

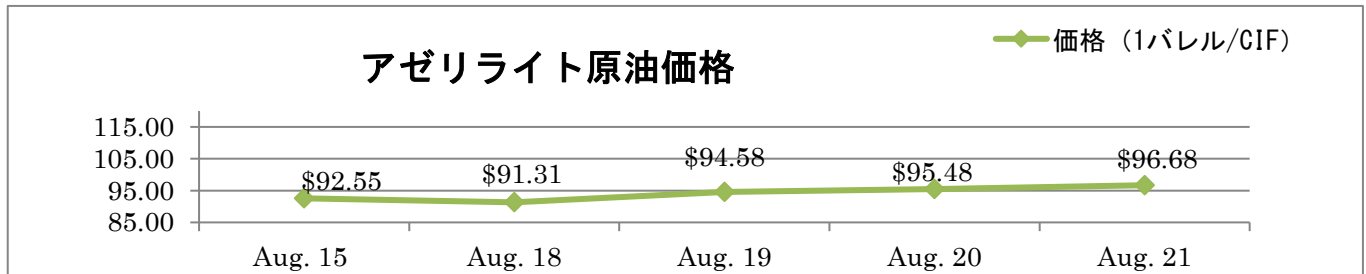
アゼルバイジャン経済情報

(公開情報とりまとめ)

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在アゼルバイジャン日本国大使館

1. エネルギー・環境



●SOCAR が 2025 年における国別売上高の構成を公表

In 2025, SOCAR's revenues amounted to AZN 86.3 billion, while gross profit stood at AZN 12.6 billion. Profit from operating activities increased by 80% compared to the previous period, reaching AZN 5.2 billion, while net profit amounted to approximately AZN 3.0 billion. SOCAR's EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization) amounted to AZN 10.9 billion in 2025, representing a 26% increase compared to 2024. The majority of SOCAR's revenues were generated from the sales of crude oil, petroleum and chemical products, and natural gas. In 2025, 50,582 million manats (\$29,754 million), or 58.6% of SOCAR's sales revenues came from Switzerland. According to the company's consolidated financial statements, revenues from Switzerland decreased by 6.1% compared to 2024. During the reporting period, SOCAR's sales revenue in Turkey amounted to 16,510 million manats (\$9,712 million). This is 71.1% more than in 2024. SOCAR's sales revenues in Azerbaijan also increased significantly. According to the company's financial report, in 2025, sales revenue in Azerbaijan reached 13,682 million manats (\$8,048 million). This represents an increase of 66.7% compared to the previous year. In contrast, sales revenue in the United Arab Emirates fell sharply. In 2025, revenue from this country amounted to 1,014 million manats (\$596.5 million), which is approximately 8.7 times less compared to 2024. SOCAR's sales revenue in Georgia in 2025 amounted to 1,664 million manats (\$979 million). This represents an increase of 6.9% year-on-year. In 2024, sales revenue from Georgia was 1,556 million manats (\$915 million). Sales revenue from other countries also increased. In the reporting year, revenue in this category amounted to 2,857 million manats (\$1,680 million), which is by 10.5% more compared to the previous year. Thus, in 2025, the largest share of SOCAR's consolidated sales revenue came from Switzerland, with Turkey in second place. Azerbaijan ranked third, being one of the main sources of the company's sales revenue. (Azer Press and Azertag, 15.08.2026)

●セルビアが SOCAR 参加の発電所建設計画を協議

Serbian Minister of Mining and Energy Dubravka Đedović Handanović discussed further steps in the implementation of a project to build a 500 MW gas-fired power plant near the city of Niš with representatives of Elektroprivreda Srbije (EPS), Srbijagas and the Niš city administration. As part of preparations for the project, a steering committee, project management team and five technical

working groups have been established, while coordination among all participants has begun. The preliminary feasibility study for the project is currently being coordinated with SOCAR. "At this stage, the most important task is to finalize the shareholder agreement between EPS, Srbijagas and SOCAR. The document will enable the establishment of a joint venture, define the commercial parameters of the project and set out the responsibilities of the companies involved in its implementation," Đedović Handanović said. The meeting also addressed the preparation of the necessary documentation, attracting investors for infrastructure development and connecting the new power plant to the transmission grid. As a note, Azerbaijan and Serbia signed an agreement in February 2026 on the construction of a gas-fired power plant near Niš with a capacity of 350 MW of electricity and 150 MW of heat. The document was signed during Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev's visit to Serbia. In early June, EPS and SOCAR signed key terms of cooperation in Baku for the development, construction and operation of the gas-fired power plant in Niš, establishing the main principles for creating a joint venture and the key commercial parameters of the project. (Azer Press, 15.08.2026)

