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"Baku - The Capital of Islamic Culture – 2009" Culture Year

"Baku - the Capital of Islamic Culture 2009" culture year has been officially launched in Azerbaijan. The ceremony brought together Islamic and European culture and deputy culture ministers. Baku was proclaimed the Islamic culture capital for 2009 at the 5th conference of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. President Ilham Aliyev said in the opening ceremony: "Strengthening of relations between Europe and the Islamic world meets our interest". The Head of State noted Azerbaijan endeavors with its policy, and practical work to bring closer the Islamic world, and strengthen the Islamic solidarity. "Unity, solidarity of Islamic countries within international organizations is of significant importance. Our joint initiatives aim to ensure peace, security, prosperity across the world, prevent wars, and reinforce the dialogue among civilizations. Azerbaijan's role in these issues increases gradually" he added.

Reports Submitted by Azerbaijan in UN

The permanent mission of Azerbaijan at the UN in December last year presented to the Secretary General two reports, which were distributed in the frame of the 63rd session of General Assembly. The reports "About legal consequences of military aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Azerbaijan Republic" and "About the right to self-determination against fundamental norm of territorial integrity of the states and revisionist claims of Armenia" review the legal consequences of the military aggression of the Republic of Armenia and its claims on Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan. The conclusion made in the report consists that Armenian claims for separation of Nagorno-Karabakh from Azerbaijan contradict international law and prove violation by official

Yerevan of the norms of international law, in particular, the norms of territorial integrity.

Campaign on Referendum Commences

The campaign on referendum, to be held in Azerbaijan on March 18, has been launched. Central Election Commission Press Service told registered Initiative Groups could conduct a campaign as of today. Funds were allocated to each Initiative Group to wage a campaign and they would be provided with free air time and sites at newspapers. CEC has registered nine Initiative Groups.

Nakhchivan to Host International Symposium

Nakhchivan will host an international symposium "Prophet Noah, the Flood and Nakhchivan" in April. The event will bring together over 40 scientists from various countries, including Turkey, Russia and Iran. More than 20 books and 120 scientific works about the relation of Prophet Noah and Deluge with Nakhchivan were published in recent years. According to a legend, Noah's ark has stationed in the mountain of Hachadag, Nakhchivan.

Azerbaijani manat is the most stable currency in the CIS area

The Azerbaijan's national currency-manat remained as one of the most stable currency in the region and CIS area, according to a ranking list released by Finmarket.

The Azerbaijani manat ranked second, according the list based on the exchange rates of the Central Bank of Russia. According to the report, the manat strengthened by 18.43% against the Russian ruble.