

アゼルバイジャン政治・治安情報

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在アゼルバイジャン大使館

1. 軍事・治安関係

● アゼルバイジャンと中国の国家保安機関、治安協力協定に署名

Azerbaijani and Chinese SSS' sign security cooperation agreement

On Sept.10, Azerbaijan and China signed a security cooperation agreement during a meeting between Azerbaijani SSS Chairman Ali Naghiyev and Chinese Public Security Minister Wang Xiaohong in Lianyungang, China. The agreement covers counterterrorism, combating transnational organized crime and telecommunications-related fraud, as well as operational information exchange and cooperation between security and law-enforcement agencies.

Naghiyev also attended the 5th Global Public Security Cooperation Forum, which focused on counterterrorism, new technologies and international security cooperation and adopted the “2026 Action Plan on Global Counterterrorism.” The sides described Azerbaijan–China relations as strategic and reaffirmed their intention to implement agreements reached by the two presidents. (TREND / 14.09.2026)

● ハサノフ国防相、中国を実務訪問

Azerbaijan Minister of Defense is on working visit to China

Defense Minister Colonel General Zakir Hasanov is visiting China to attend the 13th Beijing Xiangshan Forum. During the visit, he toured the China Aerospace Science and Industry Corporation (CASIC), where he reviewed defense systems and met its Director General Chen Shaoyang. Hasanov also met Chinese Defense Minister Admiral Dong Jun to discuss expanding bilateral military, military-technical and military education cooperation, as well as international security and stability.

Colonel General Zakir Hasanov also met with Minister of Defense of Belarus, Lieutenant General Viktor Khrenin. The Ministers discussed prospects for the development of military, military-technical cooperation between Azerbaijan and Belarus, and other issues of common interest. (MOD.GOV.AZ / 15.09.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン、カザフスタンで中央アジア安全保障機関トップ会合に参加

Azerbaijan joins Central Asian security chiefs' key forum in Kazakhstan

State Security Service delegation, led by SSS chief Colonel General Ali Naghiyev, participated in a meeting of the heads of special services of Central Asian states and Azerbaijan in Kazakhstan under the theme “Ensuring Regional Security in the Face of Modern Threats.” Naghiyev identified terrorism, religious extremism, transnational crime, drug and arms trafficking, cybercrime, and threats to critical infrastructure as major regional security risks. The participating services agreed to continue close intelligence cooperation to strengthen regional stability and security. (TREND / 16.09.2026)

● **ハサノフ国防相、第 13 回北京香山フォーラムに参加**

Azerbaijani Minister of Defense participates in 13th Beijing Xiangshan Forum

On Sept.16, Defense Minister Colonel General Zakir Hasanov attended the opening ceremony of the 13th Beijing Xiangshan Forum in China, held under the theme “Build Consensus on Stability and Advance Security Governance Together.” The forum brings together senior defense officials from more than 100 countries, along with representatives of international organizations, think tanks and security experts, to discuss international and regional security issues. (TREND / 16.09.2026)

● **第 5 回 OTS 安全保障会議書記会合がバクーで開催**

OTS Security Council Secretaries held 5th meeting in Baku

On Sept.17, the 5th meeting of the Secretaries of the Security Councils of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) member states was held at the Heydar Aliyev Center in Baku under the chairmanship of Azerbaijan’s Security Council Secretary, Colonel General Ramil Usubov. The meeting was attended by representatives of Türkiye, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the OTS Secretariat. Discussions focused on developing security cooperation among the Turkic states, regional security issues and other matters of mutual interest.

The participants discussed measures to implement security-related tasks arising from agreements reached by the heads of OTS member states, as well as provisions of the Gabala Declaration, signed on October 7, 2025. The annual meetings of the security council secretaries were described as an important platform for preventing existing and potential threats and developing joint responses to common challenges.

