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在アゼルバイジャン大使館

1. 軍事・治安関係

● バクーとテヘラン、犯罪対策での協力を検討中

Baku and Tehran mull cooperation in combating crime

Prosecutor General Kamran Aliyev discussed with Iranian Ambassador Mojtaba Demirchilu the expansion of cooperation between the two countries in combating crime. The parties discussed issues of law enforcement cooperation, including combating various forms of crime, particularly drug trafficking, provision of legal assistance in criminal cases, extradition and transfer of convicted persons, as well as enhancing the effectiveness of interaction in these areas. (REPORT / 24.04.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンで、ゼレンスキー大統領はウクライナの専門家チームと会談し、空域防衛に関する経験と専門知識を共有した

In Azerbaijan, President Zelenskyy met with a Ukrainian expert team sharing experience and expertise in protecting the skies

President Zelenskyy met with a Ukrainian expert team in Azerbaijan, who briefed the former on the initial results of their work. Ukrainian experts reported that they are working within an international defense cooperation program initiated by Ukraine. They are providing expertise on protecting critical and civilian infrastructure from air attacks, assessing existing capabilities, and developing further areas of cooperation.

Zelenskyy thanked Ukrainian specialists for carrying out this important mission and stressed that Ukraine will continue to expand cooperation with partners in the field of protection against drones and other airborne threats. (PRESIDENT.GOV.UA / 25.04.2026)

● 解放されたアグダラ地区で地雷が爆発し、1人が負傷した

One injured in landmine explosion in liberated Aghdara district

A landmine explosion occurred on April 26 in the village of Syrkhavand within the liberated Aghdara district. The victim, Vugar Salah oglu Ahmadov (born 1967), a resident of Yenibina village in the Khojaly district, sustained a left leg injury after an anti-personnel mine detonated

in an uncleared area along the former line of contact. (AZERTAG / 26.04.2026)

● **ハサノフ国防相がイタリアを公式訪問**

Minister of Defense Zakir Hasanov is on an official visit to Italy

On Apr.27, Colonel General Zakir Hasanov met with his Italian counterpart, Guido Crosetto. The sides discussed bilateral relations based on strategic partnership and their prospects. The parties also conducted a detailed exchange of views on the further development of cooperation in the military, military-technical, and military-educational spheres, as well as on other issues of mutual interest. (AZERTAG / 27.04.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン国防次官兼陸軍参謀総長のヴァリエフ陸軍大將は、トルコ陸軍司令官のトケル陸軍大將と会談した**

First Deputy Minister of Defense, Chief of the General Staff of the Azerbaijan Army, Colonel General Karim Valiyev met with Commander of the Land Forces of Türkiye, Army General Metin Tokel

On Apr.27, Karim Valiyev spoke about the “TurAz Qartalı-2026” joint flight-tactical exercise held in Azerbaijan with the participation of Azerbaijani and Turkish servicemen and stressed that such exercises are important for the development of bilateral cooperation and contribute to regional security. The sides discussed various areas of Azerbaijani-Turkish military cooperation and held a broad exchange of views on joint activities and other issues of mutual interest. (AZERTAG / 27.04.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャンで「TurAz Qartalı-2026」合同戦術飛行演習が開始された**
TurAz Qartalı-2026” joint tactical flight exercise kicks off in Azerbaijan

Within the military cooperation between Azerbaijan and Türkiye, the “TurAz Qartalı-2026” joint tactical flight exercise commenced in Azerbaijan. The exercise is conducted to facilitate the exchange of experience in planning and executing joint air operations between the two countries. (AZERTAG / 27.04.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン政府は画期的な恩赦法の施行を完了した**

Azerbaijan finalizes implementation of landmark amnesty act

The implementation of the Resolution “On the Declaration of Amnesty on the Occasion of the Year of the Constitution and Sovereignty,” adopted by the Azerbaijani Parliament on December 19, 2025, at the initiative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, has now been fully completed, the Ministry of Justice reported. The 13th Amnesty Act applied to a total of 22,935 individuals. Among them, 5,348 persons were released from imprisonment sentences. In addition, the remaining terms of imprisonment for 3,555 individuals were

reduced by 6 months. (TREND / 27.04.2026)

NOTE: *None of the political prisoners - oppositional politicians, journalists and bloggers fell under the amnesty.*

● **イラン、アゼルバイジャンの国境協力に歓迎の意を示す**
Iran welcomes Azerbaijan's border cooperation

Azerbaijan's efforts to expand its reception capacity during the conflict between the United States, Israel, and Iran are commendable, said Foroud Asgari, Iran's Deputy Minister of Industry, Mine and Trade, and Head of the Customs Administration, following a visit to the Bilasuvar border customs post. He noted that cooperation between Iran and Azerbaijan at the border remains at an appropriate level, adding that no issues were recorded at border crossing points during the conflict period and that the neighboring countries demonstrated strong coordination. (TREND / 27.04.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャンとトルコの陸軍司令官らが会談を実施**
Azerbaijani and Turkish commanders of land forces held meeting

On April 28, Deputy Minister of Defense of the Republic of Azerbaijan – Commander of the Land Forces, Colonel General Hikmat Mirzayev met with a delegation led by the Commander of the Land Forces of the Republic of Türkiye, Army General Metin Tokel.

