

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

● 国防省幹部がトルコを訪問

Leadership of Ministry of Defense visits Türkiye

Minister of Defense Zakir Hasanov, the First Deputy Minister of Defense – Chief of the General Staff of the Azerbaijan Army Colonel General Karim Valiyev, Deputy Minister of Defense – Commander of the Air Force, Lieutenant General Namig Islamzade, along with other senior officials of the Ministry are on a working visit to Türkiye to participate in Distinguished Visitors Day of “EFES-2026” multinational joint exercise.

As part of the visit, Minister of Defense Zakir Hasanov met with the Minister of National Defense of Türkiye, Yaşar Güler, and the Chief of the General Staff, Colonel General Karim Valiyev held a meeting with his counterpart Army General Selçuk Bayraktaroğlu.

The meetings discussed the current state and future prospects of cooperation between the two countries in the fields of military, military-technical, and military education.

Within the framework of the visit, the leadership of the Ministry of participated in both the daytime and nighttime phases of the Distinguished Visitors Day of the “EFES-2026” multinational joint exercise, held with the participation of military personnel representing the Azerbaijan Army and a total of 10,300 from 50 countries. (MOD.GOV.AZ / 20.05.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン、2020年以降の全国的な地雷除去の進捗状況を報告

Azerbaijan reports progress on nationwide mine clearance since 2020

More than 270,000 hectares of land have been cleared of mines and unexploded ordnance in Azerbaijan since November 2020, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action (ANAMA) Vugar Suleymanov said at an event titled “Post-Conflict Urban Reconstruction: The Critical Role of Humanitarian Mine Action” within the framework of WUF13. According to him, during this period, more than 250,000 mines and unexploded ordnance have been detected and neutralized. (TREND / 22.05.2026)

2. 内政関連

● アゼルバイジャンで 328 人の政治犯が収容中

Updated list shows 328 political prisoners in Azerbaijan

328 names have been included in a list of political prisoners in Azerbaijan published by the Union for the Freedom of Political Prisoners of Azerbaijan. The previous list, released by the group in January this year, contained 340 names. The authors of the document - human rights defenders Leyla Yunus and Elshan Hasanov - said they compiled the list based on the definition of “political prisoner” outlined in Resolution 1900 adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in October 2012.

The list is divided into 12 groups depending on the detainees’ activities. The largest category is religious believers, with 182 people. The list also includes 44 members of opposition parties and civil society, 31 journalists and bloggers, and 8 human rights defenders. Fifteen of the detainees are women.

Azerbaijani authorities deny the existence of political prisoners in the country. According to the official position, no one has been arrested for their opinions or political views, and all those convicted were prosecuted for specific criminal offences. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 15.05.2026)

3. 外政関連

● アリエフ大統領、カザフスタンを公式訪問

President Ilham Aliyev arrived in Kazakhstan on working visit

On May 15, President Aliyev arrived in Kazakhstan on a working visit to participate in the informal Summit of the Heads of State of the Organization of Turkic States.

President Aliyev and other participants of OTS informal summit toured cultural sites in Turkistan - “Azret Sultan” State Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve and the Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi, one of Central Asia’s largest monuments of Islamic architecture and a spiritual symbol of Kazakhstan.

President Aliyev and other presidents OTS informal summit attended the virtual groundbreaking ceremony of the Turkic Civilization Center. The project is dedicated to the preservation, study, and promotion of the rich historical, cultural, and spiritual heritage of the Turkic peoples. The ceremony was followed by a presentation on “GovTech” digital solutions.

President Aliyev addressed the Informal Summit emphasizing the growing international influence of the OTS and highlighted the close alliance between Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan, noting frequent presidential visits and strong bilateral ties. He also praised the historical and cultural connection between Shusha and Turkistan.

Aliyev focused on digital transformation, artificial intelligence, and regional connectivity as major priorities. He said Azerbaijan has adopted an AI strategy, established institutions for digital development, achieved full nationwide fixed broadband coverage, and is expanding e-government services.

He also highlighted cooperation projects among Turkic states, including the Digital Silk Road initiative and the Trans-Caspian fiber-optic cable linking Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan. In transport and trade, he stressed the increasing importance of the Middle Corridor and the planned Zangezur Corridor.

