

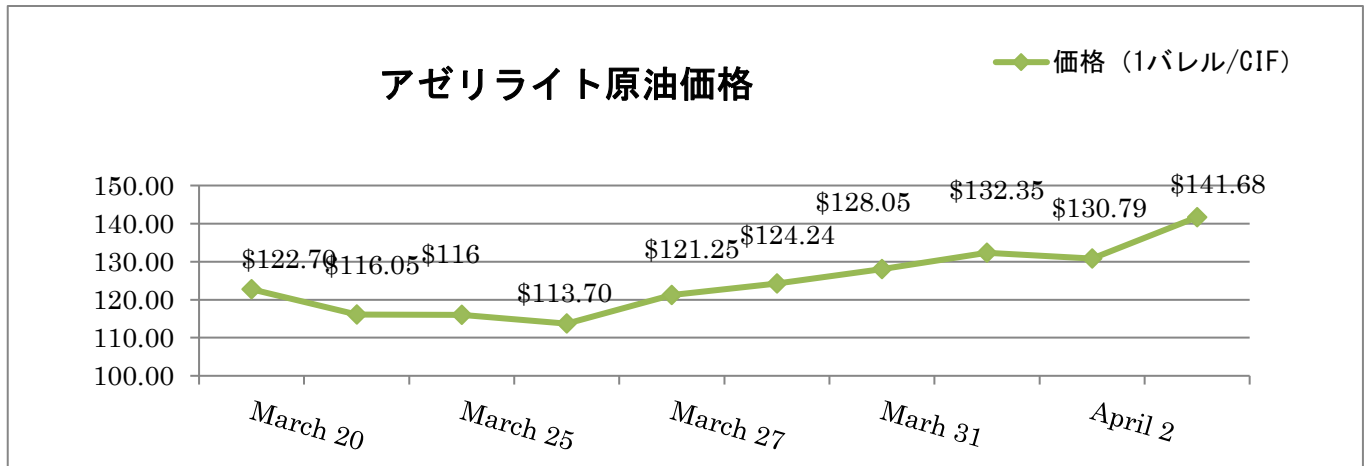
# アゼルバイジャン経済情報

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## 1. エネルギー・環境



### ●INPEX がカザフスタン及びアゼルバイジャン産原油の日本への輸入に関心

Japanese oil company INPEX has announced its intention to prioritize sales of oil produced in Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan with its participation in the country, Yomiuri newspaper writes. It is noted that concerns about the stability of oil supplies are growing due to the de facto blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, and the company hopes to diversify supply sources for Japan, which currently meets over 90% of its oil needs with supplies from the Middle East. Oil from Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan will travel via the Red Sea and the Mediterranean, rounding the Cape of Good Hope. The journey from Azerbaijan will take 25 to 50 days, from Kazakhstan 35 to 55 days, while deliveries through the Strait of Hormuz take 20 days. INPEX owns stakes in the Kashagan field in Kazakhstan and the Azeri-Chirag-Gunashli field in Azerbaijan. Until now, the company had been shipping oil from these fields as spot deliveries primarily to Europe. However, due to the crisis in the Middle East and concerns about an oil shortage in the Japanese market, the company has decided to redirect some of its spot deliveries primarily to the Japanese market (report.az, 28.03.2026)

### ●EU がエネルギー資源の供給元の多角化を加速

The European Union is continuing to diversify its energy supply sources, increasing imports from Azerbaijan, as well as from United States, Norway, Algeria, and Canada. EU Energy Commissioner Dan Jørgensen said at a press conference following an informal meeting of EU energy ministers on the situation in the Middle East that the source of imports matters, especially for long-term contracts, which can benefit importing countries. He noted that the EU has already reduced its dependence on Russian gas from 45% to around 10%, with plans to cut it to zero. However, energy prices remain the biggest challenge: since the outbreak of the Middle East conflict, EU gas prices have risen by about 70% and oil prices by 60%. During the first 30 days

of the crisis, EU fossil fuel import costs increased by €14 billion. He added that the EU is facing a very serious situation and that the crisis's effects on energy markets will not be short-term. The European Commission is already coordinating efforts to fill gas storage and ensure oil security, as well as preparing a support package for households and businesses. (report.az, 31.03.2026)

