

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

● 2020年の第2次ナゴルノ・カラバフ戦争以降、地雷で73人死亡

Mines kill 73 in Azerbaijan since the Second Nagorno-Karabakh War in 2020

Azerbaijan's Prosecutor General's Office said that 73 Azerbaijani citizens have been killed and 363 injured in landmine explosions in territories that came under Baku's control following the 2020 Second Nagorno-Karabakh War. Azerbaijan continues to carry out large-scale demining operations through the Azerbaijan Mine Action Agency (ANAMA). According to Mine Action Review, ANAMA reported clearing 4,286 mines from 5.3 square kilometres in 2024. However, the organization noted a discrepancy between the area reported as cleared by ANAMA—134.9 square kilometres—and the actual reduction in anti-personnel mined areas, which it estimated at 65 square kilometres.

Mine Action Review described the scale of contamination as extremely large. It said the precise extent of mined areas remains unknown, with contamination concentrated along a roughly 254-kilometre-long and 5-kilometre-wide former line of contact between Armenia and Azerbaijan. The organization said the full scale of the problem will become clearer only after a nationwide survey of territories regained by Azerbaijan since 2020.

The report also noted that Azerbaijan adopted a humanitarian demining law in February 2025, but had yet to adopt revised national mine-action standards and a new national mine-action strategy. (OC-MEDIA / 14.08.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンとジョージア、防衛協力を模索

Azerbaijan, Georgia explore defense cooperation

Azerbaijani Ambassador to Georgia Faig Guliyev met with the country's Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Irakli Chikovani. During the meeting, the Azerbaijani diplomat presented the newly appointed Defense Attaché, Colonel Arzu Hasanov to Georgia's Defense Minister. The sides also discussed the agenda of bilateral and trilateral defense cooperation formats. (AZERTAG / 14.08.2026)

2. 内政関連

● 政府の META への圧力疑惑の中、アザドリグ紙の Facebook ページが遮断

Azadliq newspaper's Facebook page blocked amid claims of government pressure on META

The Facebook page of Azadliq newspaper, the official publication of the opposition Azerbaijan Popular Front Party, has been blocked, the newspaper's editor, Rahim Hajiyev, who works abroad, told Meydan TV. According to Hajiyev, the reason given for the block was a post about a suicide published in 2019. A few days earlier, the newspaper's Instagram page had also been blocked. Hajiyev says Meta, which owns both platforms, has been receiving a constant stream of complaints about the page, mostly from internet trolls. He claims the authorities are behind the complaints, as the newspaper regularly publishes material critical of government policies. Access to the newspaper's website, azadliq.info, from Azerbaijan was restricted by a court decision back in 2017. Meydan TV notes that the blocking comes amid renewed attention to the Azerbaijani state's financial interest in Meta. In 2024, Azerbaijan's state oil fund, SOFAZ, invested \$179 million in Meta shares, making the company one of the fund's five largest technology investments for the first time. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 14.08.2026)

3. 外政関連

● 米 국무省、アゼルバイジャンの 907 条適用免除延長を議会に通知

US State Department notifies Congress of extension of Azerbaijan's waiver from Section 907

The U.S. Department of State has notified Congress of the extension of Azerbaijan's waiver from the restrictions imposed under Section 907 of the Freedom Support The State Department submitted the relevant document to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on July 28 and to the House Foreign Affairs Committee on August 10. (TREND / 14.08.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンと中国、治安機関協力を協議

Azerbaijan and China discuss law enforcement cooperation issues

On Aug.14, Azerbaijan and China discussed expanding cooperation between their law enforcement agencies during a meeting between Azerbaijani Prosecutor General Kamran Aliyev and Chinese Ambassador Lu Mei. The sides noted recent high-level contacts, including Aliyev's meeting with China's Prosecutor General Ying Yong in Shanghai in April 2026. They exchanged views on combating various forms of crime, practical cooperation and

the expansion of legal and institutional ties, reaching an agreement to further develop cooperation and exchange experience. (TREND / 14.08.2026)

● **アゼルバイジャン・ハンケンディとルーマニア・バイアマレが姉妹都市提携**
Azerbaijan`s Khankendi and Romania`s Baia Mare forge sister-city ties