●アゼルバイジャンの2026年1～7月の原油・天然ガス輸出

- In January-July 2026, Azerbaijan exported 12.7 billion tons of crude oil and crude oil products obtained from bituminous rocks for \$8.032.9 billion, State Customs Committee said. In comparison with the same period of last year, the exported volume decreased and the value increased. In January-July 2025, Azerbaijan exported 14.470.6 million tons of crude oil and oil products worth \$7.660.2 billion. Countries to which Azerbaijan exported oil in January-July of this year (by the value of exported oil):

No.	Countries	Statistical value (thousand US dollars)	Quantity (tons)
-	Total	8 032 903.55	12 722 590.97
1	Italy	4 560 688.09	7 473 413.94
2	Czech Republic	562 115.58	802 369.65
3	Romania	522 201.19	821 311.27
4	India	376 114.36	491 171.24
5	Bulgaria	253 113.50	358 842.99
6	Tunisia	225 469.94	368 916.34
7	Portugal	221 958.01	395 031.62
8	Germany	210 855.82	360 299.00
9	Switzerland	193 596.32	272 501.37
10	Greece	182 764.51	284 374.74
11	Others	724 026.24	1 094 358.82

- In January-July 2026, Azerbaijan exported 14.43 bcm of natural gas, an increase of 0.13% compared with the same period last year, State Customs Committee said. The total value of natural gas exports amounted to \$4.88 billion. During the first seven months of 2025, Azerbaijan exported 14.41 billion cubic meters of natural gas worth \$5.27.

- In January-July of this year, AZN 3.7 billion was invested in Azerbaijan's oil and gas sector, State Statistical Committee told. The volume of investments directed to the oil and gas sector during the reporting period increased by 33.6% compared to the corresponding period of last year. (Azertag and Apa, 17.08.2026)

●2026 年 1 月-7 月期における BTC パイプライン経由の中央アジア産原油輸送量は 260 万トン
前年同期比 22.2%減

In January-July of this year, 14.8 million tonnes of oil were transported via the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) oil export pipeline, down by 8.6% year-on-year, State Statistical Committee told. During the reporting period, BTC accounted for 76.8% of oil transportation through Azerbaijan's main oil pipelines. During the reporting period, 82.3% (12.2 million tonnes) of the oil transported via the BTC pipeline was oil produced in Azerbaijan, while 17.7% (2.6 million tonnes) was oil received from Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan. It should be noted that last year, 36.3 million tonnes of oil were transported through oil pipelines in Azerbaijan, down by 6.3% year-on-year. BTC accounted for 74.9% of transportation and 27.2 million tonnes of oil were transported through this pipeline during the reporting period, down by 7.8% year-on-year. During the reporting period, 84.8%, or 23.1 million tonnes of the oil transported via the BTC pipeline was oil produced in Azerbaijan (a decrease by 4.6%), while 15.2%, or 4.1 million tonnes (a decrease by 22.2%), was oil received from Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan. (Apa, 17.08.2026)

●2026 年 1 月-7 月期におけるアゼルバイジャンの再エネ発電量は前年同期比増 風力発電量は 22 倍に

In January-July of this year, 15,172 kWh of electricity was generated in Azerbaijan, which represents a 3% decrease year-on-year, State Statistical Committee said. According to the data, 14,734.9 kWh of the electricity generated in the country during the reporting period accounted for marketable output (a decrease of 2.5%). The largest share of electricity generated in the country — 11,441.5 kWh — came from thermal power plants, which is by 8.7% less than was in January-July 2025. During January-February of this year, the remaining electricity generated in Azerbaijan was produced by hydropower plants, as well as other alternative and renewable energy sources. It should also be noted that during the reporting period, wind power plants in Azerbaijan generated 606 million kWh of electricity, which represents a 22-fold increase year-on-year. Electricity generation in Azerbaijan:

Product types	Produced between January and July 2026	Compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, in %
Electricity, million kWh	15 172	97
commodity from it	14 734.9	97.5
production of thermal power plants	11 441.5	91.3
hydroelectric power stations production	2195.7	105.6
production of wind power plants	606.0	22 fold increase
production of solar power plants	350.7	105

electricity from biomass and waste incineration plants	141	106.7
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(Apa, 17.08.2026)