### ●アラト自由貿易区域（AFEZ）が中国から新たにグリーンエネルギーの投資を誘致

A Chinese company has been offered land in Azerbaijan's Alat Free Economic Zone (AFEZ) for the construction of a solar power plant. Valeh Alasgarov, Chairman of the Board of the AFEZ Authorized Body, said that Sunsync, the first Chinese company officially registered in the zone, will initially establish a 23-hectare solar panel manufacturing facility. The plant will bring advanced technologies and innovative capabilities to Azerbaijan, with most of its output intended for export due to its large production capacity. "From the outset, the goal is not only to serve the domestic market but to access global markets," Alasgarov said. In addition, Sunsync is expected to participate in tenders across Azerbaijan for the supply of solar panels. Alasgarov noted that once production begins, companies building solar power plants will benefit from easier and more cost-effective access to panels manufactured within the zone. (Azer News, 31.03.2026)

### ●アゼルバイジャンが OPEC 基金から新たに受ける融資額は 1.1 億米ドル以上 水インフラ整備プロジェクト等に活用

Azerbaijan has been allocated more than \$110 million in new financing from the OPEC Fund for International Development, aimed at improving infrastructure and expanding access to finance for small businesses, the Fund said. The funding was approved at the institution's 195th Governing Board meeting as part of a broader \$890 million package supporting development projects across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe. Under the public sector window, Azerbaijan will receive a \$90.4 million worth loan for the Sumqayit Wastewater Treatment Plant Project to construct a 100,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day facility. The project will improve sanitation for at least 427,000 people, reduce pollution in the Caspian Sea and enable the reuse of treated water for agriculture. In the private sector, Azerbaijan will benefit from an additional \$20 million, marking the OPEC Fund's first synthetic local currency loan — to support a systemic financial institution and expand MSME lending. (Trend, 26.03.2026)

### ●カザフスタン大使とババエフ気候変動大統領特使が地域の環境アジェンダ等につき意見交換

Alim Bayel, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Azerbaijan met with Mukhtar Babayev, the Azerbaijani President's Representative on Climate Issues, to discuss bilateral and regional environmental cooperation. The sides exchanged views on the environmental agenda, protection of the Caspian Sea ecosystem, preparations for upcoming joint events, and mutual support for international environmental initiatives. During the meeting, Bayel reiterated an invitation for Azerbaijan to actively participate in the upcoming Regional Ecological Summit, scheduled to take place in Astana from April 22 to 24, 2026. As part of the summit, the first meeting of a joint working group will be held to study the causes behind the declining water levels of the Caspian Sea. The participants expressed hope that the summit would mark a significant step toward establishing a unified regional environmental security system in the Caspian basin. Bayel also briefed his counterpart on an initiative by Kassym-Jomart Tokayev to establish a fully-fledged water organization within the framework of the United Nations system. Babayev noted that Azerbaijan fully supports this initiative, describing it as highly relevant in addressing accumulated challenges in water resource management amid global climate change. (Azer News, 27.03.2026)

**●アルバニアのガス会社とアドリア海横断パイプライン（TAP）コンソーシアムがガスマンテナンスサービスの契約を更新**

Albanian Gas Service Company (AGSCo.) and the Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) consortium have renewed the agreement for gas network maintenance services, Albanian Minister of Infrastructure and Energy Enea Karakaçi said on March 30. “Another significant step for Albania’s energy sector. The signing of the agreement with TAP for the continued provision of gas network maintenance services by AGSCo., the consortium formed by the state company Albgaz and SNAM, further highlights the growing capabilities that Albania has achieved in this strategic sector, which continues to attract increasing attention,” the Minister said. (Trend, 27.03.2026)

**●トタル社と UAE マスダール社が 22 億米ドルで合弁会社を設立 アゼルバイジャンを含む地域にてグリーンプロジェクトを推進**

TotalEnergies and Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company PJSC – Masdar, a global clean energy leader, have signed a binding agreement to establish a \$2.2bn 50/50 joint venture (JV) that will merge their onshore renewable activities in nine countries across Asia, Masdar told on April 2. As electricity demand accelerates across Asia, this partnership brings together capital and expertise to deliver renewable energy at the scale and speed required. Once the transaction is closed, the JV will act as both companies’ sole vehicle for developing, building, owning and operating onshore solar, wind and battery storage projects in Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea and Uzbekistan. The JV will have a portfolio capacity of 3 GW of operational assets and 6 GW of assets in advanced development that are expected to be operational by 2030. Each partner will contribute assets of comparable value. The JV, which will be headquartered in Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM), will be staffed by around 200 employees from both TotalEnergies and Masdar.. (Apa, 02.04.2026)