Azerbaijan's Special Representative Elchin Yusubov and Maramureş County Council President Gabriel-Valer Zetea agreed to expand cooperation between Garabagh and Romania's Maramureş County in investment, business, culture, humanitarian affairs and sports. The sides discussed reciprocal regional visits, a joint business forum and investment opportunities, with Zetea expressing interest in attracting Azerbaijani investors to Maramureş. Yusubov also met Baia Mare Mayor Ioan-Doru Dăncuş, where they discussed cooperation between Baia Mare and Khankendi, including joint projects, investment and cultural and sports exchanges. The two sides agreed to pursue a twinning agreement between Baia Mare and Khankendi, while Romanian officials were invited to visit Garabagh. (AZERTAG / 14.08.2026)

● **アリエフ大統領、元ウクライナ大統領ユシチェンコ氏と会談**
President Aliyev met with former Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko

On Aug.17, President Aliyev met with former President of Ukraine Viktor Yushchenko, who is visiting Baku. The post on X said: "During our acquaintance, which has lasted for more than 20 years, we shared pleasant memories, recalled our joint efforts to strengthen Azerbaijan-Ukraine relations, and exchanged views on the future prospects of our ties. During the meeting, the Ambassador of Ukraine to Azerbaijan presented me with the certificate of 'Honorary Citizen of the City of Irpin'." (AZERTAG / 17.08.2026)

NOTE: *Ukrainian Ambassador to Azerbaijan, Yuriy Husyev, has expressed gratitude to the President Aliyev, and the people of Azerbaijan for the solidarity and concrete steps taken in support of Ukraine's restoration. This was announced by the diplomat on social media following the meeting, during which he presented Ilham Aliyev with the certificate of 'Honorary Citizen of the City of Irpin.'*

● **バクー、市内広場をウクライナ詩人シェフチェンコ氏にちなみ命名**
Baku names square housing Taras Shevchenko monument after Ukrainian poet

The square at the intersection of Azadlig Avenue and Abbasgulu Agha Bakikhanov Street in Baku's Nasimi district, where a monument to Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko stands, has been named Taras Shevchenko Square. The monument, created by Ukrainian sculptor Igor Grechanik, was unveiled in 2008 as a symbol of respect for the Ukrainian national poet.

Former President of Ukraine Viktor Yushchenko visited the monument during his trip to Baku.
(TREND / 17.08.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン、複数のロシア人を国際手配

Azerbaijan places several Russian citizens on international wanted list

Azerbaijan's Prosecutor General's Office has placed three Russian citizens—journalist Ivan Knyazev, political consultant Semyon Uralov, and Russian Transport Minister's adviser Aleksey Chadayev—on the wanted list over alleged calls for violence and terrorism against Azerbaijan.

According to the Prosecutor General's Office, the three made statements during broadcasts on Uralov's YouTube channel on July 14 and August 13, 2026, allegedly calling for the use of force against Azerbaijan, the forcible change of its constitutional order, and violations of its territorial integrity. Authorities also accuse them of inciting national hatred and making public calls for terrorism, including references to the targeted elimination of individuals.

Azerbaijan opened a criminal case under Articles 214-2, 281.2 and 283.2.1 of the Criminal Code, covering public calls for terrorism, calls directed against the state, and incitement of national hatred and enmity. The three have been charged in absentia and arrest measures have been ordered because they are outside Azerbaijan. Baku has also asked international partners to assist in locating and surrendering them, stressing that it will take legal measures against acts it considers threats to Azerbaijan's sovereignty, constitutional order and territorial integrity. (TREND / 17.08.2026)

NOTE: *Minval.az argues that hostile and insulting rhetoric against Azerbaijan's leadership in the Russian media has become a systematic campaign lasting more than a year. It says Azerbaijani authorities via its MFA and Presidential Administration have repeatedly raised the issue with Moscow without receiving an effective response. As a result, the outlet says it will abandon its previous "red lines" and respond more strongly to Russian officials and media, while calling on other Azerbaijani media outlets to do the same.*

● モスクワのアゼルバイジャン自治組織代表、ロシアから国外退去

The head of the Azerbaijani autonomy in Moscow has been deported from Russia

Azerbaijani diaspora leader in Moscow Bakhtiyar Gasanov has been deported from Russia to Azerbaijan after a court rejected his appeal against expulsion. He had been detained since June in a temporary detention center for foreign citizens.

