

アゼルバイジャン政治・治安情報

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在アゼルバイジャン大使館

1. 軍事・治安関係

● アゼルバイジャンとセルビア、軍事サイバーセキュリティ協力拡大を協議 **Azerbaijan, Serbia discuss expanding military cybersecurity partnership**

Military experts from Azerbaijan and Serbia met in Baku on 8 July under their 2026 Bilateral Military Cooperation Plan to discuss information security and cybersecurity. The talks focused on cyber threats, protecting critical infrastructure, specialist training, best practices, and potential joint exercises, with both sides highlighting the importance of closer cybersecurity cooperation to strengthen their defense capabilities. (TREND / 10.07.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン、トルコのバイカル社代表団を迎え軍事技術協力を推進 **Azerbaijan hosts Baykar delegation to advance military tech co-op**

On Jul. 10, Minister of Defense Zakir Hasanov, met with a delegation led by the Chairman of the Board of the Turkish company Baykar, Selçuk Bayraktar. The sides held detailed discussions on unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), electronic warfare, unmanned systems, and other areas of common interest. (TREND / 10.07.2026)

NOTE: Selcuk Bayraktar announced on his X account that he was received by President Aliyev. During the meeting, he informed the Azerbaijani leader about the projects that Baykar Technology is implementing in Azerbaijan. However, President's website does not cover this meeting.

● ハサノフ国防相、トルコを実務訪問 **Azerbaijan's Defense Minister pays working visit to Türkiye**

Defense Minister Zakir Hasanov attended the graduation ceremony of the "Joint Headquarters Management" course held at the Joint War Institute of the National Defense University of Türkiye, as well as the "Headquarters Management" courses conducted at the institutes of the Land Forces, Air Forces, and Naval Forces. Colonel General Zakir Hasanov presented diplomas to Azerbaijani servicemen who successfully completed the courses.

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● アゼルバイジャン、欧州で収監率上位の国々に並ぶ

Azerbaijan joined the ranks of European countries with the highest incarceration rates

A new Council of Europe report found that Azerbaijan has one of Europe's highest incarceration rates, with 271 prisoners per 100,000 people, while the use of probation and other non-custodial sentences remains relatively limited. Analysts attribute prison overcrowding to the frequent use of pretrial detention, limited parole, and the continued preference for custodial sentences over alternative punishments. (KAVKAZ UZEL / 11.07.2026)

● オデッサ沖でアゼルバイジャン人乗船の船舶にドローン攻撃

Vessel carrying Azerbaijani citizens attacked by drones off Odesa coast

The Atlas Bey, a civilian merchant vessel owned by Turkish company Okean Maritime, came under a drone attack off the coast of Odesa at approximately 3:15 p.m. local time, the Azerbaijani MFA said. "There were 11 Azerbaijan citizens among the crew members on board the vessel. All crew members, except for the captain, who is an Azerbaijani citizen, have been brought ashore in Odesa. The Embassy of Azerbaijan in Ukraine is taking the necessary steps to provide Azerbaijani citizens with consular assistance," the ministry said in a statement. (TREND / 15.07.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン外務省、紛争地帯での就労自粛を呼び掛け

Azerbaijan's MFA urges citizens to refrain from working in conflict zones

Azerbaijan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has renewed its warning for citizens to avoid traveling, working, or serving on vessels in conflict zones and other high-risk areas, citing the deteriorating security situation in the Black Sea region. The MFA said ongoing military operations, threats to civilian shipping, and the use of drones and missiles have significantly increased risks, urging citizens to follow official travel advisories and contact Azerbaijani diplomatic missions when needed. (AZERTAG / 15.07.2026)

NOTE: Russian forces struck the civilian merchant vessel Atlas Beya, a cargo ship owned by Turkish company Okean Maritime and sailing under the flag of Tanzania, with a drone off the coast of Odesa, Ukraine on July 14, 2026. The Turkish-owned cargo ship was carrying an Azerbaijani crew of 11. While ten of the Azerbaijani crew members were safely rescued and brought ashore, the Azerbaijani captain, Samad Nasrullayev, was killed in the attack. Azerbaijani media omits the fact that the ship was struck by the Russian forces, on the contrary, some media agencies blame Ukrainian side for the strike.

● **エイヴァゾフ内相、エストク・スロバキア内相と会談**

Ministry of Internal Affairs, Interior Minister Colonel General Vilayat Eyvazov met with Slovak Interior Minister Matúš Šutaj Eštok

On Jul.15, the meeting focused on the current state of cooperation between the two countries' interior ministries and prospects for expanding bilateral ties. The two sides emphasized the importance of strengthening joint efforts, applying modern technologies, and enhancing operational information exchange in combating transnational organized crime, illegal drug and arms trafficking, human trafficking, illegal migration, and cybercrime.