**●SOCAR トレーディング社とエジプト General Petroleum 社が協力枠組みに合意 原油精製やアゼリライトの輸出等も視野に**

A framework agreement on cooperation was signed on April 1 in Cairo between SOCAR Trading and the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC) as part of the 9th Egypt International Energy Show (EGYPS 2026). The document, which is covering the supply of LNG, crude oil and petroleum products, as well as investments, training, and education programs, was signed by Natig Mustafayev, Chief Executive Officer of SOCAR Trading, and Salah Abdel Karim, Chief Executive Officer of EGPC. Natig Mustafayev noted that SOCAR has already been cooperating with Egypt for 15 years. “SOCAR Trading has already been supplying liquefied natural gas to Egypt for the past nine months. The agreement, which covers a period of two and a half years, envisages the expansion of energy cooperation between SOCAR and EGPC. SOCAR plans to further deepen its cooperation with the Egyptian side. In this direction, possibilities for oil refining in Egypt and the export of Azeri Light crude oil to the country are being considered. The parties intend to accelerate the development of cooperation through the framework agreement signed today,” Mustafayev said. (Azertag, 01.04.2026)

**●バクー・スプサパイプラインのジョージア区間の稼働期間が延長予定**

The operational period of the Georgian section of the Baku-Supsa pipeline is set to be extended. A legislative initiative regarding the extension of the operational period of the Baku-Supsa oil pipeline segment passing through Georgia has been prepared. The draft law was presented in its first reading at a meeting of the Georgian Parliament’s Economic Policy Committee. Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development Inga Pkhaladze stated that the agreement signed on March 8, 1996, between the Georgian International Oil Corporation and oil companies

on the construction and operation of the Georgian section of the Baku-Supsa pipeline will expire on April 24 this year. (Apa, 31.03.2026)

●エネルギー規制庁（AERA）とアゼルバイジャン国際銀行（ABB）がエネルギー効率基金からの優遇融資で合意 省エネ対策促進へ

The Azerbaijan Energy Regulatory Agency (AERA) and the International Bank of Azerbaijan (ABB) signed a cooperation agreement for the provision of preferential loans from the Energy Efficiency Fund through an authorized credit organization. This partnership enables the allocation of preferential loans from the Fund to promote energy efficiency measures. The parties reached an agreement on the issuance of preferential loans from the Fund to encourage energy efficiency measures, including the terms of preferential loans, accounting procedures, monitoring of intended use, repayment, and the accountability of the authorized credit institution to the Agency. (Azertag, 03.04.2026)

## 2. マクロ経済・財政

公式為替レート(出典：中央銀行)

Date	03/16	03/17	03/18	03/19	03/31	04/01	04/02	04/03
USD/ AZN	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000
EURO/AZN	1.9453↓	1.9545↑	1.9621↑	1.9498↓	1.9498	1.9661↑	1.9615↓	1.9608↓

●中銀が政策金利を 6.5%で据置き

On April 2, the Central Bank of Azerbaijan (CBA) announced its next decision on the interest rate. By decision of the CBA's Board, the interest rate has been kept unchanged at 6.5%, the lower bound of the interest rate corridor at 5.5%, and the upper bound at 7.5%. (Apa, 02.04.2026)

●今年 3 月時点のアゼルバイジャン銀行部門の延滞債権は 3.3 億米ドル 前年同期比 17%増

The volume of overdue loans in Azerbaijan's banking system stood at 562 million manats (\$330.6 million) as of March 1 this year. According to the Central Bank of Azerbaijan (CBA), this is by 7.15 % more compared to the beginning of the year, and by 17.1% more year-on-year. By the end of March, the share of overdue loans in the total loan portfolio reached 1.8%. At the end of February, this figure stood at 1.6%, and at the end of March last year also at 1.6%. (Apa, 02.04.2026)

●今年 4 月 1 日時点で中

銀保有の外貨準備高は 117 億米ドル 第 1 四半期時点から 1.2%増

Central Bank's foreign exchange reserves increased by 1.2% in the first quarter of 2026, reaching \$11.7 billion as of April 1, the Central Bank said. (Apa, 02.04.2026)

## 3. 国内経済

●アリエフ大統領がシャマヒ県を視察

On March 23, President Aliyev visited Shamakhi region and:

- Attended opening of “Shirvan Agro” livestock complex
- Attended opening of new building of Shamakhi European Lyceum
- Attended opening of “Absheron” Battery Energy Storage Center. (Azertag, 23.03.2026)

