

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

● アリエフ大統領、刑法と「情報、情報化及び情報保護に関する法律」改正を承認

President Aliyev approved amendments to the Criminal Code and the law “On Information, Informatization and Information Protection.”

Under the changes, access to online information resources may now be restricted by decision of an authorized executive body.

The listed grounds include:

- Information on how to buy, make or use narcotic or psychotropic substances.
- Content containing insults, defamation, or violations of privacy.
- The spread of false information that could threaten people's lives or health, cause significant property damage, or trigger mass public disorder.
- Amendments also introduce penalties for organizing or operating virtual gambling. Offenders face fines of up to twice the income obtained from the offense, combined with two to four years of restricted freedom or imprisonment for the same term. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 30.07.2026)

● ロシア軍ドローン、黒海でアゼルバイジャン人船員乗船の貨物船を再び攻撃

Another cargo ship carrying Azerbaijani sailors attacked by Russian drones in the Black Sea

A cargo ship carrying Azerbaijani sailors and operated by Albatros Corporation was attacked by Russian drones near Odesa. The vessel sustained serious damage, but no casualties were reported. The crew consists of 13 people — 12 Azerbaijani citizens and one Turkish citizen. The ship arrived at the Romanian port of Sulina. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 30.07.2026)

2. 内政関連

● アリエフ大統領、強制精神科入院法案を承認

Aliyev greenlights 'involuntary psychiatric hospitalization' law

President Aliyev approved amendments to Azerbaijan's law on psychiatric care that allow prosecutors to request involuntary psychiatric evaluations for individuals involved in administrative proceedings when delays in treatment are deemed to pose a threat to the individual or others. Human rights advocates have expressed concern that the amendments could be used to silence government critics. The vague wording poses particular risks for political activists and government critics, as in the past there were cases in which opponents were reportedly subjected to forced psychiatric hospitalization. (OC-MEDIA / 24.07.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン裁判所、Toplum TV 記者に長期禁錮判決

Azerbaijan court hands lengthy prison sentences to Toplum TV journalists

A court in Azerbaijan has sentenced nine journalists and civil society activists associated with Toplum TV, one of the country's leading independent online news outlets, to lengthy prison terms in a case that has drawn widespread international criticism.

Founded in 2016, Toplum TV was an independent digital media organization that reported on politics, governance, elections, corruption, and human rights in Azerbaijan. It was regarded as one of the few remaining independent media platforms in the country.

The Baku Court for Grave Crimes delivered its verdict on July 27, 2026, convicting the defendants on charges including smuggling, money laundering, tax evasion, and illegal entrepreneurship. The defendants have consistently denied all allegations, arguing that the prosecution was politically motivated and intended to silence independent journalism.

The court handed down the following prison sentences:

- Akif Gurbanov – 15 years
- Alasgar Mammadli – 14 years
- Ruslan Izzatli – 13 years
- Araz Aliyev – 11 years
- Ramil Babayev – 11 years
- Ilkin Amrahov – 11 years
- Ali Zeynalov – 11 years
- Farid Ismayilov – 9 years
- Elmir Abbasov – 8 years

The case stems from a series of raids and arrests carried out in March 2024, when Azerbaijani authorities searched Toplum TV's offices and detained journalists and staff members. Prosecutors accused them of financial and customs-related crimes, while the defendants maintained that the charges were fabricated in retaliation for their reporting.

The verdict has prompted condemnation from international press freedom and human rights organizations, including the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), Reporters Without

Borders (RSF), and the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ). These groups have described the convictions as part of a broader crackdown on independent media and civil society in Azerbaijan and have called for the immediate release of the imprisoned journalists. Defense lawyers have announced that they will appeal the convictions through Azerbaijan's judicial system, while international observers are expected to continue monitoring the case as a key indicator of press freedom and the rule of law in the country. (GLOBALBANKINGANDFINANCE.COM / 27.07.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン人民戦線党員に再び禁錮刑

Another member of Azerbaijan Popular Front Party got a prison term

Another member of the Azerbaijan Popular Front Party, Kenan Zeynalov (Basgal), was sentenced to nine years in prison. A former bodyguard of party leader Ali Karimli, he was convicted of stabbing a local resident. Zeynalov denied the charges, saying he had testified in court shortly before his arrest in defense of imprisoned opposition politician Tofiq Yagublu and suggesting that this was the real reason for his prosecution. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 30.07.2026)

3. 外政関連

● アリエフ大統領、ミルジヨエフ・ウズベキスタン大統領と電話会談

President Aliyev made a telephone call to President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev

On Jul.24, the head of state extended his heartfelt congratulations to Shavkat Mirziyoyev on his birthday. The two leaders emphasized the importance of the strategic alliance between Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan, hailing the successful development of bilateral ties across all areas. (AZERTAG / 24.07.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン国会議員、イラン訪問

