

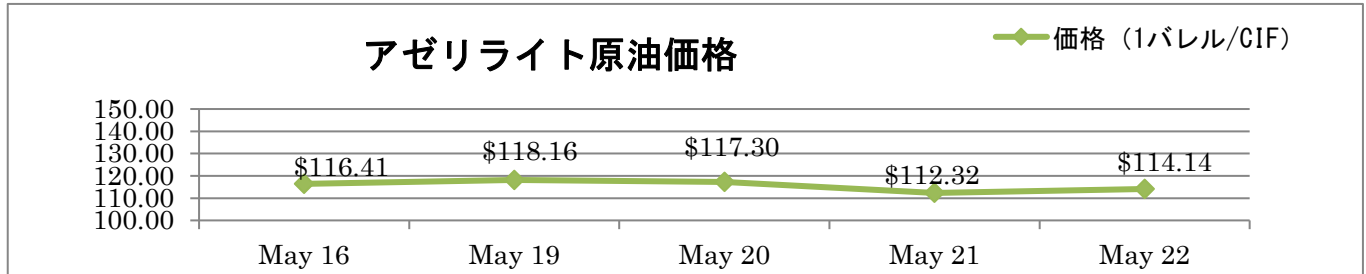
アゼルバイジャン経済情報

(公開情報とりまとめ)

【2026年5月16日～5月22日】

在アゼルバイジャン日本国大使館

1. エネルギー・環境



●経済協力機構エコクリーンエネルギーセンター（CECECO）執行理事会がアゼルバイジャン議長の下で初開催

The first meeting of the Executive Board of the Economic Cooperation Organization Clean Energy Centre (CECECO) was convened under the Chairmanship of Azerbaijan on May 16. The meeting was attended by representatives of CECECO Signatory States — the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Republic of Türkiye, and the Republic of Uzbekistan — the Deputy Secretary-General of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), and the Executive Director of CECECO. Signatory States, represented by the officials of the Ministries of Energy, expressed their appreciation for the progress achieved by the Centre and exchanged views on the proposed Work Plan. The Board reviewed the drafts of Staff Regulations and Financial Regulations of CECECO, aimed at establishing a comprehensive, transparent, and rules-based administrative and financial governance framework for the Centre. Executive Board members were invited to submit proposals for further consideration. The meeting also included deliberations on future activities, as well as preparations for the upcoming COP31 in Türkiye. (Azertag, 16.05.2026)

●ナジャフ SOCAR 総裁とケニア大統領が会談 人材育成や経験共有等で協力機会を模索

On 18 May 2026, SOCAR President Rovshan Najaf met with William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya. During the meeting, the parties reviewed opportunities for cooperation across various segments of the energy sector. They also exchanged views on human capital development, experience sharing, and other issues of mutual interest. (Azertag, 18.05.2026)

●エネルギー省とトルコ環境・都市化及び気候変動省が世界都市フォーラム（WUF13）の場で技術協力覚書に署名 建物のエネルギー効率向上に向け協力

As part of the 13th World Urban Forum (WUF13) held in Baku, Azerbaijan's Ministry of Energy and Türkiye's Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change signed a MoU on Technical Cooperation in Building Energy Efficiency. The document was inked by Azerbaijan's Energy Minister Parviz Shahbazov and Turkish Minister of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change Murat Kurum. Prior to the signing ceremony, a meeting took place between Minister Parviz Shahbazov and Türkiye's Minister of Environment, Urbanization and Climate

Change and President of COP31 Murat Kurum. Shahbazov hailed Türkiye's rich experience in the field of energy. The Minister also highlighted the measures being implemented by Azerbaijan in the field of energy efficiency, including the activities of the Energy Efficiency Fund. Turkish Minister Murat Kurum emphasized that the close ties of friendship between Azerbaijani and Turkish Presidents contribute to enhancing bilateral relations between the two countries. (Azertag, 18.05.2026)

●アゼルバイジャンとジョージアが西方輸出パイプライン（注：バクー・スプサパイプライン）のジョージア部分の操業条件を決定する文書に署名

A document defining the operating conditions of the Georgian section of the Western Route Export Pipeline has been signed between SOCAR, SOCAR Midstream Operations LLC (SMO), and the Georgian Oil and Gas Corporation (GOGC), Ministry of Economy told on May 19. The parties agreed on the Heads of Terms for the Operating Agreement regulating the operating conditions of the Georgian section of the Western Route Export Pipeline, including the Supsa Oil Terminal and related infrastructure. (Apa, 19.05.2026)

The first meeting of energy ministers from D8 member states will be held in Baku in two weeks, Azerbaijan's Energy Minister Parviz Shahbazov told on May 19. (Trend, 19.05.2026)