### ●今年 1～2 月における国産自動車生産台数が急増 輸入量は減少

A total of 134 trucks were produced in Azerbaijan in January–February this year, State Statistical Committee said. This figure increased by 11.2 times compared to the same period last year. Additionally, 716 passenger cars were produced during the reporting period, which is by 53.3% more year-on-year. It should be noted that during the reporting period, imports of motor vehicles designed to carry 10 or more people, including the driver, increased by 2.3 times to 243 units, imports of passenger cars and other motor vehicles mainly intended for transporting people decreased by 31.4% to 10,488 units, and imports of motor vehicles for cargo transportation decreased by 13.4% to 1,096 units. (Apa, 27.03.2026)

### ●4 月 1 日から電子タバコを全面禁止

Individuals who use electronic cigarettes in places where smoking is prohibited, including streets and other public areas, will be fined from April 1. This is reflected in amendments to the Code of Administrative Offenses approved by President Aliyev. Starting from April 1, a fine of 30 manats will be imposed for the use of electronic cigarettes in places where smoking is prohibited, including streets and other public areas. Note that under amendments to the law “On Tobacco and Tobacco Products,” the import, export, production, storage, wholesale and retail sale, as well as the use of electronic cigarettes and their components will be banned starting from April 1. (Apa, 01.04.2026)

### ●石英砂の生産プロジェクトがハジガブル産業パークで開始

A new industrial project focused on production of enriched quartz sand and technical construction sand will be implemented in Hajigabul Industrial Park. According to the Ministry of Economy, “AzerKvars” LLC has been granted resident status in the park, which is managed by the Economic Zones Development Agency under the Ministry. The project, valued at 15 million manats, envisages the construction of a manufacturing facility that will process raw materials extracted from the Hajivalli deposit located in the Hajigabul district. The plant will specialize in the production of enriched quartz sand and technical construction sand. As part of the initiative, 50 new jobs are expected to be created. (Azer News, 01.04.2026)

### ●国家観光庁が三つ星ホテル 4 件の星を取消 国内の星付きホテルの数は 283 軒から 279 軒に

The State Tourism Agency has revoked the star category of four hotels in Azerbaijan. The decision applied to 3-star hotels. As a result, the number of star-rated hotels in the country has decreased from 283 to 279. Two of the star revoked hotels are located in Baku and two in the regions. Currently, Azerbaijan has 23 five-star hotels, 43 four-star hotels, 97 three-star hotels, 84 two-star hotels, and 32 one-star hotels. In Baku alone, there are 206 star-rated hotels, accounting for approximately 74% of all such hotels nationwide. (report.az, 03.04.2026)

### ●生態系保存のため内水面における商業漁獲を 4 月 1 日から 9 月 1 日まで禁止

Azerbaijan banned commercial fishing and other aquatic biological resources in large inland water bodies starting from April 1, Ministry of Agriculture said. The ban was introduced due to the spawning season and will last from April 1 to September 1 in Kur River, Lake Sarisu, and the Mingachevir, Shamkir, Araz, and Yenikand reservoirs. Starting from September 1, commercial fishing in these water bodies may resume for those with a fishing license, in accordance with

established regulations. Recreational and sport fishing do not require a fishing license; it is permitted throughout the year, provided established regulations are observed. Violations of fishing regulations and the illegal harvesting of aquatic biological resources are subject to administrative and criminal penalties. (report.az, 03.04.2026)

#### 4. 対外経済関係

##### ●ママドフ農業大臣がウズベキスタンを訪問 農業研究センター等を視察

- As part of the visit to Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan's Minister of Agriculture Majnun Mammadov met with Minister of Agriculture of Uzbekistan Ibrokhim Abdurakhmonov. The sides discussed the current state of cooperation between Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan in the agricultural sector. The Agricultural Research Center (ATM) under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS) under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan signed a MoU on Cooperation on the sidelines of the meeting. Under the memorandum, which outlines the priority areas of future cooperation in the agricultural sector, the parties agreed to enhance collaboration in the fields of agricultural research and education.
- As part of the visit to Uzbekistan Mammadov also met with Minister of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry of the Republic of Italy Francesco Lollobrigida and President of the Italian Trade Agency (ITA) Matteo Zoppas. The meetings focused on enhancing agricultural cooperation by boosting trade in food products and fostering direct ties between entrepreneurs through international exhibitions. The sides also exchanged views on technology transfer, joint research, and the exchange of expertise in key sectors such as winemaking, animal husbandry, and dairy farming. On the margins of the meeting, the "Agro Procurement and Supply" OJSC under the Ministry of Agriculture and "Coldiretti", the main Italian farmer organization, as well as the "Filiere Italia" Association, which combines agriculture and agro-industrial sectors, signed a memorandum of cooperation. Under the agreement, the parties will expand cooperation across the agricultural and agro-industrial sectors to build a productive, sustainable, and export-driven economy. (Azertag, 24.03.2026)