Member of Azerbaijan's Parliament visits Iran

Member of Azerbaijan's Parliament Ceyhun Mammadov is on a visit to Ardabil, Iran. As part of the visit, the MP will participate in events and a number of meetings to be held on July 25-26 on the occasion of the "Sheikh Safi al-Din Ardabili Memorial Day" and "Ardabil Week." (APA / 24.07.2026)

● 米下院外交委、アゼルバイジャンにおけるアルメニア人拘束者に関する修正案を採択

US House Foreign Affairs Committee adopts amendment on Armenian detainees in Azerbaijan

On Jul. 22, the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee approved an amendment calling on Azerbaijan to immediately and unconditionally release Armenian detainees. The amendment, sponsored by Representative Brad Sherman, was adopted by a vote of 44 to 7. Supporters argue that the release of the detainees would serve as a confidence-building measure between Armenia and Azerbaijan and contribute to achieving a lasting peace following the conflicts over Nagorno-Karabakh.

Azerbaijan has strongly rejected the amendment. Azerbaijani officials maintain that the individuals in question are not prisoners of war or political prisoners but are being prosecuted under Azerbaijani law for alleged war crimes, terrorism, and other criminal offenses. The Azerbaijani government has characterized the amendment as politically motivated, arguing that it reflects the influence of Armenian-American advocacy groups and constitutes interference in Azerbaijan's sovereignty and judicial process.

The committee's approval of the amendment does not make it legally binding. Before it could become part of U.S. law, it would need to be approved by the full House of Representatives, passed by the Senate in the same or a reconciled form, and signed by the President. As a result, the amendment currently represents the position of the House Foreign Affairs Committee rather than binding U.S. law or policy. (TREND, REPORT / 24.07.2026)

● **AZAL 機墜落事件の遺族、ロシアによる補償内容について明らかにされないまま**
AZAL crash families left unconsolated by Russia's undisclosed compensation offer

OC-Media learned on the condition of anonymity that many families of the victims of the 2024 Azerbaijan Airlines (AZAL) crash remain dissatisfied despite Russia's reported offer of \$50,000 in compensation per victim. They argue that the payment was made without a public admission of responsibility, a transparent investigation, or accountability for those responsible. For many relatives, justice, truth, and an official apology are more important than financial compensation alone. (OC-MEDIA / 24.07.2026)

● **コロンビア次期大統領、アゼルバイジャンを含む 15 の大使館閉鎖を計画**
Colombia's president-elect plans to close 15 embassies, including in Azerbaijan

President-elect Abelardo de la Espriella has announced plans to close at least 15 Colombian embassies around the world, including the country's embassy in Azerbaijan, as part of a government cost-cutting initiative. (REPORT / 27.07.2026)

● **テヘランが AZTV を「敵対的メディア組織」と位置付けたことに関しアゼルバイジャンがイラン国営メディアに警告**
Azerbaijan warns Iranian state media after Tehran labels AZTV a 'hostile media organization'

Azerbaijan's Media Development Agency (MEDIA) has condemned the decision by Iran's Ministry of Intelligence to designate several foreign media outlets, including Azerbaijan's state television broadcaster AzTV, as "hostile media organizations" and to threaten criminal prosecution against individuals who cooperate with them. Citing Azerbaijan's Law on Media and the principle of reciprocity, MEDIA declared the activities of Iran's Sahar TV and Mehr News Agency unlawful in Azerbaijan, accusing them of acting against the country's national interests. The agency also urged Azerbaijani journalists and media organizations not to cooperate with the two Iranian state media outlets. (AZERTAG / 27.07.2026)

● 有罪判決受刑者の健康状態めぐり、アルメニア側権利擁護団体が懸念表明

Armenian rights advocates raise concerns over convicted prisoner's health in Azerbaijan

Armenian human rights activists have appealed to Azerbaijani authorities regarding the health of Ludwig Mkrtchyan, who is serving a 20-year prison sentence in Azerbaijan after being convicted of war crimes committed during the First Karabakh War. Mkrtchyan was convicted by an Azerbaijani court of torturing Azerbaijani prisoners during the early 1990s and committing other crimes. He denied the charges throughout the proceedings.

Human rights defender Lusine Minasyan has called on President Aliyev to allow Mkrtchyan to contact his family, claiming his health has deteriorated. Mkrtchyan's wife last spoke with him by telephone on June 19, during which he reportedly said he felt extremely weak and had lost consciousness.

