

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

- イスラエルのモサドとアゼルバイジャンの情報機関が、アゼルバイジャン国内でのイランの作戦を阻止

Israel's Mossad, Azerbaijani intelligence foil Iranian operation in Azerbaijan

Israeli security agencies — Mossad, Israel Defense Forces, and Shin Bet — revealed a covert terrorist net operated by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps aimed at targeting Israeli officials and strategic infrastructure worldwide. The exposure followed Operation Roaring Lion, during which key figures in the network, including senior commanders, were eliminated through Israeli airstrikes and intelligence operations.

As part of these developments, several weeks ago, authorities in Azerbaijan dismantled a local cell planning attacks on the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline and Jewish and Israeli-linked sites in Baku. Suspects were arrested with explosive drones and were reportedly conducting surveillance under Iranian direction.

The network, led by IRGC Unit 4000 operatives, coordinated global activities including recruitment, training, and intelligence gathering across multiple regions. Israeli officials say the disruption of such cells, including in Azerbaijan, highlights ongoing efforts to counter Iran-backed operations and prevent planned attacks abroad. (GOV.IL / 20.04.2026)

- カリム・ヴァリエフ・アゼルバイジャン国防次官兼陸軍参謀総長が、トルコ国防大学副学長のタラト・ジャンボラト教授と会談

First Deputy Minister of Defense - Chief of the General Staff of the Azerbaijan Army, Colonel General Karim Valiyev met Deputy Rector of the Turkish National Defense University, Professor Talat Canbolat

On Apr.20, the meeting included a broad exchange of views on the current state and development prospects of joint work done in the field of military education, as well as a number of issues of mutual interest. (AZERTAG / 20.04.2026)

- アゼルバイジャンがマレーシアで開催された「DSA 2026」展示会で製品を展示

Azerbaijan showcases its products at DSA 2026 exhibition in Malaysia

The Azerbaijani delegation led by Deputy Minister of Defense Industry Mehman Bakhishov is participating in the 19th edition of the Defense Services Asia (DSA 2026) exhibition in Kuala Lumpur. The Azerbaijani stand features 72 defense industry products manufactured by Azersilah Defense Industry Holding CJSC, along with products from USH Group, Synapline, Q-STP, 6L Systems, and RD Smart.

On the sidelines of the event, Deputy Minister Mehman Bakhishov held bilateral meetings with Deputy Minister of National Defense of Türkiye Musa Heybet, Deputy Minister of Defense of Malaysia Adly bin Zahari, and Aaron Beng, Chief of Defense Force of the Singapore Armed Forces. The officials also highlighted the importance of exchanging experience in the defense industry. (AZERTAG / 20.04.2026)

● **ヴァルダニャン氏、アルメニアの国民人権擁護官にバクー訪問を要請**
Vardanyan urges Armenian Ombudsman to visit Baku

In a statement addressed to the Human Rights Defender of Armenia, Anahit Manasyan, detained Armenian businessman Ruben Vardanyan stated that during a meeting in a Baku prison with Azerbaijani Ombudsman Sabina Aliyeva, he raised concerns about the conditions and rights of Armenian detainees. He noted that a possible visit to Baku by Armenia's Human Rights Defender Anahit Manasyan had been discussed and that Azerbaijan had expressed readiness to facilitate it, but the visit has not yet taken place. Vardanyan urged organizing such a visit and strengthening coordination between the two ombudsmen to address humanitarian issues. (NEWS.AM / 20.04.2026)

● **イラン、アゼルバイジャンでの破壊工作をテヘランが計画しているとするイスラエルの主張に反応**
Iran reacts to Israel allegation on Tehran preparing sabotage in Azerbaijan

The Iranian embassy in Azerbaijan categorically dismissed the recent statements by Israeli security agencies that individuals or organizations with ties to Iran have prepared actions against Israel's interests in Azerbaijan. "The purpose of such statements is to create a divide between Iran and Azerbaijan. The Israeli terrorist regime is trying to sow hostility between neighbors in order to achieve its own goals at the expense of others. This regime is constantly striving to expand the geographical scope of the conflict and bring the war to Iran's borders. That is why they have put the spread of disinformation and actions 'under a foreign flag' on the agenda. This is evidenced by the available facts, including suspicious drone attacks in the direction of the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic, the targeting of port and shipping infrastructure in the Caspian Sea, as well as attempts to destabilize the air and sea routes and economic activity in the region. In the context of the above, it is necessary to resist the conspiracies and destructive actions of the Israeli terrorist regime aimed at the friendly and brotherly relations between Iran and Azerbaijan," the Iranian embassy in Azerbaijan noted.