##### ●2025年におけるアゼルバイジャンの対外直接投資額は66億ドル 中露との相互投資拡大

- In 2025, Azerbaijan made \$9.957 million in direct investments in the Chinese economy. Central Bank of Azerbaijan informs that this is by 3.6 times higher than was in 2024. During the reporting period, the share of Azerbaijan's investments in total foreign investments in China increased from 0.2% to 0.4%. Over the same period, China invested \$26.895 million directly in Azerbaijan's economy, which is 53% higher than the previous year. China's share in total foreign investments in Azerbaijan also rose from 0.2% to 0.4%.
- In 2025, Azerbaijan made direct investments of \$52.776 million in Russia's economy, 2.8 times more year-on-year, Central Bank of Azerbaijan said. During the year, Russia invested \$267.805 million in Azerbaijan's economy, which is by 14.2% more than was in the previous year.
- In 2025, Azerbaijan's direct investments in other countries amounted to \$6.6 billion (6.4% less year-on-year), while foreign direct investments in Azerbaijan reached \$2.5 billion, marking a 43.4% increase. (report.az, 21.03.2026)

**●国連食糧農業機関（FAO）がアゼルバイジャンに養殖漁業 5 か年計画案を提示 チョウザメやマスの養殖を強化**

FAO recommends that Azerbaijan to prepare a five-year national aquaculture development plan based on ecosystem-based principles, reads the FAO technical note "Future pathways for Aquaculture and Fisheries Development in Azerbaijan". According to the FAO, this plan should encompass a number of specialized strategies, including a sturgeon farming development strategy aimed at improving the production and value chain and promoting the brand of Azerbaijani black caviar and sturgeon products; a trout farming development strategy aimed at increasing productivity and reducing production costs to international standards; and a carp farming development strategy aimed at transitioning from established extensive systems to more intensive and water-efficient technologies. The plan should also include a national reproduction program to ensure scientifically sound restoration of sturgeon and Caspian salmon populations, an aquaculture animal health management system designed to establish effective biosecurity based on FAO best practices, and increased feed production to reduce dependence on imported feed for trout and sturgeon. (report.az, 28.03.2026)

**●ジャバロフ経済大臣がトルコ Fiba ホールディングの代表と面会 再エネやインフラ分野等協力機会を模索**

On March 31, Azerbaijan's Economy Minister Mikayil Jabbarov met with representatives of Türkiye's Fiba Holding. During the meeting, the sides discussed the development of business partnerships and potential avenues for cooperation. The Turkish side was briefed on Azerbaijan's business and investment climate. The parties also reviewed opportunities for joint activities in renewable energy and infrastructure projects, as well as in the fields of energy supply, tourism, and construction. (Azertag, 31.03.2026)

**●ジャバロフ経済大臣が中国シルクロードファンドの副総裁と面会 非石油部門や技術移転等につき意見交換**

On March 31, Azerbaijan's Economy Minister Mikayil Jabbarov met with Si Xinbo, Executive Vice President of the Silk Road Fund and a member of its Investment Committee. During the meeting, the sides emphasized that Azerbaijan-China relations have reached the level of a strategic partnership, with economic cooperation steadily expanding. The importance of expanding cooperation in the non-oil and gas sector, technology transfer, and sustainable development, with a particular focus on innovation, was underscored. The parties discussed initiatives to strengthen economic partnership, including the creation of a joint investment fund between the Azerbaijan Investment Holding and the Silk Road Fund. They also reviewed prospects for implementing investment projects in industry, energy, finance, and other priority areas, as well as expanding financing mechanisms. (Azertag, 31.03.2026)

**●ママドフ農業大臣がハンガリー関係者と面談 農業部門における貿易や先進技術の移転、教育等につき意見交換**

On March 31, Azerbaijan's Minister of Agriculture Majnun Mammadov met with Hungarian Ambassador to Azerbaijan Tamás Torma, Executive Head of the Representation Office of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) in Budapest Balázs Hendrich, and Operations Director of the Budapest Drought Prevention Institute László Örloş. During the meeting, the parties discussed prospects for enhancing bilateral cooperation in agriculture, increasing trade turnover, transferring advanced technologies, implementing joint projects in climate, water, and soil management, as well as conducting research and educational exchange programs. The meeting also featured an extensive exchange of views on issues of mutual interest. (Azertag, 31.03.2026)