In conclusion, the head of our state and other presidents signed the Turkestan Declaration of the informal Summit of the Heads of State of the OTS and the resolution on the appointment of the Deputy Secretary General of the OTS. (AZERTAG / 15.05.2026)

● バイラモフ外相、OTS 外相非公式会合に出席

FM Jeyhun Bayramov attended OTS informal meeting of foreign ministers

On May 15, at an informal meeting of foreign ministers of the OTS in Turkistan, FM Bayramov said rising geopolitical tensions, conflicts, and hybrid threats require stronger solidarity and coordination among Turkic states.

He stressed the importance of cooperation in security, energy, transport, cybersecurity, and digital development, while highlighting the strategic role of the Middle Corridor and East-West connectivity projects linking Asia and Europe.

He noted Azerbaijan's focus on digital transformation through its 2026–2028 digital development action plan and highlighted the country's role in the Digital Silk Way initiative and the Trans-Caspian fiber-optic cable project.

The minister also said Azerbaijan has proposed creating a legal framework for AI cooperation within the OTS and pointed to reconstruction projects in liberated territories based on “smart city” and “smart village” concepts. He added that hosting the 2026 World Urban Forum in Baku reflects international recognition of Azerbaijan's innovation and urban development efforts. (TREND / 15.05.2026)

● ママドフ外務次官、欧州評議会閣僚理事会に出席

Deputy FM Elnur Mammadov attended the meeting of Ministers of the Council of Europe

At the 135th session of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe in Chişinău, Elnur Mammadov criticized the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe for what he called a biased approach toward Azerbaijan, saying it harms the credibility of the Council of Europe. Mammadov also discussed the normalization process between Azerbaijan and Armenia, noting that the two countries signed a joint statement and initialed a peace agreement in Washington last year. He said the sides have lived in peaceful conditions for the past nine months, with Azerbaijan easing transit and trade restrictions and enabling cargo transportation through its territory.

Mammadov thanked Moldova for chairing the Committee of Ministers and wished success to Monaco as it assumes the chairmanship. He also participated in a roundtable on migration in Europe. (TREND / 15.05.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン、新植民地主義に焦点を当てた「グローバル・サウス」会議を主催 **Azerbaijan hosts neocolonialism-focused Global South conference**

The first General Assembly of the Global South NGOs Platform was held in Baku on May 14 with the goal of strengthening cooperation between the Global South and Global North. Azerbaijani researcher Fuad Karimli was elected Secretary-General for a five-year term, alongside deputies representing Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific. Karimli is a researcher with the pro-government think tanks the Topchubashov Centre.

The platform, launched after COP29 in Baku, now includes more than 650 NGOs from 116 countries. Azerbaijani officials presented it as part of the country's broader outreach to the Global South and its campaign against colonialism and neocolonialism.

During the assembly, Hikmat Hajiyev said colonialism still exists in modern forms and argued that Global South countries are underrepresented in institutions such as the United Nations Security Council. He also highlighted Azerbaijan's anti-colonial agenda during its chairmanship of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The event also reflected Azerbaijan's continued criticism of France over alleged neocolonial policies, particularly because of France's support for Armenia and criticism of Azerbaijan's governance. Critics and independent civil society representatives argue that Azerbaijan applies anti-colonial rhetoric selectively while simultaneously increasing pressure on domestic NGOs and civil society groups. Observers also noted that Azerbaijan sees engagement with Global South countries and NGOs as a way to strengthen diplomatic influence internationally, including within the United Nations. (OC-MEDIA / 15.05.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、トカエフ・カザフスタン大統領と電話会談 **President Aliyev made a phone call to President of Kazakhstan Tokayev**

On May 17, the head of state congratulated President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev on his birthday. The leaders hailed the successful development of friendly and brotherly relations

between Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan and exchanged views on expanding cooperation across various fields. (AZERTAG / 17.05.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、中国国務院副総理を迎える

President Ilham Aliyev receives Vice Premier of the State Council of China

On May 18, Ilham Aliyev met with Zhang Guoqing in Azerbaijan. Zhang conveyed greetings from Xi Jinping and described Aliyev as a friend of China.

