

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

● ハサノフ国防相、駐在武官らと会談

Azerbaijan minister of defense meets with military attachés

On Aug.03, Minister of Defense, Colonel General Zakir Hasanov met with the military attachés assigned to the embassies of the Republic of Azerbaijan abroad. Minister of Defense was provided with a comprehensive briefing on the current state of Azerbaijan's military cooperation with partner countries throughout the year, the activities of the military attaché offices, and the newly established military attaché offices in foreign states. (TREND / 03.08.2026)

● アグダラで地雷爆発、2人負傷

Two people injured in landmine explosion in Aghdara

An NGO employee Alzamin Surkhayli was injured in a landmine explosion on Aug.3 in the area of Chardagli village, Aghdara district. He was involved in humanitarian demining operations, stepped on an anti-personnel mine while carrying out his duties.

Another employee, Fuzuli Mirzayev, also sustained minor bodily injuries in the incident. The condition of injured employees is reported to be satisfactory.

Since the 2020-war, 433 people have become a victim of landmine contamination by Armenia. (TREND / 03.08.2026)

● アルメニア国籍者の控訴審で判決言い渡し

Verdict announced in appellate court on appeals of Armenian citizens

On Aug. 6, the Baku Court of Appeal upheld the Feb.5, 2026 verdicts against former Armenian and Karabakh Armenian officials convicted of crimes related to Armenia's military aggression against Azerbaijan. The court rejected their appeals, leaving life sentences in place for Arayik Harutyunyan, Levon Mnatsakanyan, David Manukyan, Davit Ishkhanyan, and David Babayan, while upholding prison terms of 15 to 20 years for the remaining defendants. (TREND / 06.08.2026)

2. 内政関連

● APFP 活動家ケナン・ゼイナロフ氏に禁錮 9 年

APFP activist Kenan Zeynalov has been sentenced to 9 years in prison

The Baku Serious Crimes Court sentenced Kenan Zeynalov, an activist of the Azerbaijan Popular Front Party (APFP) and a bodyguard of opposition leader Ali Karimli, to nine years in prison on charges of inflicting injury. Zeynalov denied the accusations, while his lawyer said the prosecution failed to present credible evidence and announced plans to appeal the verdict. The APFP described the case as politically motivated and part of a broader crackdown on opposition members, a claim rejected by the Azerbaijani authorities. (KAVKAZUZEL / 30.07.2026)

● セビル・アリエワ氏の再登場、アゼルバイジャンで議論呼ぶ

Sevil Aliyeva's return to the spotlight sparks debate in Azerbaijan

Sevil Aliyeva, the sister of President Aliyev, has recently returned to the public spotlight after being seen at the Sea Breeze (resort near Baku belong to the Presidential family). Her appearance attracted widespread attention because she had long been believed to reside in London and had rarely appeared in public in Azerbaijan.

Shortly afterward, Sevil Aliyeva published a social media post stating that she has been living in Baku since 2017, contradicting the widely held perception that she had remained abroad. The statement sparked debate, with opposition outlet Azad Söz questioning its credibility and suggesting that the timing of the post was significant.

Her renewed public visibility has also revived long-standing rumors of tensions within Azerbaijan's ruling family, particularly between Sevil Aliyeva and First Vice President Mehriban Aliyeva. Such speculation has circulated for many years, with some media outlets reporting an alleged rivalry between the two women. As early as 2009, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty noted that reports of strained relations were an "open secret," although Sevil Aliyeva publicly denied rumors that she intended to challenge her brother's political leadership or enter politics herself. (AZAD SOZ / 01.08.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、複数の地方行政府首長を任命

President Aliyev appointed heads of several regional executive authorities

On Aug.04, President Aliyev signed decrees on:

- appointing Anar Babayev as the head of the Nakhchivan City Executive Power

- appointing Nurlan Hajiyevev as the head of the Ordubad District Executive Power of Nakhchivan
- dismissing Naim Jahidzade from the post of Head of the Sadarak District Executive Power of Nakhchivan and appointing him to the post of the head of the Julfa District Executive Power of the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic (TREND / 04.08.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンの TikTok 逮捕、公共の道徳と表現の自由の限界

Azerbaijan's TikTok arrests: limits of 'public morality' and freedom of expression

In late July and early August, Azerbaijani authorities detained several popular TikTok users under administrative procedures, with courts imposing short-term detention. Officials said the arrests were linked to "disrespect for society", "offending public morality" and behaviour contrary to "national and moral values", but the cases have raised concerns over freedom of expression and the broad interpretation of the law.