●シャフバゾフ・エネルギー大臣と経済協力機構（ECO）のD-8グループが「D-8 エネルギー及び気候センター」設立に関して議論

A meeting was held between Minister of Energy Parviz Shahbazov and Secretary General of D-8 Organization for the Economic Cooperation Sohail Mahmood on May 20. During the meeting, it was emphasized that Azerbaijan, as the organization's first non-founding member state, is interested in active and practical cooperation within the D-8 framework, and that the Head of State attaches great importance to the development of relations with the organization. It was noted that Azerbaijan is ready to contribute to strengthening cooperation between member states in all areas, especially in the fields of energy, trade, connections and sustainable development. Issues related to the establishment of the D-8 Energy and Climate Center in Azerbaijan were considered. It was stated that, in accordance with the decision adopted at the 50th Meeting of the D-8 Commissioners held in Cairo, work in this direction is ongoing. Confidence was expressed that the Center will serve as an important platform for dialogue and cooperation among member states in the areas of energy transition, renewable energy and climate resilience. In addition, the sides exchanged views on the organization of the First Meeting of Energy Ministers of D-8 Member States, planned within the Baku Energy Week. (Apa, 20.05.2026)

●シャフバゾフ・エネルギー大臣と世銀及び EBRD の代表団がエネルギー連系や再エネプロジェクト等につきそれぞれ意見交換 広域送電構想推進

On May 20, Parviz Shahbazov, Azerbaijan's Minister of Energy, met with Valerie Levkov, World Bank Group Vice President for Infrastructure, to discuss expanding cooperation in renewable energy, power grid modernization, energy efficiency, and regional energy interconnections. The meeting also reviewed ongoing efforts under the Azerbaijan Scaling-Up Renewable Energy Project (AZURE), which aims to strengthen the transmission network to facilitate the integration of renewable energy sources into the national grid. Regional energy interconnection initiatives launched by Azerbaijan were another key focus of the discussions. The sides were briefed on the progress of the feasibility study for the Green Energy Corridor project extending toward the Black Sea and Eastern Europe. They also discussed developments related to the Azerbaijan-Central Asia and Azerbaijan-Georgia-Türkiye-Bulgaria interconnector projects. It was noted that the transmission line project connecting the Caspian region with Nakhchivan and Türkiye is currently

under implementation. The meeting further explored cooperation opportunities with the World Bank in implementing energy efficiency projects based on the ESCO (Energy Service Company) model. The sides noted that this mechanism, which enables the private sector to generate revenue through energy savings without relying on public funding, could also be effectively applied in Azerbaijan. In addition, the discussions covered cooperation on offshore wind energy projects, the application of smart grid technologies, and battery energy storage systems (BESS). The World Bank expressed its readiness to support Azerbaijan in these areas.

On May 20, Minister of Energy Parviz Shahbazov met with Harry Boyd-Carpenter, Managing Director for the Sustainable Infrastructure Group at the EBRD. The meeting focused on expanding cooperation in the energy sector, development of renewable energy sources, and projects related to regional energy interconnections. The meeting also reviewed regional energy interconnector projects and cooperation opportunities with the Bank in this context. The importance of the “Azerbaijan–Georgia–Türkiye–Bulgaria,” “Caspian–Black Sea–Europe,” and “Azerbaijan–Central Asia” green energy corridors, as well as transmission line projects extending toward Türkiye via Nakhchivan and Armenia, was emphasized. The projects were described as strategically important for expanding energy export opportunities and strengthening regional energy security. The sides also touched upon issues related to natural gas and the development of the Southern Gas Corridor. Both parties expressed interest in further expanding cooperation in the energy sector. (Azertag, 20.05.2026).

●イスマイロフ環境天然資源大臣と BP の地域代表が環境保護分野等のプロジェクトにつき意見交換

On May 20, Azerbaijan's Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources Rashad Ismayilov met with a delegation led by Gio Cristofoli, BP's Regional President for Azerbaijan, Georgia and Türkiye. During the meeting, the sides exchanged views on projects implemented with BP in the areas of environmental protection and improving the ecological situation, and discussed existing areas of cooperation and future prospects. The meeting also noted that Azerbaijan will host World Environment Day on June 5, 2026, and discussed preparations for the event. (report.az, 20.05.2026)

●エネルギー規制庁長官と世銀作業チームが会談 漏出ガス検知や修理に関するプロジェクトへの融資メカニズムにつき議論

On May 20, Chairman of the Board of Azerbaijan Energy Regulatory Agency (AERA) Samir Akhundov met with World Bank's Task Team Sandu Ghidirim. During the meeting, the sides exchanged views on the project concerning the gas leak detection and repair (LDAR) financing mechanism, as well as issues of mutual interest. (Azertag, 20.05.2026)

●アゼルバイジャン・ジョージア・トルコ・ブルガリア・グリーンエネルギー回廊の第 3 回閣僚級会合がイスタンブールで開催 グリーン電力回廊推進加速に向け共同会社設立で一致

The 3rd ministerial meeting on the Azerbaijan–Georgia–Türkiye–Bulgaria Green Energy Corridor was held in Istanbul on May 23. Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of Türkiye Alparslan Bayraktar, Minister of Energy of Azerbaijan Parviz Shahbazov, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia Mariam Kvrivishvili and Deputy Minister of Energy of Bulgaria Kirill Temelkov attended the meeting. During the meeting the sides agreed to prepare a roadmap covering measures that will accelerate the implementation of the project. The parties noted that regional energy security, diversification, and sustainable development can be achieved only through close coordination and practical joint efforts, stating that the Green Energy Transmission and Trade Initiative has great potential to become a key platform connecting the

region's energy resources and renewable energy potential with European markets in this regard. As part of the Green Electricity Transmission and Trade initiative, the transmission system operators of the four participating countries agreed to establish a joint company that will finance the feasibility study and direct management of the project. The preparation of the technical feasibility study is underway and the initiative should be completed within a few months. (Azertag, 22.05.2026)

