

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

● アゼルバイジャンとトルコの軍代表団が会合

Azerbaijani and Turkish military delegations held meeting

On May 05, Baku hosted a meeting between Azerbaijani and Turkish representatives aimed at enhancing capabilities in protection against weapons of mass destruction and monitoring global developments in this domain. The sides discussed the current status of ongoing activities in the military, military-technical, and other fields, and conducted a comprehensive exchange of views on issues of common interest. (MOD.GOV.AZ / 05.05.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン代表団、イスタンブールの SAHA 2026 展示会に参加

Azerbaijani delegation attended SAHA 2026 exhibition in Istanbul

On May 5, a delegation led by Minister of Defense Industry Vugar Mustafayev is participating in the SAHA 2026 International Defense and Aerospace Exhibition in Istanbul. It was noted that 75 defense products belonging to Azersilah Defense Industry Holding CJSC are being showcased.

Vugar Mustafayev met with representatives of defense industries from various countries to discuss military-technical cooperation, joint production projects, and the expansion of collaboration in innovative technologies. The meetings also focused on the application of new technologies in the defense sector, industrial cooperation, and regional security issues.

Commander of the Azerbaijan Naval Forces (ANF) Shahin Mammadov also participated in the exhibition. He closely familiarized himself with modern naval military systems and defense industry products displayed at the exhibition. The ANF commander also met with Minister of Defense Industry Vugar Mustafayev and an exchange of views was held on the development prospects of Azerbaijan's defense industry, military-technical cooperation opportunities, and new projects.

Azerbaijan and Türkiye will jointly produce an unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), Haluk Bayraktar, CEO of the Turkish company Baykar, told. He noted that all UAVs presented at the

exhibition will be manufactured at factories located in Azerbaijan. One of these is the SIVRISINEK UAV. UAVs of this type can be used in both reconnaissance and strike operations and are considered a flexible and effective tool in modern combat. (REPORT / 05.05.2026)

● **米 국무省、アゼルバイジャンへの渡航回避を呼びかけ**

State Dept. warns travelers to avoid Azerbaijan

The State Department updated its travel advisory for Azerbaijan on April 28, warning Americans to reconsider trips to the country. The advisory stands at a Level 3, which urges Americans to reconsider travel due to safety and security risks. Officials say the region has faced a continued risk of Iranian drone and missile strikes since U.S.-Iran hostilities escalated in late February. The advisory also notes that terrorism is a concern in Azerbaijan, as individuals “may attack with little or no warning.” U.S. officials also warn against traveling to the Armenian-Azeri border “due to the risk of landmines.” (NYPOST.COM / 02.05.2026)

● **バクーでアゼルバイジャンとジョージアの軍事サイバーセキュリティ専門家による実務会合を開催**

Baku hosts working meeting of military cybersecurity specialists from Azerbaijan and Georgia

On May 07, in accordance with the bilateral military cooperation plan for 2026 between the Ministries of Azerbaijan and Georgia, a working meeting of military cybersecurity specialists from both countries was held in Baku. An extensive exchange of views was conducted on the expansion of cooperation between the military institutions of both countries in the fields of information security and cybersecurity. (TREND / 07.05.2026)

2. 内政関連

● **外国の干渉及びハイブリッド脅威対策議会委員会、アルメニア・アゼルバイジャン間の和平アジェンダを標的とする偽情報キャンペーンについて報告**

Parliament Commission against Foreign Interference and Hybrid Threats reports a disinformation campaign targeting the peace agenda between Armenia and Azerbaijan

Attempts are being made to use all means, including the services of their henchmen in foreign parliaments, several city mayors, and individuals currently or formerly holding specific offices, to strike a blow to the ongoing fragile peace process between Armenia and Azerbaijan and to damage interstate relations, says the statement of the Temporary Commission of the Parliament against Foreign Interference and Hybrid Threats. “Armenian lobby organizations

have carried out the smear campaign by creating hype around several issues, including the so-called 'genocide,' 'prisoners of war,' and structures in the city of Khankendi. Armenian lobby organizations based in the US, Europe, and Russia have stood out for their particular activity in this campaign..." the statement reads. (TREND / 02.05.2026)

