

アゼルバイジャン政治・治安情報

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在アゼルバイジャン大使館

1. 軍事・治安関係

● アリエフ大統領、受刑者 20 人に恩赦

President Aliyev pardons 20 convicts

On Sept.23, President Aliyev has signed an order pardoning a number of convicted individuals. The decision was based on principles of humanism and took into account pardon appeals addressed to the President of Azerbaijan by convicts, their family members, and the Human Rights Commissioner.

Under the order, a total of 20 people were pardoned: 15 Azerbaijani citizens and 5 foreign nationals. Among the foreigners are two citizens of Türkiye, one citizen of France, one citizen of Pakistan, and one individual holding dual citizenship of Russia and Israel. (REPORT / 23.09.2026)

● フランス人マルタン・ライアン氏を刑務所から釈放

Azerbaijan releases French citizen Martin Ryan from penitentiary facility

On Sept. 23, President Ilham Aliyev pardoned French citizen Martin Ryan, ending his 10-year prison sentence for espionage. Ryan, born in 1988, was among 20 convicted people pardoned under the presidential decree and was released from Lankaran Penitentiary Facility No. 17 on Sept. 23. Four other foreign nationals were also released: one Russian-Israeli dual citizen, one Pakistani and two Turkish citizens.

Ryan was arrested by Azerbaijan's State Security Service in December 2023 and convicted in March 2026; his sentence was upheld on appeal in July.

Three European diplomats told Reuters that France had privately indicated Baku was using the case of Russian businessman Alisher Usmanov's EU sanctions to pressure Paris over two French citizens detained in Azerbaijan. The second, Anass Derraz, a Saur employee, remains imprisoned after being sentenced to 12 years in 2025 on corruption charges.

Azerbaijan's support for Usmanov predates the latest developments. On Sept. 18, a senior Azerbaijani diplomat told Reuters that between November 2023 and March 2025, Azerbaijan and other members of the Organization of Turkic States sent letters to US and European leaders supporting Usmanov's removal from sanctions lists. The diplomat described

Usmanov as a philanthropist who contributes to ties between the West, Central Asia and the Turkic world. The diplomat also rejected reports that Baku had pressured France, while a French Foreign Ministry representative declined to comment on details, citing national-security considerations.

On Sept. 21, Euronews reported that Uzbekistan had also played a role in reaching the agreement on Usmanov's delisting.

Ryan's pardon came one day after the EU removed Usmanov from its sanctions list. France welcomed the pardon as a humanitarian gesture and said it could contribute to the normalization of relations with Azerbaijan. The Azerbaijani presidential decree does not explicitly link Ryan's pardon to Usmanov's delisting. (REUTERS / 23.09.2026)

2. 内政関連

● ラミズ・メフディエフ氏の裁判開始

Trial begins in Ramiz Mehdiyev case

On Sept.21, a preliminary hearing was held at the Baku Court of Grave Crimes in the criminal case against former Presidential Administration head Ramiz Mehdiyev and former aide Eldar Amirov. The court explained the defendants' procedural rights and scheduled the case for trial.

Mehdiyev faces charges including high treason, violent seizure of power and legalization of criminal proceeds. The indictment alleges a conspiracy involving opposition figures and individuals linked to the Union of Azerbaijani Organizations of Russia, as well as cooperation with foreign special services. Mehdiyev is also accused of legalizing more than 17 million manats in criminal proceeds. (REPORT / 21.09.2026)

● バベク地区行政長官を解任

Head of Babek District Executive Authority dismissed

On Sept.24, President Aliyev signed an order on dismissing Ovni Muradov from the post of head of the Babek District Executive Authority of the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic. (APA / 24.09.2026)

● 新アゼルバイジャン党、来月党大会開催へ

New Azerbaijan Party to hold the Congress next month

New Azerbaijan Party will hold the 8th Congress on October 2 at the Heydar Aliyev Center. According to the YAP Charter, the congress is convened by the Party's Board at least once every five years. (APA / 24.09.2026)

3. 外政関連

● ウスマノフ氏への制裁を巡りフランスに圧力との報道を否定

Azerbaijan Rejects Reports of Pressure on France Over Usmanov Sanctions

Azerbaijan has rejected reports that it pressured France to support lifting EU sanctions against Russian-Uzbek businessman Alisher Usmanov in connection with French nationals detained in Azerbaijan. According to Reuters, European diplomats claimed that Paris had privately accused Baku of using the Usmanov issue as leverage over the detention of two French citizens. France has supported removing Usmanov from the EU sanctions list, citing national security considerations.

