

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

● アゼルバイジャン代表団、モスクワで開催された CIS 対テロ会議に参加

Azerbaijani representatives participate in CIS counterterrorism meeting in Moscow

The 19th Meeting of the Heads of the CIS Competent Authorities Lead Units in Charge of Countering Terrorism was held in Moscow with the participation of Deputy Head of the State Security Service of Azerbaijan, General Lieutenant Madat Guliyev. The event focused on strengthening interstate cooperation in combating terrorism and extremism. (AZERTAG / 09.06.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン外務省、国際安全保障情勢における緊張の高まりについて声明を発表

Azerbaijani MFA issues statement on rising tensions in the international security environment

Azerbaijani MFA warned that escalating conflicts in regions such as Ukraine and the Middle East pose serious risks to international security and to Azerbaijani citizens abroad. The ministry noted that some Azerbaijani citizens have been killed or injured in conflict zones and urged people to carefully consider official travel advisories and avoid areas affected by armed conflict. It also reminded citizens that participating in foreign armed conflicts, whether as volunteers or mercenaries, is a criminal offense under Azerbaijani law. (AZERTAG / 09.06.2026)

NOTE: 19 Azerbaijani citizens who were aboard vessels attacked by Ukrainian drones in the Sea of Azov on June 5 are due to return home soon. The vessels were not owned by Azerbaijan and were sailing under foreign flags from Turkey to the Russian port of Rostov-on-Don to load grain. Ukrainian authorities said the ships were being used to transport Ukrainian grain as well as military cargo and fuel. Their names had allegedly been painted over and radar systems switched off.

● アゼルバイジャンの地雷被害者に関する報告

Report on mine victims in Azerbaijan

Hikmat Hajiyev, Assistant to the President, said in a post on X: "Since Nov.2020, out of 427 mine victims, 73 killed and 354 injured - including 231 civilians. Since 1991, the total number of mine victims has exceeded 3,500 people, among them 362 children and youth and 38 women." (REPORT / 09.06.2026)

● **NATO 駐在のアゼルバイジャン代表部が9か国からの代表団と会合**
Azerbaijan's mission to NATO hosted delegates from 9 countries

The Azerbaijan Mission to NATO held a meeting with participants in the NATO familiarization program from nine countries, including Japan, the Azerbaijan Mission to NATO wrote on X. "Within the framework of the visit to the Mission, participants were briefed with a presentation sharing Azerbaijan's experiences on the practical aspects of partnership with NATO," reads the post. (REPORT / 09.06.2026)

● **バクー裁判所、「ナゴルノ・カラバフ」元分離主義者らの控訴審を審理**
Baku court reviews appeals by former Nagorno-Karabakh separatists

The Baku Court of Appeal has continued reviewing appeals filed by former leaders of the former self-proclaimed Nagorno-Karabakh Republic who were convicted in February 2026. The latest hearings focused on substantive arguments regarding the convictions and sentences, moving beyond preliminary procedural issues. No changes to the verdicts or sentences have been announced, and all defendants remain in custody while the appeal process continues. (TREND / 09.06.2026)

● **ハサノフ国防相、セルビアを公式訪問**
Azerbaijani Defense Minister pays official visit to Serbia

On Jun.10, Minister of Defense, Colonel General Zakir Hasanov, met with the Minister of Defense of Serbia, Bratislav Gasic. The sides exchanged views on the current state and prospects for development of cooperation between the two countries in the military, military-technical, and military-educational fields, as well as discussed regional security and a number of other issues of mutual interest.

President of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić, received the Azerbaijani delegation. The meeting discussed prospects for the advancement of military cooperation and engagement in the defense industry between Azerbaijan and Serbia.