●アゼリライトの 2026 年上半期平均輸出価格は予算想定を 45.4%上回る 94.5 米ドル

In the first half of 2026, the average export price of one barrel of Azeri Light crude on the world market was \$94.5, which is by 45.4% higher than the price used in calculating the initially approved budget parameters for 2026 (\$65). This is stated in the Reference on the Semi-Annual Execution of the State and Consolidated Budgets for 2026, published by the Ministry of Finance. According to the document, the average price of Azerbaijani oil was \$58.4 in January, \$71.1 in February, \$106.4 in March, \$120.1 in April, \$111.8 in May, and \$89 in June. (Azer Press, 18.08.2026)

●中国・大唐集団がアゼルバイジャンのエネルギー専門家向け研修・技術視察を実施

A delegation of representatives from Azerbaijan's energy sector is taking part in a special training and technical visit program in China. According to the Ministry of Energy, China's Datang Corporation has organized a special training and technical visit program for Azerbaijani energy sector specialists. The two-week program aims to further develop energy cooperation between Azerbaijan and China, exchange experience in advanced technologies, and expand professional ties. Speaking via video at the opening of the training program, Azerbaijani Deputy Energy Minister Elnur Soltanov emphasized its importance for the development of Azerbaijan-China energy cooperation. Li Deyong, Deputy General Manager of Datang Corporation, welcomed the training participants and wished them success in implementing the program. As part of the program, participants are watching presentations and practical information on wind and hydrogen energy, advanced energy storage systems, including compressed air energy storage (CAES), integrated wind-solar-energy storage systems, modern high-efficiency gas turbines, conventional hydropower plants, and pumped-storage hydropower plants. An important part of the visit program includes technical visits to advanced industrial and energy projects in Chengdu and Chongqing. During these visits, Azerbaijani representatives will gain first-hand experience in the application, operation, and integration of modern energy technologies into energy systems. Representatives of the Azerbaijani Ministry of Energy, State Agency for Renewable Energy Sources, Azerenerji OJSC, and Azerishiq OJSC are participating in the visit. (report.az, 19.08.2026)

●2026 年 1 月-7 月期におけるアゼルバイジャンのブルガリア向け原油輸出量が急増 前年同期比 4.5 倍の約 35.8 万トン

In January-July 2026, Azerbaijan exported 358,842.99 tonnes of crude oil to Bulgaria, marking a 4.5-fold increase, or by 279,582.14 tonnes more, compared with the same period last year, State Customs Committee said. The value of crude oil exports totaled \$253.114 million, which is by 5.2 times higher, or \$204.882 million more, than in the same period last year. In the first seven months of the year, crude oil exports to Bulgaria accounted for 2.82 % of Azerbaijan's total oil exports. According to data on crude oil exports that completed customs clearance during the reporting period, Azerbaijan exported 12,722,590.97 tonnes of crude oil and petroleum products derived from bituminous rocks to 11 countries, with a total export value of \$8.033 billion. (Azertag, 19.08.2026)

●2026 年 1 月-7 月期におけるアゼルバイジャンのチェコ向け原油輸出量は 21.9%減少の約 80 万トン

In January-July 2026, Azerbaijan exported 802,369.65 tonnes of crude oil to Czechia worth \$562,115.6 thousand. According to the State Customs Committee, compared to the same period in 2025, the volume of oil exports to Czechia decreased by 21.9%, but their value increased by 2.7%. The share of crude oil exported to Czechia in Azerbaijan's total oil exports in the first seven months of 2026 was 6.3%. As a remind, during the reported period, Azerbaijan exported 12,722,590.97 tonnes of crude oil and petroleum products derived from bituminous rocks to 11 countries, with a total export value of \$8.033 billion. During the reporting period, Azerbaijan's foreign trade turnover amounted to \$29,216 million. Exports accounted for \$19,336 million, while imports accounted for \$9,881 million. (Azer Press, 19.08.2026)

●ウクライナがエネルギー設備支援につきアゼルバイジャンに謝意を表明

Ukraine has thanked Azerbaijan for providing assistance in the form of energy equipment to help maintain the operation of the country's energy system. The Ministry of Energy of Ukraine expressed gratitude to Azerbaijan and other international partners for their support in a statement published on its official X account. "Since the beginning of 2026, energy equipment assistance has been provided by partners from the EU, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Iceland, Spain, Italy, Canada, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, the Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Slovakia, the United States, Türkiye, Finland, France, the Philippines, Switzerland, Sweden, Japan, Czechia, Poland, Cyprus, China, as well as UNICEF/WASH, IOM, PFRU and VOLVO," the Ministry said. The Ukrainian Ministry of Energy noted that since March 2022, a total of 2,542 humanitarian shipments of energy equipment with a combined weight of more than 32,300 tonnes have arrived in Ukraine under the ministry's coordination. More than 28,900 tonnes of this equipment have already been distributed among the regions. We are deeply grateful to all our partners for helping keep Ukraine's energy system running," the Ministry stated. (Trend, 19.08.2026)