An Azerbaijani diplomatic source categorically rejected the allegations, saying Baku had never pressured France or interfered in EU or US sanctions processes. At the same time, Azerbaijan acknowledged that it has openly supported Usmanov's delisting and, together with other members of the Organization of Turkic States, had sent letters to European and US leaders between November 2023 and March 2025 advocating his removal from sanctions lists.

The issue comes as the EU has delayed the renewal of its Russia-related sanctions regime until September 22 after member states failed to reach consensus. (REUTERS / 16.09.2026)

● フランスの渡航勧告を巡り両国が対立

Azerbaijan–France dispute over French travel advisory

On Sept.17, France's Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs defended its travel warning for Azerbaijan, citing risks of "arbitrary detention and unfair trial" for French nationals. The position came amid continuing tensions over French citizens detained and prosecuted in Azerbaijan. A key case is French national Martin Ryan, who was convicted in Azerbaijan on espionage charges. France has criticized the proceedings, while Azerbaijan maintains that the case was conducted in accordance with Azerbaijani law and that Ryan's procedural rights were respected. France has also raised concerns over another detained French national, Anass Derraz.

On Sept. 18, Azerbaijani MFA spokesperson Aykhan Hajizada rejected France's justification of the travel warning, describing the allegations as unfounded and biased. He said France's characterization of Azerbaijani judicial proceedings as politically motivated and its attempts to interfere in Azerbaijan's judicial system were unacceptable, calling on Paris to respect Azerbaijan's sovereignty and internal affairs. (TREND / 18.09.2026)

● 大統領特別代表、ルーマニアで会談

Special Representative of President of Azerbaijan holds several meetings in Romania

Azerbaijan's Khankendi special representative Elchin Yusubov, during his visit to Romania for the Khankendi–Baia Mare twinning agreement, held meetings with Romanian officials on strengthening Azerbaijan–Romania relations and regional cooperation. Discussions covered reconstruction in Karabakh and East Zangezur, investment, business and tourism cooperation, and cultural ties. (AZERTAG / 19.09.2026)

● ラチンと中国・紹興市、協力を協議

Lachin and China's Shaoxing discuss cooperation

Azerbaijan's Lachin special representative Masim Mammadov visited China to attend World Cleanup Day 2026 in Shaoxing and met with the city's Communist Party secretary. Discussions focused on Azerbaijan–China relations and potential cooperation between Lachin and Shaoxing in sustainable urban development, infrastructure, culture and tourism. (AZERTAG / 20.09.2026)

● ツヒンヴァリ地域の「大統領選」を認めず

Azerbaijan Rejects Tskhinvali Region “Presidential Elections”

Azerbaijan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said on Sept. 22 that it does not recognize the so-called “presidential elections” held in Georgia's Tskhinvali region or their results. The Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry reaffirmed its support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity in its statement. (AZERTAG / 22.09.2026)

● トランプ米大統領、国連総会でアリエフ大統領の発言を引用

Trump quotes President Aliyev at UN General Assembly

US President Donald Trump, speaking at the UN General Assembly, cited Azerbaijani President Aliyev's description of the Azerbaijan-Armenia peace breakthrough as a “miracle.” Trump quoted Aliyev as saying that Trump had achieved in six months what many believed was impossible. He also quoted Armenian PM Pashinyan as crediting Trump's personal engagement and commitment to peace.

Trump presented the Azerbaijan-Armenia settlement as one of several conflicts he said had been resolved during his presidency. He said his approach to conflict resolution relies on personal relationships with national leaders, as well as trade, tariffs and the threat of tariffs, depending on the country. (TREND / 22.09.2026)

● エルドアン・トルコ大統領、アゼルバイジャン・アルメニア和平プロセスへの支持を再確認

Erdoğan reaffirms Türkiye's support for Azerbaijan-Armenia peace process

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, addressing the 81st UN General Assembly,

expressed support for lasting peace between Azerbaijan and Armenia and praised the political will demonstrated by President Aliyev and PM Pashinyan toward a peaceful settlement. Erdoğan also said Türkiye was continuing efforts to normalize relations with Armenia. (TREND / 22.09.2026)