As part of the visit, the Azerbaijani Defense Minister is scheduled to attend the Distinguished Visitors Day of "Platinum Wolf 26" multinational tactical exercise taking place near Bujanovac, Serbia. (MOD.GOV.AZ / 10.06.2026)

2. 内政関連

● アゼルバイジャン議会委員会、デジタル空間における児童保護法案に関する公聴会を開催

Azerbaijani Parliamentary Committees Hold Public Hearing on Draft Law to Protect Children in the Digital Space

On June 8, Azerbaijani parliamentary committees on Human Rights, Family, Women and Children's Issues, Legal Policy, and State Building held a joint public hearing to discuss a draft law aimed at strengthening the protection of children in the digital environment. The draft law proposes stricter age controls for social media access, including a minimum digital age of 16, parental consent for users aged 16–18, and mandatory age-verification mechanisms for platforms. Speakers highlighted that the initiative reflects international practices and responds to increasing concerns about children's physical, psychological, and emotional well-being in the online space. At the end of the hearing, the draft law was recommended for consideration in the first reading at a plenary session of the Azerbaijani Parliament. (TREND / 08.06.2026)

● 「ToplumTV」事件で検察が最大16年の懲役を求刑

Prosecutors seek up to 16 years in prison in Azerbaijan's "Toplum TV" case

Prosecutors have requested prison sentences of 13 to 16 years for journalists, activists, and civil society figures in Azerbaijan's "Toplum TV" case.

At a June 8 hearing in the Baku Serious Crimes Court, prosecutor Rauf Malishov asked for 16 years in prison for Akif Gurbanov, head of the Institute for Democratic Initiatives (IDI), 15 years for Toplum TV co-founder Alasgar Mammadli, and 16 years for politician Ruslan Izzatli. Other defendants face proposed sentences ranging from 13 to 15 years.

The hearing was marked by disputes between the defendants and the prosecution. Gurbanov criticized the charges as "disgraceful" and challenged what he described as inconsistencies in the case.

Prosecutors also requested that the defendants be banned from holding public office for three years after release and pay 79,440 manats in compensation to the State Tax Service. The prosecution further sought the confiscation of seized assets and requested that journalist Elmir Abbasov be taken into custody in the courtroom. The next hearing is scheduled for June 22. The defendants deny the charges and maintain that the case is politically motivated. (TOPLUM TV / 08.06.2026)

● 政府批判派のジャーナリスト、サディゴフ氏が逮捕される

Government critic and journalist Afgan Sadigov arrested

Azerbaijani journalist Afgan Sadigov has been arrested again in Baku shortly after being deported from Georgia, according to reports from his lawyer and human rights groups.

Sadigov was originally detained in Georgia in April 2026 and forcibly deported to Azerbaijan despite legal objections and an interim measure from the European Court of Human Rights blocking his extradition. After arriving in Baku, he was briefly released but remained under legal pressure. In early June 2026, he was again taken into custody in Azerbaijan, with his lawyer stating that authorities have now reopened or resumed a criminal case previously linked to his extradition request. Officials reportedly argue that the legal basis for suspending the case no longer applies.

Human rights organizations and Sadigov's defense team claim the arrest is part of a coordinated transnational process between Georgia and Azerbaijan, and say it reflects continued pressure on independent journalists in the region.

Sadigov, founder of the independent outlet Azel.TV, has previously faced imprisonment and charges in Azerbaijan and is known for reporting on corruption and government criticism. (KAVKAZ UZEL / 09.06.2026)

● 裁判所、野党指導者アリ・カリムリ氏の勾留を延長

An Azerbaijani court extended the arrest of opposition leader Ali Karimli

A court in Baku has extended the pretrial detention of Ali Karimli, leader of the opposition Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan, by another five months, until November 13. Karimli was arrested in November 2025 and is charged with attempting to violently seize power, allegations he rejects as politically motivated. His party says no credible evidence has been presented and plans to appeal the decision. The case is linked by authorities to an alleged conspiracy involving former presidential administration chief Ramiz Mehdiyev, who is also facing coup-related charges, his house arrest also extended. Opposition supporters and Karimli's lawyers have criticized the continued detention, arguing that the investigation has failed to justify keeping him in custody. (KAVKAZ UZEL / 10.06.2026)

● ハジエフ大統領補佐官、アルメニア・アゼルバイジャン紛争後の行方不明者数を公表

Presidential Aide reveals number of missing citizens post Armenia–Azerbaijan conflict