(NEWS.AM / 22.04.2026)

NOTE: *Israel has said its intelligence agencies have ‘exposed’ a terror network organised by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) through an investigation that followed what Azerbaijan said in March was a failed IRGC terrorist plot against several sites in the country, including the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) pipeline.*

The plot that Azerbaijan’s State Security Service said it had thwarted back in March also involved several Jewish and Israeli sites, and came at a time of heightened tension between Azerbaijan and Iran. Just days earlier, amidst the still-ongoing war in Iran, Baku said that Iranian drones had struck the Azerbaijani exclave of Nakhchivan, injuring several people.

Israel’s Mossad and Israel Security Agency said in a joint statement that ‘the cell worked to gather intelligence on targets using various methods, including physical surveillance and photography, all under direct orders from their handlers in Iran’.

The joint statement corroborated the allegations made by the Azerbaijan’s State Security Service at the time. ‘This exposure, alongside strenuous intelligence investigation and operational activities on the ground, led to the uncovering of the secret terrorist network that has been established within the IRGC and its chain of command’, the Mossad and Israel Security Agency said.

Among those revealed in the operation was a sleeper cell managed by ‘Mehdi Yeka-Dehqan, known as “The Doctor” who led terror efforts in Azerbaijan’, the agencies said. Dehqan’s cell was involved in a variety of plots in the region, including some ‘in which Azeri nationals were arrested on suspicion of gathering intelligence on Israeli targets, and military bases in Cyprus and Crete’.

The Azerbaijan’s State Security Service has not commented on the latest revelations by the Mossad and Israel Security Agency. The initial list of alleged collaborators in the foiled March attack included some Iranian nationals, but Dehqan’s name was not mentioned. (OC-MEDIA / 22.04.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン、大規模なサイバー犯罪および資金洗浄事件でロシア人に対し懲役 4 年の判決を下す**

Azerbaijan sentences Russian citizen to 4 years in major cybercrime and money laundering case

An Azerbaijani court has sentenced Russian citizen Alexander Vaysero to four years in prison for money laundering. The case is part of a broader trial in Baku involving eight Russian nationals accused of cyber fraud, drug trafficking, and related financial crimes. The defendants were arrested last summer during an operation by Azerbaijan’s Interior Ministry, and the court has rejected several defense requests, including appeals to ease their detention. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 22.04.2026)

● **ウクライナ、ドローン対策の防空分野でアゼルバイジャンに協力を提案**
Ukraine offers Azerbaijan cooperation in air defence against drones

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that Ukraine is offering countries of the Caucasus cooperation in air defense and protection against drones. Ukraine is already actively working in this area with countries of the Middle East and the Persian Gulf, the president wrote on his Telegram channel. (JAM-NEWS.NET/ 23.04.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャンとチェコ共和国の両国防省が二国間軍事協力計画に署名**
Azerbaijani and Czech Republic MoDs sign bilateral military cooperation plan

Representatives of the Defense Ministries of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Czech Republic held bilateral military cooperation talks. The current state and prospects for the development of military cooperation between the two countries were discussed. At the same time, a detailed exchange of views on issues of mutual interest was held, and various briefings were delivered. At the end of the talks, the parties signed Bilateral military cooperation plan for 2026. (TREND / 24.04.2026)

2. 内政関連

● **アリ・アサドフ氏は首相の職を解かれるのか？**
Is Ali Asadov being removed from the position of Prime Minister?

The article published in pro-government Qafqazinfo.az discusses the issue of corruption and ethical conduct among government officials in Azerbaijan, particularly in light of recent statements by President Aliyev. The president has repeatedly emphasized that officials must be professional, law-abiding, avoiding corruption, abuse of power, and misuse of their positions.

The article claims that some officials continue to accumulate vast wealth and maintain hidden business interests. It highlights Prime Minister Ali Asadov as an example, alleging that he has built a large business and construction empire during his time in government.

According to the report, several high-end properties and businesses in Baku—including restaurants such as “Manqal,” “Beer Hall,” “Narsharab,” and others, as well as hotels and residential developments—are linked to Asadov. These assets are described as highly valuable, raising questions about how they could be financed on a government salary.