The ministers signed an MoU on cooperation in the field of internal affairs. (REPORT / 15.07.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン軍参謀総長、ベラルーシを公式訪問**

Chief of General Staff of Azerbaijan Army is on an official visit to Belarus

First Deputy Minister of Defense – Chief of the General Staff of the Azerbaijan Army, Colonel General Karim Valiyev is on an official visit to Belarus at the invitation of the Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Belarus, Major General Pavel Muraveiko.

The meeting discussed prospects for further deepening of bilateral cooperation in defense, as well as opportunities for its continued development. The sides also engaged in discussions on exchange of views on regional security and other issues of common interest.

Colonel General Karim Valiyev together with the delegation led by him visited an air base of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Belarus, as well as a separate airborne assault brigade, the Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Application and Training Centre, as well as an enterprise of the State Military-Industrial Committee of the Republic of Belarus. (MOD.GOV.AZ / 13.07.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン・セルビア合同高官作業部会会合を開催**

Azerbaijan-Serbia Joint High-Level Working Group Meeting held

The meeting of the Azerbaijan-Serbia Joint High-Level Working Group Meeting on Military Cooperation took place in Baku. Subgroups representing various functional areas held discussions on the Digital Army, AI, cybersecurity, air defense, unmanned systems, and the organization of joint training and military exercises. The delegations also assessed the current state of military and military-technical cooperation and engaged in a comprehensive exchange of views on the expansion of bilateral cooperation. (MOD.GOV.AZ / 16.07.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン、トルコ、ジョージア、秋に演習「エタニティー2026」を実施**

Azerbaijan, Turkey, and Georgia to hold Eternity-2026 command-and-staff exercises in the fall

Azerbaijan, Turkey, and Georgia will hold the computer-assisted command-and-staff exercises “Eternity-2026” in November 2026, Azerbaijani Defense Ministry reported. The exercises will take place in Azerbaijan. In addition to military personnel from the three countries, employees of Azerbaijan’s State Agency for the Protection of Strategic Facilities and Azerbaijan Railways CJSC (ADY) will also take part in the exercises. The exercise plan provides for a scenario involving the protection and defense at the tactical level of strategic facilities and communication lines running through the territories of the three countries. (MOD.GOV.AZ / 16.07.2026)

2. 内政関連

● アリエフ大統領、カラバフ地方を訪問

President Aliyev is visiting Karabakh region

On Jul.11, President Aliyev visited Lachin, Shusha and Khojavand regions. He took part in the opening of and reviewing several socio-economic facilities there as well as met with residents / former IDPs who moved to their new houses in the villages of Shusha and Khojavand. (AZERTAG / 11.07.2026)

● トップラム TV 事件被告、最終陳述で起訴内容を否認

Toplum TV case defendants reject charges in final court statements

Defendants in the Toplum TV case have delivered their final statements at the Baku Serious Crimes Court, rejecting the charges and claiming there is no evidence proving their guilt. Akif Gurbanov, head of the Institute of Democratic Initiatives (IDI), said the case was built on procedural violations and that prosecutors failed to provide evidence supporting accusations of organized criminal activity and illegal currency smuggling. He argued that IDI and Toplum TV operated as independent civic and media organizations focused on public interest issues. Toplum TV journalist Farid Ismailov and IDI member Ruslan Izzetli also denied the allegations, with Ismailov stating that his arrest was linked to his journalistic work and that investigators had not provided proof of currency-related crimes.

The defendants face charges under six criminal articles and possible prison terms of up to 12 years. Prosecutors previously requested sentences ranging from 13 to 16 years, while the defense has called for acquittal. The case involves journalists and civil society activists associated with Toplum TV and the Institute of Democratic Initiatives, most of whom remain in custody. (KAVKAZ UZEL / 15.07.2026)

3. 外政関連

● アリエフ大統領、複数の国際機関代表を迎える

President Ilham Aliyev received heads of several international organizations

On Jul. 10, President Aliyev received Giles Thomson, President of the Financial Action Task Force and the Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism, and Director of Economic Crime and Sanctions at HM Treasury; Kubanychbek Omuraliev, Secretary General of the Organization of Turkic States; Elżbieta Franków-Jaśkiewicz, Chair of the Egmont Group and Deputy Director of the Department of Financial Information at the Polish Ministry of Finance; Jérôme Beaumont, Executive Secretary of the Egmont Group and Deputy Director of the International Cooperation Department of the French Financial Intelligence Unit; Nicola Muccioli, Chairperson of MONEYVAL and Director of the San Marino Financial Intelligence Unit; Daniel Thelesklaf, Vice Chair of the Egmont Group and Head of Germany's Financial Intelligence Unit; and Mohammed bin Abdul Rahman Al-Muhanna, Vice Chair of the Egmont Group and Head of the Saudi Arabia Financial Investigation Unit.