2. マクロ経済・財政

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Date	05/13	05/14	05/15	05/18	05/19	05/20	05/21	05/22
USD/ AZN	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000
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3. 国内経済

●インターネット接続及びインフラ改善に関する第2回作業部会が開催 世銀指標対応強化

The work done to implement improvements and communication in the field of the internet in Azerbaijan has been discussed, Ministry of Digital Development and Transport told on May 16. The discussion took place at the next meeting of the Working Group on "Internet Connectivity and Internet Infrastructure" led by the Ministry within the framework of the Commission on Business Environment and International Rankings. The meeting was chaired by the Head of the Working Group, Deputy Minister of Digital Development and Transport Samaddin Asadov, and was attended by the head and members of the working group, as well as representatives of the private sector. The meeting presented a report on the work done in 2025 on the Roadmap for the implementation of improvements and communication in the relevant field in relation to the "Utilities (Internet)" indicator of the World Bank's Business Ready report. The meeting also presented a report on the work done in the first quarter of the 2026 Roadmap approved for the said indicator, and identified the tasks ahead. (Trend, 16.05.2026)

●バクー・ホワイトシティとパシャ開発が沿岸部地域の開発で合意 「11月8日」通り、ホワイトシティまでの区間を共同開発

Within the framework of the World Urban Forum (WUF13), an agreement was signed between Baku White City project and Pasha Development for the joint development of a number of facilities in the Coastal District. The Coastal District is bordered by 8 November Avenue to the north and the White City Boulevard to the south. Based on an integrated approach to sustainable development, the Coastal District provides for a balanced mix of residential, commercial, and public spaces, with a particular emphasis on a qualitatively new urban environment. The agreement covers joint work on the development of public and commercial spaces, a major public parking facility, a square for city events, iconic residential and office buildings, hotels, a congress hall, and a museum. (Trend, 22.05.2026)

4. 対外経済関係

●世界都市フォーラム（WUF13）がバクーで開催 アリエフ大統領が各国要人を出迎え

The 13th session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13), jointly organised by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan under the theme “Housing the world: Safe and resilient cities and communities” opened in Baku on 17 May. More than 40,000 participants from 182 countries registered for the forum, which is considered a record in the history of WUF. WUF13, which will run until May 22. On the first day of the forum, a Ministerial Meeting and a ministerial roundtable dedicated to the New Urban Agenda were organized. In addition, the following events were organized: the “Civil Society and Civic Initiatives Assembly,” the “Women’s Assembly: Co-Creating Gender-Transformative Strategies,” a Business Assembly session on “Private Sector Leadership in the Housing Value Chain: Delivering Outcomes Amid Challenges,” the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments on “Local Leadership Driving a Renewed Multilateralism,” as well as sessions on “Housing for Urban Prosperity and Opportunity” and “Housing for Social Inclusion and Poverty Eradication.” A series of assembly sessions will also take place within the framework of the Forum. Proceedings will begin with the Joint Opening of the Assemblies, followed by the Women’s Assembly, the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments, the Grassroots and Civil Society Organizations Assembly, the Children and Youth Assembly, Business Assembly, Global Water Operators’ Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA) Assembly. (Azertag, 17.05.2026)

On May 16-17, President Aliyev received the following foreign guests arrived to attend the 13th session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13)

- President of Bulgaria Iliana Iotova
- President of Serbia Aleksandar Vučić
- President of Kenya William Samoei Ruto
- King of Eswatini Mswati III
- Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Anacláudia Rossbach
- Chief Minister of the Punjab Province of Pakistan Maryam Nawaz Sharif
- UAE Minister of Energy and Infrastructure Suhail Al Mazrouei
- Chairman of the State Committee for the Construction of the City of Arkadag under the President of Turkmenistan Deryageldi Orazov. (Azertag, May 16-17, 2026)

On May 18, President Aliyev received the following foreign guests arrived to attend the 13th session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13):

- Prime Minister of Georgia Irakli Kobakhidze
- Vice Premier of the State Council of China
- President of Uzbekistan Shovkat Mirziyoyev. (Azertag, 18.05.2026)

On May 19, President Aliyev received the following foreign guests arrived in Baku to attend the 13th session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13):

- Deputy Prime Minister of Slovakia Tomáš Taraba
- President of the Republic of Mauritius Dharambeer Gokhool
- Chairman of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus Igor Sergeyenko. (Azertag, 19.05.2026)

●アリエフ大統領が世界都市フォーラム（WUF13）の開会式に参加

Opening ceremony of the 13th Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13) was held in Baku on May 18. President Aliyev and Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Anacláudia Rossbach welcomed the heads of state and government, as well as the heads of delegations participating in the session. Video messages from UN

Secretary-General António Guterres and President of the UN General Assembly Annalena Baerbock addressed to the event participants were screened. In his speech, President Aliyev said:

“We have probably a record number of registered participants. This morning, I got information that we have more than 45,000 registered participants from 182 countries. So, this is the second biggest international event ever held in Azerbaijan after COP29. I hope that the outcome of WUF13 will be as successful as COP29.