●BP、中央アゼリ・プラットフォームで 11 日間の定期メンテナンスを実施

BP as the operator of the Azeri-Chirag-Deepwater Gunashli (ACG) field development project advises that as part of its ACG annual work programme it will conduct planned maintenance (turnaround - TAR) works on the Central Azeri platform for 11 days starting from August 19. "While production from that platform is expected to be reduced during the maintenance period, it will not be fully suspended. The advanced technologies deployed on our platforms enable us to continue producing safely while maintenance activities are being carried out. This helps minimize production impacts while maintaining safe and reliable operations throughout the maintenance period. Due to the integrated design and operating configuration of the Azeri area facilities, production from the East and West Azeri platforms will also be temporarily curtailed during this period. During the TAR, various projects, including critical integrity and maintenance works, flare system upgrades, reliability improvement initiatives, and anomaly elimination activities, will be undertaken", BP said. (Azertag, 19.08.2026)

●ザンゲズル送電線第 1 フェーズの建設工事（ジェブライル・アグバンド間）が完了間近

The first phase of the construction of the Zangezur line, aimed at connecting the Nakhchivan AR to Azerbaijan's main electricity system and, at the same time, forming the Azerbaijan–Nakhchivan–Türkiye–Europe international energy corridor, is nearing completion, AzerEnergy told on Aug. 21 AzerEnergy OJSC is completing the construction of a 74-km, double-circuit, 330-kilovolt high-voltage transmission line with a transmission capacity of 1,000 megawatts from Jabrayil to Aghband. Some 97% of work has been completed on the transmission line, which consists of 296 anchor and intermediate towers, each weighing more than 30 tons on average and standing nearly 45 meters high. Work on the transmission line, carried out in difficult climatic

conditions and rugged terrain throughout the winter, spring and summer months of this year, has been completed in the shortest possible time and ahead of schedule.“In the next phase, it is planned to construct a 100-km transmission line from Ordubad to Nakhchivan, a 44-km line through the Zangezur corridor and a 230-km line from Nakhchivan to Türkiye,” AzerEnergy noted. It was stated that the project is of strategic importance in terms of fully integrating the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic into the country’s unified energy system, eliminating the autonomous republic’s dependence on a foreign country for frequency regulation, creating access to European energy markets, as well as transmitting green energy, and is regarded as one of the largest energy projects in Azerbaijan’s history. (Apa, 21.08.2026)

●2026 年 1 月-7 月期におけるアゼルバイジャンのチュニジア向け原油輸出量が大幅増加 前年同期比 2.9 倍増の 36.9 万トン

In January-July 2026, Azerbaijan exported 368,916.34 tons of crude oil to Tunisia, which marks a 2.9-fold increase, or by 243,241.99 tons more, compared to the same period of last year, State Customs Committee said. During the reporting period, crude oil shipments to Tunisia made up 2.9% of Azerbaijan’s total oil exports. (Azertag, 20.08.2026)

●2026 年 1 月-7 月期におけるジョージアのアゼルバイジャン産燃料輸入量が大幅増加 前年同期比 131%増の 9 万トン

Georgia significantly increased its fuel imports from Azerbaijan in January–July 2026. The country imported 90,100 tons of petroleum products worth \$88 million, marking a 131.1% increase compared with the same period last year. During the reporting period, Georgia imported a total of 1.05 million tons of petroleum products valued at \$967 million. Compared with the same period of 2025, this represents a 32.7% increase in value and an 8.7% increase in volume. Russia was Georgia’s largest fuel supplier in January–July 2026, accounting for 392,800 tons worth \$292 million. Its share was about 30% by value and 37% by volume. However, fuel imports from Russia declined by 10.7% compared with the same period last year. Türkiye ranked second after Russia, supplying Georgia with 112,500 tons of fuel worth \$135 million, marking a 153.9% increase compared with the same period last year. Romania ranked third, supplying Georgia with 139,400 tons of fuel worth \$131 million. The value of imports from Romania decreased by 1.4% compared with the same period in 2025. (Azertag, 20.08.2026)