A detailed exchange of views on the current state of Azerbaijani-Turkish military cooperation and its further expansion was held. The sides highlighted the importance of joint and international exercises in enhancing the professionalism, knowledge and skills of personnel of the relevant types of troops of both fraternal countries, as well as discussed a number of other issues of mutual interest. (TREND / 28.04.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャンは、アルメニア人捕虜をウンバキの高警備刑務所に収容している**
Azerbaijan places Armenian prisoners in Umbaki high-security prison

Azerbaijan has reportedly placed all 19 Armenian detainees, including former Karabakh separatists, in the high-security Umbaki prison.

RFE/RL reported on Apr.28 that the prisoners were transferred to Umbaki from the State Security Service (DTX) detention centre. They additionally cited Siranush Sahakyan, a representative of the Armenian prisoners at the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), as saying that three of the detainees have been serving their sentences at Umbaki since 2023. Sahakyan also said that after lengthy negotiations, the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture carried out a short visit last year to prisons in Azerbaijan, including Umbaki. The report has been completed, but Azerbaijan, Sahakyan said, did not agree to its publication. (OC-MEDIA / 29.04.2026)

● **カザフスタン運輸省は、AZAL 航空機の墜落事故に関する調査をまだ終わっていない**
Kazakhstan's Ministry of Transport has not closed its investigation into the AZAL plane crash

The investigation commission into the crash of the Embraer 190 4K-AZ65 aircraft of Azerbaijan Airlines continues its work in Kazakhstan and will issue an official report upon completion of the investigation. "Currently, the commission investigating the accident continues its work in accordance with the standards and recommended practices established by Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation," the Kazakhstan's ministry of transport noted, responding to a TASS question about whether it plans to continue or terminate the investigation following statements by the foreign ministries of Russia and Azerbaijan. (KAVKAZ-UZEL / 30.04.2026)

2. 内政関連

● **マザヒル・パナホフ氏が中央選挙管理委員会委員長に再選された**
Mazahir Panahov re-elected as CEC chairman

Mazahir Panahov has been re-elected for a new five-year term as chairman of the Central Election Commission (CEC) of Azerbaijan. Panahov has been heading the CEC of Azerbaijan since May 2000.

Rovzat Gasimov was elected deputy chairman of the CEC, while Arifa Mukhtarova and Mikayil Rahimov were elected secretaries of the CEC.

Note that at the plenary session of the Milli Majlis held on Apr.27, the draft decision "On the election of members and substitute members of the Central Election Commission" was put up for discussion and adopted. (APA/ 27.04.2026)

3. 外政関連

● **ハジエフ大統領補佐官、中国の大臣とデジタル協力を検討、フェイクニュース対策に取り組む**

President's Aid mulls digital co-op, fight against fake news with Chinese minister

Hikmat Hajiyev, Assistant to the President of Azerbaijan and Head of the Foreign Policy Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration, has announced talks with China on digital development and combating disinformation. Hajiyev made the remark on X following a meeting with Zhuang Rongwen, Minister of the Cyberspace Administration of China.

"We discussed bilateral cooperation between our countries in the field of digital development,

social media and fight against disinformation and deepfakes," he wrote. (REPORT / 24.04.2026)

● ロシア外務省報道官：カラバフにおけるアルメニア教会破壊は容認できない

Russia MFA spox: Destruction of Armenian churches in Karabakh unacceptable

Russia condemns the destruction of Armenian churches in Karabakh, and it does not change its position: the war against monuments is unacceptable, regardless of where it takes place. Russian MFA spox Maria Zakharova stated this at a press briefing on Apr.24, answering a reporter's question about Azerbaijan's demolition of Armenian churches in Khankendi. Zakharova drew attention to the lack of Yerevan's reaction in this regard, and suggested that the aforesaid reporter address the question first to the leadership of Armenia.

Also, Zakharova recalled the 2020-2022 trilateral agreements between Russia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia, which provide for a path to humanitarian reconciliation, including the return of detainees and refugees. In her words, Russia is ready to help resolve such issues if there is such a request. (MID.RU / 24.04.2026)

***NOTE:** Satellite imagery analysis has suggested that Azerbaijan demolished "the Holy Mother of God Cathedral", the main Armenian church in Khankendi. The church was the largest among Armenian churches in Karabakh. Construction of the church began in 2006; it was consecrated in April 2019. Following the report, Azerbaijani pro-government media published articles on pointing at Armenia's responsibility for acts of vandalism against Azerbaijan's religious monuments in Karabakh and beyond.*

Armenian PM Pashinyan said his government was currently obtaining complete information and expressed their reluctance to make the destruction 'a subject of international discussions at the state level'.

Azerbaijani authorities often state that some buildings in Karabakh during the occupation were constructed 'illegally' and were therefore subject to demolition.