The meeting highlighted the successful cooperation between Azerbaijan and the organizations represented by the delegation, who were taking part in the 32nd annual plenary session of the Egmont Group in Baku. (AZERTAG / 10.07.2026)

● ママドフ外務次官、協力協議でユタ州とカリフォルニア州を訪問

Azerbaijani deputy FM visits Utah, California for cooperation talks

Deputy Foreign Minister Elnur Mammadov visited Utah and California from July 7–9, where he met with political, academic, religious, and business leaders to discuss expanding cooperation. The trip included talks with NVIDIA on artificial intelligence and digital transformation, as well as discussions on technology, trade, and innovation opportunities for Azerbaijan. (REPORT / 10.07.2026)

● ミルジヨエフ・ウズベキスタン大統領、パシャザーデ氏に勲章授与

Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev presents Order to Allahshukur Pashazade

Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev awarded Sheikh-ul-Islam Allahshukur Pashazade, chairman of the Caucasus Muslims Board, the Order of "El-yurt hurmati" ("Respect for the People and the Motherland") in recognition of his contributions to interfaith dialogue, peace, and strengthening Azerbaijan-Uzbekistan ties. During their meeting in Tashkent, both sides highlighted the growing strategic partnership and the importance of expanding spiritual and humanitarian cooperation between the two countries. (TREND / 10.07.2026)

● ラトビア憲法裁判所長官、アゼルバイジャン司法制度改革を称賛

President of Latvia's Constitutional Court praises reforms in Azerbaijan's judicial system

Latvia's Constitutional Court President Irena Kucina praised Azerbaijan's judicial reforms during a meeting with Supreme Court Chairperson Inam Karimov, highlighting progress in digital transformation and the use of artificial intelligence in the courts. Both sides also emphasized the importance of expanding bilateral cooperation in the judicial and legal fields. (REPORT / 10.07.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン報道、イスラエルがアルメニア人虐殺承認手続きを停止と伝える

Azerbaijan media report alleged suspension of Armenian Genocide recognition process by Israel

Pro-government media in Azerbaijan reported that the process of Armenian Genocide recognition by Israel has allegedly been suspended. In particular, the Oxu.az newspaper noted that the decision of the Israeli government to recognize the Armenian Genocide has caused concern in Baku. The Azerbaijani foreign ministry called this decision a politicization of historical events and called on Israel to reconsider its decision.

As Oxu.az noted, allied relations with Turkey remain one of the main priorities of Azerbaijan's foreign policy. Therefore, Baku expected that the position on this issue would correspond to the approach of Ankara, for which the topic of recognition of the Armenian Genocide is of particular importance.

As per Oxu.az, Azerbaijan's principled position on this matter did not go unnoticed in Israel. After some time, the discussion about the expediency of the Israeli government's aforementioned decision spread among Israeli experts, politicians, and leading media outlets. As the aforesaid Azerbaijani newspaper noted, many participants in this discussion came to the conclusion that this initiative does not stem from Israel's national interests and could complicate relations with its key regional partners. (OXU.AZ / 10.07.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、第4回シュシャ・グローバル・メディア・フォーラム開会式に出席

President Aliyev attended opening of 4th Shusha Global Media Forum

The opening ceremony of the 4th Shusha Global Media Forum, themed "The Mission of the Media in Promoting Peace: Restoring Truth and Rebuilding Trust," was held in Shusha on July 13. President Aliyev attended the event and answered questions from the forum participants.

- Responding to a question about the **growing importance of overland trade routes**, President Aliyev said Azerbaijan's long-term investments in infrastructure and partnerships have positioned it as a key Eurasian transit hub. He noted that expanding

transport capacity will strengthen Azerbaijan's role as a reliable connection between Central Asia, the Caucasus, Türkiye, and Europe.

- Responding to a question about **Türkiye–Azerbaijan relations**, President Aliyev described the two nations as close allies united by friendship, brotherhood, and shared interests. He highlighted cooperation in politics, energy, connectivity, and security, noting that the 2021 Shusha Declaration formalized their strategic alliance and serves as a model for regional cooperation.
- Responding to a question about **improving Azerbaijan's relationship with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe** (PACE) and European institutions, President Aliyev said relations with the European Commission have improved under its new leadership, with both sides seeking a reset and expanding cooperation on energy security, connectivity, trade, and other areas. He contrasted this with Azerbaijan's relationship with PACE, criticizing the assembly for suspending the Azerbaijani delegation's voting rights after Azerbaijan restored control over its territories in 2023, which he described as a politically motivated punishment rather than a response to human rights concerns. Aliyev said Azerbaijan suspended its participation in PACE as a result and has even considered leaving the Council of Europe altogether. While reaffirming that Azerbaijan is open to normalizing relations, he said PACE must first restore the Azerbaijani delegation's voting rights and acknowledge its mistake, arguing that the responsibility for repairing the relationship lies with the Council of Europe.
- Responding to a question about the future of **the U.S. Section 907 amendment** and Azerbaijan's emergence as a middle power, President Aliyev said Section 907 is an outdated and discriminatory measure that should be repealed, arguing it no longer reflects current realities following progress in Azerbaijan-Armenia relations. He said U.S.-Azerbaijan ties under the Trump administration have reached an unprecedented level, citing the establishment of a strategic partnership and expanded cooperation in trade, energy, AI, connectivity, and defense.
- On **Azerbaijan's status as a middle power**, Aliyev said the designation reflects a country's ability to defend its national interests independently, resist external pressure, project influence beyond its borders, and contribute to regional stability. He said these qualities explain why many analysts now view Azerbaijan as a middle power.
- Responding to a question about the upcoming **OIC Summit**, President Aliyev said Azerbaijan will use the event to promote Islamic solidarity, dialogue, and cooperation. He noted Azerbaijan's previous roles in the Non-Aligned Movement and COP29 as examples of its efforts to build consensus and support peace and stability.