More than three decades after the First Karabakh War, 4,009 Azerbaijani citizens remain officially registered as missing. This is stated in a post on X social network by Assistant to the President Hikmet Hajiyev. According to him, ongoing search, recovery and identification efforts have led to the exhumation of 889 sets of human remains in Azerbaijan's liberated territories. Through DNA testing and forensic analysis, 313 missing persons have been identified, while the remains of 226 individuals have been returned to their families for dignified burial. He noted that the discovery of 32 mass graves in the liberated territories

provides further evidence of the scale of the humanitarian tragedy and highlights the urgent need for continued cooperation in clarifying the fate of the missing. (TREND / 11.06.2026)

3. 外政関連

● バイラモフ外相、アンデルセン国連環境計画（UNEP）事務局長と会談 Azerbaijani FM meets with UNEP Executive Director Inger Andersen

On Jun.05, FM Bayramov met with UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Executive Director Inger Andersen. The sides exchanged views on cooperation between Azerbaijan and UNEP, as well as on environmental protection, climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. The meeting also addressed Azerbaijan's hosting of World Environment Day in 2026 and prospects for cooperation in this regard. The sides also noted the significance of UNEP's report, "Caspian Sea Level Fluctuations and Climate Change." (TREND / 05.06.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンのメディア機関、アルメニア議会選挙を前にパシニャン首相支持に注力 Azerbaijan's media apparatus goes all-in for Pashinyan

Azerbaijan's state-controlled media has shifted from anti-Armenian rhetoric to promoting Armenian PM Pashinyan ahead of the 2026 elections, framing him as the only reliable partner for a peace deal that requires constitutional changes. This top-down campaign is paired with a strategic "good cop, bad cop" tactic, where Baku uses detained Karabakh officials to critique Pashinyan, aiming to secure a leader who prevents a pro-Russian opposition resurgence. (OC-MEDIA / 05.06.2026)

● サンクトペテルブルク国際経済フォーラムにアゼルバイジャンが参加 Azerbaijan represented at Russia's International Economic Forum

At the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF), Azerbaijan's Ambassador to Russia, Rahman Mustafayev, addressed critical updates on bilateral trade with Russia, diplomatic ties, regional platforms, and the safety of the diaspora.

He noted that in 2025, Russia became Azerbaijan's third-largest trading partner, trailing only Italy and Turkey. Russia serves as the primary buyer for Azerbaijan's non-oil exports, purchasing over 32% of these goods. While trade volume neared \$4.9 to \$5 billion in 2025, it experienced a 30% drop during the first five months of 2026. Mustafayev attributed this to seasonal shifts and expects numbers to match or exceed 2025 by year-end after consulting with Russia's Ministry of Economic Development. Ambassador Mustafayev noted that the

economic potential between Moscow and Baku is not yet fully realized. He emphasized utilizing the North-South Transport Corridor and urged Russian companies to invest in the Alat Free Economic Zone, Sumgait Industrial Zone, and Karabakh.

With regard to normalization and Peace with Armenia, Mustafayev stated that Baku hopes to finalize and sign a definitive peace agreement with Armenia. The process awaits the results of the Armenian parliamentary elections to engage with the newly formed government. The ambassador highlighted that necessary groundwork is already complete, emphasizing successful border delimitation, ongoing border demarcation, and a growing dialogue between civil societies.

Regarding the Azerbaijani Diaspora in Russia, the ambassador called the Azerbaijani diaspora in Russia the country's largest ethnic community abroad. He stated that roughly 500,000 Azerbaijanis hold official Russian citizenship, while another 220,000 to 230,000 reside in Russia under temporary stay conditions. Mustafayev directly noted that Baku relies heavily on the active involvement of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to protect the rights, comfort, and general well-being of this community.