● ニューヨーク市のマムダニ市長が、アゼルバイジャンに対する敵対的な発言を行った

New York City Mayor Zohhran Mamdani made anti-Azerbaijani statements

New York City Mayor Zohhran Mamdani made statements on the anniversary of the so-called "Armenian Genocide." He claimed that in 2020, Azerbaijan (with Turkiye's support) attacked Armenians in Karabakh. In 2023, Azerbaijan allegedly expelled over 100,000 Armenians from the region. He described these events as a continuation of a "genocidal campaign." He emphasized the importance of protecting the rights of Armenians and all peoples to freedom, security, and self-determination.

Azerbaijani MFA spox Aykhan Hajizadeh strongly rejected such claims, stating that the remarks are biased and do not reflect the reality on the ground. He emphasized that its

actions in Karabakh were aimed at restoring its internationally recognized territorial integrity and addressing illegal armed groups on its territory. (TREND / 24.04.2026)

● ゼレンスキー・ウクライナ大統領が、公務訪問のためガバラに到着

President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy arrived in Gabala for a working visit

AZ: On April 25, President Aliyev held one-on-one and expanded meetings with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Gabala. The presidents fondly recalled their previous meetings. Confidence was expressed that the Ukrainian President's visit to Azerbaijan would provide a good opportunity to discuss bilateral cooperation. The sides exchanged views on expanding cooperation in many areas, including energy, discussed agricultural cooperation, and touched upon the activities of the Intergovernmental Commission.

Zelenskyy expressed his gratitude to Aliyev for Azerbaijan's humanitarian support to Ukraine, as well as the attention and care shown by the Azerbaijani state to Ukrainian children. It was emphasized that a group of Ukrainian students is scheduled to visit Azerbaijan soon for rehabilitation purposes and to become acquainted with Azerbaijani culture and art.

UA: Volodymyr Zelenskyy met with Ilham Aliyev in Gabala for their seventh meeting in over four years and Zelenskyy's first visit to Azerbaijan. They discussed cooperation in security, energy, trade, and humanitarian support, reaffirming mutual backing for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Six bilateral agreements were signed, with a strong focus on defense cooperation and joint production. The leaders also highlighted growing economic ties and plans to expand trade, alongside continued energy collaboration, including Azerbaijan's 11 aid packages to Ukraine. Humanitarian and educational cooperation were addressed, including Azerbaijan hosting over 500 Ukrainian children and ongoing student exchanges. Zelenskyy also emphasized peace efforts, stating Ukraine's readiness for negotiations, potentially in Azerbaijan, if Russia engages in diplomacy.

- *Press statement by President Aliyev (president.az)*

President Aliyev emphasized the strength and steady development of relations between Azerbaijan and Ukraine. He highlighted the frequency of their engagements, noting that this was their seventh meeting in four years. He recalled Zelenskyy's first presidential visit to Azerbaijan in 2019 and his own visit to Kyiv in January 2022, both of which contributed to deepening bilateral ties and strengthening their personal rapport.

Aliyev underscored that the relationship between the two countries rests on a solid political foundation, anchored by strategic partnership agreements signed in 2008 in Kyiv and in 2011 in Baku. These agreements affirm mutual respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, and internationally recognized borders.

The President also pointed to recent diplomatic activity, including consultations between the foreign ministries and a session of the intergovernmental commission held in Baku the

previous year. Plans are underway to hold similar meetings in Ukraine, reflecting the ongoing commitment to institutional dialogue. He noted that cooperation spans multiple sectors and continues to expand.

Energy cooperation was highlighted as a particularly important area, with SOCAR playing a longstanding role in Ukraine. Aliyev mentioned both existing achievements and future opportunities, including potential joint investments and projects. Trade relations were also discussed, with bilateral trade exceeding half a billion dollars and expected to grow further given existing potential.

Additionally, Aliyev addressed prospects for military-technical cooperation, noting that both countries have developing defense industries and opportunities for joint production, not only in defense but also in broader industrial sectors. He emphasized the intention to deepen collaboration across all fields.

In conclusion, Aliyev framed the regular high-level meetings—most recently in Munich two months prior—as evidence of the dynamic and evolving partnership. He reaffirmed mutual respect and shared interests, expressing confidence that Zelenskyy's visit would further strengthen the friendly and cooperative relationship between Azerbaijan and Ukraine.

- *Press statement by Zelenskyy (president.gov.ua)*

In his statement, Zelenskyy noted that in recent years both leaders have met frequently on international platforms and have consistently supported each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity, highlighting this mutual backing as a cornerstone of their partnership.

Zelenskyy underscored the significance of this visit as his first to Azerbaijan since the start of the war in Ukraine, describing it as both symbolic and practical. A key outcome of the visit was the signing of six bilateral documents covering a range of sectors. Among these, security and defense-industrial cooperation were identified as top priorities. He emphasized that Ukraine, having gained substantial experience during the war, is now in a position to share its expertise, including through specialists already working in Azerbaijan. Both countries aim to expand cooperation and pursue joint production in defense and industrial sectors, which Zelenskyy framed as essential not only for strengthening national security but also for boosting trade and economic ties.

Zelenskyy expressed deep appreciation for the 11 energy assistance packages provided by Azerbaijan, which helped Ukraine endure a difficult winter amid attacks on its infrastructure. He also thanked Azerbaijan for humanitarian assistance, especially for hosting more than 500 Ukrainian children from war-affected border regions.