- Responding to a question about **gas exports and EU relations**, President Aliyev said Azerbaijan is expanding its role as a reliable European energy supplier, now providing gas to 16 countries. He highlighted the need for stronger infrastructure, long-term agreements, and investment while noting growing cooperation with the EU on energy and connectivity.
- Responding to a question about **President Trump's role in achieving peace in the South Caucasus** and the future of U.S.–Azerbaijan relations, President Aliyev said Trump's approach differed from previous U.S. administrations, which he claimed focused on managing rather than resolving the conflict. Aliyev said Trump's emphasis on diplomacy and peace helped create the conditions for the Azerbaijan-Armenia peace agreement, including progress on connectivity through the Zangezur Corridor. He highlighted the signing of the Joint Declaration, the launch of a strategic partnership framework, and increased cooperation between the two countries. Aliyev said U.S.–Azerbaijan relations are now at a historic level and expressed optimism that continued cooperation will strengthen regional connectivity, security, and economic opportunities.
- Responding to a question about how companies like LinkedIn can support Azerbaijan's workforce development and **economic diversification**, President Aliyev highlighted priorities including Garabagh's reconstruction, digital transformation, AI, renewable energy, connectivity, and security. He emphasized the importance of innovation, skills development, and international partnerships in Azerbaijan's future growth.
- Responding to a question about the possibility of **lasting peace with Iran and Azerbaijan's security** concerns amid rising regional tensions, President Aliyev said Azerbaijan, located between conflict zones to the north and south, is focused on protecting its security while supporting peaceful solutions. He expressed hope that mediation efforts, including those by Pakistan, could help end conflicts and emphasized that lasting peace must be based on international law and fairness. Aliyev said Azerbaijan understands the consequences of prolonged conflict from its own experience and called on regional actors to stop escalation, pursue dialogue, and prioritize stability to prevent a wider crisis.
- Responding to a question about the role of **independent media in challenging colonial and neo-colonial narratives**, President Aliyev said issues related to human rights and self-determination are international concerns. He defended the work of the Baku Initiative Group in highlighting the experiences of communities in French overseas territories. Aliyev criticized what he described as ongoing colonial practices by France adding that Azerbaijan's own historical experience with foreign rule influences its support for independence and self-determination movements, while

noting that these issues should be viewed separately from Azerbaijan's bilateral relations with France.

- Responding to a question about **the war in Ukraine** and what advice he would give to Ukraine and Russia, President Aliyev reiterated Azerbaijan's support for Ukraine's sovereignty, territorial integrity, and internationally recognized borders. He repeated his previous message that a country should never accept occupation, saying Ukraine's refusal to do so reflects the determination of its people and leadership. Aliyev said his personal position is that the war should end as soon as possible and that continued hostilities only bring further suffering. Drawing from Azerbaijan's own experience with occupation and the restoration of its territorial integrity, Aliyev compared the challenges faced by Azerbaijan during the Garabagh conflict with Ukraine's current situation. He said Azerbaijan had also faced international pressure to accept a settlement that would have left its territories under occupation, but it refused and ultimately restored its sovereignty. He argued that nations with a strong desire to protect their independence and identity cannot be forced to accept externally imposed solutions. Aliyev said Azerbaijan supports peaceful resolutions based on international law and stated that no country's borders should be changed by force or without the consent of its people. He noted that Azerbaijan remains ready to provide humanitarian assistance to Ukraine and its people, emphasizing that this support comes from both the Azerbaijani state and society.
- Responding to a question about **Azerbaijan's growing role as an international mediator**, President Aliyev said the country's influence is based on trust, sincerity, and the belief that Azerbaijan has no hidden agenda. He said countries rely on Baku because it maintains confidentiality and seeks to help resolve disputes constructively. Aliyev also highlighted Azerbaijan's leadership of the Non-Aligned Movement as evidence of the international confidence built through consistent and reliable diplomacy.
- Responding to a question about **Azerbaijan–Russia relations** and Russia's future role in the South Caucasus, President Aliyev said relations between the two countries have been fully normalized after a difficult period and are now developing positively through government contacts, economic cooperation, transport links, trade, and humanitarian ties. He emphasized that Azerbaijan values its partnership with Russia while recognizing that the South Caucasus has undergone major changes following the Second Garabagh War, Azerbaijan's restoration of sovereignty, and Armenia's changing foreign policy direction. Aliyev said outdated approaches toward the region must be reconsidered, as the South Caucasus now has new realities, interests, and centers of influence. He argued that the region should not become an arena for geopolitical competition and that all external actors should build balanced relations