According to publicly available information, the following individuals have been detained:

- Magsad Bagirov, known online as “Chevik”, was detained on 27 July and sentenced to 10 days under Article 510.2 for online content deemed offensive to public morality.
- Uzeyir Abbas was detained on 28 July over posts authorities said had insulted religious beliefs.
- Mujgan Mammadzade was detained on 30 July and sentenced to 10 days under Article 510.2.
- Murad Gasymov, known as “Murad Sade”, was detained on 30 July and sentenced to 30 days.
- Sanur Azizov was detained on 1 August and sentenced to eight days under Article 510.1 for petty hooliganism.
- Alikram Heydarov was detained on 2 August and received an eight-day sentence under Article 510.1.

The arrests rely on 2026 amendments to Azerbaijan's Law on Information, Informatization and Information Protection, which introduced penalties for online content considered offensive to public morality or contrary to national and moral values. Lawyers argue these concepts are undefined in legislation, allowing subjective enforcement. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 05.08.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンの人権問題

Human rights cases in Azerbaijan

- Lawyer Elchin Sadigov says the mental health of Russian citizen Dmitry Fedorov, who was sentenced to three years in prison in Azerbaijan on drug trafficking and cybercrime charges, has sharply deteriorated. According to the lawyer, Fedorov has experienced

hallucinations, memory loss, and failed to recognize his mother during a prison visit. The defense says prison authorities have not disclosed his diagnosis, though prescribed medications are reportedly used to treat schizophrenia, and argues that if he is found legally insane, Azerbaijani law requires his release from serving the remainder of his sentence.

- REAL party leader Ilgar Mammadov said he has received warnings to end his political activities and appealed to President Aliyev, expressing hope the threats do not reflect the president's position.
- Activist Elvin Mustafayev, a member of the Workers' Table Trade Unions, was released after serving a three-year prison sentence on drug charges he said were politically motivated.
- Human Rights Solidarity called for medical treatment for jailed Meydan TV journalist Aytaj Tapdig, citing deteriorating health and lack of access to medical care.
- A court sentenced blogger Huseyn Hasanov in absentia to four years in prison for tax evasion and money laundering, ordered the confiscation of his Moscow apartment, and imposed a one-million-ruble fine. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 05.08.2026)

3. 外政関連

● 熊本地震後の哀悼と支援申し出に日本がアゼルバイジャンに謝意

Japan thanks Azerbaijan for condolences, aid offer after Kumamoto earthquake

Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi thanked countries that expressed condolences and offered assistance following the magnitude 7.1 earthquake in Kumamoto Prefecture on Kyushu Island. Azerbaijan was among the countries thanked by Takaichi.

Following the earthquake that struck Kyushu region on July 28, Azerbaijani MFA said it was deeply saddened by the loss of life and destruction caused by the earthquake, extended its heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims and the people of Japan, and wished a speedy recovery to those injured. (REPORT / 31.07.2026)

● アリエフ大統領のキルギス訪問について

UPDATE: On the visit of President Aliyev to Kyrgyzstan

On July 31, **an informal meeting of the Heads of State of Azerbaijan and the Central Asian countries** was held in Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan, bringing together the leaders of Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan.

During the meeting, President Aliyev highlighted the strengthening of Azerbaijan–Kyrgyzstan relations, particularly the signing of a Treaty on Allied Relations and an agreement to increase the capital of the Azerbaijan–Kyrgyzstan Development Fund from \$100 million to \$200 million.