Regional security problems in light of developments in the Middle East were also on the agenda. Participants additionally exchanged views on opportunities for national development in the field of artificial intelligence and other security-related issues. (TREND / 17.09.2026)

● **トルコ軍、アゼルバイジャンで「団結の力 2026」演習に参加へ**

Turkish military personnel to participate in "Strength of Unity-2026" exercises in Azerbaijan

The command of the Turkish Army's 14th Mechanized Infantry Brigade has completed preparations for the "Strength of Unity-2026" military exercises. As part of the exercises, Turkish units began redeploying from the Kars garrison to the Gyzylgaya and Garabaghlar training ranges in Azerbaijan on September 15, 2026. (TREND / 17.09.2026)

2. 内政関連

● 人権関連

Human rights

- Popular Front Party of Azerbaijan Deputy Chairman Seymur Khazi was prevented from leaving Azerbaijan at Baku airport on Sep.12 while traveling to Vilnius for an event for laureates of the Gerd Bucerius Prize for Free Media. Khazi said the Ministry of Internal Affairs imposed the restriction without providing a reason and called it illegal.
- PACE rapporteur Azadeh Rojan and Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Michael O'Flaherty criticized the 13-year prison sentence imposed on human rights defender Anar Mammadli, describing the case as politically motivated and calling for his immediate release and an independent review of the sentence. Mammadli was detained in April 2024 in the Abzas Media case and later faced additional charges including illegal entrepreneurship, tax evasion and document forgery.
- Civil society activist Maharram Goyushoglu, chairman of the Gazakh Regional Development Resources NGO, was sentenced to eight years in prison conditionally in the "NGO criminal case." He was charged with abuse of office, document forgery and money laundering over allegedly unregistered USAID and German Marshall Fund funding. Goyushoglu denied wrongdoing, saying using service contracts for project work was not a crime. (KAVKAZ UZEL / 12.09.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、ヤルドゥムル県行政府長官を解任

President Aliyev relieves Yardimli Executive Authority head of his post

On Sept.15, Nariman Asgarov has been dismissed from the post of head of the Yardimli District Executive Authority. President Aliyev signed an Order in this regard. (APA / 15.09.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、シャマヒ県を訪問

President Aliyev visits Shamakhi district

On Sept.17, President Aliyev accompanied by First Lady Mehriban Aliyeva visited Shamakhi district and took part in reviewing and opening of the several socio-economic facilities there. (AZERTAG / 17.09.2026)

3. 外政関連

● 外交団、カラバフと東ザンゲズルを訪問

Diplomatic Corps Visits Karabakh and East Zangezur

A 150-member delegation representing the diplomatic corps accredited in Azerbaijan, including representatives of 58 countries and nine international organizations, visited Karabakh and East Zangezur on Sept.11–12. The delegation was accompanied by Hikmet Hajiyev, Assistant to the President and Head of the Foreign Policy Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration. This was the 22nd visit by foreign diplomats to the territories since 2020.

On the first day, the diplomats visited Khankendi and Shusha, including the Khankendi railway and bus terminal complex, Karabakh University, the Cultural Centre, Victory Park and Shusha Fortress. They were briefed on reconstruction, infrastructure and the preservation of historical and cultural sites. EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus Magdalena Grono also visited the territories for the first time.

On Sept. 12, the delegation visited Aghdara and Kalbajar, including the Gandzasar and Khudavang monastery complexes and the Istisu mineral-water plant. The diplomats also attended the Honey Festival in Kalbajar.

During the visit, the diplomatic corps also attended a ceremony marking Mexico's Independence Day in Shusha. (TREND / 11-12.09.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンとキーウ、イルピン復興事業を協議

Azerbaijan and Kyiv region discuss reconstruction projects in Irpin

Azerbaijani Ambassador to Ukraine Seymur Mardaliyev and Kyiv Regional Administration head Timur Tkachenko discussed priority areas for further cooperation, including major projects to rebuild the city of Irpin, which was destroyed by Russian missile strikes. Plans include constructing an apartment building on the site of a destroyed building and a new modern arts centre, as well as restoring the Youth and Sports School and the Central House of Culture. To date, with Azerbaijan's assistance, the Academician Zarifa Aliyeva Linguistic