One of the main tasks for our government now is the reconstruction of Garabagh and East Zangezur, the area which was under Armenian occupation for 30 years, and which suffered total destruction and devastation. International observers and visitors compared, for instance, Aghdam with Hiroshima. They called it the “Hiroshima of the Caucasus,” because this city just did not exist. It was totally leveled to the ground, and unlike Hiroshima, it was done not in one day as a result of an atomic bomb, but it was done during 30 years of occupation, when the buildings, historical buildings, public buildings, and houses were just dismantled and completely destroyed. So now the Great Return Program is being implemented, and the master plans for cities and villages are being prepared. I can, of course, bring a lot of figures, but I will mention only two - the lengths of the tunnels which we are building now. In five years, 70 kilometers have already been built, with five more to be built; 435 bridges have been built out of 500. So this was done along with power stations, along with water supply, water storage facilities, houses, schools, hospitals, three international airports, railroads, and this was done only in five years. Today, more than 85,000 Azerbaijanis already live in the formerly occupied territories, they work, they live, they study, and their employment is also one of the important targets for our government. So, prior to building the apartments and private houses for them, schools and hospitals, of course, we have to do demining, but at the same time we have to think about employment. So numerous industrial zones, which have already been created and will be created in those areas, definitely will support the rapid return of hundreds of thousands of people who were deprived of their fundamental right, the right to live on their own land.

Talking about Baku, a couple of things more, we had to do a lot of environmental work. Baku was the first city in the world where oil was produced back in 1846. And throughout these 180 years, almost all these years, there was zero respect for environmental protection. So Baku was heavily polluted. Instead of Black City, which was heavily polluted—that is why it was called Black City—today we have White City, the model of urban development. It's a city inside the city. Another demonstration of urban development is the resort city of Sea Breeze.” (Azertag, 18.05.2026)

●塩見国土交通審議官が世界都市フォーラム（WUF13）に参加 災害に強い都市計画等での協力可能性に言及

Japan intends to intensify international cooperation in sustainable urban development and land management by presenting its experience in disaster prevention, infrastructure rehabilitation, and transport-oriented planning at the 13th session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13) in Baku, Shiomi Hideyuki, Advisor to the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism of Japan, said on May 17, during a ministerial roundtable at WUF13. "Japan is ready to share advanced knowledge and experience in areas such as disaster risk reduction, post-crisis recovery and reconstruction, transport-oriented urban development, affordable housing, and spatial decentralization-the transfer of economic and social activity from overcrowded megacities to the regions. To effectively implement these efforts, it is crucial to create platforms accessible to all countries," the advisor stated. "As part of the current forum, we will hold a panel discussion on the topic of Sustainable National Land Resources. The prospect of establishing joint expert platforms with the State Committee for Urban Planning and Architecture of Azerbaijan is quite real, Shiomi Hideyuki told. "Japan is renowned for its strict seismic safety standards. This opens

up the possibility of establishing joint expert platforms and exchanging knowledge with the State Committee for Urban Planning and Architecture of Azerbaijan to apply advanced Japanese earthquake-resistant construction technologies. We will certainly begin working on this area if the Azerbaijani government initiates the initiative," he emphasized. The Advisor also pointed out that Japan had previously built an urban planning system and gradually developed its infrastructure, preparing for rapid population growth. (Trend, report.az, 17.05.2026)

●セルビア大統領がアゼルバイジャンのビジネス関係者らと面会 協力分野等につき議論

A meeting was held in Baku on May 17 between Serbian President Aleksandar Vučić and representatives of Azerbaijan's business community. The event, organized by AZPROMO with the support of the Ministry of Finance of Azerbaijan, the Ministry of Finance of Serbia and the Development Agency of Serbia, was attended by officials and representatives of local enterprises, companies and associations. Azerbaijan's Finance Minister Sahil Babayev, co-chair of the Intergovernmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation between Azerbaijan and Serbia also addressed the meeting. The meeting discussed the expansion of Azerbaijan-Serbia economic cooperation, the development of trade and investment ties, and new partnership opportunities between business communities. As part of the event, presentations were made by companies and associations, providing information about their areas of activity, export and investment potential, and possible areas of cooperation with the Serbian side. (report.az, 17.05.2026)

●アリエフ大統領とコバヒゼ・ジョージア首相が BTK 鉄道近代化の最終合意等に署名 バクー・トビリシ線は 5 月 26 日より再開予定

On May 18, with the participation of President Ilham Aliyev and Georgia's Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze, Azerbaijan's Minister of Digital Development and Transport Rashad Nabiyeu and Georgia's Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development Mariam Kvrivishvili signed the Protocol of the 41st meeting of the Coordination Council for the rehabilitation, reconstruction, and construction of the railway section from Marabda to the border of the Republic of Türkiye (Kartsakhi) within the framework of the "Baku-Tbilisi-Kars" new railway project. The document's signing represents the approval of the completion and final acceptance of the modernization works implemented as part of the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars (BTK) project. The event also marked the launch of the joint venture "BTKI Railways" LLC, established by subsidiaries of "Azerbaijan Railways" CJSC (ADY) and "Marabda-Kartsakhi Railway" LLC, to ensure effective management of the BTK line. The parties additionally agreed to resume daily passenger train services on the Baku-Tbilisi-Baku route starting from May 26, 2026. (Azertag and Apa, 19.05.2026)