The article also claims that some construction projects tied to officials have negatively affected ordinary citizens, including cases where people were displaced or pressured during development projects. In addition, it criticizes alleged practices within government circles, such as leaking sensitive information to the media to undermine rivals—something previously associated with figures like Ramiz Mehdiyev.

The article contrasts Asadov with former Prime Minister Artur Rasizade, who is portrayed as having left office without similar corruption allegations.

Overall, the piece argues that Ali Asadov's reported activities contradict the "new model" of ethical governance promoted in Azerbaijan and represent a continuation of old practices. It concludes by stating that further investigation into the issue will follow. (QAFQAZINFO / 17.04.2026)

NOTE: *Oppositional experts suggest that the published article is a sign / a warning that Ali Asadov may be dismissed from his position in the near future. Similar kind of articles publishing officials' corruption appeared in the media before their dismissal. It is believed that Ali Asadov will be a scape goat for the disastrous economic situation in the country.*

● **ザベリン議員がアゼルバイジャンにおけるロシア人コミュニティの代表に再選**
MP Zabelin re-elected head of Russian community in Azerbaijan

The Russian Community of Azerbaijan held a general reporting and election meeting on April 18 chaired by its founder, member of parliament Mikhail Zabelin (80 years old). During the meeting, reports on activities over the past two years were presented and elections to the community's governing bodies were held. The meeting concluded with a decision to continue the community's active work aimed at developing cultural interaction and strengthening social cohesion in Azerbaijan. (REPORT / 19.04.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン政府の批判者の妻が名誉毀損罪で起訴**
The wife of an Azerbaijani government critic faces libel charges

The wife of Azer Gasimli, a political scientist convicted in Azerbaijan, Samira Gasimli has been charged with defamation. The woman's criminal prosecution was launched based on a complaint filed by a person recognized as a victim in her husband's case. She said that a ban was applied for her to travel abroad and regards these steps as pressure for publicly supporting her husband's rights. (KAVKAZUZEL / 19.04.2026)

3. 外政関連

● **ガファロヴァ議会議長が、国際議会同盟（IPU）第152回総会の合間に会談を実施**
Speaker of the Parliament Sahiba Gafarova holds meetings on the sideline of the 152nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

Speaker Sahiba Gafarova met with Second Vice President of the National Assembly of Venezuela, Grecia Colmenares. The conversation reviewed the interparliamentary cooperation issues.

Speaker Sahiba Gafarova has taken part in a meeting between President of Türkiye Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and parliamentary speakers participating in the 152nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

Speaker Sahiba Gafarova met with President of the Chamber of Deputies of the National Congress of the Dominican Republic, Alfredo Pacheco. The sides exchanged views on the development of interparliamentary ties and other issues of mutual interest.

Speaker Sahiba Gafarova met with President of the Senate of the Federal Assembly of the Kingdom of Belgium, Vincent Blondel. The sides exchanged views on prospects for developing interparliamentary relations between the two countries. (TREND / 17.04.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンとアルメニアの国会議長がトルコのイスタンブールで会談 Azerbaijani and Armenian parliamentary speakers meet in Türkiye's Istanbul

On Apr.17, a bilateral meeting was held between the Speakers of the Parliaments of Azerbaijan and Armenia within the framework of the 152nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in Istanbul. The meeting positively noted recent processes related to strengthening peace and stability within the framework of the normalization of relations between the two countries, as well as the establishment and expansion of trade relations. The speakers positively assessed the contacts between the parliamentary delegations within the framework of international organizations after the meeting held in Geneva in October 2025 and agreed to continue these contacts. The speakers emphasized the importance of continuing constructive parliamentary dialogue to further strengthen trust between the two societies. (TREND / 17.04.2026)

NOTE: *Armenian Parliamentary Speaker Alen Simonyan has said that the release of Armenian detainees held in Azerbaijan and clarification of the fate of missing people should be achieved in order to 'achieve genuine reconciliation'. The remark was made at the Assembly of the IPU. Simonyan's speech focused heavily on the peace process, stating that 'after decades of suspicion and ill will, a new era of confidence-building has dawned' on Armenia and Azerbaijan. He highlighted progress on regional connectivity, particularly the Trump Route (TRIPP), describing it as a 'milestone' with the 'potential to promote stability, economic cooperation, and prosperity across the South Caucasus and beyond'.*

Speaker of the National Assembly (of Armenia, Alen Simonyan, met with the speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, Numan Kurtulmus. Simonyan expressed his satisfaction with the proposal made by his Turkish counterpart during the meeting with the speaker of the Georgian parliament, whereby Kurtulmus proposed to include Armenia in the Turkey-Georgia-Azerbaijan format, contributing to the development of peace and stability in the

region.

