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A Bomb Hidden in Toy and Dropped to River by Armenia Killed 13-Years Old Azerbaijani Girl

A terrible accident took place in the Alibayli village of Azerbaijan's Tovuz district which borders with Armenia. The blast of an explosive device killed Ms. Aygun Shahmalyeva, born in 1998, and heavily wounded her mother Mrs. Elnara Shahmalyeva. The toy which looked like a dog, with an explosive device, was dropped by the Armenian side into the Tovuz River flowing through the village of Alibeyli. Mr. Elsevar Jafarov and Mrs. Aygun Shahmalyeva, who were playing near the river, brought the toy to their house. When Aygun Shahmalyeva played at home and put the toy on the table, the device worked and blast occurred. The same incident took place in this territory in 1994. Two young children were killed and one was wounded in this explosion.

Azerbaijani Plane Crashed in Afghanistan

On July 6, 2011, while preparing to land in Bagram airport, the communication with plane IL-76 belonged to Azerbaijan's Silk Way Aviation Company suddenly broke off and its view disappeared in radars. There were 9 crew members in the deck. Till now all attempts to come closer to the accident site of Azerbaijani plane in Afghanistan and take the bodies of deceased have been ended without results. According to Mr. Ilham Amirov, vice-president of Azerbaijan Airlines, because of battles, it is impossible to come closer to the site. There are several versions of plain crash. The main version is that the plain was hit by Taliban.

ICT Revenues Exceed World Average in Azerbaijan

"The revenues received in the Azerbaijani ICT industry over the first six months of this year has increased by 15 percent" said Mr Ali Abbasov, Minister of Communications and Information Technologies of Azerbaijan. The minister added that this figure twice exceeded the world average level.

"Azerbaijan is the leader in the Commonwealth Independent States, where the public telephone network converted into digital format. It is typical for developed countries and some developing countries. This testifies to the fact that there are opportunities for access to broadband internet throughout the country. The cost of mobile communication services in Azerbaijan decreased by 30 percent for the last six months and the cost of roaming services decreased from 20 to 50 percent, depending on the direction," the minister stressed.

Solar Power Plants to Be Built in Azerbaijan

On July 8, 2011, a round table on "Climate change and renewable energy sources in Black Sea region" was held in Azerbaijan. "The amount of energy generated through alternative ways will meet the level of energy produced in a similar way in developed countries in Azerbaijan in the next 8-10 years," said Mr. Huseyngulu Bagirov, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan. The minister said that, several years ago the Ministry drew a map on use of wind power in Azerbaijan. "This map was created based on meteorological data collected over time. The map of solar radiation has also been developed. All these data were presented to alternative energy agency at the Industry and Energy Ministry. The strategy of alternative energy development was created on the basis of these maps," Mr. Bagirov stressed. The minister said that work was under way in Azerbaijan to design and build solar power plants.

Azerbaijani Jazzman Receives Montreux Jazz Festival Award

Azerbaijani jazzman-pianist Mr. Emil Afrasiyab has received an award of the Montreux Jazz Festival at a jazz festival in Montreux, Switzerland held on July 1-16, 2011. Mr. Afrasiyab was awarded in the nomination of "Spectators' sympathy" among the pianists who reached the final.