●ブルガリア大統領が同国の投資でバクー近郊に設立されたリサイクル工場を視察

On May 18, President of Bulgaria Iliana Iotova visited a factory located 25 kilometers from the city of Baku that was fully constructed on Bulgarian investments, Bulgarian President's office. The enterprise for the recycling of used industrial and motor oils, as well as the production of base oils of the first and second groups, is currently in the pre-commissioning testing phase. The project, spearheaded by a Bulgarian company operating in the field of ecological construction, engineering, and project management, is evaluated as high-tech and fully compliant with the requirements of the UN Climate Change Conference. (Trend, 18.05.2026)

●バクー・ホワイトシティプロジェクトと Atkins 社が道路交通インフラ等の開発に合意 バクー東部をグリーンで持続可能な都市へ

On May 18, Baku White City project and Atkins company have signed an agreement on the development of road, transport, and engineering communications infrastructure in the Eastern Quarter of Baku White City within the framework of the 13th session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13). The document was signed by Matthew Tribe, Global Director of Atkins, and Rufat Javadov, Director of the Azerbaijan Development Company Baku White City project. Under the agreement, the development and planning of infrastructure in the Eastern Quarter will be carried out in strict accordance with the principles of a green and sustainable city. The project aims to implement advanced environmental standards, optimize transport links, and establish energy-efficient engineering networks. (Trend, 18.05.2026)

●ジャバロフ経済大臣がスロバキア投資地域発展情報大臣ほか世界都市フォーラム（WUF13）出席者と会談

On May 19, Minister of Economy Mikayil Jabbarov met with the following foreign guests arrived in Baku to attend the 13th session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13):

- Samuel Migal, Minister of Investments, Regional Development and Information of the Slovak Republic/
- Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Chief Minister of the Punjab Province of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- Deryageldi Orazov, Chairman of the State Committee for the Construction of Arkadag City under the President of Turkmenistan
- Harry Boyd-Carpenter, Managing Director of the Sustainable Infrastructure Group of the EBRD. (Apa, 19.05.2026)

●テュルク諸国機構（OTS）加盟国が都市計画及び持続可能な都市開発に関する協力強化の覚書に署名

On May 19, member states of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) signed a MoU to enhance cooperation on urban planning and sustainable development. The agreement was inked on the sidelines of the OTS High-Level Urban Dialogue held at the Azerbaijani pavilion opened at the Urban Expo as part of the 13th Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13). The ceremony brought together senior officials, as well as representatives from municipalities, the private sector, academia and civil society. Discussions focused on urbanization across the Turkic region, as well as addressing key urban challenges. (Azertag, 19.05.2026)

●世銀南コーカサス地域局長がナビエフ・デジタル開発運輸大臣及びムルサグリエフ国家統計委員会委員長とそれぞれ意見交換 LRT、中央回廊、統計制度近代化など議論

On May 19, Roland Pryce, World Bank Regional Director for the South Caucasus met with Rashad Nabiyev, Azerbaijan`s Minister of Digital Development and Transport. During the meeting, the parties discussed LRT (Light-Rail Transit) project, enhancement of the potential of the Middle Corridor, as well as possibilities for cooperation in the field of maritime industry. The sides also agreed to work out a roadmap covering the areas of telecommunications, digitalization, cybersecurity and artificial intelligence.

On May 19, Pryce also met with Chairman of the State Statistical Committee Azer Mursaguliyev. Issues related to the development of the official statistics system, improvement of the legal and institutional framework, modernization of the system of national accounts and enhancement of the quality of statistical data were discussed during the meeting. The parties exchanged views on the modernization of data collection, production and dissemination processes, expansion of the

use of administrative data sources, development of information technology infrastructure and implementation of international statistical standards. The World Bank expressed its readiness to support the State Statistical Committee in this direction. (Apa, 19.05.2026)

●ナビエフ・デジタル開発運輸大臣がスロバキア投資地域開発・情報大臣と E-ガバメント等につき意見交換

On May 19, Minister of Digital Development and Transport Rashad Nabiyev held a meeting with Samuel Migal, Minister of Investment, Regional Development, and Information of the Slovak Republic. The meeting focused on cooperation in the areas of digitalization, innovation, and urban planning. The Slovak side expressed interest in cooperating with Azerbaijan in the areas of e-government, the “SIMA signature” system, and electronic signatures. In this regard, it was decided to begin negotiations at the expert level. The parties also exchanged views on future opportunities for cooperation in the space industry and technology. (Trend, 19.05.2026)

●ママドフ農業大臣がパキスタン・パンジャーブ州政府高官と会談 アゼルバイジャン産農産品の対パキスタン輸出拡大など議論

On May 19, Azerbaijan's Minister of Agriculture Majnun Mammadov met with visiting Senior Minister of the Government of Punjab in Pakistan Marriyum Aurangzeb. They discussed strengthening cooperation and the legal framework in the agricultural sector between Azerbaijan and Pakistan, increasing trade in agricultural products, promoting the application of advanced agricultural technologies, as well as fostering cooperation in cotton and rice production and livestock breeding. They also discussed the development of internship and exchange programs in agricultural research and education. The sides also discussed the export of Azerbaijani agricultural products to Pakistan and possible support mechanisms in this regard. (Apa, 19.05.2026)