The two sides praised the strengthening Azerbaijan–China relationship, which they said has reached the level of a comprehensive strategic partnership. Discussions focused on cooperation in politics, trade, transport, cargo transit, military-technical ties, and international organizations.

Zhang congratulated Azerbaijan for hosting the 13th UN World Urban Forum and praised Aliyev's opening speech. Aliyev highlighted China's high-level participation as a sign of friendship.

Both sides reaffirmed mutual support for sovereignty and territorial integrity. China thanked Azerbaijan for backing the "One China" policy and rejecting Taiwan-related separatism, while Azerbaijan appreciated China's support for its independence and territorial integrity. (AZERTAG / 18.05.2026)

● 駐アゼルバイジャン宇大使、ウクライナ復興会議へのアゼルバイジャン参加を期待

Kyiv expects Azerbaijan to participate in conference on Ukraine's restoration

The Ukrainian side expects high-level Azerbaijani participation in the Ukraine Recovery Conference, which will be held on June 25-26 in Gdansk, Poland, Ukrainian Ambassador to Azerbaijan Yuriy Husyev said in an interview. He also recalled that FM Bayramov has participated in several previous Ukraine recovery conferences. "We expect Azerbaijan to be represented at a high level this year as well," he noted. (REPORT / 18.05.2026)

● 駐トルコ・アゼルバイジャン大使、トルコ及びアゼルバイジャンとアルメニアとの国境開放の条件を提示

Azerbaijani diplomat named the conditions for opening Armenia's borders with Turkey and Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan's ambassador to Turkey, Rashad Mammadov, said in an interview with the Turkish newspaper Cumhuriyet that the reopening of Armenia's borders with Turkey and Azerbaijan depends on several political conditions being met. According to Mammadov, Armenia must first hold its upcoming parliamentary elections and then amend its constitution to remove what Azerbaijan describes as territorial claims against Azerbaijani territory, particularly references linked to Nagorno-Karabakh. He stated that these constitutional changes are necessary before a final peace agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan can be formally signed.

Mammadov emphasized that Ankara and Baku coordinate their policies toward Armenia and that the normalization processes between Turkey and Armenia and between Azerbaijan and Armenia move “in parallel.” He rejected suggestions that Azerbaijan alone is blocking the Armenia–Turkey border opening, arguing instead that both countries follow a common strategy.

The ambassador also claimed that Armenia and Azerbaijan had already initialed a peace agreement during talks in the United States, but Azerbaijan considers constitutional reform in Armenia a prerequisite for completing the process. He added that some limited cooperation already exists between the two countries, including Azerbaijani fuel supplies and transit arrangements for goods moving through the region. (Cumhuriyet / 18.05.2026)

NOTE: Criticism appeared in parts of the Turkish media, opposition circles, and online discussions regarding the interview. Criticism focused on the idea that Turkey’s Armenia policy appeared subordinated to Azerbaijan’s position. Some commentators questioned why Ankara could not pursue normalization independently. There was also criticism from some Turkish nationalist and secular commentators who warned that Turkey should prioritize its own regional and economic interests rather than completely synchronizing policy with Baku. At the same time, pro-government Turkish media largely presented Mammadov’s statements positively and emphasized Turkish-Azerbaijani coordination as part of the “one nation, two states” doctrine.

● EU 当局、アグダムおよびフズリにおける地雷除去作業を視察

EU officials review demining operations in Azerbaijan's Aghdam and Fuzuli

The Deputy Secretary-General of the European External Action Service and his delegation visited the cities of Aghdam and Fuzuli. During the visit, they familiarized themselves in detail with the reconstruction work and demining operations. (TREND / 19.05.2026)

● シュシャとトラブゾンが姉妹都市提携を開始

Shusha and Trabzon become twin cities

The Azerbaijani city of Shusha and the Turkish city of Trabzon have become twin cities. A corresponding memorandum of understanding was signed on the sidelines of the 13th session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13). The document was signed by Aydin Karimov, Special Representative of the President of Azerbaijan in the Shusha district, and Ahmet Metin Genç, Mayor of Trabzon Metropolitan Municipality. (REPORT / 19.05.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン、EU とグリーンエネルギー・地域安全保障に関するハイレベル協議を実施

Azerbaijan holds high-level talks with EU on green energy, regional security

On May 20, FM Bayramov received a delegation led by Olof Skoog, Political Director of the European External Action Service and Deputy Secretary-General for Political Affairs. The discussions focused on the current state and prospects of Azerbaijani-European relations, regional security issues, the current situation in the post-conflict period, the process of normalizing relations between Azerbaijan and Armenia, as well as other regional and international issues of mutual interest.