● バイラモフ外相、国連総会に合わせ相次ぎ会談

FM Bayramov holds series of meetings on sidelines of UN General Assembly

On Sept.22, FM Bayramov attended the opening of the UNGA General Debate and participated in the OIC Contact Group meeting on Jammu and Kashmir, where he reaffirmed Azerbaijan's support for a peaceful settlement based on international law. The meetings included:

- *Khalilur Rahman* — President of the 81st UN General Assembly and Bangladesh FM. They discussed cooperation within the UN and other multilateral platforms; Azerbaijan and Bangladesh also signed a visa-exemption agreement for diplomatic, official and service passport holders.
- *Abbas Araghchi* — Iran FM. They discussed bilateral and multilateral cooperation, regional developments, security, diplomacy and the August Aliyev–Pezeshkian meeting in Bishkek.
- *Abdoulkader Houssein Omar* — FM and International Cooperation Minister of Djibouti. Discussions covered bilateral cooperation, trade, economy, education, humanitarian issues and cooperation in the UN, OIC and NAM.
- *Ignazio Cassis* — Swiss Federal Councillor and Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. They discussed Azerbaijan–Switzerland relations and cooperation within the OSCE.
- *Mohammad Ishaq Dar* — Deputy Prime Minister and FM of Pakistan. The sides reviewed strategic partnership, political dialogue and cooperation in international organizations.
- *Andrii Sybiha* — Ukraine FM. They discussed Bilateral relations, regional/international security, geopolitical developments and peace.
- *Velislava Petrova* — Bulgaria FM. Discussions covered strategic partnership, Azerbaijani gas supplies, renewable energy, the Middle Corridor and Azerbaijan-EU relations.

- *Anita Orbán* — Hungarian FM and Deputy Prime Minister. They discussed bilateral relations, political dialogue, Azerbaijan-EU ties and regional/international developments.
- *Vivian Balakrishnan* — Singapore FM. They discussed political dialogue, trade and investment, digitalization, transport, education and cooperation in international organizations.
- *Omar Bula Escobar* — Colombian FM. Azerbaijan and Colombia signed a mutual visa-exemption agreement for ordinary passport holders.

Bayramov also attended a World Economic Forum high-level luncheon addressing global security challenges and a reception hosted by US President Donald Trump.

Bayramov's participation is continuing, with his UNGA address and further meetings expected during the high-level week. (TREND. REPORT, APA / 22-23.09.2026)

● アリエフ大統領、新任大使らを迎える

Aliyev receives newly appointed ambassadors

President Aliyev received the newly appointed ambassadors of Estonia, Tiina Nirk, and Sweden, Louise Morsing, on Sept.23.

With Nirk, Aliyev discussed expanding Azerbaijan–Estonia relations and Azerbaijan–EU ties, including cooperation in IT, logistics and the Middle Corridor.

In his meeting with Morsing, Aliyev highlighted the development of Azerbaijan–EU relations and the Armenia–Azerbaijan peace process. Morsing welcomed progress in the peace process and noted Sweden's interest in strengthening bilateral cooperation. (AZERTAG / 23.09.2026)

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On Sept.22, FM Bayramov held meetings with:

- *Jean-Noël Barrot* — French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs. They reviewed bilateral relations, Azerbaijan–EU ties, regional security and broader regional/international issues.
- *Marko Đurić* — Serbian Foreign Minister. Discussions covered the strategic partnership and cooperation in political, economic, trade, energy, transport and humanitarian fields, as well as regional and international security. They also highlighted the Strategic Partnership Council, Intergovernmental Commission and regular MFA consultations.

- *Mirjana Spoljaric* — President of the ICRC. They discussed the Azerbaijan–Armenia peace process, addressing the legacy of the former conflict and the need to clarify the fate of missing persons. Azerbaijan reaffirmed its commitment to international humanitarian law and continued dialogue with the ICRC.
- *Sylvie Baïpo-Temon* — Foreign Minister of the Central African Republic. The two sides discussed expanding political, economic, cultural, educational and scientific cooperation. Importantly, they signed a Joint Communiqué establishing diplomatic relations between Azerbaijan and the Central African Republic.
- *Maxim Ryzhenkov* — Belarusian Foreign Minister. They discussed the Azerbaijan–Belarus strategic partnership, trade and economic cooperation, and coordination in the UN, CIS, NAM and other multilateral platforms. They signed a 2027–2028 MFA Cooperation Plan and a Memorandum on Consular Cooperation.
- *US Congressman Joe Wilson* — The sides exchanged views on Azerbaijan-US strategic relations, highlighted the importance of institutional engagement with the US Congress in promoting long-term regional security, peace and stability as well as emphasized Azerbaijan's key role in the region. (TREND. REPORT, APA / 23.09.2026)

