



# NEWSLETTER

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## Presidential Election Poll Be Opened in Ottawa

Azerbaijani citizens living in Canada and **registered** in the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Canada will be able to vote in the Presidential election on Wednesday, October 15 at the Embassy's office in Ottawa. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters must show a current Azerbaijani passport to obtain a paper ballot. Only one candidate can be chosen from each ballot—voting for multiple candidates on the same ballot will invalidate the ballot. Voters are not allowed to cast votes in absentia for family members or any other citizen. Citizens, who are currently not registered in the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Canada, in order to vote, should obtain permission from the Central Election Commission by sending respective application by fax or email (see [www.cec.gov.az](http://www.cec.gov.az) )

## Azerbaijan Brings Transparency Resolution to Successful UN Vote

The United Nations General Assembly has adopted a resolution on the subject of “Strengthening Transparency in Industries” that was brought before members to a vote by the Government of Azerbaijan. The resolution, which passed unanimously, gives strong backing to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and emphasizes that transparency and accountability should be embraced and promoted by all its member states. Known as the “publish what you pay, disclose what you receive” initiative, EITI supports improved governance in resource-rich countries through the verification and full publication of company payments and government revenues from oil, gas and mining. The resolution reminds members that the United Nations Convention Against Corruption “reaffirms that corruption is no longer a local matter but a transnational phenomenon that affects all societies and

economies, making international cooperation to prevent and control it essential.” The resolution was co-sponsored by 22 other countries, including Australia, Belgium, **Canada**, the Democratic Republic of Congo, France, Germany, Italy, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Moldova, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Sierra Leone, Spain, Timor-Leste, Turkey, the United Kingdom and Yemen.

## Azerbaijan Doubles Troops in Afghanistan

Azerbaijan's parliament has voted to double the number of the country's troops serving in Afghanistan. The vote on Thursday, which was overwhelmingly approved 95-1-1, will raise the contingent to 88 soldiers. Azerbaijan's troops serve under Turkish command in Afghanistan. It is the second time this year that Azerbaijan has increased its forces in Afghanistan. Azerbaijan also has troops serving with Coalition forces in Iraq, where they are responsible for protecting the Haditha Dam, a major source of electricity for the city of Baghdad.

## Chingiz Sadykhov's Concert in Toronto

Mr. Chingiz Sadykhov, prominent Azerbaijani pianist, currently residing in San-Francisco, performed at a concert in Toronto, organized by Yusif Savalan and Mohammed Piroozfard, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the musician's professional career at the stage. The Embassy of Azerbaijan presented a gift to Mr. Sadykhov. Mr. Reza Moridi, MPP, on behalf of the Government of Ontario, has delivered congratulations to the Maestro.