with each country based on mutual interests. He also criticized what he described as previous attempts to overstate Armenia's role as a regional transport hub despite Azerbaijan's existing infrastructure and strategic position. Discussing the "3+3" regional cooperation format, Aliyev said Azerbaijan originally proposed the initiative to allow regional countries to address regional issues themselves. He said the format needs to adapt to current realities and should focus on practical cooperation among Azerbaijan, Armenia, Türkiye, Russia, and Iran, with Georgia's participation if possible. He stressed that future cooperation should be based on equality, regional stability, and connectivity rather than conflict management or external rivalry.

- Asked whether Azerbaijan would support cooperation between the government, regulators, broadcasters, and the automotive industry to ensure **FM radio** remains available and accessible in new electric vehicles, President Aliyev said he fully supports the initiative. He noted that radio remains an important part of daily life, especially while traveling by car, and confirmed Azerbaijan's readiness to participate in efforts to preserve access to this trusted communication medium.
- Responding to a question about expanding **Azerbaijan–Japan cooperation**, particularly in energy and economic development, President Aliyev thanked Japan for its support in evacuating Japanese citizens from Iran during a military conflict and highlighted the growing importance of Azerbaijan's crude oil supplies to Japan amid disruptions to traditional energy routes. He said Azerbaijan is ready to strengthen cooperation with Japan beyond the energy sector. Aliyev noted that Azerbaijan and Japan already have experience working together, with Japanese companies involved in major industrial and power projects in Azerbaijan. He said future cooperation could expand into areas such as technology, energy, and potentially the defense industry, including exchanges of expertise and possible joint manufacturing. He acknowledged that bilateral engagement has slowed in recent years but said the potential for stronger economic ties remains significant and requires more interaction between governments, businesses, and companies from both countries.
- Responding to a question about the future of **Azerbaijan–China relations** and cooperation on the Middle Corridor, President Aliyev said bilateral ties have significantly expanded since the two countries upgraded relations to a comprehensive strategic partnership. He highlighted growing cooperation in politics, trade, infrastructure, technology, and defense, noting that more Chinese companies are investing in Azerbaijan and participating in major projects. Aliyev emphasized China's important role in developing regional connectivity, with increasing cargo flows through Azerbaijan as part of the Middle Corridor linking China with Europe. He said Azerbaijan is expanding its trade port capacity to accommodate growing transit volumes from China and Central Asia. He also highlighted cooperation in renewable energy,

including Chinese investment in solar panel manufacturing, and the joint production of electric buses by BYD. Aliyev praised Chinese companies for their efficiency and speed in implementing projects, expressing confidence that cooperation will continue to expand across multiple sectors.

- Responding to a question about Argentina's Malvinas **(Falkland) Islands dispute with the UK**, President Aliyev said territorial issues should be resolved through negotiations, good faith, and international law. He emphasized that Azerbaijan's support for territorial integrity is based on its own experience with the Garabagh conflict and on principles of justice, not political interests.¥
- Responding to a question about **Pakistan's role in regional peace efforts**, President Aliyev praised Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Field Marshal Asim Munir, and Pakistan's mediation efforts in helping achieve a ceasefire. He said Pakistan's successful diplomacy reflects the country's international respect and leadership capacity. Aliyev encouraged Pakistan to continue its peace efforts and expressed confidence that it could again contribute to reducing tensions and promoting stability in the region.
- Responding to a question about **Azerbaijan-Uzbekistan and Central Asia cooperation**, President Aliyev said relations are based on deep historical, cultural, and fraternal ties, strengthened by cooperation with President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. He highlighted Uzbekistan's support for Garabagh's reconstruction, growing economic projects, and Azerbaijan's inclusion in the Central Asian Leaders' Consultative format, which he said will boost regional connectivity, trade, and cooperation.
- Responding to a question about the main **strategic risks facing Azerbaijan** in the coming years, President Aliyev said the country has no significant internal political or ideological threats, with the main risks coming from developments beyond its borders. He identified regional conflicts, especially wars involving neighboring states, and their unpredictable consequences as key security concerns. Aliyev said Azerbaijan must remain prepared for potential attempts to draw it into external conflicts and emphasized the importance of strengthening defense capabilities, protecting borders, and maintaining national resilience. Reflecting on Azerbaijan's experience during the Garabagh conflict, he said the country has repeatedly faced pressure from multiple directions and that security efforts must continue despite periods of success. He added that this ability to defend national interests across different fronts is also one of the characteristics of a middle power.
- Asked about the role of **Azerbaijan's strategic partnership with Kazakhstan** and his cooperation with President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev in advancing regional

connectivity, particularly through the Middle Corridor, President Aliyev emphasized the brotherly relations between the two countries and Kazakhstan's support in the reconstruction of Garabagh. He highlighted that cooperation between Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan is essential for expanding transport, energy, digital, and logistics links across the Caspian region, including projects such as the energy cable and fiber-optic connection. He stressed that the partnership is becoming a key factor in connecting Central Asia with global markets and promoting regional development.