3. 外政関連

● バイラモフ外相、アラグチ・イラン外相と電話会談

FM Bayramov had a telephone conversation with FM of Iran Seyed Abbas Araghchi

On May 01, the telephone conversation covered Azerbaijani-Iranian bilateral relations as well as the current situation in the region. Moreover, it is noted that Seyed Abbas Arakchi spoke about Iran's latest peace initiatives and its position on ending the war in the region. The parties emphasized the importance of efforts to ensure stability and security in the region and to reduce tensions. The ministers also exchanged views on other regional and international issues of mutual interest. (TREND / 01.05.2026)

***NOTE:** According to Iranian MFA, Bayramov and Araghchi discussed the current situation in the Middle East. Araghchi also had phone conversations with his Turkish counterpart and the heads of foreign ministries of a number of Middle Eastern countries - Egypt, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq. Araghchi informed his counterparts about Iran's latest positions and initiatives aimed at halting the US-Israeli military operations against his country.*

● 当地外交団、復興・開発事業の視察のためカラバフを訪問

Diplomatic corps visits Karabakh to observe reconstruction and development efforts

Over the weekend of May 1–3, 2026, Azerbaijan hosted a large diplomatic visit to the Karabakh and East Zangezur regions, bringing together more than 150 representatives from 62 countries and international organizations. The delegation was led by Hikmet Hajiyev, a senior aide to the Azerbaijani president, and this marked the 21st organized trip of foreign diplomats to territories regained by Azerbaijan following the conflict with Armenia.

During the two-day visit, the diplomats traveled to several key locations, including Khankendi, Khojaly, Shusha, and Lachin. The program focused on showcasing reconstruction efforts and new development projects in the region. (TREND / 03.05.2026)

● イルハム・アリエフ大統領、第8回欧州政治共同体首脳会合でビデオリンクを通じて演説

President Ilham Aliyev addressed 8th European Political Community Summit via video link

On May 04, President Aliyev addressed participants via video link from Baku, expressing gratitude to António Costa for the invitation. He noted that he had supported the decision to hold the 2026 summit in Armenia and announced that Azerbaijan will host a future summit in May 2028, a proposal also backed by Armenia. He presented this mutual support as evidence that peace between Azerbaijan and Armenia is becoming a reality, although still recent and developing.

Aliyev emphasized that significant progress has been made in the Armenia–Azerbaijan peace process. He referred to a joint declaration signed in Washington in August by both countries' leaders, witnessed by Donald Trump, and noted that the foreign ministers have already initialed a peace agreement. According to him, both sides now consider peace effectively achieved and are transitioning into a phase of learning to coexist peacefully.

He highlighted several practical outcomes of this peace. Azerbaijan has unilaterally lifted long-standing transit restrictions, allowing 28,000 tons of cargo to pass through its territory into Armenia. It has also begun exporting gasoline and diesel to Armenia—amounting to 12,000 tons—marking the start of economic cooperation. Additionally, Aliyev introduced a regional connectivity initiative called the “Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity,” which will connect mainland Azerbaijan with its exclave Nakhchivan and integrate into broader Eurasian trade routes.

While thanking the European Commission for supporting the peace process, Aliyev sharply criticized other European institutions, particularly the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. He accused them of applying double standards and undermining Azerbaijan, citing sanctions imposed by PACE in 2024 and multiple resolutions by the European Parliament that he described as biased and misleading. In response, Azerbaijan's parliament has suspended cooperation with the European Parliament, withdrawn from joint parliamentary bodies, and initiated steps to leave the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly. Aliyev framed these actions as necessary to counter unfair treatment and misinformation.

In closing, he congratulated Nikol Pashinyan on hosting the summit and reaffirmed Azerbaijan's commitment to advancing the peace agenda despite external criticism, presenting recent developments as clear signs of progress toward lasting regional stability.

Speaking at the event, Armenian PM Pashinyan stated that peace with Azerbaijan has now been achieved, that there have been no casualties on either side for two years – the unprecedented years of peace since independence. He noted that the parties are now working closely to strengthen and institutionalize peace between the two countries. The Prime Minister of Armenia specifically emphasized that this is the first time the President of Azerbaijan is participating in an event held in Armenia, albeit in an online format, and expressed his hope that he will have the opportunity to visit Azerbaijan in 2028 to participate in the 10th European Political Community Summit. Nikol Pashinyan also highlighted that Armenia and Azerbaijan reciprocally supported each other's candidacies to host the

European Political Community Summit.