Gasanov, who headed Moscow's National-Cultural Autonomy of Azerbaijanis since 2022, had previously reportedly lost his Russian citizenship, although he denied the claim. His deportation comes amid several recent cases involving Azerbaijani diaspora figures in Russia losing citizenship or facing expulsion, which analysts have described as part of broader pressure on Azerbaijanis in Russia. (KAVKAZ UZEL / 17.08.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンで人権・自由の制限継続 LN

LN: Restrictions on human rights and freedoms continue in Azerbaijan

The International organization Independent Lawyers Network (ILN) has published a report on the state of human rights around the world during the first six months of 2026. Regarding Azerbaijan, it noted that restrictions on human rights and freedoms continued, while new rules were also introduced that further limit the activities of the media and civil society. In particular:

- At least nine Azerbaijani online media outlets have been shut down by court decisions since the beginning of the year. The main reason cited was that the outlets had not registered in a special state registry.
- Since January, liability has been introduced for “violations of public morality,” “expressing open disrespect for society” and “disregarding national and moral values.” By the end of June, 206 fines ranging from 500 to 1,000 manat (approximately \$300–600) had been issued in such cases. The new laws also allow for administrative detention of up to one month.
- In 2026, the National Cybersecurity Agency was established in Azerbaijan and given powers to “protect personal data and identify information prohibited from being disseminated online.” ILN expressed concern that these powers could affect freedom of expression.
- According to ILN, at least 49 citizens have been prosecuted in cases related to foreign funding and grants. Of these, 11 have been convicted and 27 are being held in pre-trial detention.

ILN also noted complaints of torture and ill-treatment of detainees at the Baku pre-trial detention centre. According to the report, at least eight complaints were filed during the first six months of the year, but they were not effectively investigated. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 17.08.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、新任の駐アゼルバイジャン英国大使の信任状を受領

President Ilham Aliyev receives credentials of newly appointed British Ambassador to Azerbaijan

President Aliyev received Duncan Norman, the newly appointed UK Ambassador to Azerbaijan, on Aug. 18, as Norman presented his credentials. Norman noted ongoing work on a new UK-Azerbaijan strategic partnership aimed at deepening cooperation in security and innovation, and voiced interest in expanding ties in renewable energy, defense, aviation, and education. He also welcomed UK support for Aliyev's peace efforts with Armenia and noted Britain was the first international partner to back Azerbaijan's demining efforts.

Aliyev thanked the UK for its demining assistance, noting Azerbaijan seeks closer international cooperation in this area. Aliyev also noted that in 35 years of independence, Azerbaijan has known only one year of peace, calling this a major regional shift and stressing

that security will remain a national priority. (TREND / 18.08.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン、反アゼルバイジャン発言で駐露大使に厳重抗議

Azerbaijan conveys firm protest to Russian ambassador over anti-Azerbaijani statements

On Aug.18, Ambassador of Russia, Mikhail Yevdokimov, was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Azerbaijani side conveyed its serious concern and firm protest over the provocative, insulting, and threatening statements recently made in the media and information space of the Russian Federation against the Azerbaijani state, people, and leadership of the country. Azerbaijan called any discussion of interference in its internal politics, or calls for violence against its people and leadership, unacceptable. The Ministry noted this is not a first complaint — similar concerns have been raised before at various political levels — but says the rhetoric has continued and intensified. Baku is demanding urgent, effective measures from Russia to stop these provocations and threats in its media/information space. (AZERTAG / 18.08.2026)

***NOTE:** Azerbaijan's Press Council has condemned a series of statements in Russian media it calls inappropriate, threatening, and insulting toward the Azerbaijani state, people, and leadership. While strongly condemning the incidents, the Council urged the Russian media community to take decisive action to protect bilateral ties, reiterated that such statements are unacceptable, and reminded their authors that they bear legal responsibility.*

● ロシア、アゼルバイジャンによって手配されている露国民の保護を表明、緊張緩和へ対話呼びかけ

Russia says it will protect citizens wanted by Azerbaijan, calls for dialogue to ease media tensions