Mustafayev acknowledged that the prior year brought difficult diplomatic challenges for both nations. However, he credited President Aliyev and Russian President Putin for guiding the dynamic back into an active phase of development. FM Bayramov will travel to Moscow in July 2026 for an official working visit. A large Russian legislative delegation from the Federation Council and State Duma will arrive in Baku in mid-June 2026 to conduct joint Interparliamentary Commission meetings. A joint Russia-Azerbaijan interregional forum is scheduled for this autumn to map out prospective development plans and regional agreements. (AZERTAG, INTERFAX / 05.06.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンとトルコ、同盟関係について協議

Azerbaijan, Türkiye discuss allied relations

On June 8, a meeting was held in Istanbul between FM Bayramov, and Türkiye's FM Hakan Fidan, on the sidelines of the 10th trilateral meeting of the foreign ministers of Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Türkiye. During the meeting, the sides exchanged views on issues arising from the allied relations between Azerbaijan and Türkiye, current areas of bilateral and multilateral cooperation, as well as regional and international security matters. (TREND / 08.06.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンとジョージア、地域協力問題について協議

Azerbaijan, Georgia discuss regional cooperation issues

On June 8, a meeting was held in Istanbul Bayramov, and Georgia's Deputy Prime Minister and FM, Maka Botchorishvili, within the framework of the 10th trilateral meeting of the foreign ministers of Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Türkiye. The meeting focused on the current state and prospects of the strategic partnership between Azerbaijan and Georgia, political dialogue, trade and economic relations, energy security, transport and communication projects, and

regional cooperation issues. (TREND / 08.06.2026)

● トルコ、アゼルバイジャン、ジョージア外相、イスタンブールで会談

Azerbaijan, Türkiye and Georgia FMs meet in Istanbul

The foreign ministers of Azerbaijan (Jeyhun Bayramov), Türkiye (Hakan Fidan) and Georgia (Maka Botchorishvili) met in Istanbul for the 10th Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting, reaffirming their commitment to regional stability, connectivity and economic cooperation. The ministers reviewed progress in trilateral cooperation and exchanged views on regional developments, transport connectivity, energy security and trade.

A key focus of the discussions was the growing importance of the Trans-Caspian East-West Middle Corridor, which serves as a strategic trade route linking Asia and Europe. The ministers highlighted the need to strengthen regional transport infrastructure and increase transit capacity. They also emphasized the significance of the Baku–Tbilisi–Kars railway and other joint connectivity projects.

Energy cooperation remained high on the agenda, with the ministers underscoring the role of regional energy corridors in enhancing energy security and supporting economic development.

Speaking at the meeting, Bayramov described the trilateral format as an important platform for promoting stability, security and prosperity in the South Caucasus. He noted that growing geopolitical and economic challenges have further increased the value of close coordination among the three countries.

The meeting concluded with the signing of the Istanbul Declaration, reaffirming support for regional connectivity initiatives and deeper cooperation in transportation, trade, energy and foreign policy coordination.

Addressing a joint press conference following the meeting, Turkish FM Fidan reaffirmed Türkiye's support for the normalization process between Azerbaijan and Armenia and expressed hope that a comprehensive peace agreement would be signed without delay.

The Turkish minister also stressed that Türkiye's own normalization process with Armenia is progressing in close coordination with Azerbaijan. Noting that significant progress has been made in Turkish-Armenian contacts in recent years, Fidan emphasized that Ankara remains committed to advancing regional peace while taking Azerbaijan's concerns into account.

Bayramov, for his part, briefed his Turkish and Georgian counterparts on recent developments in the Azerbaijan-Armenia normalization process. He highlighted Azerbaijan's efforts to advance peace and confidence-building measures in the region, while underscoring that important issues remain unresolved.

According to Bayramov, the removal of the remaining obstacles is essential for achieving full normalization of interstate relations and signing a lasting peace agreement. While welcoming progress made in negotiations, he reiterated Baku's position that a sustainable settlement requires addressing all outstanding issues. (APA, ANADOLU, REPORT / 08.06.2026)

● ベトナムの検事総長、法的協力強化のためバクーを訪問

Vietnamese Prosecutor General Visits Baku to Strengthen Legal Cooperation

Vietnamese Prosecutor General Nguyen Huy Tien visited Baku on Jun.08 for talks aimed at deepening legal and prosecutorial cooperation between Vietnam and Azerbaijan. During the visit, he met with Prosecutor General Kamran Aliyev and other senior officials, discussed bilateral relations, and signed a Cooperation Program covering areas such as mutual legal assistance, asset recovery, environmental protection, and professional exchanges. (TREND / 08.06.2026)