Zelenskyy addressed broader global challenges, linking energy security concerns not only to Ukraine and Europe but also to instability caused by conflicts such as tensions involving Iran. In this context, he described Azerbaijan as a reliable and stable partner. He also touched on educational ties, noting that Azerbaijani students continue to choose Ukraine for their studies, with both sides committed to sustaining these programs.

On the issue of peace, Zelenskyy emphasized Ukraine's desire to end the war and called on Russia to pursue diplomacy. He highlighted the importance of international mediation efforts

and stated that Ukraine is open to trilateral negotiations, referencing previous talks held in Türkiye and Switzerland with international partners. He indicated readiness to host or participate in further negotiations in Azerbaijan, provided Russia is willing to engage constructively.

In his concluding remarks, Zelenskyy framed defense and security cooperation not merely in terms of military capability but as a broader guarantee of national stability and deterrence. He argued that strong partnerships and preparedness serve as a signal to potential aggressors that countries are capable of defending themselves. He extended wishes of peace and strength to the Azerbaijani people while acknowledging the complexities faced by both nations.

The speech ended on a somber note, as Zelenskyy revealed that Ukraine was once again under aerial attack at that very moment, with strikes targeting civilian infrastructure and causing casualties. He offered condolences to affected Ukrainian families, reinforcing the urgency of international support and cooperation in the face of ongoing conflict. (AZERTAG, PRESIDENT.GOV.UA / 25.04.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンでの会談開催というゼレンスキー大統領の提案に対するモスクワの迅速な反応

Moscow's swift response to Zelensky's proposal to hold talks in Azerbaijan

Russian Federation Council Senator Vladimir Dzhubarov said: "Russia may agree to talks with the United States and Ukraine in Azerbaijan. It is a normal venue, we currently have good relations with Azerbaijan. If Azerbaijan is ready to ensure the security of all participants in the negotiations, I think our members of the negotiating team could travel there without issue." (JAM-NEWS.NET/25.04.2026)

● バイラムフ外相はガバラで、シビハ・ウクライナ外相と会談を行った

FM Bayramov held a meeting with the Foreign Minister of Ukraine Andrii Sybiha in Gabala

On Apr.25, the Ministers discussed prospects for strengthening bilateral relations, emphasizing the importance of deepening cooperation across political, economic, energy, and humanitarian spheres. They also explored opportunities to enhance trade, connectivity, as well as collaboration within international organizations. The sides exchanged views on regional and global developments, reaffirming mutual support for sovereignty and territorial integrity, and underscored the importance of continued high-level dialogue and partnership between Azerbaijan and Ukraine.

Ministers also co-signed an Agreement between Azerbaijan and Ukraine on Legal Assistance in Civil and Commercial Matters, which will further strengthen the legal framework underpinning bilateral relations. (TREND/ 25.04.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン、ゼレンスキー大統領の訪問中にウクライナへバス 5 台を寄贈**
Azerbaijan donates five buses to Ukraine during Zelenskyy visit

As part of the working visit of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, Azerbaijan donated five electric buses to the city of Irpen. The buses were donated as humanitarian aid. The Ukrainian side regarded this step as an embodiment of friendship and solidarity between the two countries. (TREND/ 25.04.2026)

● **アリエフ大統領、ワシントンでの銃撃事件について投稿**
President Aliyev makes post about shooting in Washington

President o Aliyev has shared a post on his X social media page about the shooting in Washington. "Deeply disturbed by the shooting at the White House Correspondents' Dinner in Washington, D.C. Such acts of violence are unacceptable and must be firmly condemned. Relieved that President Trump, the First Lady, and all attendees are safe. Wishing them continued safety and well-being," the post reads. (TREND/26.04.2026)

● **アリエフ大統領が「ゲルニカ平和・和解賞」を受賞**
President Aliyev awarded the “Guernica Peace and Reconciliation Prize”

President Aliyev and Armenian PM Pashinyan were awarded the international “Guernica Prize for Peace and Reconciliation” in recognition of his efforts to achieve peace between Azerbaijan and Armenia and to promote dialogue. The jury was made up of representatives from Gernika-Lumo Town Council, the German city of Pforzheim, the Gernika Gogoratz Foundation, the House of Culture and the Gernika Peace Museum. The awards was presented by Gernika-Lumo Town Council on 26 April, as part of the programme of events commemorating the 89th anniversary of the town’s bombing. (TREND / 26.04.2026)

● **バビシュ・チェコ首相がアゼルバイジャンを訪問**
Prime Minister of the Czech Republic Andrej Babiš is on a visit to Azerbaijan

On Apr.27, President Aliyev and PM Babiš held a tete-a tete meeting and an expanded meeting with participation of delegations as well as an official luncheon was hosted on behalf of President Aliyev in Gabala region.

Following the meetings, Aliyev and Babiš delivered press statements highlighting the strengthening strategic partnership between their countries. Referring to their earlier meeting at the World Economic Forum in Davos, they noted an increasingly active political dialogue and discussed regional, bilateral, and global issues.

Economic cooperation was a major focus. Trade turnover has surpassed \$800 million, largely driven by Azerbaijani oil exports, and both sides aim to diversify it through new investments

and joint projects. A large Czech business delegation accompanied the Prime Minister to explore opportunities in industry, infrastructure, and technology.