● CIS 外相理事会、統合に向けた新たな措置について協議

CIS Foreign Ministers Council discusses new steps in integration

On Apr. 17, a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) was held in Moscow. Azerbaijan was represented by Deputy Foreign Minister Samir Sharifov. "The sides exchanged views on current issues of the international agenda and cooperation within the CIS format. The next meeting of the CIS Council of Foreign Ministers will be held in October in Turkmenistan. (REPORT / 17.04.2026)

● アリエフ大統領が公務訪問のためトルコに到着

President Aliyev arrived in Türkiye for working visit

President Aliyev, First Lady Mehriban Aliyeva and their daughter Leyla Aliyeva arrived in Antalya on April 16 to participate in the 5th Antalya Diplomacy Forum.

On Apr. 17, President Aliyev met with Ahmed al-Sharaa, Transitional President of the Syrian Arab Republic, in Antalya. They. The sides exchanged views on the prospects for bilateral relations and highlighted the significance of implementing the project to export Azerbaijani gas to Syria via Turkish territory. Aliyev invited Ahmed al-Sharaa to visit Azerbaijan.

President Aliyev met with President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Tufan Erhürman. They touched upon the consistent support provided by Azerbaijan to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The parties underlined the importance of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus joining the Organization of Turkic States as an observer.

On April 17, President Aliyev met with Maia Sandu, President of the Republic of Moldova. They discussed prospects for Azerbaijan–Moldova relations and highlighted broad opportunities for energy cooperation between the countries.

President Aliyev met with Prime Minister of Pakistan Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on the margins of the 5th Antalya Diplomacy Forum. They discussed the growing Pakistan-Azerbaijan partnership.

President Aliyev met with President of the Republic of Türkiye Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in Antalya.

The opening ceremony of the 5th Antalya Diplomacy Forum was held in Antalya on April 17. President Aliyev and First Lady Mehriban Aliyeva attended the event.

In his speech, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan emphasized that the ongoing normalization

process between Türkiye and Armenia is being carried out in coordination with Azerbaijan. Speaking about the Organization of Turkic States, the Turkish President noted that the organization's activities are further developing, adding: "We continue to strongly support the East-West Middle Corridor initiative, which is the most reliable route in trade between Asia and Europe and passes through the Caspian Sea."

On April 18, a panel session on "United for Peace in Palestine: Confronting Scholasticide, Protecting Future" was held as part of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum.

First Lady Mehriban Aliyeva, along with her daughter Leyla Aliyeva, attended the event. (AZERTAG / 16-18.04.2026)

● **バイラモフ外相、第5回アンタルヤ外交フォーラムに出席** **FM Bayramov participated in the 5th Antalya Diplomacy Forum**

On Apr.17, FM Bayramov held bilateral meetings with:

- Portuguese FM Paulo Rangel
- Yemen's Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Shaya Mohsin Zindani
- Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Olivier Jean Patrick Nduhungirehe
- NATO Deputy Secretary General, Senior Assistant for Partnerships and Special Representative for the Caucasus and Central Asia, Ambassador Kevin Hamilton
- Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs, National Community Abroad and African Affairs of Algeria, Ahmed Attaf
- Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania Ferit Hoxha
- Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, Secretary General of D-8 Organization of Economic Development (D-8)
- First Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers and the Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov
- Kyrgyz Foreign Minister Jeenbek Kulubayev
- Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister Bakhtiyor Saidov
- Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan Ayman Safadi
- Guinea-Bissau's Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Communities, Joao Bernardo Vieira
- Pakistani Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar
- Magdalena Grono, European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus.
The sides exchanged views on advancing dialogue and cooperation in the region, with a particular focus on the Armenia–Azerbaijan normalization process. They also explored opportunities for expanding Azerbaijan-EU cooperation, including in energy

security, transport connectivity, and economic partnership, underlining the importance of sustained engagement. (TREND / 17-18.04.2026)