● シャフィエフ AIR センター長、中国で開催された上海協力機構 (SCO) シンクタンクフォーラムで講演

Farid Shafiyev speaks at SCO think tank forum in China

Chairman of the Center of Analysis of International Relations (AIR Center) Farid Shafiyev participated in the Forum of Think Tanks of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states held in China. Shafiyev delivered a speech during the session titled "Prospects for SCO Development," where he emphasized the importance of improving decision-making mechanisms amid the organization's expansion.

On the second day of the forum, the AIR Center and Shanghai University of Political Science and Law co-hosted an event titled "China and the South Caucasus: Joint Revival of the Silk Road." Shafiyev highlighted Azerbaijan's strengthening position as a key strategic transport and trade hub linking Central Asia, the South Caucasus, and Europe. (REPORT / 08.06.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン外相、日本で会談へ

Azerbaijan's foreign minister to hold talks in Japan

FM Bayramov departed for Japan on an official visit on June 9.

Japan's Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi said at a press conference that the sides would hold an in-depth exchange of views not only on bilateral cooperation, particularly in the energy sector, but also on regional issues, including developments in the Middle East, the South Caucasus, and the Indo-Pacific region. "Azerbaijan, located on the Caspian Sea and one of the world's leading producers of oil and natural gas, is currently cooperating with Japanese companies in oil field development and, given the current situation, exports crude oil to Japan," he said. He also noted that Azerbaijan has been providing important support for the safety of Japanese citizens amid recent tensions in the Middle East, including receiving Japanese nationals evacuated from Iran. Motegi added that Bayramov's visit is the first by an Azerbaijani foreign minister to Japan in 17 years. (REPORT / 09.06.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンでフランス人男性の刑期が3年短縮：マクロン大統領とアリエフ大統領

領の電話会談と関連か

French national's sentence cut by three years in Azerbaijan: was it linked to Macron's call with Aliyev?

A court in Baku reduced French businessman Anas Derras's prison sentence from 12 years to 9 years after he was convicted in a corruption case linked to alleged payments involving Azerbaijani-Russian billionaire Farhad Akhmedov and former French presidential aide Alexandre Benalla. Azerbaijani authorities say Derras helped facilitate a multimillion-dollar bribery scheme related to the yacht Luna, while Derras denies the charges.

The sentence reduction came shortly after a phone call between Emmanuel Macron and Ilham Aliyev, leading to speculation about a diplomatic connection. However, no public evidence links the two events, and officials have not disclosed details suggesting that Derras's case was discussed.

The case has become a symbol of strained relations between France and **Azerbaijan**. Baku presents it as a standard anti-corruption prosecution, while some French and independent observers view it as politically influenced amid broader disputes between the two countries. Derras remains in custody and is expected to be deported after serving his sentence. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 09.06.2026)

● 地域情勢の緊張高まる中、イラン議員がアゼルバイジャンに警告

Iranian lawmaker issues warning to Azerbaijan amid regional tensions

According to a recent MEMRI TV clip, Iranian parliamentarian Abolfazl Zohrevand made a series of highly confrontational remarks about Azerbaijan, accusing Baku of cooperating with Iran's enemies and warning that Azerbaijan could face severe military consequences. He reportedly claimed that Baku could be "wiped off the map" within a few hours if conflict erupted. The interview also reportedly framed Azerbaijan as part of a broader geopolitical alignment involving external powers hostile to Iran. Zohrevand argued that Iran is closely monitoring regional developments and suggested that Tehran would respond forcefully to perceived threats near its borders.