Energy remains central to the partnership. Azerbaijan supplies around 42% of the Czech Republic's oil imports and is expanding natural gas exports across Europe. The Czech side expressed strong interest in securing long-term gas contracts, including through companies like ČEZ, signaling deeper strategic cooperation in the energy sector.

Defense and industrial collaboration were also discussed. Azerbaijan already purchases Czech military equipment, and both countries are exploring joint production. In aviation, the Czech company Aero Vodochody presented the modern L-39NG aircraft as a potential option for Azerbaijan, alongside ongoing servicing of older L-39 jets. This reflects expanding cooperation in defense technology and modernization.

Additional areas of interest included metro development, transport, science, education, and tourism projects. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening ties through continued dialogue and the intergovernmental commission, with the goal of accelerating economic cooperation and building long-term, diversified partnerships.

Ilham Aliyev and Andrej Babiš attended an Azerbaijan–Czechia business forum focused on expanding economic and strategic cooperation, with particular emphasis on the defense sector. Both sides highlighted already established military-technical ties, noting that Azerbaijan has signed several contracts with Czech defense companies and is now aiming to deepen cooperation through joint production and technology transfer.

The Czech delegation included major defense firms such as Aero Vodochody, which presented the L-39NG, as well as Czechoslovak Group and Česká Zbrojovka. These companies showcased a wide range of military equipment, services, and modernization solutions.

The leaders stressed that defense cooperation is strategically important amid rising global security challenges, and both countries see strong potential to expand collaboration, including local manufacturing in Azerbaijan. Overall, the forum reaffirmed mutual interest in strengthening military-industrial partnerships alongside broader economic ties. (AZERTAG / 27.04.2026)

● アリエフ大統領は、ガバラにてハジェリ U A E 国務大臣と会談した

President Aliyev received Saeed Bin Mubarak Al Hajeri, Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, in Gabala

On Apr.28, the sides exchanged views on cooperation in political, economic, trade, energy, renewable energy, the activities of the joint investment fund, joint military exercises, and other areas. During the conversation, the situation in the Middle East was touched upon, and the importance of resolving all issues in the region through diplomatic means was highlighted. (AZERTAG / 28.04.2026)

● **バイラモフ外相はガバラで、ハジェリUAE国務大臣と会談した**

FM Bayramov met with Saeed Bin Mubarak Al Hajeri, Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, in Gabala

On Apr.28, the sides expressed satisfaction with the high level of political dialogue and reviewed opportunities to expand cooperation across a range of sectors, including the economy, trade, investment, energy, including renewable energy, transport and logistics, high technologies, and education. FM Bayramov provided detailed information about Azerbaijan's favorable investment climate and major infrastructure projects being implemented in the region, emphasizing the importance of the participation of UAE companies in these initiatives.

The meeting also included an exchange of views on regional and international issues of mutual interest. The parties underlined the importance of further strengthening cooperation on international platforms.

On April 28, Baku hosted the second meeting of the Azerbaijan–UAE Joint Committee on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The meeting was co-chaired by Azerbaijan's Deputy Foreign Minister Yalchin Rafiyev and UAE Minister of State Saeed Al Hajeri.

Officials reviewed progress since the first meeting in Abu Dhabi (November 2025), assessed implementation of agreed roadmaps, and discussed expanding cooperation across multiple sectors. They also agreed to introduce new initiatives, improve existing cooperation mechanisms, and strengthen institutional ties. The meeting included representatives from numerous Azerbaijani ministries and major state entities, reflecting broad, multi-sector engagement between the two countries. (TREND, REPORT / 28.04.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン大統領府代表がイタリアで会談を行った**

Azerbaijani Presidential Rep held meetings in Italy

Representative of the President of Azerbaijan for Special Assignments Elchin Amirbayov met with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy Edmondo Cirielli. The meeting was dedicated to key regional and international issues, as well as strengthening partnership in strategic areas of political and economic cooperation between Baku and Rome.

A broad exchange of views took place within the framework of the Action Plan signed in January and in connection with preparations for the upcoming visit of Italian Prime Minister Giorgio Meloni to Azerbaijan.

Elchin Amirbayov also held negotiations with the Secretary of State (Prime Minister) of the Holy See, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, and the Secretary for Relations with States and International Organizations (Foreign Minister), Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher. The discussions were dedicated to Azerbaijan-Vatican interstate relations and the successful development of these relations in political and humanitarian fields. Additionally, discussions

were held on the prospects for peace and prosperity in the South Caucasus, regional security issues, and other topics of mutual interest. (TREND / 28.04.2026)

● **ムスタファエフ駐露アゼルバイジャン大使とガルージン外務次官は、バクーとモスクワの関係について検討した**

Mustafayev, Galuzin mull Baku-Moscow relations

On April 28, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Mikhail Galuzin held a meeting with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Russian Federation, Rahman Mustafayev. Several current issues of bilateral relations were discussed. (MID.RU / 28.04.2026)