●バクー・トビリシ・カルス（BTK）鉄道の運行スケジュールで両国鉄道が基本合意 運賃も決定

According to the preliminary agreement reached between Azerbaijan Railways CJSC and Georgian Railways JSC, train schedule on the Baku-Tbilisi-Baku route has been determined, Azerbaijan Railways CJSC told. The trains will depart from Baku every day at 11:10 p.m and arrive in Tbilisi at 8:41 a.m. the next day. The train will depart from Tbilisi at 9:00 p.m and arrive in Baku at 6:24 a.m. the next day. Trains on the Baku-Tbilisi-Baku route will stop at Baku Railway Station, Bilajari, Yevlakh, Ganja, Agstafa and Boyuk Kesik stations in Azerbaijan, and at Gardabani station and Tbilisi Railway Station in Georgia. (Apa, 19.05.2026)

Azerbaijan Railways CJSC (ADY), a company of AZCON Holding, is set to resume passenger transportation on the Baku–Tbilisi–Baku route starting from May 26, 2026. The restored route will be operated on board On modern sleeper-type trains of Swiss “Stadler Rail Group” brand. According to the initial schedule, the train will depart from Baku daily at 23:10 and arrive in Tbilisi the following day at 08:41. From Tbilisi to Baku, the travel time will be 21:00-06:24. Of this, one hour will be set for border and customs inspection at the Azerbaijani border, and one hour at the Georgian border. Ticket prices vary by distance, starting from 51 AZN for the comfort class. The minimum one-way fare from Baku to Tbilisi is 81 AZN, from Yevlakh 67 AZN, from Ganja 62 AZN, and from Agstafa 57 AZN. From Boyuk Kesik to Gardabani Station, the fare is 51 AZN. Practically, international ticket prices are determined by the exchange rate of the Swiss franc against the local currency and may fluctuate based on rate ups and downs. Ticket prices for the Baku–Tbilisi–Baku service are also set in line with agreements with Georgia, based on the Swiss franc-to-AZN exchange rate. (Apa, 20.05.2026)

●ヘイダロフ非常事態大臣とベラルーシの建築建設大臣が会談

On May 19, Azerbaijan's Minister of Emergency Situations Colonel General Kamaladdin Heydarov met with Belarusian Minister of Architecture and Construction Aleksandr Studnev, who is visiting the country as part of the 13th UN World Urban Forum (WUF13). (Azertag, 19.05.2026)

●ブルガリア副大統領がスムガイト産業パークを視察

On May 20, President (ママ) of Bulgaria Iliana Iotova visited Sumgayit Industrial Park, which is under the management of the Economic Zones Development Agency (EZDA) of the Ministry of Economy. Deputy Minister of Economy Azer Bayramov and Chairman of the Board of the Agency Seymur Adigozalov provided the Bulgarian delegation with detailed information on the modern infrastructure created for residents in the industrial zones, ongoing projects, and manufactured products. The delegation also visited the resident enterprise "Caspian Lubricants" LLC, where Bulgarian investors are among the founders of the company. They were briefed on the production process at the facility, applied technologies, production capacity, and product range. (Azertag, 20.05.2026)

●ジャバロフ経済大臣と世銀グループ副総裁がインフラ開発や民間部門への投資等につき意見交換

On May 20, Azerbaijan's Minister of Economy Mikayil Jabbarov met with Valérie Levkov, Vice President for Infrastructure of the World Bank Group. The discussions included an exchange of views on support for infrastructure development in Azerbaijan and the wider region, the use of World Bank financial instruments to promote private sector financing, and opportunities for cooperation on potential projects in the field of urban planning. The meeting emphasized that the implementation of projects aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals will make a significant contribution to the economic and social development of the region. (Azertag, 20.05.2026)

●ムスワティ 3 世・エスワティニ国王が ASAN サービスセンターを視察 エスワティニでの導入輸出念頭に協力覚書に署名

On May 20, a delegation led by His Majesty King Mswati III of Eswatini visited "ASAN Service" Center as part of WUF13. Ulvi Mehdiyev, Chairman of the State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, briefed on the activities of the "ASAN Service" Centers. The guests were informed that ASAN has evolved into an intellectual brand exported to more than 30 countries. Then, the "MoU on cooperation in the field of creating an advanced mechanism for providing public services between the State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the relevant institution of the Kingdom of Eswatini" was signed. The memorandum envisages the application of "ASAN Service" experience in Eswatini. The King of Eswatini instructed the delegation to implement the "ASAN Service" model in his country as soon as possible. The delegation then familiarized themselves with the activities of the "INNOLAND" Incubation and Acceleration Center, Mobile ASAN Khidmet, the "ABAD" Public Legal Entity, and the "Bilim Baku" Center. (Azertag, 20.05.2026)