● **バイラモフ外相、トルコのアンタルヤで開催された OTS 外相理事会の非公式会合に出席**

Azerbaijan attends informal meeting of OTS Council of Foreign Ministers in Turkish Antalya

On April 18, FM Bayramov participated and delivered a speech at the informal meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS), held within the framework of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum. At the meeting, in the context of recent developments in the Middle East, the impact of the crisis on regional security, global and regional supply chains, as well as economic and investment relations was discussed. (TREND / 18.04.2026)

● **ハジエフ大統領補佐官が、第 5 回アンタルヤ外交フォーラムで会談を実施**
Azerbaijan's Presidential Aide held meetings at the 5th Antalya Diplomacy Forum

Assistant to the President of Azerbaijan, Head of the Foreign Policy Department of the Presidential Administration, Hikmat Hajiyev met with Deputy Foreign Minister of Venezuela, Andrea Corao Faria, on the sidelines of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum. The meeting held a fruitful exchange of views on Azerbaijan-Venezuela relations and opportunities for further strengthening bilateral cooperation.

Hikmat Hajiyev met with Burhanettin Duran, Head of the Communications Department of the Turkish Presidential Administration. They focused on the joint steps that can be taken in the areas of communication, media, and public diplomacy. (TREND, REPORT / 18.04.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャンと EU が二国間協定に関する協議を実施**
Azerbaijan, EU hold talks on bilateral documents

On April 16, a meeting was held in Brussels between the delegations of Azerbaijan and the EU to resume negotiations on a new bilateral agreement, as well as to conduct the next round of discussions on the Partnership Priorities document.

The Azerbaijani delegation was headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Yalchin Rafiyev, while the EU delegation was led by Audrone Perkauskiene, Deputy Managing Director of the European External Action Service. The discussions were aimed at achieving mutual understanding of the parties' positions on both documents and planning the next stages of negotiations. The next round of talks will take place in early June in Baku.

Yalchin Rafiyev also held meetings with Jan Dusik, Deputy Director-General of the European Commission for Climate Action, and Patrick Child, Deputy Director-General for Environment.

During the contacts, the sides exchanged views on the creation of an Azerbaijan-European Union dialogue format in the fields of climate action and environment, as well as on initiatives put forward within the framework of the COP process and international organizations dealing with climate and environmental issues. (TREND / 18.04.2026)

● ヴチッチ・セルビア大統領がアリエフ大統領と電話会談

President of Serbia Aleksandar Vučić made a phone call to President Aliyev

On Apr.19, the sides exchanged views on further strengthening bilateral relations and discussed plans to deepen economic cooperation, as well as further developing energy, investment, and new joint projects of strategic importance to both countries. The leaders expressed satisfaction with the launch of direct flights on the Belgrade–Baku route by Air Serbia starting from May 3. The heads of state exchanged views on the current situation in the Middle East and once again underlined the importance of restoring peace and stability as one of the main conditions for the security and development of the region. (AZERTAG / 19.04.2026)

● バイラモフ外相、公式訪問のためバンコクに到着

Azerbaijani FM arrives in Bangkok on visit

On Apr.20, FM Bayramov arrived in Bangkok to attend the 82nd session of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

FM Bayramov met with Prime Minister of Thailand Anutin Charnvirakul. The sides discussed the priorities of Azerbaijan as a Chair of the UNESCAP, prospects of bilateral relations between Azerbaijan and Thailand, and regional issues.

FM Bayramov met with Deputy Prime Minister / Foreign Affairs Minister Sihasak Phuangketkeow. The meeting discussed the current state and prospects of bilateral relations between Azerbaijan and Thailand, as well as reviewed the opportunities for developing political dialogue, expanding economic and trade cooperation, and deepening relations in the fields of culture and tourism.

FM Bayramov met with Sri Lanka's Minister of Rural Development, Social Security, and Community Empowerment Upali Pannilage. Discussions focused on strengthening economic ties, increasing trade turnover, and enhancing cooperation in education. The sides noted that more effective use of existing tourism potential could also contribute positively to broader collaboration.

FM Bayramov met with his Lao counterpart Thongsavanh Phomvihane. The sides discussed the current state of bilateral relations, as well as prospects for expanding cooperation in the

political, economic, humanitarian, transport, logistics, and other fields, highlighting the importance of the Middle Corridor in this regard.