He also noted the opening of the Azerbaijani-built five-star "Baku" Hotel on the shores of Lake Issyk-Kul.

In his address, President Aliyev emphasized that cooperation with Central Asian countries is a key priority of Azerbaijan's foreign policy. He pointed to the high level of reciprocal visits between Azerbaijan and Central Asian leaders over the past three and a half years as evidence of increasingly close ties, describing the region as a single geopolitical and geoeconomic space.

President Aliyev also welcomed Azerbaijan's first participation as a full member of the Consultative Meeting format, following the decision made in Uzbekistan in 2025, and pledged Azerbaijan's active contribution to strengthening regional cooperation.

The meeting concluded with the signing of the Cholpon-Ata Declaration.

President Zhaparov **invited President Aliyev to take part in the SCO+ Summit due to take place on August 31 – September 1, 2026**; the opening ceremony of the 6th World Nomad Games due to take place on August 31, 2026; and the 2nd "Bishkek+25" Global Mountain Summit due to take place on October 21–23, 2027, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic.

President of Turkmenistan informed that **the First Summit of the Central Asia – Azerbaijan format will be held in Turkmenistan on October 8, 2026**. A draft agenda covering five main directions and sent it to the participating states. These are the exchange of views on current regional and international issues related to peace, stability and security, strengthening of political-diplomatic interaction between Central Asian countries and Azerbaijan, development of cooperation in the field of energy and sustainable transport-logistics corridors, environmental protection and adaptation to climate change, joint measures on efficient use of water resources, coordination of efforts on the restoration of the Aral Sea, as well as development of cultural, educational and scientific ties, and expansion of student and youth exchanges.

On July 31, the Baku Resort & Spa, a five-star hotel on the shores of Issyk-Kul Lake in Kyrgyzstan, was officially inaugurated in the presence of the presidents of Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. It was built under a 2023 bilateral investment agreement between Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan.

On July 31, First Lady Mehriban Aliyeva, alongside with First Lady of the Kyrgyz Republic Aigul Zhaparova and First Lady of Uzbekistan Ziroatkhon Mirziyoyeva, visited the "Altyn Balalyk" Health and Rehabilitation Center in the city of Cholpon-Ata. (AZERTAG / 31.307.2026)

● ガファロヴァ国会議長、南アで開催の全国・地方議会議長会議に出席

Parliament Speaker attends Conference of Speakers of National and Regional Parliaments in South Africa

On July 31, Speaker of the Parliament Sahiba Gafarova addressed the Conference of Speakers of National and Regional Parliaments in Midrand, South Africa, emphasizing the growing role of parliaments in addressing global challenges through multilateral cooperation and parliamentary diplomacy. She highlighted the importance of stronger cooperation with African countries, greater representation for Africa in international institutions, and closer collaboration between the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Pan-African Parliament to promote inclusive global governance.

Speaker Sahiba Gafarova also met with Pan-African Parliament President Fatih Boutbiq to discuss strengthening parliamentary cooperation between Azerbaijan and African countries. Gafarova also invited the Pan-African Parliament's leadership to visit Azerbaijan to further deepen bilateral ties and practical cooperation. (TREND / 31.07.2026)

● **ウクライナ裁判所、バクーの引き渡し要請にもかかわらずアゼルバイジャン野党関係者を釈放**

Ukrainian court released an Azerbaijani opposition figure despite Baku's extradition request

A Kharkiv court in Ukraine released Azerbaijani opposition activist Bahruz Hasanli, who was detained following Azerbaijan's extradition request over fraud charges. Hasanli and the Azerbaijan Popular Front Party (APFP) maintain that the case is politically motivated and linked to his opposition activities. While extradition proceedings are still ongoing, the APFP expressed hope that Ukrainian authorities will ultimately reject Baku's request. (KAVKAZUZEL / 31.07.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン、ボスニア・ヘルツェゴビナとシンガポール国民に査証なし入国を認める**