●アリエフ大統領が国連副事務総長を受入れ 「カラバフ」復興モデルにも言及

On May 21, President Aliyev received Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. The head of state expressed his gratitude to the UN leadership for the support in organizing the 13th Session of the World Urban Forum. He noted that the Azerbaijani Government

and the UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) worked as one team for the successful organization of the event. Amina Mohammed noted that WUF13 was held successfully and congratulated the head of state on this occasion. Amina Mohammed hailed the harmonious blend of historical heritage and modernity in Baku, achieved through the application of modern urban planning standards, and stated that this gives the capital a special beauty. During the meeting, it was noted that the reconstruction and development projects implemented by Azerbaijan in the liberated territories serve as a model for other post-conflict regions. The importance of sharing Azerbaijan's experience within the UN framework with other countries was emphasized. (Azertag, 21.05.2026)

●ババエフ財務大臣と世銀の「住みよいバクー」プロジェクト代表団が意見交換

On May 21, Azerbaijan's Finance Minister Sahil Babayev met with a visiting delegation from the World Bank's Livable Baku project team. The meeting discussed the main areas of cooperation between the Azerbaijani Government and the World Bank Group within the framework of the Livable Baku Project, which is currently in the preparation stage, as well as sustainable urban development, ecological resilience, and the promotion of green infrastructure in the country and the region. The project envisages the renovation of urban infrastructure and public spaces, the improvement of solid household waste management, the rehabilitation of polluted areas, and the strengthening of urban governance systems. During the meeting, the parties also exchanged views on opportunities for cooperation on other infrastructure and social initiatives in the country, including regional road infrastructure and employment support programs. The sides underlined the importance of strengthening institutional coordination, increasing the level of technical preparation, and ensuring long-term sustainability in the next stages of the project. (Apa, 21.05.2026)

●ババエフ財務大臣と世銀の公共部門上級専門官会談 中期財政改革・財政デジタル化など協議

On May 21, Anar Karimov, Azerbaijan's First Deputy Minister of Finance met with a delegation of the World Bank led by Fabienne Mroczka, Senior Public Sector Specialist. The sides discussed the implementation, final outcomes and prospects for future cooperation for the Capacity Building in the Field of Medium Term Expenditure program, jointly supported by the World Bank and Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO). It was noted that within the framework of the implemented program, important results have been achieved in strengthening the medium-term fiscal framework in the country, improving strategic budgeting practices, and accelerating the transition to program-based budgeting. The meeting also focused on ongoing cooperation with the World Bank in digitalization and digital transformation of public financial management. In this context, key measures aimed at analyzing and modernizing the digital ecosystem of public financial management and implementing modern information systems were highlighted. (Azertag, 21.05.2026)

●ムスワティ 3 世エスワティニ国王がイブラヒモフ・アゼルゴールド社社長を引見 鉱業等における協力拡大につき意見交換

A meeting was held on May 20 between King of Eswatini His Majesty Mswati III, who is visiting Azerbaijan, and Chairman of the Board of AzerGold CJSC, Zakir Ibrahimov. The meeting included an exchange of views on the prospects for developing relations between Azerbaijan and the Kingdom of Eswatini. In particular, the sides discussed cooperation opportunities in the mining industry, the application of advanced practices in geological exploration and assessment, as well as the implementation of potential joint projects. The delegations also reviewed cooperation

opportunities in the exploration of mineral resources, mine development and value creation across the processing chain, as well as in the mapping of mineral resources. At the end of the meeting the sides signed a MoU on cooperation aimed at promoting the development of the mining industry. According to the Memorandum, "AzerGold" CJSC and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy of the Kingdom of Eswatini will cooperate in the exchange of geological, commercial, and regulatory data, geological exploration, laboratory testing, mineral resource evaluation, and the implementation of feasibility studies. (Apa, 21.05.2026)

●バクー・トビリシ間の鉄道乗車券が発売開始数時間で 1,000 枚以上販売

Ticket sales on the Baku-Tbilisi-Baku route started on May 21. Tickets can be purchased on Azerbaijani Railways' official website (ticket.ady.az), the "Azerbaijani Railways Mobile" application and at railway ticket offices, ADY reports. More than 1,000 tickets have been sold within a short period for the Baku-Tbilisi-Baku route, Azerbaijan Railways told on May 22. More than 400 tickets have been sold from Baku and over 500 from Tbilisi in total. Considering the high demand for tickets, one additional carriage has been added to the first train departing from Baku. Note that amid high demand for tickets on the Baku-Tbilisi-Baku route, certain delays are being observed in the ticket sales system and at ticket offices. "We apologize for the temporary inconvenience and ask our passengers for understanding," ADY said. (Apa and Trend, 22.05.2026)

●ジョージア経済大臣、バクー・トビリシ間鉄道再開を歓迎 アゼルバイジャンからの旅行客増加を見込む

"The resumption of passenger train services between Tbilisi and Baku is important for Georgia," Georgian Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development Mariam Kvrivishvili said on May 21. According to her, Georgia will be the only exception from Azerbaijan with which passenger train services will resume. The Minister noted that Azerbaijan has been an important partner of Georgia in the tourism sector for years. "Today, when the two capitals are connected only by air, the restoration of railway transport will play an important role in deepening people-to-people ties, trade and economic relations, as well as increasing tourist flow starting from the summer tourism season," Kvrivishvili added. (Apa, 21.05.2026)