Lyceum has been restored in Irpin, along with a modern shelter; the city clinic has been renovated and energy equipment installed. Five electric buses are expected to arrive in September. Tkachenko expressed his gratitude to Azerbaijan for its solidarity and support, particularly its humanitarian initiatives, including the rehabilitation of Ukrainian children in Azerbaijan. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 11.09.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、ムスリム長老評議会事務総長を迎える

President Aliyev received Secretary-General of Muslim Council of Elders

On Sept. 14, President Aliyev met Muslim Council of Elders Secretary-General Mohamed Abdelsalam. They discussed cooperation between Azerbaijan and the Muslim Council of Elders, Azerbaijan's role in promoting Islamic solidarity, the recent OTS religious leaders' meeting in Baku, and preparations for the 2027 OIC Summit in Azerbaijan. Abdelsalam also presented Aliyev with the certificate for the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity, awarded to him earlier this year. Under the terms of the award, the President of Azerbaijan is granted a monetary prize of \$500,000. President Aliyev has directed that the full amount of the prize be transferred to the Garabagh Revival Fund. (AZERTAG / 14.09.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、UAE 国家安全保障顧問を迎える

President Aliyev received UAE National Security Advisor

On Sept.14, President Aliyev received Sheikh Tahnoun bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Ruler of Abu Dhabi and UAE National Security Advisor. They highlighted the expanding strategic partnership and the role of the two leaders' personal ties.

A series of agreements were signed in the presence of the two officials, covering renewable energy development by Masdar and AGEC; strategic investment cooperation between Azerbaijan Investment Holding and L'IMAD Holding; mineral exploration and assessment in Nakhchivan by AzerGold and Terra Mining; development of data centers, high-performance computing and AI infrastructure with G42; and cooperation concerning the Southern Gas Corridor. The parties also confirmed financial close for the 315 MW Neftchala solar photovoltaic project involving Azerbaijan's Ministry of Energy, SOCAR and Masdar. (AZERTAG / 14.09.2026)

● 第7回 OTS イスラム宗教機関長会合がバクーで開催

Baku hosts 7th meeting of heads of Muslim religious authorities of OTS member states

The 7th Meeting of the Heads of Muslim Religious Authorities of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) was held in Baku on Sept. 14, bringing together religious leaders from Azerbaijan, Türkiye, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Northern Cyprus, as well as representatives from 40 countries and 15 international organizations.

The meeting focused on strengthening religious, cultural and spiritual cooperation, combating

terrorism, extremism, separatism, Islamophobia and Turkophobia, and protecting family, women and children. The participants adopted the Baku Declaration, which also calls for joint fatwas, translation of religious literature and promotion of Turkic Islamic heritage. The 8th meeting will be held in Türkiye. (TREND / 14.09.2026)

● アルメニア、カラバフ外交視察でのハジエフ大統領補佐官発言を批判

Armenia criticizes Hikmet Hajiyev's remarks during Karabakh diplomatic tour

Armenian authorities and cultural institutions have criticized remarks by Hikmet Hajiyev, Assistant to the President of Azerbaijan and Head of the Foreign Policy Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration, during a recent visit by foreign diplomats to Karabakh and Eastern Zangazur.

The diplomatic corps visit, organized by Azerbaijan on Sept. 11–12, included representatives from 58 countries and nine international organizations. The delegation visited Khankendi, Shusha, Aghdara and Kalbajar, as well as several historical and religious sites, including the Gandzasar and Khudavang (Dadivank) monastery complexes.

During the visit to Gandzasar, Hajiyev presented the monastery as part of the Christian heritage of Caucasian Albania. He referred to Hasan-Jalal Dawla, a 13th-century ruler associated with the construction of Gandzasar, and accused Armenia of making false historical claims concerning the monument. He also displayed books or reproductions at the site and turned to pages that appeared blank, referring to them in the context of alleged historical falsification.

The Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin of Armenia subsequently condemned Hajiyev's remarks, saying that he denied the Armenian identity of Gandzasar and Dadivank and presented them as Caucasian Albanian monuments. The Armenian Church also criticized what it described as an ironic attitude toward Armenian spiritual and cultural heritage. It said that lasting peace required respect for people's faith, historical memory and fundamental rights.

Ara Khzmalyan, director of Yerevan's Matenadaran Institute of Ancient Manuscripts, also rejected Hajiyev's presentation. He said there were no "blank pages" in the original Armenian manuscripts and explained that the materials displayed at Gandzasar were copies, while the originals were preserved at Matenadaran because the monastery did not have suitable security and conservation conditions. Khzmalyan invited diplomats and ambassadors to examine the originals in Yerevan.

Armenian members of the Armenia-Azerbaijan civil initiative "Peace Bridge" expressed concern over Hajiyev's remarks and the reaction of some diplomats during the presentation. They said such incidents could deepen mistrust and undermine efforts to build dialogue between the two societies.

Azerbaijani members of the same initiative issued a separate statement expressing "deep disappointment" over what they described as the hostile reaction in Armenia to the diplomatic corps' visit. They said the visit took place in Azerbaijan's sovereign territory and criticized the tone of public discussion in Armenia concerning the participation of foreign diplomats.

The Western Azerbaijan Community also criticized Armenia's reaction, describing it as disrespectful of Azerbaijan's sovereignty and territorial integrity. It said such statements could undermine trust and the peace process, and called on Armenia to avoid what it described as baseless claims and instead address the heritage and rights of Azerbaijanis from present-day Armenia.

The issue was also addressed by Magdalena Grono, the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia, who participated in the diplomatic tour. After travelling to Armenia, Grono visited the Matenadaran in Yerevan on Sept. 14 accompanied by Armenian Deputy Foreign Minister Vahan Kostanyan. Following the visit, Grono said she did not dispute the Armenian presence and rich heritage in the parts of Karabakh previously affected by conflict. She said her visits to Kalbajar and Aghdara had allowed her to see this heritage firsthand and that she was impressed by the collection at Matenadaran.

Grono said cultural heritage should be preserved and valued while avoiding "unjustified politicisation and speculation." She described cultural heritage preservation as an important part of peace processes and an EU value, adding that dialogue on these issues would eventually be necessary for full reconciliation.

The Azerbaijani authorities have maintained that Gandzasar and other Christian monuments in Karabakh form part of the region's Caucasian Albanian heritage and have emphasized Azerbaijan's responsibility to preserve religious and cultural monuments regardless of their religious affiliation. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 14.09.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、イスラムの結束を強調 西側の二重基準を批判し和平方針を擁護

Aliyev highlights Muslim unity, criticizes western double standards and defends Azerbaijan's peace agenda

On Sept. 15, President Aliyev received religious leaders and representatives from Turkic, Caucasian and other Muslim countries attending the 7th Meeting of the Council of Heads of Muslim Religious Boards of the Organization of Turkic States and the Yahya Bakuvi International Conference in Baku. Aliyev emphasized Azerbaijan's role in bringing together the Turkic world, the Caucasus and the wider Islamic world, and called for greater Muslim unity, peace and cooperation. He noted that Baku will host the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Summit next year and expressed hope that ongoing conflicts and disputes among Muslim countries would be resolved by then.

Aliyev strongly criticized what he described as Western double standards toward Azerbaijan, arguing that European institutions had ignored Armenia's 30-year occupation of Azerbaijani territory while imposing measures on Azerbaijan after the 2023 restoration of its territorial integrity. He also accused the European Parliament of corruption and Islamophobia and said Azerbaijan continues to face a Western media campaign aimed at discrediting the country. He further criticized what he called an "undeclared war" against Islam, including the distortion of Islam, Islamophobia and attacks on Muslim values, arguing that Muslim and Turkic unity was the necessary response.