Separately, Siranush Sahakyan, a lawyer representing Armenian detainees before the European Court of Human Rights, claimed that several Armenian prisoners held in Baku have reported health problems or injuries during telephone conversations with their families. When asked whether the injuries resulted from torture, Sahakyan declined to provide details, saying the information had been submitted to international organizations. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 27.07.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン外務省、ロシア・アルメニア関係とアゼルバイジャンを結び付けることをやめるよう要求

Azerbaijani MFA: Linking Russia-Armenia relations with Azerbaijan must end

Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry has criticized comments by Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova, saying they misrepresent the history of the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict.

Spokesperson Aykhan Hajizada stated that:

- The Karabakh region has always been internationally recognized, including by Russia, as part of Azerbaijan.

- It is inappropriate to continue discussing the possible application of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) to territories of Azerbaijan that were occupied by Armenia.
- Azerbaijan considers the conflict resolved after restoring its territorial integrity and sovereignty in accordance with international law.
- Russia should stop interpreting issues in Russian-Armenian relations through the lens of Azerbaijan.

The response followed Zakharova's July 27 remarks, in which she said the CSTO could not intervene because Armenia did not recognize Nagorno-Karabakh as either its own territory or an independent state, making the organization's collective security mechanisms inapplicable under those circumstances. (TREND / 28.07.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、プーチン露大統領と電話会談

Russian President Putin made a phone call to President Aliyev

On Jul.28, Putin and Aliyev discussed topical issues on the bilateral and international agenda, highlighting the constructive nature of Russia-Azerbaijan relations and the ongoing intensified dialogue between the governments and relevant agencies. The heads of state reaffirmed their mutual commitment to further expanding beneficial cooperation. (AZERTAG / 28.07.2026)

NOTE: Press release of the Russian side is identical. The phone call took place after the Azerbaijani MFA objected to Russian MFA's remarks about Karabakh. Press secretary of the Russian head of state, Dmitry Peskov, in his turn, said it was a very warm and meaningful conversation. On Jul.28, Putin held a phone call with Armenian PM Pashinyan.

● アゼルバイジャンと日本、議会間関係強化を協議

Azerbaijan, Japan explore enhancing interparliamentary ties

On Jul. 28, Amina Aghazada, head of the Azerbaijan-Japan interparliamentary working group at the Milli Majlis, met with a Japanese delegation, led by Michihiro Ishibashi, a member of the House of Councillors.

Aghazada expressed confidence that the visit would contribute to further strengthening the friendly relations between Azerbaijan and Japan, which are based on mutual respect, trust, and long-term partnership. She noted that the recent intensification of political dialogue and the maintenance of close contacts have contributed to deepening bilateral ties and advancing cooperation in such areas as the economy, energy, culture, and education.

Ishibashi reaffirmed the Japanese parliament's willingness to continue strengthening cooperation with Azerbaijan, emphasizing the importance of reciprocal visits and close contacts in promoting bilateral relations.

The meeting also explored the role of interparliamentary cooperation in strengthening bilateral ties, with the sides emphasizing the importance of maintaining regular dialogue and

exchanging parliamentary experience. (AZERTAG / 28.07.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャンとエチオピア、議会間協力拡大を協議**

Azerbaijan, Ethiopia discuss expanding interparliamentary cooperation

Speaker of the Parliament Sahiba Gafarova met with Speaker of Ethiopia's House of People's Representatives Tadesse Chafo on July 28 as part of her official visit to Ethiopia. The sides noted broad opportunities for cooperation between the two countries in tourism, business, mutual investment, culture and humanitarian affairs. The meeting included a broad exchange of views on further developing interparliamentary relations. Gafarova invited Chafo to pay an official visit to Azerbaijan, and the invitation was accepted with satisfaction. (REPORT / 28.07.2026)

● **ガファロヴァ国会議長、アビィ・エチオピア首相と二国間関係を協議**

Azerbaijan's Parliament Speaker, Ethiopian PM review bilateral ties

During an official visit to Ethiopia on July 29, Parliament Speaker Sahiba Gafarova met with Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali to discuss strengthening Azerbaijan-Ethiopia relations. The leaders reviewed opportunities to expand cooperation in political, economic, humanitarian, and parliamentary fields, with a particular focus on joint oil and gas projects. (TREND / 29.07.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャンとジョージアの検察長官、協力について協議**

Azerbaijan, Georgia prosecutors general discuss cooperation

The prosecutors general of Azerbaijan (Kamran Aliyev) and Georgia (Giorgi Gvarakidze) met in Baku to discuss expanding bilateral cooperation in criminal justice. The talks focused on legal assistance, extradition, asset recovery, and combating corruption, cybercrime, terrorism financing, and human trafficking. Both sides also emphasized cooperation in digitalization, personnel training, and experience-sharing, reaffirming their commitment to strengthening ties between the two prosecution services. (REPORT / 29.07.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン、気候・平和イニシアチブで国際的プレゼンス強化へ**

Azerbaijan aims to strengthen international presence through climate and peace initiatives

Deputy Foreign Minister Yalchin Rafiyev said Azerbaijan is working to build on the legacy of its COP29 presidency by transforming temporary initiatives into long-term international platforms and expanding the country's role in multilateral diplomacy.