Azerbaijan grants visa-free entry to citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Singapore

According to Azerbaijan's State Migration Service, the visa requirement has been waived for holders of ordinary passports from Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Singapore traveling to Azerbaijan for tourism from Aug. 1, 2026, through Aug. 1, 2027. The measure is aimed at facilitating travel, strengthening bilateral cooperation and promoting tourism. (TREND / 01.08.2026)

● **ヴァルダニャン氏の妻、バクーの被拘束者面会でパシニャン首相に再び協力要請**

Vardanyan's wife has again asked Pashinyan to assist with a visit to the captives in Baku

Veronika Zonabend, the wife of former Karabakh separatist leader Ruben Vardanyan, has renewed her appeal to Armenian PM Pashinyan and Azerbaijan's Human Rights

Commissioner Sabina Aliyeva to facilitate a humanitarian visit to Armenian prisoners held in Baku. She proposed organizing an international women's delegation to deliver letters, photographs, and personal items to the detainees and said her previous requests had received no official response. Zonabend stressed that the initiative is purely humanitarian and called for official cooperation to arrange visits and maintain family contact with the prisoners. (KAVKAZUZEL / 01.08.2026)

● バイラモフ外相、新任のティイナ・ニルク・エストニア大使を迎える

FM Bayramov received newly appointed Estonian Ambassador to Azerbaijan Tiina Nirk

On Aug. 03, Ambassador Tiina Nirk presented a copy of her credentials to Minister Bayramov. The sides discussed prospects for developing cooperation in political, economic, trade, transport, digitalization, education and other areas. The decision by Estonia to establish an embassy in Azerbaijan was welcomed. The meeting also included an exchange of views on other regional and international issues of mutual interest. (TREND / 03.08.2026)

● BIG、コルシカ議会の反アゼルバイジャン立法構想を非難

BIG condemns Corsican Assembly's anti-Azerbaijan legislative initiative

Baku Initiative Group (BIG) criticized a resolution adopted by the Corsican Assembly concerning former Nagorno-Karabakh officials on trial in Azerbaijan. BIG argues that the resolution is politically motivated, violates Azerbaijan's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and reflects France's double standards. The group also contends that Corsican politicians should focus on protecting Corsican language and cultural rights rather than intervening in South Caucasus affairs.

According to the Corsican Assembly, however, the resolution is intended to address humanitarian concerns rather than Azerbaijan's territorial status. Adopted on Jul. 31, it calls for the immediate release of the 19 Armenian detainees held in Azerbaijan, expresses concern over the fairness of their trials, and reaffirms the right of displaced Armenians from Nagorno-Karabakh to return safely and with dignity in line with international law and the International Court of Justice's provisional measures. Azerbaijan rejects these allegations, maintaining that the detainees are being prosecuted for serious crimes under Azerbaijani law and that foreign resolutions constitute political interference in its judicial process.. (TREND, ARMINFO / 03.08.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、パレスチナ大使館への財政支援議定書を承認

President Aliyev approves protocol on financial assistance to Palestinian embassy

President Aliyev approved a protocol on providing financial assistance to the Embassy of the State of Palestine in Azerbaijan. The agreement, signed in Baku on July 10, 2026, authorizes financial support for the Palestinian embassy. (TREND / 03.08.2026)

● ゼレンスキー大統領、アゼルバイジャンなど旧ソ連諸国との関係強化を強調

Zelensky emphasizes stronger ties with Azerbaijan and other former soviet states

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky said that Ukraine is committed to building strong relations with Azerbaijan, Armenia, and other former Soviet republics. In a statement on his Telegram channel, he argued that Russian President Vladimir Putin's goal is to restore influence over territories that became independent after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Zelensky also stressed that Ukraine supports Azerbaijan's sovereignty and territorial integrity and noted that Kyiv has restored contacts with Armenia for the first time after a long pause. He added that Ukraine's active engagement with countries across the former Soviet region contributes to preserving their independence. (MINVAL / 03.08.2026)