FM Bayramo met with Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). The sides discussed the current state and prospects of cooperation between Azerbaijan and UNESCAP. The parties signed an MoU on cooperation between the Azerbaijan International Development Agency (AIDA) under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan and UNESCAP.

Azerbaijan will preside over the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) during the next year. FM Bayramov was elected chair of the 82nd session of UNESCAP within the framework of his working visit to Bangkok.

Bayramov, speaking as the chairperson of the session, presented Azerbaijan's priorities in the areas of inclusive development, digital transformation, green energy, regional connectivity, and multilateral cooperation. (MFA.GOV.AZ / 20.04.2026)

● バクー、反アゼルバイジャン文書をめぐりベルギーとオランダの大使を召喚

Baku summons Belgium and Dutch ambassadors over anti-Azerbaijani documents

On Apr.20, Ambassador of Belgium, Julien de Fraipont, and Ambassador of the Netherlands, Marianne de Jong, were summoned to the Azerbaijani MFA. The ministry expressed a strong protest against the documents adopted by the Parliaments of Belgium and the Netherlands on April 16, 2026, which are yet another irresponsible attempt to undermine the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan, as well as the ongoing peace process between Azerbaijan and Armenia. The ministry noted that the unacceptable claims contained in the documents are a gross violation of international law and a clear interference in the rule of law. The Belgian and Dutch sides were urged to take effective measures to prevent damage to bilateral relations caused by anti-Azerbaijani groups in parliament. (TREND / 20.04.2026)

NOTE: *On April 16, the House of Representatives of the Netherlands passed two motions by MP Don Ceder on the release of Armenian prisoners in Azerbaijan and the recognition of the Armenian Genocide.*

On the same day, the Chamber of Representatives of Belgium passed a resolution by Michel de Maegd on the right of return of the Armenian residents of Nagorno-Karabakh, under international security guarantees, the establishment of an effective international monitoring mechanism, the withdrawal of Azerbaijani armed forces from their positions since May 12, 2021, and the resolution of the issue of Armenian prisoners and civilians held in Baku .

On Apr.20, Maxime Prevot, Belgium's deputy prime minister and foreign minister had a phone call with the Armenian FM Mirzoyan. "I welcome the continued engagement of both Armenia

and Azerbaijan in the peace process and express my hope for the prompt signing of a peace agreement," Prevot said.

Azerbaijan's Milli Majlis strongly condemned documents adopted by Parliaments of Belgium and Netherlands. "The adoption of these documents, particularly at the time of another meeting of the Speakers of Parliament of Azerbaijan and Armenia, clearly demonstrate that the 'initiators' true intentions are not to promote peace and dialogue, but to incite hostility and revenge", the Parliament said.

● **アルメニア議会議長：アゼルバイジャンがアルメニア・トルコ間の関係正常化プロセスを妨害している**

Armenian Speaker: Azerbaijan hindering Armenia-Turkey normalization process

Speaker of the Armenian Parliament Alen Simonyan stated that the Armenia–Turkey land border remains closed despite earlier conditions being formally addressed. He explained that Turkey had initially linked the opening to the resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh issue, and later to an Armenia–Azerbaijan peace agreement, which has largely been negotiated but not finalized. Simonyan argued that Azerbaijan is currently hindering the process through its influence, claiming it is simultaneously negotiating with Armenia while preventing Turkey from moving forward, describing the situation as contradictory and restrictive. (NEWS.AM / 20.04.2026)

● **アムネスティ・インターナショナル、アゼルバイジャンにおける人権侵害を批判**

Amnesty International criticized human rights violations in Azerbaijan

Amnesty International sharply criticized human rights violations in Azerbaijan in its annual report published April 21. It said authorities suppress dissent, imprison hundreds on politically motivated charges, restrict independent NGOs, and disperse peaceful protests, while torture and impunity remain widespread. Women and LGBTI+ people face discrimination and persecution. Despite this, the report notes Azerbaijan has deepened ties with the U.S. and the EU. Azerbaijani authorities have not yet commented, but have previously rejected such reports as biased. Ombudsperson Sabina Aliyeva earlier protested a similar report in a letter to the organization. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 21.04.2026)

● **EU 理事会、ルクセンブルクで、アゼルバイジャン・アルメニア関係および南コーカサスの安定について協議する予定**

EU Council set to discuss Azerbaijan-Armenia relations and South Caucasus stability in Luxembourg

The EU's Foreign Affairs Council met in Luxembourg on Apr.21, with the South Caucasus region high on the agenda. Chaired by EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and

Security Policy Kaja Kallas, the Council exchanged views on the regional landscape, specifically focusing on the ongoing normalization process between Azerbaijan and Armenia, as well as broader EU relations with Azerbaijan.