The parties emphasized the importance of developing political dialogue and cooperation in various fields between Azerbaijan and the European Union. In this context, the existing potential for further expanding the partnership in the areas of energy security, transport links, green energy, and other fields was highlighted. (TREND / 20.05.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャンと D-8、協力の展望について協議**
Azerbaijan, D-8 discuss prospects for cooperation

On May 20, FM Bayramov met with Secretary General of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation Sohail Mahmood. The meeting discussed the current agenda of cooperation between Azerbaijan and D-8 and reviewed opportunities to further develop ties in the political, economic, energy, transport and logistics spheres.

The meeting also addressed issues of regional and international security, with the importance of reducing tensions in the Middle East, strengthening the ceasefire regime and ensuring stability emphasized. (REPORT / 20.05.2026)

● **アリエフ大統領、マクロン仏大統領と電話会談**
President Ilham Aliyev and President of France held phone conversation

French President Emmanuel Macron reaffirmed France's support for the Armenia–Azerbaijan peace process during a phone conversation with President Aliyev, emphasizing the importance of advancing ongoing negotiations between the two countries.

In a statement published on X, Macron said he had discussed regional developments and bilateral relations with Aliyev, while reiterating France's backing for efforts aimed at achieving peace and stability in the South Caucasus.

Aliyev also confirmed the call, noting that the two exchanged views on Azerbaijan–France relations and on regional and international issues of mutual interest. (X.COM / 21.05.2026)

NOTE: *The conversation follows Macron's remarks earlier this month in Yerevan, where he stated that he intended to raise the issue of Armenian detainees held in Azerbaijan with Aliyev. It remains unclear whether the matter was addressed during the latest call.*

● **第 7 回 EU・アゼルバイジャン安全保障対話、バクーで開催**
Seventh EU-Azerbaijan Security Dialogue held in Baku

On 20 May in Baku, Azerbaijan and the EU held the seventh round of their Security Dialogue, focusing on strengthening bilateral relations and discussing regional and global security issues. Both sides welcomed increased high-level engagement, including recent visits by EU leaders António Costa and Kaja Kallas to Azerbaijan, and expressed interest in deepening cooperation. Key topics included negotiations on updated Partnership Priorities and a new bilateral agreement, as well as cooperation on connectivity, energy security, and the Middle Corridor transport route. The EU recognized Azerbaijan's importance for regional connectivity and energy diversification.

The EU also reaffirmed support for humanitarian demining in Azerbaijan, with EU representatives visiting Garabagh and East Zangezur regions to observe ongoing demining work. The sides discussed the Azerbaijan–Armenia peace process, with the EU welcoming recent progress and encouraging continued dialogue toward lasting peace.

Finally, both parties agreed to expand and rename the format as the “EU-Azerbaijan Political and Security Dialogue,” reflecting the growing strategic importance of their relationship. The meeting was co-chaired by Hikmat Hajiyev, Assistant to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Olof Skoog, Deputy Secretary-General for Political Affairs at the European External Action Service. (TREND / 21.05.2026)

● ガファロヴァ国会議長、ロシアを訪問

Speaker of the Parliament Sahiba Gafarova is visiting Russia

Sahiba Gafarova paid a working visit to Russia on May 20–21 to participate in meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS IPA) held in Saint Petersburg. The Azerbaijani parliamentary delegation attended the CIS IPA Council meeting and the 60th plenary session of the organization.

During the visit, discussions focused on strengthening interparliamentary cooperation among CIS member states, expanding regional dialogue, and deepening bilateral relations between Azerbaijan and Russia. The meetings also addressed broader regional political and economic cooperation within the CIS framework.

On May 21, Sahiba Gafarova also held bilateral meetings with parliamentary representatives from other CIS countries. (TREND / 21.05.2026)

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