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President Ilham Aliyev Received Israeli Minister

On August 16 President Ilham Aliyev received Israeli Minister of Strategic Threats Avigdor Lieberman. They have discussed the prospects of enhancing bilateral relations, energy and security issues. Mr. Lieberman met also with other senior Azerbaijan officials. During a meeting Lieberman held with Azerbaijani Prime Minister Artur Rasizade, the two discussed cooperation on energy and hi-tech interests.

Azerbaijan and US Signed Grant Deal on Caspian Pipeline

On August 16 Azerbaijan and the United States Thursday signed an agreement on a \$1.7 million grant for a feasibility study of Trans-Caspian oil and gas pipelines. The agreement was signed by General Counsel for the U.S. Trade and Development Agency James Wilderotter and President of Azerbaijan's State Oil Company Rovnag Abdullayev in the presence of Azerbaijan's Foreign Minister Elmar Mamedyarov and U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs Daniel Sullivan. Mr. Wilderotter said during the signing ceremony that the grant has been allocated for a feasibility study of the project to connect Kazakh oil to the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline across the bottom of the Caspian Sea, and the project on the gas pipeline to deliver natural gas to Europe from Kazakhstan and Central Asian countries.

President Ilham Aliyev Issues Decree on Measures to Improve Baku Landscape Design

President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev issued a Decree on some measures connected with the improvement of landscape orientation of some areas of Baku and the purchase of special ecological equipments.

Azerbaijan, Russia and the US Discuss Sending Expert Teams to Gabala Radar

Azerbaijan, Russia and the United States are discussing the question of sending expert teams to Gabala to study the possibilities for joint use of the Gabala radar, Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Elmar Mamedyarov has said. "There is the opinion, that expert teams from Azerbaijan, the United States and Russia should be sent to Gabala to study the situation on the spot," he told the press on August 15.

Niagara Music Festival Featured Azerbaijani Music

On August 14, 2007 in the framework of the Niagara International Chamber Music Festival a concert entitled "A Stop at Silk Road" featuring the music of Azerbaijan was held. The concert's program included the compositions of Uzeyir Hajibeyov, Kara Karayev, Fikret Amirov, Jovdat Hajiyev, Niyazi, Tofik Kuliyeu and Firengiz Alizade, and Azerbaijani folk music. The concert was sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Azerbaijan and organized with collaboration of Mr. Atis Bankas, Artistic Director of the Festival and Mr. Ismayil Hajiyev, Azerbaijani composer and conductor residing in Canada. The concert also marked the 15th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Azerbaijan and Canada.

Azerbaijan's Ambassador to Canada Recalled

Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Canada Mr. Fakhraddin Gurbanov has been recalled. Until appointment of a new Ambassador, Mr. Farid Shafiyev, Counselor of the Embassy will act as Charge d'Affaires.