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President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev Received Georgian Premier

On July 23, President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev received Georgia's Prime Minister Nika Gilauri. The Georgian Premier recalled President Aliyev's recent visit to Batumi, stressing its importance in terms of expanding the bilateral cooperation. The Georgian Premier said one of his visit's goals was to discuss realization of decisions adopted during the Azerbaijani leader's Georgia trip. President Aliyev said he already gave relevant recommendations to the government related to the results of his Batumi visit. He expressed confidence the issue will be solved at the meetings of the Azerbaijan-Georgia intergovernmental commission.

Azerbaijan's GDP Reaches AZN19.7bn

Azerbaijan's economy has reached AZN19.7 billion or \$24.7 billion in the first six months of the current year, up by 3.7 percent from a year earlier, State Statistical Committee said. Gross Domestic Product per capita made nearly AZN 2,211 or nearly \$2,755 in the first half of 2010, according to the official figures. The committee said the GDP grew 57.2% in industry, while 6.9% in construction and 3.4% in agricultural sector.

Construction of Baku-Tbilisi-Kars Railway to End in 2012

A construction of Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway will end by 2012, deputy chairman of Azerbaijan State Railway Company Mr. Gurban Nazirov said. Currently, the works are underway in Akhalkalaki station of Georgia and Marabda station of Turkey.

Azerbaijan sees a 49% Increase in Defense Production

Azerbaijan has registered 49% increase in production of defense items and 6,1% in the production of civil products year-on-year, Minister Yavar Jamalov said at a meeting on outcomes of the first half of the year.

Azerbaijan Marks National Press Day

July 22 marks 135-year anniversary since establishment of a national press in Azerbaijan. Publicist Hasan bey Zardabi published the first issue of "Akinchi" ("The Ploughman"), the first newspaper in Azerbaijan on July 22, 1875. The first newspaper had only 56 issues and was published from July 22, 1875 to September, 1877. He played an irreplaceable role in development of national press in Azerbaijan.

Over the past 135 years, Azerbaijani press passed through different periods of regression and renaissance becoming a mirror of the society's view on ongoing processes. Removal of censorship in 1998 (imposed during the Soviet period) gave serious impetus to the development of the free press in Azerbaijan.

There are more than 4,000 mass media organizations in the republic, including a number of different newspapers and magazines, as well as Internet-newspapers.

On June 11, 2010, President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev issued an order to celebrate 135-year anniversary of the national press of Azerbaijan. According to the order, conferences and workshops were organized in the regions of Azerbaijan on the occasion of 135th anniversary of the national press.