● イラン大使、アゼルバイジャン・アルメニア和平と TRIPP に関する立場を説明

Iranian Ambassador outlines Tehran's position on Azerbaijan–Armenia peace and TRIPP

Iran's Ambassador to Armenia, Khalil Shirgholami, said on Sept. 23 that Tehran supports a lasting Azerbaijan–Armenia peace settlement but believes it must preserve the existing territorial and geopolitical status quo in the South Caucasus. Speaking at the 2026 APRI Forum in Yerevan, he said a durable peace also requires a new balance of power between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Shirgholami said Iran supports regional connectivity initiatives, including Armenia's "Crossroads of Peace" programme, and could support the TRIPP project if certain conditions are met. He identified two main conditions: the project must not undermine Armenia's territorial integrity and sovereignty, and there must be no US military or security presence in Armenia.

Regarding Azerbaijan, Shirgholami said Baku continues to speak about the "Zangezur corridor," while Tehran considers any geopolitical change or action that could affect Armenia's sovereignty unacceptable. He nevertheless said Iran would have no reason to oppose TRIPP if it contributes positively to regional development and meets Tehran's conditions.

The ambassador also stressed Iran's preference for regional mechanisms rather than turning the South Caucasus into an arena for competition between outside powers. He said Iran sees

areas of common ground with the EU and European countries regarding regional peace and stability and Azerbaijan–Armenia relations. (NEWS.AM / 23.09.2026)

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On Sept.23, FM Bayramov held meetings with:

- *Constantinos Kombos* – FM of Cyprus. They exchanged views on the Azerbaijan–EU cooperation agenda, regional developments, as well as ongoing efforts to establish peace and stability in the South Caucasus.
- *Fred Mitchell* – FM of the Bahamas. Ministers signed the MoU on political consultations between their Foreign Ministries.
- *Ito Bisonó* – FM of the Dominican Republic. Ministers signed the “Agreement between their Governments on mutual exemption of the visa requirement for holders of ordinary passports. Additionally, the sides signed the MoU between their Ministries on the establishment of a mechanism for political consultations.
- *Dwight Fitzgerald Bramble* – FM, Foreign Trade, Foreign Investment and Diaspora Affairs of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The sides signed the Protocol on political consultations between their Ministries.
- *Ferit Hoxha* – Albanian FM. The sides discussed the bilateral agenda, and mutual support within international organizations, including the UN.
- *Mihai Popșoi* – The ministers discussed the strategic partnership agenda and deepening mutual support within international organizations, including the UN, the OSCE and others.
- *Fuad Hussein* – Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs. The sides discussed the current state and future prospects of bilateral relations, as well as cooperation within multilateral platforms and the complex situation in the Middle East.
- *Abdoulaye Diop* – Mali's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. The ministers signed the MoU on political consultations between the two countries' foreign ministries.
- *Nialé Kaba* – Côte d'Ivoire's Foreign Minister. The sides noted the dynamic development of relations, and its expanding partnership with African countries, and key regional developments.

On Sept. 23, FM Bayramov participated alongside Armenian FM Ararat Mirzoyan and U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Brendan Hanrahan in a U.S.-hosted discussion in New York titled “Prosperity Through Peace: Investing in the Trans-Caspian Trade Route and TRIPP.” U.S. Special Envoy Steve Witkoff also attended. Discussions focused on progress since the Aug. 8, 2025 Washington summit, the Armenia–Azerbaijan peace process and regional connectivity. Bayramov highlighted TRIPP’s potential to establish unimpeded multimodal connectivity between mainland Azerbaijan and Nakhchivan through Armenia, strengthen regional energy and transport links, and generate economic and investment opportunities. The event also addressed investment opportunities through the Trans-Caspian Enterprise Fund, with representatives from Georgia, Central Asia and the private sector participating.

FM Bayramov participated in an OIC Coordination Meeting, where he congratulated Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed on assuming office as OIC Secretary-General. Bayramov stressed the importance of OIC solidarity in combating Islamophobia, reaffirmed Azerbaijan’s support for Palestinian statehood, and called for stronger diplomatic efforts and joint OIC action amid regional conflicts and discrimination against Muslim communities. He also briefed participants on preparations for the 2027 OIC Summit in Azerbaijan. (TREND. REPORT, APA / 24.09.2026)

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