Hajiyev, has discussed the TRIPP project during a meeting with Ambassador, EU Special Representative for Central Asia Eduard Stiprais. Fruitful discussions were held on regional cooperation, especially connectivity opportunities, as well as the Trans-Caspian project. The presidential assistant pointed out that, taking into account Azerbaijan's full membership in the Central Asian Consultative Council, there are significant opportunities for cooperation within this format. (TREND / 14.03.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャンと中国、戦略的協力について意見交換**

**Azerbaijan and China exchange views on strategic cooperation**

On Mar.14, an exchange of views on comprehensive strategic cooperation between Azerbaijan and China has been held during meeting of Assistant to the President of Azerbaijan - Head of the Foreign Policy Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration Hikmet Hajiyev with former Special Representative of the Chinese Government for European Affairs, former Chinese ambassador Wu Hongbo. The presidential assistant noted that the meeting discussed key developments in the region. (TREND / 14.03.2026)

● **バイラモフ外相、サウード・サウジアラビア外相と電話会談**

**Saudi FM Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud made a phone call to FM Bayramov**

On Mar.15, the ministers discussed the current security situation in the Middle East. Expressing concern over the rising tensions in the region, they noted the importance of preventing further escalation of the situation. In this context, the necessity of respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the countries in the region, as well as the importance of not targeting neighboring countries, was emphasized. They discussed other pressing issues on the regional and international agenda, the current state of existing cooperation between Azerbaijan and Saudi Arabia, and prospects for its development. (TREND / 15.03.2026)

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