## ●ジャバロフ経済大臣がトルクメニスタンの副首相と面談 物流等重要分野における協力につき議論

- On April 1, Azerbaijan's Minister of Economy Mikayil Jabbarov met with Nokerguly Atagulyyev, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan and Co-Chair of the Joint Intergovernmental Commission on Economic and Humanitarian Cooperation between Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan. They reviewed Azerbaijan–Turkmenistan economic cooperation, emphasizing sustainable growth, the strengthening of trade and investment, and opportunities for joint projects across various sectors. The parties also discussed strategic priorities of bilateral cooperation and the expansion of joint efforts in energy, transport, logistics, and other areas.
- On April 1, Rashad Nabiyev, Azerbaijani Minister of Digital Development and Transport, met with a delegation led by Nokerguly Atagulyyev. The meeting focused on enhancing cooperation in the transport sector and addressed ongoing matters of mutual interest.
- A meeting was held on April 1 at Baku International Sea Port between Rovshan Rustamov, Chairman of Azerbaijan Railways CJSC (ADY), a company within AZCON Holding, and Nokerguly Atagulyyev. The Turkmen delegation was provided with detailed information about the Port of Baku, including the work carried out following its integration into ADY and the port's role in multimodal transportation along the Middle Corridor. It was noted that last year the port handled a record volume of cargo—over 100,000 TEU containers. The parties exchanged views on improving infrastructure at the Turkmenbashi International Sea Port, including seabed deepening, as well as increasing cargo transportation through the port. The sides emphasized the importance of digital data exchange to ensure coordinated operations between the railways and international seaports of the two countries. They also highlighted potential measures to expand cooperation in multimodal transport within the framework of the Middle Corridor and the Eurasian Transport Route, as well as to increase cargo flow in the East–West–East direction. (Azertag, 01.04.2026)

## ●アゼルバイジャンとカザフスタン、浚渫船導入で合弁設立へ 輸送・物流協力を協議

On April 2, Rashad Nabiyev, Azerbaijan's Minister of Digital Development and Transport, held a meeting with Nurlan Zhakupov, Chairman of the Board of Samruk-Kazyna JSC in Baku. During the meeting, the current state and prospects of bilateral cooperation in the transport and logistics sector were discussed. The parties also exchanged views on the results achieved and key objectives within the framework of joint dredging operations at ports in Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan. At the conclusion of the meeting, a shareholders' agreement was signed between AZCON Holding and Samruk-Kazyna Invest LLP, a subsidiary of Samruk-Kazyna JSC, for the establishment of a joint venture aimed at purchasing a dredging vessel and carrying out dredging operations. (Azertag, 02.04.2026)

Azerbaijan Transport and Communications Holding (AZCON Holding) and Samruk-Kazyna Invest LLC, a subsidiary of Kazakhstan's Samruk-Kazyna JSC, signed a shareholders' agreement to establish a joint venture for the purchase of a dredging vessel and the implementation of dredging operations, Rashad Nabiyev, Azerbaijan's Minister of Digital Development and Transport posted on X on April 2. The signing ceremony took place during Nabiyev's meeting in Azerbaijan with Nurlan Jakupov, Chairman of the Management Board of Samruk-Kazyna JSC, who is on a working visit to Azerbaijan. "The meeting also discussed the current state and prospects of bilateral cooperation in transport and logistics. We exchanged views on the results achieved and the main objectives within the framework of the joint dredging project in Azerbaijani and Kazakh ports," Nabiyev said. (report.az, 02.04.2026)

**●アリエフ大統領が現下の地政学的情勢により自国の物流プロジェクトの重要性が増している旨言及**

In the current geopolitical environment, projects such as the Middle Corridor, the Trans-Caspian Corridor, and the Zangezur Corridor are becoming increasingly important, President Aliyev said on April 2 during his meeting with participants of the meeting of the Heads of Government/Vice President of the member states of the Organization of Turkic States in Baku. “The Middle Corridor passing through our countries serves the interests of all of us. A large portion of the work on the territory of Azerbaijan has already been completed. Our railways, the Baku Trade Port, highways, and airports — all transport infrastructure has been brought to full readiness,” the Azerbaijani President added. (Azer News, 02.04.2026)