Russian MFA spox Maria Zakharova said Moscow is aware that Azerbaijani authorities have placed Russian journalists on an international wanted list. She stressed that the journalists' statements do not represent Moscow's position toward Azerbaijan and said Russia remains committed to developing bilateral relations based on the existing legal framework, particularly the 2022 Declaration on Allied Interaction. At the same time, Zakharova said Russia would protect the journalists' legitimate rights and interests if necessary. She also criticized what she described as persistent "unfriendly" anti-Russian narratives in Azerbaijan's information space and called for calm, non-politicized consultations between the two countries to improve the bilateral media environment. (MID.RU / 18.08.2026)

● チャダエフ氏、反アゼルバイジャン発言巡る論争でロシア運輸相顧問を辞任

Chadayeve resigns as adviser to Russia's transport minister amid anti-Azerbaijani statements controversy

Alexey Chadayev, an adviser to Russia's Minister of Transport who had previously made anti-Azerbaijani statements, has resigned from his post, announcing the decision on his Telegram channel. The development follows Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry summoning Russian Ambassador Mikhail Yevdokimov to protest recent provocative statements against Azerbaijan and its leadership in Russian media. (TREND / 18.08.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン、米連邦地裁に CNN を提訴

Azerbaijan has filed a lawsuit against CNN in a US federal court

Azerbaijan has filed a lawsuit against CNN in a US federal court over what the Foreign Ministry described as unfounded and provocative claims targeting Azerbaijan. A CNN article published on June 5 said that Azerbaijani territory had allegedly been used by Israel to conduct military and intelligence operations against Iran. The article claimed that Israeli special forces were allegedly operating in southern Azerbaijan near the Iranian border, conducting intelligence and drone operations from those locations. It also claimed that Israel had allegedly placed listening devices and other intelligence equipment in Azerbaijan in advance as part of preparations for subsequent operations against Iran.

The Foreign Ministry stressed that, before publication, Baku had officially rejected the claims in response to a CNN inquiry and stated that the use of Azerbaijani territory by any third country for military or intelligence purposes against Iran was not permitted. Nevertheless, Azerbaijan's position was not adequately reflected in the article, while its main claims were attributed to anonymous sources. After publication, Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry repeatedly formally demanded that CNN issue a correction, but this has not been done. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 18.08.2026)

● オマングジ記者、アゼルバイジャン・日本関係を語る エネルギー、地政学、ウクライナ戦争

Omanqizi TV: Azerbaijan–Japan relations: energy, geopolitics and the Ukraine war

The US based oppositional journalist Sevnj Osmanqizi went live on her YouTube channel on Aug.15 talking about the recent geopolitical developments arguing that it could lead to a significant strengthening of relations between Azerbaijan and Japan. She links this primarily to Japan's increasingly firm position toward Russia following the war in Ukraine, and to Azerbaijan's growing importance as an energy supplier and regional transit partner.

According to the commentary, Azerbaijan's energy exports to Japan during the recent regional energy crisis demonstrated that the two countries already have a basis for closer cooperation. Osmanqizi argues that this relationship could become more important as Japan seeks to diversify its energy and strategic partnerships while maintaining its support for Ukraine and sanctions against Russia.

A major factor, in her view, is the renewed dispute between Japan and Russia over the Kuril

Islands. She interprets Russian President Vladimir Putin's reported visit to the islands as a sign of Moscow's increasingly confrontational stance toward Japan and the wider Western alliance. Japan has historically disputed Russia's control over the southern Kuril Islands, and Tokyo has joined Western sanctions against Russia since the invasion of Ukraine.

Osmanqizi believes these developments could encourage Japan to become more active internationally and could create additional opportunities for Azerbaijan. She therefore does not rule out a future visit by President Aliyev to Japan, arguing that Azerbaijan's energy role, its position in the South Caucasus and its connections with Europe could make Baku increasingly relevant to Tokyo.

The broader argument is that the Ukraine war is accelerating geopolitical polarization. Japan is increasingly aligned with the Western camp, while Russia is deepening its relationships with countries such as China, Iran and North Korea. In this environment, Osmanqizi believes Azerbaijan will face growing pressure to clarify its own foreign-policy position and balance its relations with Russia, Europe, the United States, Japan and regional partners.