Aliyev also spoke about the Karabakh conflict, the destruction of Azerbaijani cities and mosques during the occupation, and post-war reconstruction. He stressed that Azerbaijan had chosen a peace agenda with Armenia despite its military victory, while emphasizing that the country would remain vigilant and maintain its military strength. (AZERTAG / 15.309.2026)

● **アリエフ大統領、フィダン・トルコ外相を迎える**
President Aliyev received Türkiye FM Hakan Fidan

On Sept. 15, the sides praised the development of Azerbaijan–Türkiye relations and their strategic alliance, reaffirming cooperation based on the “one nation, two states” principle. They discussed expanding energy cooperation, including new routes to alternative international energy markets, as well as the two countries’ role as a bridge between Europe and Asia and coordination within international organizations. Regional developments, bilateral relations and other issues of mutual interest were also discussed. (AZERTAG / 15.09.2026)

● **バイラモフ外相とフィダン・トルコ外相、戦略同盟や地域安全保障、連結性を協議**
FM Bayramov and FM Fidan of Türkiye discuss Azerbaijan–Türkiye strategic alliance, regional security and connectivity

FM Bayramov and Turkish FM Hakan Fidan held talks in Baku on Sept. 15, discussing bilateral relations, regional developments, economic cooperation and security issues.

Bayramov said Azerbaijan–Türkiye relations continue to develop across political, economic, energy, transport and security areas. He noted that bilateral trade exceeded \$3.2 billion in the first eight months of 2026, while the two countries are implementing a 110-point roadmap for economic cooperation.

The ministers discussed transport and energy connectivity, including the development of the Middle Corridor and projects linking Azerbaijan, Türkiye and Europe. Cooperation on renewable energy and electricity transmission was also highlighted.

On the Azerbaijan–Armenia peace process, Fidan said Türkiye wants the South Caucasus to be associated with peace and stability and supports the ongoing process between Azerbaijan and Armenia. He stressed that Ankara considers the current period an important opportunity for establishing lasting peace and developing regional cooperation.

The ministers also discussed the implementation of the TRIPP project and the planned transport connection through Armenia linking Azerbaijan with Nakhchivan and Türkiye. Bayramov said that around 95% of the road construction toward the Armenian border on Azerbaijan’s mainland and 75% of the corresponding railway project had been completed. Both are expected to be completed in the first half of 2027. Reconstruction of the railway in Nakhchivan has also begun.

The ministers also discussed the Russia–Ukraine war and its growing impact on the Black Sea. Fidan said Türkiye had sought from the beginning to prevent the war from spreading to

the Black Sea and warned that attacks on vessels had increased in recent months. He noted that Azerbaijani and Turkish sailors had been killed in such attacks and described the continuation of attacks on civilian shipping as unacceptable.

Regional security was another major topic. Fidan said developments around Iran directly affect both Türkiye and Azerbaijan and called for the confrontation involving Iran to be resolved through diplomatic means. (AZERTAG / 15.09.2026)

The visit also coincided with the 108th anniversary of the liberation of Baku on 15 September 1918, when Azerbaijani and Ottoman forces of the Caucasus Islamic Army liberated the city from the Bolsheviks and Armenian Dashnak groups. The event led to the transfer of the capital of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic from Ganja to Baku and remains an important symbol of Azerbaijani-Turkish military and historical ties. Fidan highlighted the anniversary during his visit, describing the timing of the trip as having “great historical significance.” (AZERTAG, TREND / 15.09.2026)

● **バイラモフ外相、汎アフリカ議会議長とアゼルバイジャン・アフリカ関係の拡大を協議** **FM Bayramov, Pan-African Parliament President Discuss Expansion of Azerbaijan–Africa Relations**

On Sept. 16, FM Bayramov met with a delegation led by Pan-African Parliament President Fateh Boutbig, visiting Azerbaijan, to discuss expanding political, parliamentary and broader cooperation between Azerbaijan and African countries.

Bayramov highlighted the growing importance of mutual visits, political consultations and interparliamentary ties, including cooperation under a memorandum of understanding between the Azerbaijani Parliament and the Pan-African Parliament. He also outlined Azerbaijan’s initiatives within the Non-Aligned Movement and its support for African countries through humanitarian, educational, medical and development programs.