"We firmly reject and condemn the statement by Iranian MP Zohrevand containing slander and threats against Azerbaijan," said Azerbaijani MP Gaya Mammadov, a member of parliament's Defense and Security Committee. He described Zohrevand's remarks about Azerbaijan's alleged "hostile activities against Iran" as a provocation and called on Iran's government and parliament to condemn the statement and take appropriate action. (MEMRI.ORG, JAM-NEWS / 09.06.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンと日本、二国間関係を強化

Azerbaijan, Japan enhancing bilateral ties

On June 10, FM Bayramov and FM of Japan Toshimitsu Motegi discussed in Tokyo strengthening Azerbaijan–Japan cooperation, focusing on trade and investment, energy security, transport connectivity, decarbonization, tourism, regional stability, and multilateral cooperation.

Key topics included advancing a bilateral investment agreement, expanding economic ties through the Japan–Azerbaijan Joint Economic Committee, cooperation under the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM), and development of the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route. The ministers also highlighted cooperation in major energy projects, including the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan Pipeline, and reaffirmed Azerbaijan’s role as a reliable energy supplier. The sides welcomed Azerbaijan’s temporary visa-free regime for Japanese citizens, discussed maritime security and broader international issues, and agreed to continue coordination in international organizations. They also expressed support for reform of the United Nations Security Council, including the expansion of both permanent and non-permanent membership categories, while reaffirming their commitment to the principles of the United Nations Charter, including sovereignty and territorial integrity.

FM Bayramov, met with members of the Japan-Azerbaijan Interparliamentary Friendship League. The sides had a broad exchange of views on the current state and prospects of relations. Touching upon the role of interparliamentary cooperation, the parties highlighted the importance of the Azerbaijan-Japan Interparliamentary Working Group operating at the Azerbaijani Milli Majlis and the Japan-Azerbaijan Friendship League at the Japanese Parliament in this regard. Discussions also revolved around the cooperation across political, economic, humanitarian, traditional and renewable energy, tourism, educational and other spheres. The sides also exchanged views on the situation in the Middle East.

FM Bayramov held a roundtable meeting at the Japan Institute of International Affairs with experts, researchers, and representatives of the analytical community, where he presented the country’s key foreign policy priorities. The minister outlined Azerbaijan’s economic development agenda, its role in ensuring global energy security, and key initiatives in transport and regional connectivity. Participants also reviewed prospects for cooperation in trade, investment, green energy, digital transformation, and innovation, alongside regional and international developments. Bayramov also briefed participants on the post-conflict situation in the region and the ongoing process of normalization between Azerbaijan and Armenia. (AZERTAG, TREND / 10.06.2026)

● ムスタファエフ駐露大使、ガルージン露外務次官と会談

Azerbaijani Ambassador to Russia meets with FM Lavrov’s Deputy

Ambassador of Azerbaijan to the Russian Federation Rahman Mustafayev held a meeting with Deputy Foreign Minister of Russia Mikhail Galuzin. It was noted that during the meeting, views were exchanged on topical issues on the agenda of Russian-Azerbaijani relations, as

well as a number of international topics. The parties discussed issues of mutual interest and shared their positions on various areas of bilateral cooperation. (APA / 10.06.2026)

● **AIR センター：アルメニア国民には、国民投票を通じて和平プロセスに対する立場を表明してもらう必要がある**

AIR Center: We need the Armenian people to express their position on the peace process through a referendum

A new geopolitical reality has been taking shape in the South Caucasus for several years, Chairman of the Center of Analysis of International Relations Farid Shafiyev said at an event titled “New Geopolitical Realities in the South Caucasus: Azerbaijan and the Peace Agenda”. Shafiyev noted that Azerbaijan is the author of the new geopolitical reality. “The results of the elections in Armenia show that Armenia wants to continue the peace process. However, it should be remembered that Azerbaijan’s legitimate demands have not changed,” the chairman said. According to Shafiyev, a number of articles published in the Western media claim that Azerbaijan should abandon its demand regarding constitutional amendments and a referendum in Armenia. “We, however, say that Azerbaijan’s position on this issue is unequivocal. It appears that Pashinyan and his party want peace, but we must also take into account the possibility that Armenia may not be governed by Pashinyan in the future. Therefore, we need the Armenian people to express their position on the peace process through a referendum,” he said. (APA / 10.06.2026)