● **バクーTVとReport通信は、中国のCCTV+と協力覚書を締結した**

Baku TV and Report signed a cooperation memorandum with China's CCTV+

Pro-government broadcaster Baku TV and the news agency Report (both part of Global Media Group) signed a cooperation memorandum in Beijing with China's leading video news agency CCTV+. The partnership in information and experience exchange was described as an important media bridge between the two countries. "The exchange of video content within the framework of this cooperation will allow us to expand the presence of our media products in Asia and strengthen our international positions," said Baku TV director Ramin Jafarov. (JAM-NEWS.NET/28.04.2026)

● **ムスタファエフ副首相を団長とするアゼルバイジャン代表団がアルメニアに到着した**

Azerbaijani delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister arrives in Armenia

On Apr.29, an Azerbaijani delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister Shahin Mustafayev arrived in Armenia on a working visit. Shahin Mustafayev is the Chairman of the State Commission for the Delimitation of the State Border between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Armenia.

The 13th meeting of the border delimitation commissions of Azerbaijan and Armenia took place in Aghveran, co-chaired by Deputy Prime Ministers Shahin Mustafayev and Mher Grigoryan.

The parties discussed technical and organizational aspects of border delimitation and agreed on draft procedures covering expert group work, map preparation, and document formalization. These drafts will be submitted to their respective governments for approval.

They also noted ongoing practical cooperation, including successful cargo transit to Armenia via Azerbaijan and Azerbaijan's supply of petroleum products to Armenia—signs of growing economic ties. Business representatives from both sides discussed expanding trade, services, and transit cooperation.

Progress was attributed to the political leadership of Ilham Aliyev and Nikol Pashinyan. The meeting concluded with the signing of a protocol, and the next session will be scheduled to take place in Azerbaijan. (TREND / 29.04.2026)

● **バイラモフ外相は、ヒョン韓国外相と電話会談を実施した**

FM Bayramov held a telephone conversation with Korean FM Cho Hyun

On Apr.29, the importance of Korean companies' participation in a number of projects being implemented in Azerbaijan was emphasized, and the existence of broad opportunities for further development of cooperation in the economic sphere was noted.

The importance of intensifying the mechanism for consultations between the ministries of foreign affairs and mutual visits was emphasized. The parties discussed cooperation within regional cooperation platforms and explored opportunities to expand cooperation in various areas. Cho Hyun, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, expressed gratitude for Azerbaijan's support and assistance in evacuating South Korean nationals from the Middle East last year amid escalating regional tensions (TREND/29.04.2026)

● **バイラモフ外相は、サンタマリア外務次官が率いるコロンビア代表団と会談した**

FM Bayramov met with a Colombian delegation led by Deputy Foreign Minister Juana Castro Santamaría

On Apr.29, the parties discussed enhancing political dialogue and bolstering economic and trade relations, alongside collaboration areas including tourism, visa facilitation, education, culture, humanitarian affairs, student exchange, and inter-parliamentary ties. They emphasized the importance of demining cooperation, noting that both countries are affected by landmines.

A new round of Azerbaijan–Colombia political consultations was held on the same day, co-chaired by Deputy Foreign Ministers Elnur Mammadov and Juana Castro Santamaría. (TREND/29.04.2026)

● **バイラモフ外相は、チュカシ・ウルグアイ外務次官と会談した**

FM Bayramov met with Valeria Csukasi, Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay

On Apr.29, the officials stressed the importance of fostering political dialogue, intensifying reciprocal visits, and advancing interagency collaboration. Additionally, they discussed efforts towards visa liberalization to facilitate the mutual travel of nationals.

On the same day, another round of political consultations between Azerbaijan and Uruguay was held. The consultations were led by Azerbaijani Deputy Foreign Minister Elnur Mammadov and Uruguayan Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Valeria Csukasi. (TREND/29.04.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャンとモルディブ間のビザ免除措置が発効した**

Visa-free regime between Azerbaijan and Maldives enters into force

The necessary domestic procedures for the entry into force of the “Agreement between Azerbaijan and Maldives on mutual visa exemption for holders of ordinary passports,” signed on September 24, 2025, in New York City, have been completed. The agreement enters into force on April 29, 2026, in line with its relevant provisions. (APA / 29.04.2025)

● **アゼルバイジャンは、アルメニアに関する決議案をめぐり、欧州議会との協力を打ち切る可能性がある**

Azerbaijan may terminate cooperation with European Parliament because of draft resolution on Armenia

Azerbaijan may make an official decision to sever relations with the European Parliament in response to the latter’s “biased” position towards Azerbaijan, an informed source told Trend. Azerbaijan, which had previously effectively suspended ties with the European Parliament, is considering the option of completely severing relations with it. This matter is currently under discussion.

Accordingly, the draft resolution on EU support for Armenia's democratic resilience submitted at the European Parliament, despite the nature of the declared support, allegedly contains a number of provisions that “make unfounded accusations and demands against Azerbaijan.” (TREND / 29.04.2026)

NOTE: Paragraph 14 of the draft resolution identifies Russia and Azerbaijan as the sources of the “hybrid threat” to Armenia.

Further, in paragraphs 15 and 16, MEPs condemn the “Western Azerbaijan” and “Zangezur Corridor” narratives, and call for the EU to link these projects to routes through Armenia. Paragraph 18 presents Armenia as ready for peace, and Azerbaijan as a party that should “reciprocate” and tone down its rhetoric.