2. マクロ経済・財政

公式為替レート（出典：中央銀行）

Date	08/12	08/13	08/14	08/17	08/18	08/19	08/20	08/21
USD/ AZN	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000	1.7000
EURO/AZN	1.9610↓	1.9593↓	1.9615↑	1.9696↑	1.9672↓	1.9696↑	1.9845↑	1.9877↑

●米国務省がアゼルバイジャンは財政透明性要件を充足と評価

Azerbaijan meets the fiscal transparency requirements of the US Department of State, according to the 2026 Fiscal Transparency Report. The Department conducted an annual review of the minimum fiscal transparency requirements in consultation with other relevant federal agencies and updated and strengthened the annual assessment criteria. The Department assessed the fiscal transparency of the 139 governments (and the Palestinian Authority) identified in the 2014

Fiscal Transparency Report, determined whether each government met the minimum requirements, and assessed whether governments that did not meet the minimum fiscal transparency requirements made significant progress toward meeting the requirements during the review period of January 1 – December 31, 2025. In conducting the 2026 review, the Department considered information from US embassies and consulates, other U.S. government agencies, international organizations, and civil society organizations. In evaluating whether governments met basic minimum fiscal transparency requirements to enable meaningful public participation in budgeting processes, the Department recognized that governments' specific circumstances differ, and that specific fiscal transparency practices vary among governments. Nevertheless, the report evaluates whether governments met basic minimum fiscal transparency requirements to enable meaningful public participation in budgeting processes. The Department concluded that, of the 139 countries (and the Palestinian Authority) evaluated, 73 governments met minimum fiscal transparency requirements and 67 did not meet the minimum requirements. Of these 67, however, 14 made significant progress toward meeting the minimum fiscal transparency requirements. (report.az, 15.08.2026)

●アゼルバイジャンの 2026 年 1 月～7 月期における貿易総額は 292 億ドル 前年同期比で輸出 27%増、輸入 27.4%減

Azerbaijan carried out trade operations worth \$29.22 billion with foreign countries in January-July 2026, by 1.3% more than was in the same period of last year, State Customs Committee said. Exports accounted for \$19.34 billion of the total foreign trade turnover, while imports amounted to \$9.881 billion. Compared with the same period last year, exports increased by 27%, while imports declined by 27.4%. As a result, Azerbaijan recorded a positive foreign trade balance of \$9.5 billion, representing a 5.9-fold increase compared with the same period last year. (report.az, 17.08.2026)

●財務省、アゼルバイジャンの 2026 年平均インフレ率見通しを 5.7%に上方修正

Average annual inflation in Azerbaijan is expected to reach 5.7% this year, up from the previously projected 4.8%. This is reported in the document released by the Ministry of Finance titled "Report on the Semi-Annual Execution of the 2026 State and Consolidated Budgets and End-of-Year Expectations." According to the report, the inflation forecast was revised upward taking into account the actual inflation rate in the year to date, global commodity and food prices, their pass-through to import costs, as well as adjustments in regulated goods and service tariffs. (fineko.az, 18.08.2026)

3. 国内経済

●オンラインカジノ運営組織のトップ、ジョージアで拘束されアゼルバイジャンへ移送

Head of an online casino network has been detained in Georgia and brought to Azerbaijan, the Interior Ministry told on Aug.19. The Main Directorate for Combating Cybercrime has completed an operation to identify and detain members of an organized group involved in operating online gambling platforms managed from abroad through internet resources, as well as committing offenses related to this activity. During the operation, conducted jointly by cyber police and Georgian law enforcement agencies, Anar Islam oghlu Aliyev, also known as "Anar007," the leader of the criminal group, was detained and brought to Azerbaijan. He was wanted on charges of organizing illegal gambling under the name "Martin" casino and other names associated with the chc.play platform. The investigation established that Aliyev formed an organized group and

recruited Azerbaijani citizens to participate in illegal gambling activities he organized abroad. He accommodated these individuals in rented apartments in Tbilisi and other cities, where they organized online casino and gambling activities. Other members of the group - Ashraf Hasanzada, Seymur Nurullayev, Etibar Sultanov, Rashad Rzazada, Shargin Aliyev and Anar Suraj oglu Aliyev - were also detained and brought in for investigation. At the group leader's instructions, the suspects provided him with local SIM cards, bank cards and other technical equipment needed to operate the online casinos. They also cashed out proceeds from the online casino activities and subsequently transferred the funds in cryptocurrency to accounts belonging to Aliyev. The investigation established that part of the illegally obtained funds was laundered through the purchase of movable and immovable property. (report.az, 19.08.2026)