- Asked about **Africa's growing engagement with Azerbaijan**, the continent's lack of permanent representation in the UN Security Council, and ongoing security challenges in regions such as Sudan, the Sahel, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, President Aliyev emphasized the need for UN reform to ensure greater inclusiveness and representation. He highlighted Azerbaijan's proposal for rotating permanent seats with veto rights for the Non-Aligned Movement, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and the African Union. He also stressed that peace in Africa is vital for global stability, noting that reducing external interference and strengthening cooperation among African states are key to resolving conflicts. He reaffirmed Azerbaijan's support for African countries through humanitarian assistance and expanding partnerships.

Asked what **message he would send to the world from Shusha**, President Aliyev said his main message is to the Azerbaijani people: always rely on national unity, protect independence and national identity, and never accept occupation or external domination. He emphasized that Azerbaijan's experience shows that determination, resilience, and self-reliance are the foundation of lasting peace, sovereignty, and future development. (AZERTAG / 13.07.2026)

● バイラモフ外相、サンダース世界税関機構事務局長と会談

FM Bayramov met with World Customs Organization (WCO) Secretary General Ian Saunders

On Jul.13, the sides discussed the current state and prospects of cooperation between Azerbaijan and the WCO, as well as issues related to facilitating international trade, border security, digitalization of customs systems, combating illicit trade, strengthening supply chain resilience, and enhancing customs capacity. (APA / 13.07.2026)

● スロバキア大統領のアゼルバイジャン訪問

On the visit of Slovak President to Azerbaijan

An official welcome ceremony for Peter Pellegrini, President of the Slovak Republic, was held in Shusha on July 14. President Aliyev held a one-on-one meeting with President of the

Slovak Republic Peter Pellegrini in Shusha.

President Aliyev and Slovak President Peter Pellegrini held an expanded meeting focused on strengthening bilateral relations and expanding cooperation. Aliyev reflected on the progress made since his visit to Slovakia, expressed confidence that the talks would further deepen ties, and highlighted Slovakia's role in the reconstruction of Garabagh, including a smart village project being developed by a Slovak company. Pellegrini described the visit as an important milestone in bilateral diplomatic relations. He praised the reconstruction and infrastructure development in Garabagh since its liberation, expressed pride in Slovakia's contribution to these efforts, and reaffirmed his country's commitment to supporting future development projects in the region.

President Aliyev and Slovak President Pellegrini delivered press statements, reaffirming the strong strategic partnership between Azerbaijan and Slovakia. Aliyev highlighted expanding cooperation in areas including trade, energy, defense, and the reconstruction of Garabagh, thanking Slovakia for its contribution to the Smart Village project and expressing confidence that bilateral ties would continue to deepen.

Pellegrini praised Azerbaijan's reconstruction efforts in Garabagh and described the relationship as a practical partnership built on concrete projects. He welcomed closer cooperation in energy, business, transport, and defense, noted the launch of direct flights between the two countries, and reaffirmed Slovakia's commitment to supporting future development projects and long-term collaboration with Azerbaijan.

President Aliyev and President Pellegrini inspected construction progress in Bash Garvand village of Aghdam district on July 14 and laid the foundation stone of the Milan Rastislav Štefánik Secondary School, designed for 840 students. (AZERTAG / 14.07.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、マクロン仏大統領に祝電

President Aliyev sends congratulatory letter to President of France

On July 14, President Aliyev sent a congratulatory letter to French President Emmanuel Macron on the occasion of France's National Day, expressing confidence that a new era has begun in Azerbaijan-France relations. He highlighted recent high-level contacts as a basis for expanding cooperation and reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening bilateral ties in areas including the economy, culture, and education, while wishing the French people peace and prosperity. (TTREND / 14.07.2026)

● ガファロヴァ国会議長、カタールを訪問

Speaker of Azerbaijani Parliament visits Qatar

On July 14, an Azerbaijani delegation led by Sahiba Gafarova, Speaker of the Azerbaijani

Parliament, arrived in Qatar to express condolences on behalf of the Azerbaijani government to the Emir of the State of Qatar, His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, on the demise of the former Emir of the State of Qatar, His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani. (TREND / 14.07.2026)

● クレムリン、ウクライナに関するアリエフ大統領の立場は誤りと指摘

The Kremlin called Ilham Aliyev's position on Ukraine mistaken

Russian presidential aide Dmitry Peskov was responding to Aliyev's statements at the Shusha Media Forum that Ukraine should continue defending its full territorial integrity and that Azerbaijan would continue supporting it in every possible way. Despite criticizing Aliyev's position, Peskov stressed that it poses "no threat to relations between Baku and Moscow." "We believe this issue should not cast a shadow over our bilateral relations. We take a pragmatic approach. Moscow will continue to explain its position to its Azerbaijani colleagues with reasoned arguments," Peskov said. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 14.07.2026)