President of the European Council António Costa expressed his gratitude to the participants and to President Ilham Aliyev, who joined the meeting via video link. He stated that this meeting is of a historical nature, as its convening was made possible thanks to the agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan. This agreement is a peace story within Europe and should be applauded in a world dominated by escalation and war.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy emphasized: “We wish only peace – sustainable, comprehensive, and long-lasting peace – for Armenia and Azerbaijan. We wish this for you, Mr. Prime Minister, for President Aliyev, and for the peoples of both countries.”

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney also declared that he joined in the congratulations for the progress achieved toward peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan and extended his greetings to President Ilham Aliyev. (AZERTAG / 04.05.2026)

● メローニ首相がバクーを訪問

President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic Giorgia Meloni is on a visit to Baku

On May 04, Ilham Aliyev held a one-on-one meeting with Giorgia Meloni, which followed by an expanded meeting and a working dinner. Both leaders emphasized the strong and strategic partnership between Azerbaijan and Italy. Aliyev highlighted the symbolic importance of Meloni’s visit—especially following her trip to Armenia—and expressed confidence that it would further strengthen bilateral relations.

Meloni described Azerbaijan as a key partner for Italy across areas such as energy, infrastructure, connectivity, and culture. She also underlined Azerbaijan’s role as a strategic bridge between regions, extending toward the Mediterranean, and stressed the potential for even deeper cooperation despite global challenges.

Press statements

Ilham Aliyev emphasized that relations between the two countries are built on agreements signed in 2014 and 2020 and are reflected in close political and economic cooperation. He noted that Italy is Azerbaijan’s top trading partner, with trade reaching about \$12 billion, and underlined the importance of energy cooperation, as Azerbaijan is a major supplier of oil and gas to Italy. He also spoke about plans to expand gas exports through the Southern Gas Corridor, as well as growing cooperation in new areas such as military-technical projects such as organization of joint production, and the combination of Italian technologies with Azerbaijani financial resources. Aliyev highlighted mutual investments, including significant Azerbaijani investments in Italy and the active role of around 130 Italian companies in Azerbaijan, particularly in reconstruction projects in Garabagh and East Zangezur. He also

stressed the importance of educational cooperation, mentioning the Italy-Azerbaijan University in Baku. Overall, Aliyev described Meloni's visit—following her trip to Armenia—as symbolic and important for further strengthening bilateral ties.

Giorgia Meloni emphasized the importance of strengthening Italy's strategic partnership with Azerbaijan. She noted that the visit—coming after a 13-year gap—marks a new phase in bilateral relations, with plans to establish permanent political coordination and deepen cooperation. Meloni highlighted energy as a key pillar of the partnership, especially Azerbaijan's role in supporting Italy's energy security, while also stressing the need to expand cooperation in connectivity, investment, and industrial development. She outlined plans for a business forum in Baku in 2026 to boost economic ties and pointed to growing collaboration in areas such as defense - aerospace industry, maritime security, the protection of critical infrastructure.

Beyond economics, she underlined cultural and educational links, as well as cooperation on international issues, including regional stability, relations with Iran, and support for peace efforts between Azerbaijan and Armenia. She reaffirmed Italy's backing for EU-Azerbaijan dialogue and described the partnership as long-term and increasingly important in a complex global environment. (AZERTAG / 04.05.2026)

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The President of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola responds to Aliyev's criticism: "Parliament, with its directly elected representatives, is a democratic body. European Parliament resolutions are adopted by a majority. The results may create certain inconveniences for many, but we will never change our working procedures or the positions we follow."

French President Emmanuel Macron responded to a question about ethnic Armenians imprisoned in Azerbaijan. "First, I will discuss this with the president and prime minister of Armenia. Then I will speak with President Ilham Aliyev. You can count on me, I firmly believe in this peace process," Macron said.