● スイスのカシス外相、2 国間協力・地域安全保障・OSCE 優先課題で協議へバクー訪問

Swiss FM Ignazio Cassis visits Baku for talks on bilateral cooperation, regional security and OSCE priorities

Switzerland's Federal Councillor and Foreign Minister, Ignazio Cassis, who is also serving as the 2026 OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, visited Baku on 4 August for talks with FM Bayramov. During one-on-one and expanded-format meetings, the ministers reviewed the current state of Azerbaijan–Switzerland relations and discussed opportunities to broaden cooperation in political dialogue, trade, investment, energy, transport, humanitarian affairs, education, and other areas of mutual interest.

Bayramov reiterated Azerbaijan's readiness to continue practical engagement with the OSCE in areas where the organization can provide added value, emphasizing that cooperation should be based on respect for Azerbaijan's sovereignty and current regional realities. He underlined that the extensive landmine contamination in territories affected by the former conflict remains one of Azerbaijan's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Bayramov expressed hope that the OSCE could provide practical support within its mandate to assist humanitarian demining efforts.

The ministers also exchanged views on the Azerbaijan–Armenia normalization process, the Russia–Ukraine war, developments in the Middle East, and broader international security issues. Bayramov briefed his Swiss counterpart on the current stage of the peace process with Armenia, stressing that the main remaining obstacle to the signing of a peace agreement is the need to eliminate territorial claims against Azerbaijan from Armenia's Constitution. He reiterated that lasting normalization requires Armenia to take concrete legal and political steps consistent with its international commitments.

Speaking at the joint press conference, Cassis reaffirmed Switzerland's support for efforts aimed at achieving a comprehensive and lasting peace between Azerbaijan and Armenia, emphasizing that sustainable peace would strengthen stability and prosperity across the South Caucasus. As OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, he said that enhancing cooperation with

Azerbaijan and addressing regional security challenges would remain priorities for the organization.

Cassis highlighted Azerbaijan's growing geopolitical significance, describing the country as an important bridge connecting Central Asia, the South Caucasus, and Europe. He stressed the strategic importance of secure and reliable transport and trade corridors, particularly the Middle Corridor, in an increasingly interconnected global economy. He also noted that Switzerland sees opportunities to deepen economic cooperation with Azerbaijan in logistics, trade, and investment, given the country's expanding role in Eurasian connectivity. (TREND / 04.08.2026)

●ハジエフ大統領補佐官、TADIV 代表団を迎える

Assistant to President of Azerbaijan receives TADIV delegation

Assistant to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Head of the Foreign Policy Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration, Hikmat Hajiyev, has held a meeting with a delegation from the Türkiye–Azerbaijan Friendship, Cooperation and Solidarity Foundation (TADIV) and the Intercultural Network Association. The meeting took place as

During the meeting, Hajiyev answered numerous questions from the participants. (APA / 04.08.2026)

● ハジエフ大統領補佐官、アルメニアの憲法改正で最終和平合意への道が開かれると指摘

Presidential Aide: Constitutional changes in Armenia would clear path to final peace agreement

Assistant to the President of Azerbaijan Hikmat Hajiyev said that Azerbaijan sees no remaining obstacle to signing a final peace agreement with Armenia once territorial claims against Azerbaijan and Türkiye are removed from Armenia's Constitution. Speaking to Haber Global, Hajiyev said Baku expects Armenia to begin the process of adopting a new constitution, potentially through a referendum, and expressed hope that the constitutional preamble would be amended to eliminate references based on Armenia's Declaration of Independence. Hajiyev noted that, despite the absence of a formal peace treaty, there is already de facto peace in the region. Azerbaijan maintains that Armenia's Declaration of Independence contains territorial claims, including references to the unification of the former Nagorno-Karabakh region with Armenia, and has made constitutional amendments a key condition for concluding a comprehensive peace agreement. (APA / 04.08.2026)

● ハジエフ大統領補佐官、トルコ紙掲載の引用を否定

Presidential aid Hikmet Hajiyev rejects quotations published by Turkish newspaper

Hikmet Hajiyev, Assistant to the President of Azerbaijan, has rejected a number of statements attributed to him in an interview published by the Turkish newspaper Türkiye Gazetesi. The

article, written by journalist Yılmaz Bilgen following a meeting with Turkish media representatives in Azerbaijan, presented Hajiyev as making several remarks on Azerbaijan's foreign policy, relations with Türkiye, Iran and Israel, and regional developments.

