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## **Azerbaijan Started Gas Deliveries to Georgia**

On January 23 at 15.00 p.m. Azerbaijan started gas deliveries to Georgia, the "Azerigaz" Closed Joint Stock Company (CJSC) informed the media. The gas is currently supplied at the volume of 2 million cubic meters, JSC noted. Decision on gas supplies on the account of Azerbaijan own resources has been taken today after the meeting of the Minister of Energy and Industry of Azerbaijan Natic Aliyev with the Georgian Energy Minister Gilauri. In accordance with the agreement, Azerbaijan commences deliveries to Georgia from 15.00 p.m. The gas supply is performed due to the explosion on the Mozdok-Tbilisi gas pipeline, through which Georgia receives natural gas from Russia. Along with gas, Azerbaijan is supplying electricity to the neighboring country. Georgia will receive 30 MW of electricity.

## **Presidents of Azerbaijan and Armenia to Meet in Paris**

Presidents of Azerbaijan and Armenia, Ilham Aliyev and Robert Kocharyan will meet in Paris on February 10 for continuation of negotiations for the settlement of the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict, Deputy Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan, a president's special envoy on the conflict settlement Araz Azimov said in a statement on January 23, 2006 at the briefing, dedicated to the results of the talks between the Foreign Ministries of Azerbaijan and Armenia, Elmar Mammadyarov and Vardan Oskanyan held on January 18-19, 2006 in London. According to Azimov, the meeting's exact schedule and the agenda are not coordinated yet. "There are issues of the principal character requiring discussing by the presidents of the conflicting states", he commented. "Both sides realize that it is high time to solve the conflict."

## **President Ilham Aliyev Receives OSCE Acting Chairman Belgian Foreign Minister Karel De Gucht**

On January 25 President Ilham Aliyev received the delegation headed by OSCE Acting Chairman, Belgian Foreign Minister Karel de Gucht. The parties focused on the prospect of the resolution of the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict and Azerbaijan-OSCE cooperation. Mr. de Gucht also met with his counterpart Elmar Mammadyarov and the leader of the Azerbaijani community of Nagorno-Karabakh Nizami Bahmanov.

## **Russian Defence Minister Visits to Baky**

The deputy chairman of the Russian government, the Russian Defence Minister, Sergey Ivanov, is in Baky on his 3-day official visit to Azerbaijan. The talks in Baku centered on the perspectives of the Russian-Azerbaijani military as well as the military-technical cooperation and fight against international terrorism.

## **WFP to Allocate \$ 21 Million to Azerbaijan**

The UN World Food Program (WFP) will allocate \$21 million to Azerbaijan in the framework of three-year aid program. WFP renders annually food aid to refugees and IDPs in Azerbaijan.

## **Giant Gas Deposit Shahdeniz Project is About to Finish This Year**

The Shahdeniz 2006 capital expenditure budget is \$865 million, according to BP Azerbaijan press service. The Shahdeniz gas and condensate development project has progressed according to schedule to meet the target of delivering first gas to the world market before winter 2006.