Following the meeting, Kaja Kallas said EU representatives had discussed further steps in developing relations with Azerbaijan and had not ruled out expanding support for the country in mine clearance. She said the EU needed to work more actively in a number of areas and strengthen ties on issues of mutual interest such as energy and trade, adding that Azerbaijan has been and remains a very reliable energy partner for EU countries. Kallas said the EU viewed the South Caucasus as a strategically important region and highlighted Azerbaijan's important role as a partner in energy and connectivity, saying the EU intended to deepen cooperation and resume talks on a new bilateral agreement in the near future. (TREND/ 21.04.2026)

● ガファロヴァ議会議長がアイルランドの議会代表団と会談

Speaker of Azerbaijani Parliament meets Irish parliamentary delegation

On Apr.21, Speaker of the Azerbaijani Parliament, Sahiba Gafarova, has met with a delegation led by Tony McCormack, head of the Ireland-Azerbaijan interparliamentary friendship group, during their visit to the country. The sides also emphasized the importance of joint activities within international parliamentary organizations. (TREND / 21.04.2026)

● アミルバヨフ大統領特使、英国で重要な会談を実施

Azerbaijan's Presidential Representative holds key meetings in UK

The Azerbaijani President's Special Representative Elchin Amirbayov held a number of meetings in the UK. Amirbayov met with the UK Prime Minister's Deputy National Security Adviser Barbara Woodward, Political Director at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) Ed Llewellyn, Director General Defence and Security at the FCDO Jonathan Allen, Director of Eastern Europe and Central Asia Department of FCDO Christopher Allan, Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons Nusrat Ghani, Head of the UK-Azerbaijan Interparliamentary Friendship Group Bob Blackman, and a number of MPs. In addition, the President's Special Representative spoke during a round table held at the International Institute for Strategic Studies with the participation of experts, researchers, and representatives of academic circles. (TREND / 22.04.2026)

● リンケヴィチス・ラトビア大統領がアゼルバイジャンを訪問

President of Latvia Edgars Rinkēvičs is on a visit to Azerbaijan

On Apr. 22, Ilham Aliyev and Edgars Rinkēvičs held a one-on-one and an expanded meeting, highlighting strong political ties and growing mutual interest in cooperation. They discussed enhancing trade, investments, energy, connectivity, and digitalization, as well as regional and

international developments. Both sides emphasized the importance of practical collaboration and praised the progress achieved through prior joint efforts, including the Intergovernmental Commission. Latvia reaffirmed its view of Azerbaijan as a strategic partner and expressed interest in deepening economic and political relations.

A document exchange ceremony was held with the participation of Ilham Aliyev and Edgars Rinkēvičs. The sides adopted a joint statement and signed several agreements covering cooperation in internal affairs, agriculture, consular issues, plant protection, and border security.

Aliyev and Rinkēvičs delivered press statements highlighting the strength of Azerbaijan–Latvia relations and their commitment to expanding cooperation. They discussed boosting trade, investment, transportation links, and people-to-people contacts, while emphasizing opportunities in sectors such as energy, forestry, and industry. Both leaders also addressed regional and global security issues, including developments in the South Caucasus and support for the ongoing peace process between Azerbaijan and Armenia, reaffirming their strategic partnership and shared interest in deeper collaboration.

An Azerbaijan–Latvia business forum was held with the participation of Ilham Aliyev and Edgars Rinkēvičs, focusing on expanding economic cooperation and trade. Both leaders highlighted strong interest from business communities and emphasized opportunities in sectors such as energy, agriculture, transport, defense industry, and technology.