●アリエフ大統領が 2026-2030 年観光開発国家プログラムを承認

On Aug. 20, President Aliyev signed an order approving the State Program on the Development of Tourism in Azerbaijan in 2026-2030. The State Programme says that three new tourism and recreation zones will be established in Azerbaijan by 2030. The State Program envisages the creation of several subsidy mechanisms for micro and small businesses operating in the tourism sector by 2030, including compensation for organizers' expenses related to charter flights, subsidies for launching additional regular air routes to target tourism markets, and partial reimbursement of costs for organizers of tourism-related events, including concerts and entertainment programs. The program also includes subsidy support for investors involved in accommodation infrastructure projects, as well as subsidies for tour operators based on the number of foreign tourists they bring to Azerbaijan. In order to stimulate the flow of tourists to the regions of Azerbaijan, it is planned to improve the transport accessibility of key tourist destinations and tourism information services, as well as introduce mechanisms facilitating the organization and planning of tourist trips. The Programme says that a strategy and action plan for the development of health tourism will be prepared. The Program also provides for the development of mountain hiking tourism. According to the Program, it is planned to increase the share of tourism in non-oil and gas GDP from 7.5% in 2025 to 7.6% in 2026, 8.1% in 2028, and 8.6% in 2030. It is planned to ensure visa-free travel regime for citizens of 34 countries (currently the figure is 28). (Apa, Azertag, Trend, 20.08.2026)

●中銀が無認可の海外投資プラットフォームについて国民に注意喚起

The Central Bank of Azerbaijan (CBA) has warned citizens about using the services of foreign investment platforms that are not licensed in Azerbaijan. It was noted that monitoring conducted by the CBA found that some foreign investment platforms are being promoted in Azerbaijan through internet resources, social media, training programs, seminars and other marketing tools, and that residents of the country are being attracted to these platforms. The Central Bank emphasized that having a license issued by a regulatory authority of a foreign country does not give such a platform the right to provide or promote investment services in Azerbaijan. Under the legislation, investment services in Azerbaijan may only be provided on the basis of a relevant license issued by the Central Bank. The CBA recommended that citizens check whether a service provider is licensed to operate in Azerbaijan before using any investment service. In order to protect investors' rights, the Central Bank recommended that citizens entrust their investments only to entities licensed by the CBA as investment companies. The list of licensed investment companies is available on the Central Bank's official website. (Apa, 21.08.2026)

4. 対外経済関係

●デジタル開発運輸省、中国 CITIC とバクーの AI 計算基盤構想につき協議

On Aug. 16, Azerbaijan's Deputy Minister of Digital Development and Transport Samaddin Asadov met with a delegation from CITIC Group, one of China's largest state-owned companies, led by Vice President Benjamin Bao. The meeting discussed cooperation opportunities for an artificial intelligence computing platform planned for Baku. The platform is expected to be developed in phases, with an initial capacity of up to 1 GW. The potential involvement of CITIC Group as a partner, including in financing and construction and installation works, was among the issues discussed. The meeting also focused on potential cooperation between AZCON Holding and CITIC Group across projects in transport, communications, and the National Artificial Intelligence Center. It forms part of ongoing efforts to advance Baku's digital economy and strengthen international strategic partnerships. (Azertag, 14.08.2026)

●ルーマニア・マラムレシュ地方とアゼルバイジャンのハンケンディ市、アグダラ県及びホジャリ県が経済関係拡大を協議

A delegation led by Elchin Yusubov, Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the city of Khankendi and the Aghdara and Khojaly districts, who is on an official visit to Romania, met with Florentin Nicolae Tuş, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania's Maramureş region. The meeting was attended by businessmen and local entrepreneurs from the Maramureş region. The sides discussed prospects for cooperation between Azerbaijan's Garabagh region and Romania's Maramureş region, as well as ways to expand business ties. Florentin Nicolae Tuş, President of the Maramureş Chamber of Commerce and Industry, noted that they are interested in establishing direct contacts and organizing reciprocal visits to increase trade turnover. Touching upon the positive dynamics of trade turnover between Azerbaijan and Romania, Yusubov noted that the development of interregional cooperation would create additional opportunities for further diversification of economic relations. Yusubov invited businessmen and local entrepreneurs from Maramureş to visit Garabagh. The sides also exchanged views on potential areas of cooperation. As part of efforts to develop economic cooperation, the delegation led by Elchin Yusubov visited the "Aramis" factory in Maramureş, one of Europe's major furniture manufacturers, and familiarized themselves with its production facilities. The management of the furniture factory expressed interest in establishing cooperation with Garabagh and stated their intention to visit the region in the near future. (Azertag, 16.08.2026)

