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President Aliyev Expresses Azerbaijani Position

“The Nagorno-Karabakh conflict has not been solved yet and only reason of that is non-constructive position of Armenia”, said President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev in his speech during the Cabinet meeting dedicated to the results of the past nine months. The head of state said that Azerbaijan will not leave its principal position despite Armenia’s tactics of delaying the settlement. “Now the Armenian side employs the delaying tactics in the negotiation process. This is not something new. We saw it at various stages of negotiations. At certain crucial moments they try to once again bring up the already agreed questions. This has been frequent before, unfortunately, we see such behaviour at the present stage too”. Touching upon the principles of the settlement, President said “the independence of Nagorno-Karabakh at whenever time, even after 100 years is not discussed in the negotiations and the negotiated issues, and never will it happen”. According to him, on the basis of internationally recognized norms and principles, Azerbaijani lands must be liberated from the invaders and citizens of Azerbaijan, internally displaced persons should return to their native lands, including to Nagorno-Karabakh. Then peacekeeping forces will perform peacekeeping mission there and Nagorno-Karabakh may be granted temporary status. “But this does not mean independence, and the two parties - Armenia and Azerbaijan will continue to discuss the future status of Nagorno-Karabakh in the further negotiations. Here are the basic principles. Negotiations are being conducted around them”. Speaking about the political and economic potential of Azerbaijan, President also stressed the military power “I would like to stress again that the Azerbaijani Army is a strongest army in the region. We are strengthening our military power. It demands great resources, but we have to do that, because we are living at war. The war has not ended yet. The first round of the war ended and we must be always ready to liberate our lands from the invaders”.

President of Azerbaijan Paid Official Visit to Switzerland

During the visit, on October 19th, Presidents Ilham Aliyev of Azerbaijan and Hans-Rudolf Merz of Switzerland participated in the official opening of the Days of Azerbaijani Culture in Switzerland. Swiss President said in his remarks that Azerbaijan and Switzerland have a lot in common in terms of culture, geographical conditions and stable political situation. He noted Azerbaijan and Switzerland established good cooperation in all fields including culture. President Aliyev described his first official visit to Switzerland as “successful” and outlined the intensification of relations in various spheres. He pointed out “we regard each-other real partners”, and culture is the best way to raise “our awareness of each-other and bring countries together. President also met Moritz Leuenberger, Swiss Federal Counselor for Transport, Energy and Communications and discussed the current state of bilateral energy cooperation. Stressing the good level of cooperation, President expressed Azerbaijan’s readiness to supply its energy carriers to its partners in Europe. “Our mutual interests in this respect may help us in forming a new transportation route to be named “Southern corridor”, he said.

Socio-Economic Development Discussed at the Meeting of Cabinet of Ministers

According to the outcomes of socio-economic development for nine months of 2009, GDP of Azerbaijan increased by 6,1 percent, while industrial production grew 5 percent. The population’s incomes rose approximately by 10 percent while monthly wages increased by 15 percent. President Aliyev presiding at the meeting stressed the growth in agriculture sector and record volume of grain production. He also deemed necessary to strengthen ecological measures and initiated declaring 2010 - the year of ecology.