● スロバキア大統領のアゼルバイジャン訪問続報

Update on the visit of Slovak President to Azerbaijan

Following his meeting with President Aliyev in Shusha on Jul.14, Slovak President Peter Pellegrini travelled to Baku, where he held meetings with other senior Azerbaijani officials, including PM Ali Asadov and Speaker of the Milli Majlis Sahiba Gafarova. His programme also included engagements with representatives of the Azerbaijani business community. Accompanied by a delegation of Slovak business leaders, Pellegrini promoted closer economic ties and explored opportunities for Slovak companies in infrastructure, energy, transport, and reconstruction projects, underscoring Slovakia's interest in expanding its partnership with Azerbaijan. (TREND / 15.07.2026)

● トルコ、2026 年内のアゼルバイジャンおよび南コーカサス和平への協調支援を再確認

Türkiye reaffirms coordinated support for Azerbaijan and South Caucasus Peace in 2026

Türkiye's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has identified lasting peace and stability in the South Caucasus as a key foreign policy priority in its 2026 Action Program. The document states that Ankara will continue the normalization process with Armenia in close coordination with Azerbaijan while supporting the Armenia–Azerbaijan peace process. It also emphasizes strengthening the Türkiye–Azerbaijan strategic partnership through high-level engagement and sustained cooperation, with the goal of promoting regional peace, stability, prosperity, and security. (APA / 15.07.2026)

● 露外務省、バイラモフ外相が 7 月 16～17 日にロシア訪問と発表

Russian MFA: Jeyhun Bayramov to visit Russia on July 16-17

FM Bayramov will pay an official visit to Russia on July 16-17, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said. Bayramov will hold talks with his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov. The foreign ministers will discuss the current state and development prospects of Russian-Azerbaijani relations, as well as regional and international issues. (REPORT / 15.07.2026)

● ロシア、「3+3」プラットフォームの経済・地域協力を強調

Russia highlights economic and regional cooperation agenda for the '3+3' Platform

Responding to comments by President Aliyev on the future of the 3+3 regional cooperation platform, Russian MFA spox Maria Zakharova said at the weekly briefing that the format was established in 2021 to enable South Caucasus countries and their neighboring states to address regional issues through dialogue and cooperation. According to Russia, the platform's agenda is broad and focuses on multilateral cooperation in areas such as transport, energy, culture, and addressing emerging security challenges, rather than bilateral disputes. Zakharova said it is awaiting agreement between Baku and Yerevan on the scheduling of the next meeting of the participating foreign ministers. Russia also noted that participants at the first expert session of the platform in June 2026 held in Saint Petersburg supported prioritizing practical, mutually beneficial economic projects while avoiding politicization. (MID.RU / 15.07.2026)

● トランプ米大統領、シュシャ・メディア・フォーラムでのアリエフ大統領発言の記事を共有

Donald Trump shares article on Ilham Aliyev's remarks at Shusha Media Forum

U.S. President Donald Trump has shared on TruthSocial an article highlighting Azerbaijani President Aliyev's remarks at the 4th Shusha Global Media Forum regarding his contribution to achieving peace between Azerbaijan and Armenia.

The article notes that President Aliyev hailed President Trump as a uniquely effective peacemaker whose fundamentally different approach to diplomacy proved decisive in securing the historic Armenia-Azerbaijan peace agreement and ushered in what he described as an unprecedented new era of U.S.-Azerbaijani relations. (TREND / 16.07.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、トランプ米大統領に謝意

President Ilham Aliyev thanked U.S. President Donald Trump

Ilham Aliyev thanked Donald Trump: The post reads: "...Thank you for sharing my remarks from the Shusha Global Media Forum, where I described you as a "Man of Peace". With less than a month remaining until the first anniversary of the historic Washington Summit, I would

like to once again express my sincere appreciation for your indispensable role in advancing lasting peace between Azerbaijan and Armenia. Your leadership has made a historic contribution to bringing our region closer to peace, stability, and prosperity. You truly are a Man of Peace.” (AZERTAG / 16.07.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、パレスチナ首相を迎える

President Ilham Aliyev received Prime Minister of Palestine

On July 16, President Ilham Aliyev met with Mohammad Mustafa to discuss strengthening Azerbaijan–Palestine relations. President Aliyev reaffirmed Azerbaijan’s support for an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital and expressed confidence that the visit would deepen bilateral ties.

Prime Minister Mustafa conveyed greetings from Mahmoud Abbas and thanked Azerbaijan for its continued political, humanitarian, and educational support. The leaders highlighted Azerbaijan’s assistance, including the construction of a secondary school in Palestine, financial aid, support through UNRWA, the opening of Azerbaijan’s Representative Office in Ramallah, and coverage of the Palestinian Embassy’s operational costs in Baku.