President of Latvia Edgars Rinkēvičs also met with Speaker of the Parliament Sahiba Gafarova. Addressing inter-parliamentary relations between the two countries, the Speaker noted that close cooperation has been established, with reciprocal visits and parliamentary friendship groups playing an important role. (AZERTAG / 22.04.2026)

● バイラモフ外相とブラジェ・ラトビア外相が会談を実施

FM Bayramov and the FM of Latvia, Baiba Braže, held a meeting

FM Bayramov shared details on X page. “On the sidelines of the visit of President of Latvia Edgars Rinkēvičs to Azerbaijan, we discussed ways to further strengthen Azerbaijan-Latvia relations, expand cooperation across multiple areas of mutual interest, and exchanged views on regional and global developments. We also signed the MoU on Consular Affairs between our Ministries, an important step toward enhancing consular cooperation,” the post said. (TREND / 22.04.2026)

● ウィトコフ特使：米国はアゼルバイジャン・アルメニア間の合意を6週間で成立させた **Special Envoy Witkoff: US sealed Azerbaijan-Armenia deal in 6 weeks**

The US sealed the deal between Azerbaijan and Armenia in just six weeks, US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff said. The two countries were at war for 37 years, but now they are best friends. Armenian Prime Minister Pashinyan and Azerbaijani President Aliyev are good friends. They were brought together by US President Donald Trump, which is remarkable, Witkoff added. This deal was the simplest, but the New York Times did not know about it, so they could not say anything bad about it, the US special envoy said at Real Estate Impact Conference 2026. (NEWS.AM / 22.04.2026)

● **ガファロヴァ議会議長が中国サイバー空間管理局局長と会談**

Speaker of Azerbaijani Parliament meets with Director of Chinese Cyberspace Administration

On Apr.23, the Speaker of the Azerbaijani Parliament, Sahiba Gafarova, met with a delegation led by the Director of the Cyberspace Administration of China, Zhuang Rongwen. The conversation also informed about the digital transformation policy being implemented in Azerbaijan. Rongwen provided a detailed overview of his country's recent achievements in the field of information technology, saying that China is ready to expand cooperation with Azerbaijan in areas such as the internet, cybersecurity, digital economy, AI, and other key sectors. (TREND / 23.04.2026)

● **ハジエフ大統領補佐官とガシモフ駐アゼルバイジャン・スロヴァキア大使が二国間協力について協議**

Hikmet Hajiyev, Elchin Gasymov discuss Baku-Bratislava cooperation

Hikmet Hajiyev, Assistant to the President of Azerbaijan and Head of the Foreign Policy Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration, and Slovakia's Ambassador to Baku, Elchin Gasymov, discussed relations between the two countries. "We positively assessed the excellent level of bilateral relations between Slovakia and Azerbaijan. This is confirmed by numerous upcoming high-level visits" Gasimov said on X. (REPORT / 23.04.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン、国連の国際調停協定に加盟**

Azerbaijan joins UN international mediation agreement

Azerbaijan has joined the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the UN wrote. The convention was adopted in New York on December 20, 2018 and defines the legal framework for agreements reached through mediation at the international level. (APA / 23.04.2026)

● **米国とアゼルバイジャン、TRIPP 回廊に関する技術協議を開始**

US and Azerbaijan Launch Technical Talks on TRIPP Corridor

The United States and Azerbaijan have launched technical negotiations on the TRIPP route, as global energy disruptions place Baku's transit potential at the center of discussions on gas supplies to Europe. The US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) completed its visit on Apr.23, stating that its goal was to "advance shared strategic infrastructure priorities" between the two countries. This effort is part of the US–Azerbaijan Strategic Partnership Charter signed in February, when Vice President J.D. Vance visited Baku. "Azerbaijan's strategic geographic location makes it an indispensable transport hub along the Trans-Caspian transit route linking Central Asia with the West," USTDA Regional Manager for Europe and Eurasia Sarah Leming told Euronews. "The Trump Route for Peace and Prosperity will make this corridor even more important. Regional connectivity is a key area of cooperation under our Strategic Partnership Charter, and USTDA is exploring this through these missions." (NEWS.AM/23.04.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン外務省、アルメニアにおけるトルコ国旗の焼却事件について声明を発表**

Azerbaijani MFA issued a statement regarding the burning of the Turkish flag in Armenia

"We strongly condemn the burning of Türkiye's flag during the "torchlight procession" in Iravan, Armenia's capital, on 23 April. The government of Armenia should have prevented such a campaign, embodied in ethnic hatred, and should have taken appropriate security measures on time. We urge the Armenian government to hold those responsible for these acts accountable," the statement reads. (TREND / 24.04.2026)

NOTE: *Armenian PM Pashinyan condemned activists of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation for burning the Turkey flag in Yerevan, calling the act "clearly provocative behavior."*

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