According to the newspaper, Hajiyev said that Azerbaijan would not participate in any international platform where Türkiye was absent, emphasizing that Baku and Ankara act in close coordination. The article also quoted him as saying that Azerbaijan's relations with Israel would never develop in a way that would harm Türkiye's interests. It further reported that allegations of Israeli military bases in Azerbaijan were false and part of a disinformation campaign, while asserting that Baku supports a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and has sought to reduce tensions between Türkiye and Israel.

The report also attributed comments to Hajiyev regarding Iran, stating that Azerbaijan respects Iran's territorial integrity and stability while closely monitoring developments because of the two countries' shared border and historical, cultural and religious ties. On regional issues, the article claimed he said that progress on the Zangezur Corridor was nearing a decisive stage and highlighted the growing integration of the Turkic world under Türkiye's leadership.

Shortly after the article was published, Hajiyev publicly disputed its contents. He acknowledged meeting with the Turkish journalists but stated that the article had presented some of his comments in a distorted manner. He said that a number of the quotations attributed to him were incorrect, without identifying which specific remarks he was referring to. Hajiyev reiterated that Azerbaijan pursues an independent and principled foreign policy based solely on its national interests. (TREND, TÜRKİYE GAZETESİ / 05.08.2026)

● イラン、アゼルバイジャンからイスラエルへの石油供給停止を要求

Iran calls for halting oil supplies from Azerbaijan to Israel

An article published by Iran's Khabaronline argues that closing the Strait of Hormuz alone would not be sufficient to pressure Israel, suggesting that Iran should instead focus on disrupting the Caspian-Caucasus energy corridor. The article highlights Azerbaijan's growing importance as Israel's largest oil supplier, claiming that nearly half of Israel's oil imports now come from Azerbaijan via the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline through Turkey.

The article also reiterates longstanding allegations that Israel has used Azerbaijani territory and intelligence infrastructure in operations against Iran, arguing that Tehran could respond by targeting Israel's energy supply chain linked to Azerbaijan and Turkey. It concludes that limited pressure in the Caspian region could have a greater strategic impact than a temporary blockade of the Strait of Hormuz. (KHABARONLINE / 05.08.2026)

● バイラモフ外相、ウクライナに公式訪問

Azerbaijani foreign minister arrives in Ukraine on official visit

Ukrainian FM Sybiha on August 6 welcomed FM Bayramov at Kyiv's Central Railway Station, marking Bayramov's first official visit to Ukraine. Following the official welcome ceremony, the Ministers viewed an exhibition of drones manufactured in Ukraine. They also, paid tribute to the memory of those who died while defending Ukraine. The diplomats laid a wreath to the memorial located in the park of Ukraine's Foreign Ministry in Kyiv.

The two ministers held both one-on-one and expanded-format talks, discussing a broad range of bilateral, regional and international issues.

Sybiha described the visit as another sign of the "new and positive dynamic" in the strategic partnership between Ukraine and Azerbaijan, noting that bilateral contacts had intensified over the past two years. The ministers reviewed the implementation of agreements reached during previous high-level exchanges and discussed further strengthening political dialogue. Regarding the **economic cooperation**, the ministers explored ways to expand trade, investment and humanitarian cooperation, with Sybiha emphasizing that Ukraine values Azerbaijani investments and hopes to see more Azerbaijani companies enter the Ukrainian market and launch new joint projects. He said Ukraine aims to restore bilateral trade to its pre-war level, noting that trade has already recovered to approximately US\$600 million. The two sides also agreed to work toward holding the next meeting of the Ukraine-Azerbaijan Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation in Ukraine.