●アゼルバイジャン・タジキスタン・ビジネスフォーラムがバクーで開催

The Azerbaijan-Tajikistan Business Forum was held in Baku on May 22, convening government officials, institutional investors, and leading corporate delegations from both nations to anchor new economic partnerships. Speaking at the event, Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan Sahib Alakbarov said that the parties are considering expanding cooperation in industry, agriculture, transport, logistics, digital technologies, and the development of small and medium-sized businesses. Alakbarov also emphasized the importance of industrial cooperation, including agricultural processing, the development of industrial parks, and the potential of free economic zones. Director of AZPROMO Yusif Abdullayev highlighted the importance of cooperation with Central Asian countries, emphasizing the role of Azerbaijan's trade mission in the region in expanding economic ties. In addition, within the framework of the forum Azerbaijan's "Azerpambig Agro-Industrial Complex" LLC and Tajikistan's "Boboi Sharifbek" enterprise have signed a cooperation agreement to develop joint agro-industrial production and investment. The agreement aims to strengthen bilateral commercial ties, facilitate the exchange of agricultural technologies, and create new frameworks for joint investment projects within the agricultural sector. (Trend, 22.05.2026)

●世界都市フォーラム（WUF13）が22日閉幕 次回開催国のメキシコへ引継ぎ

Chairmanship of the next Session of the UN World Urban Forum (WUF) has been transferred from Azerbaijan to Mexico. The transfer took place on May 22 as part of the official closing ceremony of WUF-13 in Baku. Thus, WUF14 will be held in Mexico City in 2028. WUF13 held in Baku hosted 579 sessions throughout the week, while the Urban Expo brought together 260 exhibitors, innovators and solution providers. WUF13 featured 11 heads of state, 9 high-level guests, 88 ministers and 76 deputy ministers, and 130 mayors, alongside representatives of international organizations, financial institutions, academia, civil society and grassroots organizations. A key outcome emerging from WUF13 was the presentation of the Baku Call to Action, a stakeholder-led document developed through contributions from civil society organizations, local authorities, practitioners, researchers, community representatives and other urban actors. Framed around the urgent global housing crisis, the Call to Action advocates for renewed political commitment to adequate housing through people-centred, inclusive and climate-resilient approaches, while encouraging stronger multilevel governance, investment and community participation in housing solutions. (Trend, 22. 05.2026)

●AZPROMO とタジキスタン商工会議所が協力強化につき意見交換 ビジネス評議会設立でMoUに署名

On May 22, AZPROMO Executive Director Yusif Abdullayev met with Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tajikistan Farkhodshokh Rakhmonalizoda. The meeting discussed strengthening direct contacts between the business circles of the two countries, increasing mutual trade, as well as the planned Azerbaijan-Tajikistan Business Council. It was noted that trade turnover between Azerbaijan and Tajikistan is showing positive dynamics, creating additional opportunities to further diversify economic cooperation. In this context, the export potential of Azerbaijani products, including halal products, to Tajikistan and through Tajikistan to third-country markets was highly assessed. The meeting also included an exchange of views on organizing exhibitions and joint participation in events in the coming period. On May 21, a MoU on the establishment of a Business Council was signed between AZPROMO and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tajikistan as part of the 8th meeting of the Joint Intergovernmental Commission on trade and economic cooperation between Azerbaijan and Tajikistan, held in Baku. The purpose of establishing the council is to develop mutually beneficial economic and trade cooperation, investment, exports and e-commerce in various areas between Azerbaijani and Tajik business entities. (Trend, 22. 05.2026)

●EBRD がアゼルバイジャンの電動バス拡張プロジェクトへの融資等に関心 バクー市のグリーンシティ・プログラム参加も視野

EBRD is interested in financing projects to develop electric bus fleets in Azerbaijan, Lin O'Grady, Head of Green Cities at the EBRD, said on May 22. "Within this region, we have already successfully financed electric bus fleets in Batumi, Samarkand, and Bishkek. The EBRD would certainly be highly interested in rolling out similar initiatives here in Azerbaijan", she said. EBRD is fully open to including Baku in its Green Cities programme, provided that the city meets the established criteria, Lyn O'Grady said. She said that the MoU signed during COP29 has opened opportunities for deeper engagement with Azerbaijani cities, including Baku and Shamakhi. She added that the EBRD has already begun preparing concrete projects with Baku, focusing on water infrastructure development and urban regeneration, including the rehabilitation and repurposing of oil-contaminated areas. O'Grady noted that discussions on Baku's accession to the Green Cities programme are ongoing and that the bank intends to continue dialogue with the city administration. She stressed that the EBRD is ready to consider any city that meets the

programme's criteria. According to her, a municipality must first demonstrate willingness to implement an initial green and sustainable investment project in cooperation with the bank. Such projects may include initiatives in water supply and sanitation, transport, solid waste management, energy, or housing infrastructure. She also said that the city must commit to developing a Green City Action Plan, adding that this is why Ganja has become a successful example. Such a plan, she explained, is not designed for a single project but represents a long-term vision and readiness for further investment. Another criterion, she noted, is population size, which must exceed 50,000 people. Most Azerbaijani cities meet this requirement. (report.az, 22.05.2025)

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