Rafiyev also said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is preparing a new initiative to increase the number of Azerbaijani citizens working in international organizations. He stressed that greater

participation of Azerbaijani professionals in global institutions is an important element of the country's long-term foreign policy and will enhance Azerbaijan's contribution to international decision-making.

Touching on Azerbaijan's international security role, Rafiyev emphasized that the country has consistently supported UN peacekeeping efforts and currently contributes to the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) with two officers. He said Azerbaijan has actively participated in discussions on international peace and security within both the UN General Assembly and the Security Council, while its peacekeeping contribution is coordinated through the Foreign Ministry's Department of International Security. (APA / 29.07.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、国賓訪問でキルギスに到着

President Aliyev arrived in Kyrgyzstan for state visit

On Jul.30, President Aliyev and First Lady Mehriban Aliyeva arrived in the Kyrgyz Republic for a state visit on July 30.

President Aliyev, together with President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Zhaparov, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, and President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon, attended the opening of the golf club at the Issyk-Kul Golf Resort complex in the city of Cholpon-Ata.

On Jul. 31, President Aliyev held a one-on-one meeting with President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Zhaparov in the city of Cholpon-Ata.

The 3rd meeting of the Interstate Council of Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan was held in the city of Cholpon-Ata with the participation of President Aliyev and President Zhaparov.

An exchange ceremony for documents signed between Azerbaijan and the Kyrgyz Republic was held with the participation of President Aliyev and President Zhaparov. The heads of state signed the "Decision of the Third Meeting of the Interstate Council of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Kyrgyz Republic" and the "Treaty on Allied Relations between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Kyrgyz Republic."

An award ceremony for the Presidents of Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan was held. President Zhaparov conferred the First Class "Manas" Order on President Aliyev.

President Aliyev then conferred the Heydar Aliyev Order on President Zhaparov.

During the press statements, Aliyev and Zhaparov emphasized closer bilateral ties and expanded cooperation following their talks.

- The two leaders reaffirmed the strong strategic partnership and brotherly relations between Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan.

- They highlighted agreements to deepen cooperation in trade, investment, transport, energy, digital technologies, education, tourism, and cultural exchanges.
- Both stressed the importance of implementing joint infrastructure and economic projects and strengthening regional connectivity.
- They also confirmed continued coordination in regional and international organizations, expressing support for each other's sovereignty and shared interests. (AZERTAG / 31.07.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン外務省、マルタン・ライアン氏に関する仏声明を批判

Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry slams France's statement on Martin Ryan

France has criticized Azerbaijan after the Baku Court of Appeal upheld the 10-year prison sentence of French citizen Martin Ryan, who was convicted of espionage. In a statement issued on July 30, the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs said it "strongly regrets" the court's decision, arguing that Ryan had been subjected to arbitrary detention and had not received a fair trial. Paris called for his immediate release and said it would continue providing consular support to Ryan and assistance to his family, while urging Azerbaijan to uphold its international commitments on fair trial standards and the rights of foreign detainees.

Azerbaijan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs rejected France's accusations, describing them as unfounded and an attempt to interfere in the country's judicial process. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Aykhan Hajizada said the criminal case against Ryan had been investigated in full accordance with Azerbaijani law and that the appellate court's decision was based on the evidence and charges presented. He stressed that Ryan's procedural rights had been guaranteed throughout the proceedings and noted that representatives of the French Embassy attended all court hearings, which, according to Baku, demonstrated the transparency of the trial. The ministry called on France to respect Azerbaijan's sovereignty, its independent judiciary, and to refrain from statements that could damage bilateral relations. (TREND, LE MOND / 30.07.2026)

● ガファロヴァ国会議長、エチオピアで各国大使団と会談

Azerbaijani Parliament's Speaker meets with group of ambassadors in Ethiopia

During her official visit to Ethiopia, Parliament Speaker Sahiba Gafarova met with ambassadors of African and other countries in Addis Ababa, emphasizing the need to strengthen multilateralism through greater parliamentary cooperation. She highlighted the role of parliaments in promoting transparency, democracy, and sustainable development, underscored the importance of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and closer cooperation with regional parliamentary organizations, and discussed Africa's growing global role, Azerbaijan's parliamentary diplomacy, the Non-Aligned Movement Parliamentary Network, and the outcomes of COP29 held in Baku. (TREND / 30.07.2026)

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