● **日本メディアがアゼルバイジャンの戦略的重要性を強調**

Japanese media highlights Azerbaijan’s strategic importance

FM Bayramov visited Japan on June 10, marking the first visit by an Azerbaijani foreign minister in 17 years. During the visit, he met with Japanese FM Toshimitsu Motegi, as well as the chairman and members of the Japan–Azerbaijan Inter-Parliamentary Friendship League, and addressed a roundtable organized by the Japan Institute of International Affairs. The visit concluded with a joint press statement issued by the foreign ministries of both countries. Japan's leading media outlets, including Nikkei, Jiji Press and Kyodo News, widely covered remarks by the Japanese foreign minister on Azerbaijan’s strategic importance, energy security and regional stability. The coverage noted that next year will mark the 35th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Azerbaijan and Japan, with both sides expressing mutual interest in advancing their bilateral partnership and strengthening friendly relations. The reports emphasized the Japanese foreign minister’s appreciation for Azerbaijan’s support in facilitating the evacuation of Japanese citizens from Iran amid the complex situation in the Middle East. They also highlighted the two countries’ shared interest in expanding cooperation in the areas of energy security, economic relations, people-to-people contacts, decarbonization, the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route and investment. FM Motegi described Azerbaijan, one of the world’s major crude oil and natural gas producers,

as an important partner for Japan in terms of energy security and regional stability, stressing the need to further develop bilateral cooperation. Against the backdrop of heightened tensions in the Middle East and growing uncertainty over crude oil supplies, the reports underscored Japan's efforts to diversify its energy sources and welcomed the arrival in May of a tanker carrying Azerbaijani oil to the port of Yokohama. (AZERTAG / 11.06.2026)

● **スロバキアの国務次官とアゼルバイジャン大統領補佐官が二国間関係について協議**
Slovak state secretary, Azerbaijani presidential aide discuss bilateral ties

Slovakia and Azerbaijan discussed ways to expand bilateral cooperation during a meeting between State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs Marek Eštók and Assistant to the President of Azerbaijan Hikmet Hajiyev. In his post on X platform, Eštók noted that they continued discussions on existing cooperation and new projects. (TREND / 11.06.2026)

● **セイードフ議員、米外交官とアゼルバイジャン・米国関係の今後について協議**
MP Samad Seyidov discusses future of Azerbaijan–US relations with American diplomats

Chairman of the Milli Majlis Committee on International Relations and Interparliamentary Ties, Samad Seyidov, said in a post on X: "Productive meeting with US Chargé d'Affaires in Azerbaijan Amy Carlon and colleagues on the future of Azerbaijan–US relations, strategic cooperation, regional developments, parliamentary diplomacy, and economic and humanitarian partnerships. We underscored the importance of strengthening bilateral ties through mutual respect, shared interests, and constructive dialogue." (REPORT / 11.306.2026)

● **フランス裁判所、アゼルバイジャン人反体制派ブロガーを狙った暗殺部隊に有罪判決**
French court crushes hit squad plotting against dissident blogger

A French court has handed down a landmark ruling against a hit squad sent to murder exiled Azerbaijani blogger Mahammad Mirzali. On June 10, 2026, the Special Assize Court in Rennes, France, convicted nine men for a state-linked plot to assassinate the government critic. The court gave long prison terms to the three defendants, who are mostly Azerbaijani nationals. The trial focused on an attack in March 2021. Knife-wielding men ambushed Mirzali in broad daylight in Nantes. He was stabbed 16 times in his neck, chest, and arms. The judge stated that the hit squad wanted to "behead Mirzali... as a message to dissidents living throughout Europe". The court made it clear that Mirzali was targeted only for his videos criticizing the Azerbaijani regime. Court wiretaps and texts showed deep ties to powerful people in Baku. Evidence proved that the killers were paid to please the political elite. Phone wiretaps caught the main suspect worrying about questions regarding SOCAR, the state-

owned oil company. Mirzali refused million-euro bribes to drop the case. Press freedom groups praised the ruling as a victory against transnational repression. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 11.06.2026)

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