**●アサドフ首相がテュルク諸国機構との貿易拡大等につき言及 今年の加盟国との貿易高は 5パーセント増**

Speaking at the meeting of the heads of government and vice presidents of OTS member states held in Baku on April 2, Prime Minister Ali Asadov emphasized the expanding scope of relations among Turkic countries. Azerbaijan’s trade turnover with member states of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) increased by more than 5% last year, reflecting growing economic cooperation within the bloc, he said. He noted that there are significant opportunities to deepen cooperation across multiple sectors, including political engagement, economic ties, transport and transit, energy security, digital transformation, and humanitarian fields. “In this regard, further expansion of trade and investment relations between our countries is of particular importance. Positive dynamics have been observed in this direction in recent years,” he said. “Azerbaijan’s total investments in OTS member states have reached \$21 billion. Joint investment funds established with partner countries are playing a key role in expanding mutual investments in priority sectors and strengthening overall economic cooperation”, he said. At the same time, Asadov stressed that existing figures do not fully reflect the bloc’s potential, noting that there is considerable room for further growth and integration among Turkic states. (Azer News, 02.04.2026)

**●カザフスタンがザンゲズル回廊（当館注：TRIPP）プロジェクトへの参加に関心**

Kazakhstan has expressed its readiness to participate in the development of Zangezur Corridor, a key regional transport initiative aimed at enhancing connectivity across Eurasia. Speaking at the second meeting of prime ministers and vice presidents of member states of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) held in Baku on April 2, Kazakhstan’s Prime Minister Olzhas Bektenov underscored the strategic importance of strengthening regional transport links amid rising geopolitical tensions. “In the current environment of growing geopolitical tensions, interruptions are being observed in trade and transport routes that ensure food and energy security,” he said. He emphasized that the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route (TITR), also known as the Middle Corridor, stands out as one of the most reliable and secure transit routes under present conditions. “To elevate the institutional status of the Middle Corridor, we plan to sign a relevant intergovernmental agreement with Azerbaijan this year,” Bektenov stated. The Kazakh prime minister also stressed the importance of maintaining the sustainability of this route while ensuring its integration with the Zangezur Corridor, which is expected to significantly enhance regional connectivity. “In this context, Kazakhstan is ready to participate in the project, and a number of Kazakh companies have already expressed interest in the construction and modernization of railway infrastructure,” he added. (Azer News, 02.04.2026)

●**テュルク諸国機構の共同声明 関係国間の関税障壁撤廃で相互貿易を推進する努力を再確認**  
The heads of government of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) emphasized the importance of expanding economic ties and investment cooperation among member and observer states following their meeting in Baku, as outlined in the joint statement issued after the second meeting of OTS heads of government held in Baku on April 2. The statement calls for special attention to promoting joint projects, improving the business and investment environment, and strengthening links between business communities. Participants also reaffirmed their commitment to increasing mutual trade among member states by eliminating non-tariff barriers. The heads of government stressed their readiness to enhance cooperation in mutually beneficial industrial sectors, as well as the importance of collaboration in standardization, digitalization, and the promotion of green technologies. (report.az, 02.04.2026)

●**武漢発バクー行き直通貨物列車が初運行 中央回廊・カスピ海経由で 18 日**  
A China-Europe freight train carrying electronic equipment, household appliances, and daily consumer goods has departed for Baku from Wuhan, Hubei Province. The first direct China-Europe freight train from Wuhan to Baku along the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route, the Middle Corridor, will pass through the Horgos border crossing in China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region (XUAR) into Kazakhstan and onward across the Caspian Sea to Baku. The rail-sea multimodal transport route is expected to reach Baku in 18 days. Compared with traditional international logistics channels, the route offers lower geopolitical risks, stronger supply chain resilience, and more manageable transport link. (Azertag, 02.04.2026)

●**アゼルバイジャン食品安全庁をチリ臨時代理大使が訪問 協力関係深化を模索**  
Chargé d'Affaires of Chile in Azerbaijan Juan Carlos Salazar Alvarez visited the Azerbaijan Food Safety Agency on April 2. During the meeting, the sides welcomed continuation of cooperation between Azerbaijan and Chile in food safety, plant protection, and animal health, both within international organizations and on a bilateral basis. Given the significant potential in import and export procedures, the parties agreed to further expand cooperation in these areas. (Azertag, 02.04.2026)

