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President Aliyev Visits Romania

President Ilham Aliyev paid 2-days official visit to Romania. During his visit Mr. Aliyev met with Romanian Leader Traian Basescu. The two Presidents discussed the development of bilateral cooperation, trade and energy issues as well as the process of integration into Euro-Atlantic structures. On 24 September the two leaders attended the opening ceremony of the representation of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation in Bucharest.

Georgia and Azerbaijan Signed Bilateral Military Cooperation Plan

David Kezerashvili, Defense Minister of Georgia, and Safar Abiyev, Defense Minister of Azerbaijan, signed bilateral military cooperation plan between Azerbaijan and Georgia.

Azerbaijan and Austria Signs NABUCCO Gas MOU

Austria has signed a memorandum of understanding with Azerbaijan to start talks about possible gas supplies to the planned Nabucco pipeline, designed to stretch from Turkey to Austria. Austrian OMV energy company leads the 3,300 km, 4.6 billion euro pipeline project aimed at carrying Caspian and Middle Eastern gas to Europe to diversify energy supplies to the continent.

IAEA and Azerbaijan Discussed Construction of First Nuclear Reactor in Azerbaijan

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has given permission for the construction of the first nuclear research reactor in Azerbaijan. The issue concerning the construction of the reactor in Azerbaijan was discussed during IAEA's session in Vienna on September 17-21. Implementation of the project will commence in 2009.

First Azerbaijani Satellite Plan

The Ministry for Communications and Information Technology has prepared and submitted to the government five proposals on launching an Azerbaijani satellite into space, communications Minister Ali Abbasov has told journalists. The satellite project will be implemented as a commercial one and only partially will be funded by the government.

WB to Allocate \$300mln for Ecology Projects in Azerbaijan

The World Bank is prepared to allocate to Azerbaijan \$250-300mln for the development of ecology projects, Peter Thompson, the head of the WB Department for Sustainable Development, said at a news conference. During his visit to Baku, Thompson held several meetings with Azerbaijani senior officials to discuss the development of projects in different spheres, including environmental protection. Over the next six to nine months the projects in this area should be realized. Thompson also noted that harmonizing the Azerbaijani legislation with the European Union's ecology standards will have positive outcomes. Another issue under discussion was the assistance in the development of railways. The Azerbaijani Government asked for the WB's assistance particularly its support to the project on the construction of the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway corridor. The meetings also focused on project in the field of agriculture and education. Moreover, a project on financing social security and pension security is underway. Thompson said that \$10mln to \$30mln will be allocated for the project on internally displace persons (IDPs), which envisages the improvement of the economic state of refugees.