● アルメニア・EU 首脳会合宣言、バクー・エレバン間の和平努力及び地域正常化を支持 Armenia–EU Summit declaration backs Baku-Yerevan peace efforts, regional normalization

The European Union and Armenia have strongly backed efforts to advance peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan, including the signing and ratification of a peace treaty. The support was outlined in a joint declaration adopted following the first Armenia–EU Summit held in Yerevan. "We commend the efforts to further institutionalise peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and to ensure the signing and ratification of the peace treaty," the statement said. The declaration also welcomed the outcome of the August 8, 2025 Washington Summit and

subsequent steps toward normalization of relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan. In addition, the EU reiterated its full support for the normalization of relations between Armenia and Türkiye, as well as the inclusive reopening of regional communications. (TREND / 04.05.2026)

● **ガファロヴァ国会議長、列国議会同盟事務総長と会談**
Speaker of Azerbaijani Parliament meets IPU Secretary General

On May 4, Sahiba Gafarova met with Martin Chungong to discuss strengthening cooperation between Azerbaijan's parliament and the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Gafarova highlighted Azerbaijan's growing role and active participation in the IPU, as well as cooperation within the Non-Aligned Movement's parliamentary network, and thanked Chungong for supporting dialogue between Azerbaijani and Armenian parliaments as part of the peace process. The meeting concluded with Chungong receiving an honorary medal from the Azerbaijani Parliament for his efforts in strengthening inter-parliamentary relations. (TREND / 04.05.2026)

● **アリエフ大統領、列国議会同盟（IPU）のチュンゴン事務総長を迎える**
President Aliyev received Martin Chungong, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

On May 05, Aliyev hailed the role of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in facilitating parliamentary dialogue between Azerbaijan and Armenia, as well as in creating conditions for regular meetings between the speakers of the Azerbaijani and Armenian parliaments to discuss the peace process. The Secretary General highlighted the country's contribution to inter-parliamentary dialogue. The sides also exchanged views on the current state of cooperation, prospects for relations, and the development of inter-parliamentary dialogue. (AZERTAG / 05.05.2026)

● **アリエフ大統領、カヤ・カラス EU 外務・安全保障政策上級代表兼欧州委員会副委員長率いる EU 代表団を迎える**
President Aliyev received an EU delegation led by Kaja Kallas, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission

On May 05, President Aliyev discussed the future of EU-Azerbaijan cooperation across several key sectors, including energy, connectivity, security, and trade. The head of state underscored Azerbaijan's role as a reliable partner for the EU in terms of energy security adding Azerbaijani natural gas has recently begun reaching two additional EU member states: Germany and Austria.

The conversation also turned to the Azerbaijan-Armenia peace process. The head of state highlighted the steps undertaken by Azerbaijan to advance the peace agenda, noting the

establishment of economic and trade ties between Azerbaijan and Armenia. EU's support for Azerbaijan in demining efforts was commended, and it was noted that the commencement of the TRIPP project would create significant opportunities for regional connectivity. (AZERTAG / 05.05.2026)

● **バイラモフ外相、カヤ・カラス EU 外務・安全保障政策上級代表兼欧州委員会副委員長と会談**

FM Bayramov met the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Vice-President of the European Commission, Kaja Kallas

On May 05, the parties reviewed in detail the current state and prospects of Azerbaijan-EU relations. The meeting discussed opportunities for expanding cooperation in the fields of economy, trade, energy security, transport and logistics, green energy, and digitalization. An exchange of views was held on the normalization process with Armenia. Azerbaijan's commitment to ensuring lasting peace and stability in the region was once again emphasized. The parties also exchanged views on regional and international security issues. In this context, cooperation within multilateral platforms, as well as opportunities for joint action against global challenges, were discussed.

The meeting also reviewed the prospects for the development of cooperation between Azerbaijan and the EU within the framework of various institutions and programs.

During the press conference, Kaja Kallas highlighted the European Union's interest in maintaining a strong partnership with Azerbaijan, particularly in energy security, connectivity, and green transition. She described Azerbaijan as an important and reliable energy partner for Europe and pointed to further cooperation in renewable energy.

She also addressed regional stability, stressing that lasting peace in the South Caucasus is crucial. Kallas reaffirmed the EU's support for normalization between Azerbaijan and Armenia and encouraged continued diplomatic engagement.

On human rights, Kallas noted that the issue remains an important part of EU–Azerbaijan relations. She emphasized the need for continued dialogue on fundamental freedoms, rule of law, and democratic standards as part of broader cooperation.

Jeyhun Bayramov, in his remarks, focused on Azerbaijan's commitment to partnership with the EU based on mutual respect and shared interests. He reiterated Azerbaijan's contribution to Europe's energy security and ongoing cooperation projects.