They also praised educational cooperation, noting that 37 Palestinian students are studying in Azerbaijan, including 23 under the Heydar Aliyev International Education Grant. The meeting concluded with discussions on expanding trade, including preferential exports of selected Palestinian agricultural products to Azerbaijan, and other issues of mutual interest. (AZERTAG / 16.07.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンとパレスチナ、ムスタファ・パレスチナ首相訪問中に二国間関係を再確認

Azerbaijan and Palestine reaffirm bilateral ties during PM of Palestine Mohammad Mustafa’s visit

On July 16, Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Mustafa met separately with PM Ali Asadov and Parliament Speaker Sahiba Gafarova. The meetings reaffirmed the strong bilateral partnership, with Azerbaijan reiterating its support for the Palestinian cause and both sides discussing expanded cooperation in parliamentary, humanitarian, educational, cultural, agricultural and other sectors. Mustafa thanked Azerbaijan for its continued political, diplomatic and humanitarian support, including educational initiatives and assistance to the Palestinian people. (TREND / 16.07.2026)

● 親政府系の Report 通信、ロシアの国家機関を非難する社説を掲載

Pro-government outlet Report published a major editorial accusing Russian state institutions

The article is titled “Smearing Azerbaijan in Russia: Chauvinists Who Do Not Understand

Baku's Goodwill." Observers see the publication as a message from Baku to Moscow amid FM Bayramov's visit to Russia. The article says, among other things:

- A new anti-Azerbaijani campaign has begun in Russian media and social media. According to the publication's monitoring, there are grounds to conclude that it is part of a centrally coordinated campaign. It suggests that the trigger may have been President Aliyev's remarks at the Shusha Global Media Forum supporting Ukraine's territorial integrity.
- "Certain forces within Russia's state institutions, who are fueling this conflict, became enraged by this objective assessment. In their view, the Azerbaijani leader should have justified Moscow's aggression against Kyiv, recognized the occupied territories of Ukraine as part of Russia and, figuratively speaking, called white black."

The author criticizes Russia for systemic ethnic discrimination, aggressive nationalism, and policies that marginalize minority groups through cultural restrictions, social inequality, biased law enforcement, and disproportionate military conscription. It argues that Russia's economic challenges and setbacks in the war against Ukraine have fueled efforts by nationalist circles to create external enemies to divert attention from domestic problems. The piece also says the Kremlin has failed to adapt to changing realities in the South Caucasus, while noting Azerbaijan's continued diplomatic engagement despite tensions, including Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov's visit to Moscow on July 16. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 16.7.2026)

NOTE: On Jul. 16, FM Bayramov, departed for an official visit to Russia. A bilateral meeting with Russian FM Lavrov is scheduled to take place on July 17. The talks will focus on Russia-Azerbaijan bilateral relations, regional issues, and other current items on the agenda.

● アゼルバイジャンとロシアの貿易額、2026 年前半に減少

Trade turnover between Azerbaijan and Russia decreased in the first half of 2026

Trade turnover between Azerbaijan and Russia in the first half of 2026 amounted to \$1 billion 728.271 million, which is 31.4% less than in January-June of last year, Azerbaijan's State Customs Committee (SCC) reported. Trade operations with Russia accounted for 7.01% of the country's total foreign trade turnover (Russia is Azerbaijan's fifth-largest foreign trade partner after Italy, the United Kingdom, Turkey, and China). In January-June 2025, Russia was Azerbaijan's third-largest foreign trade partner with a 10.33% share.

In January-June 2026, exports of Azerbaijani products to Russia totaled \$608.557 million (up 3%). Overall, shipments to Russia accounted for 3.73% of Azerbaijan's exports. Russia ranks fourth among the countries to which Azerbaijani products are exported. (STAT.GOV.AZ / 16.07.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン、アルメニアとの和平合意に向け憲法改正の条件を再確認

Azerbaijan reaffirms constitutional condition for peace agreement with Armenia

An article by Minval.az says Armenian media misrepresented comments by Azerbaijani presidential aide Hikmet Hajiyev regarding the peace process with Armenia.

Speaking on the sidelines of the IV Shusha Global Media Forum, Hajiyev said Azerbaijan and Armenia are already living in a state of de facto peace, but a final peace agreement requires the removal of what Baku considers territorial claims against Azerbaijan from Armenia's legal framework. He stressed that how Armenia makes those changes—through a new constitution, amendments to the current one, or another legal mechanism—is an internal matter, provided the disputed provisions are formally removed.

Hajiyev also said Azerbaijan has received positive signals from the US regarding the TRIPP transport corridor project and expressed hope for its rapid implementation, noting that Azerbaijan's infrastructure leading to the Zangilan district is expected to be largely completed by the end of 2026.

The article argues that Armenian media incorrectly portrayed Hajiyev's remarks as a softening of Baku's position. It maintains that Azerbaijan's stance remains unchanged: a peace treaty cannot be signed until Armenia officially eliminates any constitutional or legal provisions that Azerbaijan views as territorial claims. (MINVAL.AZ / 16.07.2026)

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