In paragraph 19, it demanded the release of “Armenian hostages” on trial in Azerbaijan and in paragraph 20, it voiced accusations of “ethnic cleansing” and called for support for the Armenians of Karabakh and their “right of return.”

Paragraph 21 called for an investigation into the alleged destruction of Armenian cultural heritage and for a UNESCO mission to be dispatched.

● **アゼルバイジャンと韓国、国際機関における協力について協議**

Azerbaijan, South Korea discuss cooperation within international organizations

On Apr.30, FM Bayramov received Jin-Hyun Paik, a candidate for the position of judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) from Korea, and discussed cooperation within international organizations. The parties exchanged views on the activities of international

organizations, including matters related to the upcoming ICJ judicial elections. Jin-Hyun Paik provided detailed information on his professional background, experience in international law, and the priorities he intends to advance at the ICJ.

The meeting also included an exchange of views on regional security issues, including the current situation in the South Caucasus region. (TREND / 30.04.2026)

● **ヘイダル・アリエフ財団、バチカンにおける記念碑修復の新たなプロジェクトを実施する**

Heydar Aliyev Foundation to implement new projects on restoration of monuments in the Vatican

The Governorate of Vatican City State and the Heydar Aliyev Foundation signed another agreement on restoration of monuments at Basilica of Saint Paul. The document was inked by Anar Alakbarov, Assistant to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Executive Director of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, and Sister Raffaella Petrini, President of the Governorate of Vatican City State, during the meeting in the Vatican. (TREND / 30.04.2026)

● **カナダ・アゼルバイジャン議員友好グループが活動を再開した**

Canada–Azerbaijan Interparliamentary Friendship Group resumes activities

On Apr. 30, a meeting of the Canada–Azerbaijan Interparliamentary Friendship Group was held in the Parliament of Canada. Addressing the event, Chargé d’Affaires of the Embassy, Vusal Suleymanov, responded to questions from Members of Parliament regarding the priorities of Azerbaijan’s foreign policy and Azerbaijan–Canada relations. He also provided relevant information on the normalization process in Azerbaijan–Armenia relations, Azerbaijan’s energy policy and its role in global energy security, as well as its participation in major transport and logistics projects. (TREND / 30.04.2026)

● **ハジエフ大統領補佐官が駐アゼルバイジャン・サウジアラビア大使と会談した**

Presidential Aid meets Saudi ambassador to Azerbaijan

Assistant to the President and Head of the Foreign Policy Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration Hikmat Hajiyev met with Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Azerbaijan Essam bin Saleh Al-Jutaili. The sides discussed topics of mutual interest during the conversation. (REPORT / 30.04.2026)

● **ハジエフ大統領補佐官がコロンビア外務次官と会談した**

Presidential Aid meets Colombia Deputy Foreign Minister

Assistant to the President and Head of the Foreign Policy Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration Hikmat Hajiyev met with Deputy Foreign Minister of Colombia

Juana Castro Santamaria, during her visit to Azerbaijan. Hajiyev emphasized the significant potential to expand cooperation in economic and trade, cultural and humanitarian, tourism, and people-to-people exchanges. They also addressed opportunities for cooperation and the exchange of experience in demining. (REPORT / 30.04.2026)

● **アミルバヨフ大統領特別代表は、イタリアへの実務訪問の一環として、イタリアの複数の政府高官と会談を行った**

Presidential Representative on Special Assignments Elchin Amirbayov held meetings with a number of Italian officials as part of his working visit to Italy

Amirbayov met with Fabrizio Saggio, diplomatic adviser to the Italian prime minister; Edmondo Cirielli, deputy minister of foreign affairs and international cooperation; Licia Ronzulli, vice president of the Senate; Giorgio Mulè, vice president of the Chamber of Deputies; and Maurizio Gasparri, chair of the Senate Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. The meetings included a broad exchange of views on the current state of the multifaceted strategic partnership between Azerbaijan and Italy and prospects for its further development. The parties discussed further strengthening political dialogue, expanding cooperation in energy, transport, defense, agriculture, high technologies and other promising areas, as well as other topical issues on the bilateral agenda. (REPORT / 30.04.2026)

● **ウクライナのイルピン市議会がアリエフ大統領を名誉市民に認定した**
Irpin City Council in Ukraine declares Ilham Aliyev honorary citizen

The Irpin City Council (Ukraine) has declared President Aliyev an honorary citizen of the city, head of the city council and acting mayor, Angela Makeeva said. Following the outbreak of war in Ukraine, at the direction of President Aliyev, comprehensive humanitarian aid was provided to that country, including the city of Irpin. In particular, with the assistance of the Azerbaijani government, a lyceum and a city clinic were restored in Irpin. Azerbaijan provided 11 aid packages to Ukraine, which is experiencing an energy crisis. Furthermore, over 500 children from war-affected regions of Ukraine were sent to Azerbaijan for rehabilitation. (REPORT / 30.04.2026)

● **オカンポがアゼルバイジャンに対して脅迫を行ったことを示す動画が公開された**
Video emerges exposing Ocampo's threats to Azerbaijan

Outlet Minval Politika said it had obtained confirmation that former International Criminal Court prosecutor Luis Ocampo receives payments from organizations linked to Armenian diaspora in Western countries in exchange for his regular criticism of Azerbaijan. Ocampo claims that human rights are being massively violated in Azerbaijan and also alleges that more than 100,000 ethnic Armenians were forcibly displaced from Karabakh.