●**アゼルバイジャン銀行協会が中国銀行業協会と面談 金融分野で連携強化**  
As part of a visit to China, a delegation from the Azerbaijan Banks Association (ABA), headed by President Zakir Nuriyev, attended a working meeting with the leadership of the China Banking Association (CBA). During the meeting, the parties explored the activities, priorities, and future cooperation prospects of the banking associations. Presentations highlighted the financial sectors of both countries, noting that Azerbaijan ranks first globally in “financial services” in the World Bank’s 2025 report, with its regulatory framework credited for this achievement. CBA executives outlined China’s banking sector and strategic goals, while ABA officials highlighted the Association’s mission, its international partnerships, and Azerbaijan–China cooperation. The sides also discussed ways to exchange banking expertise and pursue potential joint projects, concluding with a preliminary agreement to sign a cooperation memorandum between ABA and CBA. (Azertag, 03.04.2026)

●**アゼルバイジャン輸出投資促進庁 (AZPROMO) が中国国際経済技術交流センターと面談 9 月に北京で開催される見本市へのアゼルバイジャン企業の参加等につき意見交換**  
On April 3, Azerbaijan Export and Investment Promotion Agency (AZPROMO) hosted a meeting with a delegation from the China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE). The discussion focused on trade and investment relations between Azerbaijan and

China. CICETE, the organizer of CIFTIS, discussed opportunities for Azerbaijani companies to participate in the Beijing exhibition, scheduled for September 9–13, and explored involving local staff in its training programs on the Chinese market and marketing strategies. (Azertag, 03.04.2026)

●**エイユボフ第一副首相が CIS 経済委員会に参加 放射性廃棄物管理等の優先事項につき議論**

The CIS Economic Council held its regular session in Moscow, focusing on economic cooperation and adopting a series of key decisions and documents. Azerbaijan's First Deputy Prime Minister Yaqub Eyyubov attended the session, featuring discussions on economic cooperation among CIS member states. Following the session, the CIS member states approved the main priorities for cooperation in managing radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel through 2030. Amendments were also made to the Charter of the Radionavigation Interstate Council, and several institutions were granted base organization status. Additionally, drafts of the Mining and Metallurgy Digital Transformation Concept and the 2026–2030 Interstate Radionavigation Program were reviewed for submission to the CIS Council of Heads of Government. Discussions also covered uranium mining site restoration and geoinformation technology development. The next CIS Economic Council session is set for June 2026 in Moscow. (Azertag, 03.04.2026)

●**アゼルコスモスと衛星通信会社 Viasat 社が機内インターネットサービスに関する協力で合意**

Azercosmos, the Space Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Viasat Inc., a global leader in satellite communications, have signed a cooperation agreement to provide In-Flight Connectivity (IFC) services. Under the agreement, Viasat and Azercosmos will provide modern, high-speed, and reliable in-flight internet services to airlines operating in Azerbaijan, thereby offering more effective service to customers and partners. This agreement will contribute to the expansion of digital services, the strengthening of communication capabilities in air transport, and the further enhancement of the passenger experience. Additionally, a working meeting was held between the partners to discuss the details of the agreement and future cooperation within the framework of the Space Technology Conference (STC 2026) held in Tashkent. (Azertag, 03.04.2026)

●**アルメニアの経済大臣が自国産アルミ箔のアゼルバイジャンへの輸出に関心**

Azerbaijan has shown particular interest in importing aluminum foil from Armenia, Armenia's Minister of Economy Gevork Papoyan said on April 3. "The Azerbaijani side submitted a specific request indicating the thickness, quality, volume, and delivery time of the foil. The Armenian manufacturer clarified the volume, price, and delivery time, but no response has been received yet," he noted. (Azertag, 03.04.2026)

●**デジタル開発運輸副大臣がトルコ大統領府の投資金融部門代表等とデジタル化や AI 等に関し意見交換**

On April 3, Rashad Hasanov, Azerbaijan's Deputy Minister of Digital Development and Transport met with representatives of the Investment and Finance Office of the Presidency of Türkiye, as well as executives of companies engaged in the financial and banking sectors. Deputy Minister Rashad Hasanov provided insight into Azerbaijan's efforts in the fields of digitalization, artificial intelligence, and innovative financing. The sides discussed prospects for cooperation. (Azertag, 03.04.2026)

●**ドイツが中央回廊の可能性を調査するビジネス代表団を 6 月～7 月にアゼルバイジャンに派遣予定**

Germany's State Agency for Foreign Trade Promotion, NRW.Global Business, will organize a business mission to Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan from June 29 to July 3. The trip aims to capitalize on the dynamic development of the Middle Corridor – the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route. NRW.Global Business notes that freight volumes along the corridor have grown sharply in recent years and are expected to continue rising significantly through 2030. "For companies from North Rhine-Westphalia, this presents attractive business opportunities, especially considering the forecasted investment needs of around €20 billion by 2030," the Agency said. (Apa, 03.04.2026)

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