The sides discussed potential cooperation in energy, transport, agriculture, mining, education and humanitarian affairs, as well as climate finance under Azerbaijan’s COP29 presidency. Boutbig welcomed Azerbaijan’s efforts to strengthen ties with Africa and parliamentary diplomacy. (TREND / 16.09.2026)

● **非同盟運動議会ネットワークと汎アフリカ議会、バクーで覚書に署名** **NAM PN and Pan-African Parliament sign memorandum in Baku**

On Sept.16, Speaker of the Parliament Sahiba Gafarova and Pan-African Parliament President Fateh Boutbig signed an MOU between the Pan-African Parliament and the Parliamentary Network of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM PN). The agreement aims to strengthen interparliamentary cooperation and establish a framework for joint activities between the two platforms. The sides discussed expanding parliamentary diplomacy, cooperation between African parliaments and the Azerbaijani Parliament, and Azerbaijan’s initiatives within the NAM. (TREND / 16.09.2026)

● トルコとテュルク諸国議会会議、テュルク諸国機構との効果的な協力強化を協議
Türkiye and TURKPA discuss strengthening effective cooperation with OTS

On Sept.16, during a meeting in Azerbaijan, TURKPA Secretary General Ramil Hasan briefed Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan on the Assembly's activities, preparations for its upcoming Plenary Session and efforts to develop a common parliamentary strategy. Fidan reaffirmed Türkiye's continued support for TURKPA and regular coordination with the foreign ministries of OTS member states. (TREND / 16.09.2026)

● ハジエフ大統領補佐官、UAE 政府高官と二国間・地域情勢を協議
Hajiyev Holds talks with senior UAE officials on bilateral and regional issues

During his Sept.15–16 visit to the UAE, Assistant to the President of Azerbaijan and Head of the Presidential Administration's Foreign Policy Department Hikmet Hajiyev held a series of meetings with senior UAE officials and participated in the Arab Media Forum.

In Abu Dhabi, Hajiyev met with UAE Presidential Diplomatic Adviser Dr. Anwar Gargash. The sides discussed strengthening Azerbaijan–UAE bilateral relations across various fields, issues of mutual interest and the latest regional developments.

Hajiyev also met with UAE Minister of State Saeed bin Mubarak Al Hajeri. They reviewed the dynamically developing bilateral relationship within the framework of the strategic partnership and exchanged views on regional and international issues. Hajiyev said that Azerbaijan and the UAE, as regional middle powers, contribute to stability, cooperation and dialogue.

During the visit, Hajiyev also held discussions with Abdulla M. Alhamed, Chairman of the UAE National Media Authority, in connection with the Arab Media Forum in Dubai. According to Hajiyev, the discussions focused on further developing the Azerbaijan–UAE strategic partnership, including cooperation in the media and communications sector.

Hajiyev subsequently participated in the Arab Media Forum, held as part of the Arab Media Summit in Dubai. The summit brought together senior media and government figures and continued through September 17. (REPORT / 16.09.2026)

● 駐露アゼルバイジャン大使、露外務次官と会談
Azerbaijani Ambassador meets with Russian Deputy FM

Rahman Mustafayev, Azerbaijan's Ambassador to Russia, met with Mikhail Galuzin, Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister. A number of current issues on the bilateral agenda were discussed during the meeting. The parties discussed, among other matters, the implementation of agreements reached during the talks held between the foreign ministers of Azerbaijan and Russia in Moscow on July 17, 2026, as well as the restoration of a full-fledged cultural dialogue and the resolution of humanitarian issues. The schedule of upcoming contacts was also reviewed during the meeting. (APA / 16.09.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、テュルク諸国機構加盟国の治安当局者を迎える

President Ilham Aliyev received security officials of OTS member states

President Aliyev has called for closer coordination among the security services of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS), emphasizing the importance of information sharing, joint action and preventing potential threats. Aliyev made the remarks on Sept.17 during his meeting with the participants of the 5th meeting of the OTS Security Council secretaries in Baku. The meeting was attended by OTS Secretary General Kubanychbek Omuraliev, senior security officials from Türkiye, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, and an adviser to the Prime Minister of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Addressing the gathering, Aliyev said that energy security and transport connectivity are closely linked to broader regional security. He highlighted Azerbaijan's role as both an energy supplier to international markets and a transit country for energy resources from Central Asia, transported across the Caspian Sea. He also emphasized Azerbaijan's expanding bilateral relations with OTS member states.