Minval Politika published video recording of conversation between Luis Ocampo and his son Tomas Moreno with unidentified interlocutor, in which they discuss “favorable price” for ensuring influence over European Union structures, primarily European Commission and European Parliament, and pushing them to terminate cooperation with Azerbaijan. Conversation mentions that Ocampo’s group includes former European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell. “We are increasing pressure, and I am going to do this together with Armenian lobby in United States,” Ocampo says in published recording.

Conversation later shifts to Armenia, where participants discuss intention to “remove” Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan from political arena, saying: “What we need to achieve is removal of Pashinyan.” Ocampo also says he receives support in this direction from organizations linked to Karabakh Armenians and mentions “young woman” who is running corresponding social media campaign for him. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 30.04.2026)

● コーカサス全域で世界報道自由度指数が低下した

World Press Freedom Index decline across Caucasus

Reporters Without Borders’ (RSF) annual World Press Freedom Index, published on Apr.30, shown that all three South Caucasus countries have dropped in ranking. Azerbaijan fell from 167th place to 171st; Georgia from 114th to 135th; and Armenia, which still ranked the highest, fell from 34th to 50th.

RSF said that Azerbaijan’s media sector is virtually ‘under official control’. It notes that 25 journalists are under detention as of publication. Those include journalists from and associated with numerous independent media outlets which fell victim to Azerbaijan’s crackdown on media and civil society since late 2023, including but not limited to Abzas Media, Meydan TV, and Toplum TV. (OC-MEDIA / 30.04.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン議会は欧州議会との関係を停止した

The Azerbaijani Parliament has suspended relations with the European Parliament

Parliamentarians decided to suspend all ties between the Milli Majlis and the European Parliament after the European Parliament adopted a resolution affirming the right of return of Armenians to Karabakh and demanding the release of Armenian prisoners of war. The Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry handed a note of protest to the EU Ambassador.

Parliamentarians suspend all cooperation with the European Parliament

Milli Majlis made a decision at a plenary session on May 01 to suspend all areas of cooperation with the European Parliament. The Parliament's participation in the activities of the European Union-Azerbaijan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee is also terminated. In accordance with the Statute of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly, the procedural rules for terminating the Milli Majlis's membership in this organization are being implemented, and

during the procedural period, the Milli Majlis delegation will not participate in Euronest Parliamentary Assembly events.

EU Ambassador handed a note of protest

On May 1, the EU Ambassador to Azerbaijan, Marijana Kujundzic, was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At the meeting, the unfounded and biased provisions against Azerbaijan contained in the resolution adopted by the European Parliament on April 30 were strongly condemned, and a note of protest was handed to the ambassador in this regard.

The Ministry said that the allegations put forward in the resolution regarding the return of Armenian residents to the Karabakh region are completely unfounded, and such calls are in the nature of interference in the internal affairs of Azerbaijan. Calls for the release of persons of Armenian descent, presented as "prisoners of war," are also legally unacceptable, the Foreign Ministry stated, noting that "the persons sentenced have committed a number of serious crimes, including terrorism, sabotage, and war crimes."

It was emphasized that allegations of "destruction of cultural and religious heritage" are completely unfounded and unacceptable. At the same time, the ambassador was informed that the large-scale destruction and desecration of Azerbaijan's cultural and religious heritage have not received due attention from European institutions.

At the meeting, the European Union representative was asked to refrain from such steps, which are detrimental to relations between Azerbaijan and the EU, as well as to the peace and normalization process in the region. (KAVKAZ-UZEL / 01.05.2026)

***NOTE:** At a plenary session of the European Parliament, a vote was taken on a resolution on Armenia, which reaffirms the EU's support for the country's democratic development, the peace process, and reforms towards European integration. The resolution condemns the detention of Armenian prisoners in Azerbaijan and demands their immediate release. The European Parliament reaffirmed its support for the rights of the Armenians of Karabakh, including the protection of their identity, property, and cultural heritage, as well as their right to safe, unhindered, and dignified return under appropriate international guarantees. The EP called for those responsible for the destruction of Armenian cultural and religious heritage to be held accountable, as well as for the establishment of an international assessment mission.*

● バイラモフ外相は、エガー I C R C 会長と会談した

FM Bayramov met with Mirjana Spoljaric Egger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

On May 01, the humanitarian activities carried out by the International Committee of the Red Cross in our region were discussed, and the importance of Azerbaijan's support for these efforts was emphasized. Minister Bayramov noted that Azerbaijan has always adhered to humanitarian principles amid tensions and military operations in the region, including by providing humanitarian aid to the country during the ongoing military operations in Iran.

The meeting also addressed the steps taken to establish peace and stability in our region during the post-conflict period. Jeyhun Bayramov briefed the other side on the work done to advance the peace agenda between Azerbaijan and Armenia and to strengthen mutual trust.
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