●外国デジタルサービス事業者 4 社がアゼルバイジャンで VAT 登録

State Tax Service under the Ministry of Economy continues to register non-resident digital service providers through its online portal. Four more international companies—Xsolla and Valve Corporation (US), Formula One Digital Media (UK), and Cleverbridge (Germany)—have completed registration this year. The VAT registration for Valve and Cleverbridge will take effect on September 1. Under recent amendments to the Tax Code, electronic registration will become mandatory in September for non-resident digital suppliers whose annual turnover in Azerbaijan exceeds \$10,000. Once registered, these companies will self-assess and remit VAT directly to the state budget, meaning local banks will no longer deduct VAT from consumers' accounts at the point of purchase. (Fineko.az, 13.08.2026)

●観光局がモスクワでアゼルバイジャンの観光ポテンシャルを PR

The Representative Office of Azerbaijan Tourism Board in the Russian Federation held a destination presentation in the format of a business breakfast for representatives of the Russian

travel industry. The event was organized as part of a joint promotional initiative with leading Russian tour operator FUN&SUN. The meeting aimed to strengthen cooperation with the Russian travel industry and further promote Azerbaijan as an attractive travel destination in the Russian market. Participants discussed the country's tourism potential, its diverse range of travel experiences, and opportunities for further cooperation with Russian travel agencies. Around 50 travel agencies cooperating with FUN&SUN participated in the event. As part of the business program, representatives of the Azerbaijan Tourism Board in Russia, together with partners Absheron Hotel Group and Sea Breeze, presented the latest tourism offerings and highlighted opportunities for further cooperation. (Azertag, 16.08.2026)

●アゼルバイジャン、2026 年 1 月～7 月期にアルメニアへ 1,740 万米ドル相当を輸出

In January-July 2026, Azerbaijan exported goods worth \$17.4 million to Armenia, accounting for 0.09% of the country's total exports, State Customs Committee said. In March, Azerbaijan also recorded imports from Armenia for the first time, totaling \$960. (Azertag, 17.08.2026)

●アゼルバイジャン航空がカザフスタン・アティラウへの直行便を運航

AZAL, part of AZCON Holding, has operated its first flight to Atyrau, Kazakhstan on Aug. 17. The new route marks another important step in further expanding air connectivity between Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan, facilitating business and leisure travel, and strengthening economic and humanitarian cooperation between the two countries, AZAL told. Flights on the Baku–Atyrau–Baku route will operate four times a week,. (Apa, 17.08.2026)

●アゼルバイジャンの 2025 年におけるジョージアへの投資額は英国に次ぐ第 2 位

Last year, the volume of Azerbaijan's investments in the Georgian economy amounted to \$214.4 million, National Statistics Office of Georgia's report on foreign direct investment for 2025 says. Azerbaijan was Georgia's second-largest investor country in terms of investment volume. Azerbaijan's share in total foreign investment in the neighboring country's economy amounted to 11.3%. During the reporting year, Georgia attracted a total of \$1.9 billion in foreign investment, which was by 19.3% more compared to 2024. The United Kingdom was the neighboring country's largest investor with \$426.6 million, while Türkiye ranked third with \$202.4 million. In 2025, the sectors attracting the most investment were financial and insurance activities, real estate, trade, manufacturing, transportation, information and communication, energy, water supply, professional, scientific and technical activities, arts, entertainment and recreation. (Apa, 17.08.2026)

●アゼルバイジャン・ジョージア国境における深刻なトラック渋滞の解消に向け両国が対策

The number of freight vehicles in live queues for exit at customs border checkpoints has been announced. According to the Azerbaijan Land Transport Agency, 1,030 freight vehicles are currently waiting to exit at the Red Bridge customs post located on the border with Georgia. There are no freight vehicles waiting at the Mazimgara customs post. At the Astara customs post located on the border with the Islamic Republic of Iran, 37 vehicles are in the queue. At the Samur customs post located on Azerbaijan's border with Russia, 47 trucks are waiting in the queue. (Apa, 18.08.2026)