Security and Information Exchange

Aliyev said that the security situation in OTS countries remains under control, but warned that ongoing wars in neighboring regions and the expansion of conflict zones require continued vigilance. He called for greater cooperation between national security institutions, including the exchange of operational information, joint action and coordinated efforts to prevent potential threats.

Aliyev also raised the issue of ideological and informational threats. He accused unnamed foreign-based centers of supporting activities aimed at undermining statehood, weakening social cohesion and imposing what he described as foreign narratives and values. He said Azerbaijan had achieved significant results in combating such activities, but warned that attempts to destabilize OTS countries would continue.

The president called for increased cooperation between youth organizations in OTS member states, including regular forums, conferences and other exchanges. He said that closer interaction among young people could strengthen their ties and reinforce shared cultural and national values.

Azerbaijan's Bilateral Relations With OTS Members

During the meeting, Aliyev separately addressed relations with representatives of Kazakhstan, Türkiye, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.

Regarding Kazakhstan, he described bilateral ties as strategic, allied and brotherly. He highlighted a nearly completed fiber-optic cable project between the two countries and thanked Kazakhstan for its contribution to the reconstruction of Karabakh, including the establishment of the Kurmangazy Center for Children's Creativity.

Speaking about Türkiye, Aliyev said that relations between the two countries occupy a special place in Azerbaijan's foreign policy. He pointed to their historical, cultural, political, security,

energy and transport ties. He described the 2021 Shusha Declaration, signed with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, as the formalization of the two countries' alliance.

Aliyev also praised Uzbekistan's economic and infrastructure development and highlighted cultural links between the two countries, including monuments dedicated to Nizami Ganjavi in Tashkent and Alisher Navoi in Baku.

Regarding Kyrgyzstan, he referred to his recent visits to the country and welcomed the signing of a treaty on allied relations between Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan. He said that Azerbaijan's bilateral alliances with OTS members also contribute to strengthening the organization as a whole.

Call for a Stronger International Role for the OTS

Aliyev reiterated his support for strengthening the OTS's role in international affairs. He noted that informal summits of the organization's leaders had been launched at Azerbaijan's initiative because annual formal meetings were insufficient for addressing shared interests and challenges.

He also called for greater efforts to uphold international law and criticized what he described as the selective implementation of United Nations resolutions.

Referring to the Karabakh conflict, Aliyev said Azerbaijan had faced a situation in which relevant UN Security Council resolutions remained unimplemented for three decades. He argued that international mechanisms must be strengthened to ensure that resolutions are applied consistently.

Concluding his remarks, Aliyev said that the OTS countries had the necessary political, economic and geographic potential to become one of the leading international organizations. He called for joint efforts to strengthen cooperation in security, trade, energy, transport and other areas. (AZERTAG / 17.09.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンと TRACECA、協力拡大の展望を協議

Azerbaijan, TRACECA explore prospects for expanded cooperation

On Sept.17, Azerbaijan and TRACECA discussed expanding transport and communication links between Europe and Asia during a meeting between FM Bayramov and TRACECA Secretary General Jasurbek Choriev. Bayramov highlighted Azerbaijan's active role in TRACECA and its contribution to regional transport connectivity, citing the country's geographic position, infrastructure and transit capacity. The sides discussed ongoing work to develop transport infrastructure, expand the capacity of the Baku International Sea Trade Port, and improve rail and road connections. Particular emphasis was placed on increasing the capacity of the Middle Corridor, boosting freight volumes and simplifying and digitizing transit procedures. The sides also exchanged views on further opportunities for regional transport connectivity and other issues of mutual interest. (TREND / 17.09.2026)

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