She also connects Azerbaijan's potential closer engagement with Japan and the West to developments around the Zangezur corridor and Armenia–Azerbaijan normalization, arguing that increased Western involvement in the South Caucasus could further raise Azerbaijan's strategic importance.

In short: Osmanqizi sees the Ukraine war, Japan's confrontation with Russia, Azerbaijan's energy exports and the changing strategic environment in the South Caucasus as factors that could push Azerbaijan–Japan relations toward closer political, economic and energy cooperation. She presents a possible Aliyev visit to Japan as one potential sign of this developing relationship. (OSMANQIZI TV / 15.08.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン、イラン戦争報道めぐり名誉毀損で CNN を提訴

Azerbaijan sues CNN for defamation over Iran war coverage

Azerbaijan has filed a defamation lawsuit against CNN in Delaware federal court over a June 5 report alleging that Israel used Azerbaijani territory for military and intelligence operations against Iran. Azerbaijan denies the allegations, saying the report falsely portrayed the country as facilitating Israeli attacks and could damage its neutrality and relations with Iran. The government also says it asked CNN to issue a correction and retraction in June and July, but CNN refused. CNN has stood by the report, with a spokesperson telling TheWrap: "We stand by our reporting."

The case is unusual because it involves a foreign government suing a U.S. news organization for defamation. Azerbaijan argues that the First Amendment protections that generally prevent U.S. government bodies from suing critics should not automatically apply to foreign governments. Azerbaijan maintains that CNN made specific factual claims, rather than merely expressing opinions, and therefore argues that those claims can be tested in court. The lawsuit also questions CNN's journalistic handling of the story and the sources used for its allegations. (THEWRAP.VOM / 19.08.2026)

● アラグチ・イラン外相、ペゼシュキアン氏の直接対話がアゼルバイジャンとの緊張緩和に寄与と指摘

Araghchi: Pezeshkian's direct dialogue helped ease tensions with Azerbaijan

Iranian FM Abbas Araghchi said President Masoud Pezeshkian places particular importance on direct communication and dialogue to strengthen relations with Azerbaijan. He said Pezeshkian's visit to Azerbaijan and his open discussions with President Aliyev gave new impetus to bilateral ties and improved mutual understanding.

Araghchi noted that during the 40-day war, a problem had emerged that strained relations between Iran and Azerbaijan. He said a subsequent phone call between Pezeshkian and Aliyev helped ease the situation, particularly after Pezeshkian greeted Aliyev in Azerbaijani and used several Azerbaijani proverbs. According to Araghchi, the personal and direct approach "completely changed the situation" and demonstrated Pezeshkian's belief that dialogue can create new opportunities for cooperation and strengthen mutual understanding. (SNN.IR / 19.06.2026)

● バクーで9月にOTS安全保障理事会書記官第5回会合

Baku to host 5th meeting of OTS Security Council Secretaries in September

Baku will host the 5th meeting of the Secretaries of Security Councils of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) on September 16–18. The participants are expected to discuss the development of security cooperation among Turkic states, regional security issues, and other topics of mutual interest. (REPORT / 20.08.2026)

● アルメニア政府プログラム 2026～2031 年の対アゼルバイジャン関連規定

Azerbaijan-related provisions in Armenia's Government Program 2026–2031

The Armenian Government's 2026–2031 program places the consolidation and institutionalization of peace with Azerbaijan among its principal foreign-policy and security objectives. The government describes the new period as one in which Armenia should move away from a conflict-centered state policy toward a peace-centered model.

In practical terms, the Government intends to:

- Sign and ratify the Agreement on the Establishment of Peace and Interstate Relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan.
- Continue the delimitation and demarcation of the Armenia–Azerbaijan state border.
- Increase contacts between Armenian and Azerbaijani civil societies and business communities.
- Increase bilateral trade between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

The program also identifies the TRIPP project and Armenia's "Crossroads of Peace" initiative

as mechanisms for unblocking regional communications. The program consequently treats connectivity with Azerbaijan not only as a diplomatic issue but also as an economic-development opportunity.

Overall, Azerbaijan is no longer presented primarily as a military-security problem, but as a neighboring state with which Armenia seeks to establish legally institutionalized peace and progressively develop border, transport, trade, business, civil-society and energy relations. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 20.08.2026)

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