Responding to the broader agenda, Bayramov acknowledged dialogue with the EU on various issues, including governance and legal frameworks, while emphasizing that cooperation should respect Azerbaijan's internal processes and priorities.

He also spoke about the regional situation, highlighting reconstruction, demining, and efforts toward normalization, and reaffirmed Azerbaijan's position in favor of long-term peace and stability. (TREND, REPORT / 05.05.20256)

● アゼルバイジャン、エレバンでの国際会議に代表を派遣

Azerbaijan represented at international conference in Yerevan

On May 5, Azerbaijani experts — Farhad Mammadov, Rusif Huseynov, and Zaur Shiryev — participated in the international conference Yerevan Dialogue 2026 in Yerevan. They took part in panel discussions and expert-level exchanges focused on regional dynamics, dialogue, and confidence-building between Azerbaijan and Armenia. During the conference:

- Rusif Huseynov emphasized that Azerbaijan favors direct bilateral engagement with Armenia rather than formats involving third parties. He noted that, even without a final peace treaty, limited economic and trade interactions are already emerging, but further progress will require formal legal and diplomatic frameworks. He also criticized past mediation formats such as the OSCE Minsk Group.
- Farhad Mammadov stated that the ongoing peace process is creating new opportunities for the region, particularly through direct Azerbaijan–Armenia negotiations. He argued that bilateral talks help address complex issues more effectively and reduce the influence of external actors. He also highlighted the South Caucasus’ growing role in regional connectivity projects, including routes linked to the Middle Corridor. (REPORT / 05.05.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、ゼレンスキー・ウクライナ大統領と電話会談

President Aliyev, Ukrainian President Zelenskyy held phone conversation

On May 6, President Aliyev shared a post on his social media account X about the phone conversations in reply to Zelenskyy’s post on X: “Today, I have received a phone call from President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy. During the call, satisfaction was expressed with the positive dynamics in the development of relations between our countries. We also exchanged views on the implementation of issues discussed during the meeting held in Gabala, within the framework of the bilateral agenda.”

President Zelenskyy’s X post: “I discussed with Ilham Aliyev the implementation of the steps we agreed on during my visit to Azerbaijan a few weeks ago. We continue to work on developing both Ukraine–Azerbaijan bilateral relations and our cooperation with other countries in the region to enhance security and stability. We exchanged details of our contacts with partners and agreed on the next steps. Together, we can certainly bring more strength to our people. Thank you!” (AZERTAG, X.COM / 06.05.2026)

● バイラモフ外相、シビハ・ウクライナ外相と電話会談

FM Bayramov and Ukrainian FM Andrii Sybiha had a telephone conversation

On May 06, the sides discussed issues arising from the talks and agreements reached between the presidents of Azerbaijan and Ukraine, as well as current topics of partnership

relations between the two countries.

Sybiha's X post: "...We focused on the implementation of the agreements reached during negotiations in Gabala and discussed further steps to advance our bilateral cooperation. We also exchanged views on the regional security situation and broader international developments. Ukraine is grateful to Azerbaijan for its consistent support for our sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as for humanitarian assistance, particularly in the energy sector. We agreed to maintain active dialogue and continue our contacts." (TREND, X.COM / 06.05.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン、フランス外相の上院での発言を「挑発的」として拒否
Azerbaijan rejects French minister's remarks at Senate as "provocative"**

French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot sparked controversy on May 6 after remarks in the French Senate concerning Karabakh. During the discussion, Barrot referred to the region as "Nagorno-Karabakh" ("Haut-Karabakh" in French) and expressed concern about the protection of Armenian cultural and religious heritage following Azerbaijan's restoration of control over the territory in 2023. The French minister raised issues related to churches, monasteries, and historical monuments in the region, referenced ongoing proceedings at the International Court of Justice, and supported the idea of a UNESCO mission to assess the condition of cultural sites in Karabakh.

Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry strongly rejected the remarks, calling them "anti-Azerbaijani allegations" and criticizing France for continuing to use the term "Nagorno-Karabakh." Baku stated that Karabakh is an integral part of Azerbaijan and accused France of ignoring the destruction of Azerbaijani cultural and religious heritage during the years of Armenian occupation. (TREND / 06.05.2026)

● **シモニャン・アルメニア議長、バクー訪問の用意があると述べ、ガファロヴァ議長をアルメニアに招待**

Simonyan says he is ready to visit Baku, invites Sahiba Gafarova to Armenia

"I am ready to visit Azerbaijan if there is an appropriate reason and an official invitation," Speaker of the Armenian Parliament Alen Simonyan told journalists. According to him, if such an invitation is received, he will not hesitate to travel to Baku. At the same time, Simonyan invited Speaker of Azerbaijan's Milli Majlis Sahiba Gafarova to visit Armenia. (APA / 06.05.2026)

● **ガファロヴァ国会議長、地中海サミット出席のためモンテネグロを訪問
Parliament Speaker is on a visit to Montenegro for Mediterranean Summit**

Sahiba Gafarova, the Speaker of the Parliament, paid a working visit to Montenegro to participate in the 1st Summit of Speakers of Parliaments of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM). The main purpose of the visit was to strengthen parliamentary diplomacy and expand cooperation between Azerbaijan and Mediterranean countries through the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean.

The Parliament of Azerbaijan has been granted observer status in the PAM. Speaking at the summit, Sahiba Gafarova said that participation in the PAM creates new broad opportunities for further strengthening and developing relations with the member parliaments.

Speaker Sahiba Gafarova met with Montenegro Parliament Speaker Andrija Mandic. The two sides highlighted the important role of mutual visits, political dialogue and parliamentary contacts in advancing Azerbaijan-Montenegro relations. (TREND / 07.05.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン大統領補佐官、ポーランド政府関係者と二国間関係について協議 **Azerbaijani presidential aide holds talks with Polish official on bilateral relations**

Assistant to the President of Azerbaijan and Head of the Foreign Policy Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration, Hikmat Hajiyev, met with Tomasz Siemoniak, member of the Polish Council of Ministers and Coordinator of Special Services. The sides discussed bilateral relations between Azerbaijan and Poland, particularly cooperation in the field of security. The parties also exchanged views on the situation in Iran, Russia's war against Ukraine, as well as Azerbaijan-Armenia relations. (APA / 07.05.2026)

● ロシア、アゼルバイジャンの欧州議会との関係停止を支持 **Russia backs Azerbaijan's suspension of ties with European Parliament**

Russia's MFA spox Mariya Zakharova said they were unsurprised by Azerbaijan's decision to halt cooperation with the European Parliament following its latest anti-Azerbaijani resolution. Moscow described the resolution as politically motivated, false, and part of a broader pattern of interference in other countries' internal affairs. Zakharova criticized the European Parliament for arrogance, suppression of dissent, manipulation of democratic values, and disregard for EU citizens' opinions. At the same time, she acknowledged that Azerbaijan as a sovereign state, continues dialogue with other EU institutions, citing the recent visit of EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas to Baku.

Zakharova also underlined much has been said about Armenia potentially becoming a hub for regional connectivity, with these ideas often presented as European initiatives. "In reality, however, Moscow was at the origin of these processes. The work was carried out within the framework of the trilateral working group co-chaired by the deputy prime ministers of Russia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan between 2021 and 2023. It is regrettable that, unlike the countries

of the South Caucasus, the EU has still failed to understand that the full restoration of the region's transport networks is impossible without Russia's participation." (MID.RU / 07.05.2026)

● **MINVAL : アゼルバイジャン・NATO 協力を妨害しているとしてフランスを非難**
MINVAL: France accused of undermining Azerbaijan–NATO Cooperation

The article by MINVAL claims that France has been systematically blocking the approval of Azerbaijan's Individual Tailored Partnership Programme with NATO since March 2023. According to the report, the document is not related to NATO membership but is intended to regulate practical cooperation with the alliance in areas such as joint exercises, military training, cybersecurity, and security consultations.

The main accusation is that Paris is using NATO mechanisms to pressure Azerbaijan over bilateral political disputes, particularly regarding French citizens imprisoned in Azerbaijan. The article argues that France is transferring its disagreements with Baku onto international platforms, effectively sabotaging Azerbaijan's cooperation with NATO.

The piece also claims that France's actions are affecting Armenia's cooperation with NATO, as Yerevan's own partnership programme with the alliance has reportedly also been delayed. At the same time, the article accuses France of bypassing NATO procedures by directly strengthening Armenia's defense sector through arms deliveries, military instructors, and training programs. (MINVAL / 07.05.2026)

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