Serious congestion in the movement of freight vehicles has been observed in recent days at the Red Bridge customs checkpoint on the Azerbaijan-Georgia border. Hundreds of trucks are reportedly waiting in line on the Georgian side in the direction of Marneuli. The queue of trucks stretches for several kilometers. The situation at the border particularly affects the work of drivers engaged in international freight transportation. According to them, waiting at the border creates additional risks for the goods being transported and additional costs for themselves. The queue

formed on Georgian territory is also affecting the movement of freight vehicles on the Azerbaijani side of the border. As a result, drivers have to wait for long periods to cross the border. The issue is not limited to the loss of time. Freight vehicles remaining on the road for extended periods increases fuel consumption, limits drivers' opportunities to rest and extends the delivery time of transported goods to their destinations. Some drivers cite increased security measures amid the Russia-Ukraine war and the diversion of transport flows to the Georgian route as among the reasons for the congestion. State Customs Committee said that discussions had been held between the leadership of the Azerbaijani and Georgian customs services regarding the congestion of freight vehicles at the Azerbaijan-Georgia state border. "Relevant necessary measures are planned to be implemented to eliminate the congestion and further accelerate border-crossing processes," it said. (Apa, 18.08.2026)

●アゼルバイジャンとジョージアがサイバーセキュリティ分野で経験共有を協議

Azerbaijan and Georgia have discussed exchanging experience in the field of cybersecurity, National Cybersecurity Agency (NCA) under Azerbaijan's Ministry of Digital Development and Transport said. The discussions took place during an online meeting on Aug.18 between NCA representatives and officials from Georgia's Digital Governance Agency under the Ministry of Justice. The sides exchanged views on developing cooperation and potential areas for collaboration, including joining MISP, a cyber threat information-sharing platform, organizing joint training sessions and sharing expertise. During the meeting, the participants emphasized that sharing experience and knowledge in cybersecurity and digital governance would contribute to further strengthening cooperation between the two institutions. (report.az, 18.08.2026)

●カザフスタン・アゼルバイジャン間のカスピ海横断光ファイバー回線が 2026 年第 4 四半期の運用開始を予定

The Trans-Caspian fiber-optic communication line between Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan is expected to be commissioned in the fourth quarter of 2026, with testing and commissioning works currently underway, the Telecommunications Committee of Kazakhstan's Ministry of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Development said. The Ministry said the project has entered its final stage. The most labor-intensive and key phase - laying the cable along the bottom of the Caspian Sea - has already been completed. Specialists are currently configuring equipment and carrying out testing and commissioning works. The committee noted that the Trans-Caspian fiber-optic line will create an additional international digital route between Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan and become an important element in developing telecommunications transit infrastructure between Europe and Asia. The possibility of further expanding the digital corridor and connecting other Central Asian countries is also being considered. At the same time, the Ministry said information on specific negotiations with Turkmenistan or other countries in the region regarding their connection to the Trans-Caspian fiber-optic line cannot yet be disclosed pending the completion of relevant consultations and approvals. (report.az, 18.08.2026)

●アゼルバイジャンとウズベキスタンが都市計画分野の協力拡大を協議

On Aug.17, Deputy Chairmen of the State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture of the Republic of Azerbaijan Dovlatkhan Dovlatkhanov and Ilgar Isbatov, met with Azizkhon Shovkatov, Deputy Mayor of Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, who was visiting Baku. The parties discussed prospects for further developing cooperation between Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan in the fields of urban planning and architecture. They explored opportunities to expand professional cooperation, exchange experience, and implement new joint initiatives in territorial planning, sustainable urban development, and the creation of a modern urban environment. Particular attention was paid to the projects for the establishment of the "Uzbekistan Park" in Baku and the "Azerbaijan Park" in

Tashkent, including the current status of their implementation and the next stages. (report.az, 17.08.2026)

●アゼルバイジャン人女性、FAO「農業・農村開発分野の女性ヒーロー100人」に選出

Gulbaniz Ganbarova, Chairperson of Azerbaijan Rural Women's Association, has been selected by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) as an inaugural participant in the “FAO 100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development” initiative, an achievement highlighting the crucial role of Azerbaijani women in advancing the agricultural sector and rural communities. In an official letter to Azerbaijan’s Minister of Agriculture Majnun Mammadov, FAO Director-General Qu Dongyu said that Gulbaniz Ganbarova was chosen through a competitive global selection process. Out of over 600 nominees spanning 131 countries, Gulbaniz Ganbarova earned recognition for her contributions to strengthening agrifood systems and improving the living conditions of rural communities, as well as for her leadership, dedication, and innovative approaches. The initiative aims to highlight the vital contributions of women to building more efficient, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable agrifood systems within the framework of the 2026 International Year of Women Farmers (IYWF). The awards ceremony is set to take place during the flagship event of the World Food Forum, at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy, on October 12-16. (Azertag, 19.08.2026)

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