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Azerbaijan Sends Aid to Georgia

Azerbaijan has dispatched a cargo shipment worth of 700,000 USD consisted of food, medicines and other goods to provide assistance to Georgia. Further, Azerbaijani National Airlines decided to resume its flights to Georgia due to relative normalization of the situation there.

BP Resumes Gas Flow from Azerbaijan to Turkey

BP has reopened the gas pipeline from Azerbaijan to Turkey via Georgia. However, two oil pipelines – Baky-Supsa and Baky-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) remains closed after the breakup of the conflict in South Ossetia and a fire, which damaged BTC. A senior source from Turkish energy company Botas said repair work had begun on Thursday. Today President Ilham Aliyev received BP executive vice president Andy Inglis. Mr Inglis said BP and Azerbaijan's state oil firm, SOCAR, have been successfully continuing offshore extraction amid a crisis in the region. He also praised the fact Azerbaijan had ensured its gas reserves for winter. President Aliyev said this demonstrates that Azerbaijan and BP are able to continue their cooperation even in critical situations. The President expressed confidence the Azerbaijan-BP cooperation will further enhance laying foundations for new joint projects.

Azerbaijan Lifts Ban on Western Union, MoneyGram

Western Union and MoneyGram have stopped money transfer operations to occupied Nagorno Karabakh region," the National Bank of Azerbaijan said in a statement. "In connection with this, the Bank has allowed banks on the country's territory to continue business relations with Western Union and MoneyGram." The ban was imposed several weeks

ago after revealing that Western Union and MoneyGram conduct financial transaction to the occupied territories of Azerbaijan.

Turkish Prime Minister arrives in Baky

Commenting on the purpose of the visit Turkish Prime Minister Tayip Erdogan told to journalists: "I will discuss creation of the platform of peace and cooperation in the Caucasus region with the leadership of Azerbaijan". He noted that the events in South Ossetia make creation of the platform of peace and cooperation in the Caucasus region important. Turkish Foreign Minister Ali Babajan will meet and discuss creation of a new platform of security in the Caucasus with the Foreign Minister of Russia and then hold discussions with Armenia, said further Mr. Erdogan.

Azerbaijani Music at Niagara Festival



On August 14, a concert featuring *mugam*, traditional Azerbaijani folk music, was organized with the assistance of Heydar Aliyev Foundation in the framework of the Niagara International Chamber Music Festival. This is a third year in row the Festival included Azerbaijani music in its program.