Energy security was another key topic, as the ministers discussed Ukraine's preparations for the upcoming winter and measures to strengthen regional energy resilience. They also exchanged views on cooperation in transport, logistics and other sectors of mutual interest. The ministers discussed regional security developments, including the situation in the South Caucasus and the Middle East. The two sides also exchanged views on broader international security issues and cooperation within international organizations.

Sybiha informed his Azerbaijani counterpart about **Ukraine's ongoing peace efforts** and praised Azerbaijan's role in promoting peace and regional stability. FM Bayramov stressed the importance of ending hostilities between Russia and Ukraine as soon as possible and resolving the conflict through diplomatic means. Both ministers reaffirmed their countries' support for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The Ukrainian foreign minister also expressed gratitude to Azerbaijan, President Aliyev and the Azerbaijani people for the assistance provided since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion. He highlighted Azerbaijan's humanitarian aid, the reconstruction of civilian infrastructure in Irpin, the supply of equipment for Ukraine's energy facilities and other forms of support, saying Ukraine "will always remember" this assistance.

A special feature of the visit was the presentation at Ukraine's Foreign Ministry of historical diplomatic documents highlighting the activities of the diplomatic mission (commissariat) of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic (ADR) in Ukraine, as well as diplomatic relations between Azerbaijan and Ukraine during the 1918–1920 period.

At a joint **press conference** in Kyiv, Sybiha and Bayramov reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral ties. They discussed expanding trade, investment, energy cooperation and regional security, with Sybiha noting that bilateral trade has recovered to about US\$600 million and Bayramov saying Azerbaijan is ready to supply natural gas to Ukraine if needed. The ministers also reaffirmed their support for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Sybiha thanked Azerbaijan for its humanitarian assistance since Russia's full-scale invasion, while Bayramov stressed the importance of resolving the war through diplomacy in accordance with international law.

FM Bayramov visited Zarifa Aliyeva Park in **the city of Irpin**; Irpin Central City Hospital, which was restored with financial support from Azerbaijan; Zarifa Aliyeva Academic Lyceum No. 12, another Azerbaijani-funded reconstruction project. He was also presented with future reconstruction plans, including Azerbaijan's planned restoration of the Irpin House of Culture, a landmark heavily damaged during Russia's invasion. The Azerbaijani delegation was accompanied by Ukraine's Deputy Foreign Minister Oleksandr Mishchenko and representatives of the Irpin city administration.

FM Bayramov met with **Kyrylo Budanov, Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine**. The sides discussed the current state and prospects of bilateral relations between Azerbaijan and Ukraine, as well as the regional and international security environment. They also emphasized the importance of maintaining dialogue and cooperation on matters related to regional stability and security.

FM Bayramov met with **Ihor Klymenko, Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine**. The sides exchanged views on regional and international security issues, as well as prospects for cooperation in energy security.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy met with FM Bayramov in Kyiv during the minister's first visit to Ukraine since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion. Zelenskyy briefed Bayramov on the latest Russian attacks on Ukraine, the security situation in the Black Sea and Russia's obstruction of grain export corridors. The two sides also discussed prospects for expanding high-level political contacts, defense cooperation, and economic ties, with particular attention to energy, the oil and gas sector and agriculture.

Zelenskyy expressed appreciation for Azerbaijan's continued support for Ukraine, highlighting its humanitarian and energy assistance, and described the dialogue between the two countries as constructive. (REPORT, MFA.GOV.UA, UA.NEWS, / 06.08.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン、ユネスコ常駐代表を新任命

Azerbaijan appoints new Permanent Representative to UNESCO

On Aug.06, President Aliyev signed a decree appointing Fakhraddin Ismayilov to the post of the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to UNESCO.

Prior to this appointment, Fakhraddin Ismayilov served as the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Council of Europe.

By another decree, Elman Abdullayev was recalled from his position as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to UNESCO. (TREND / 06.08.2026)

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