Ahmet Davutoglu: I`m proud of Azerbaijan`s rapid development that I see each time I visit the country

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Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu has hailed Azerbaijan`s development as he met chairman of the country`s parliament Ogtay Asadov. “I`m proud of Azerbaijan`s rapid development that I see each time I visit the country,” said the Turkish Premier, who is on an official visit to Baku.

“Only two issues have remained unchanged amid the crises of recent years. First, Azerbaijani-Turkish friendship and brotherhood has remained unchanged. Second, there has been no delay in the development of either Azerbaijan or Turkey. Our countries are developing at a rapid place.” Mr. Davutoglu said that as the prime minister he paid his first visit to Azerbaijan, adding he had spared no efforts to serve the people of Turkey and Azerbaijan regardless of his post.

He touched upon the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, saying Turkey “has always backed Azerbaijan`s just stance”. “Settlement of the problem, restoration of brotherly Azerbaijan` s territorial integrity is important to Turkey as much as it is important to Azerbaijan.”

Mr. Davutoglu also praised the inter-parliamentary cooperation, saying it played a special role in the development of the bilateral relations. “I`m confident that our cooperation with Azerbaijan will further develop in all areas,” the Turkish Premier added.

Mr. Asadov praised Azerbaijan-Turkey relations, saying they “had deep roots”. “We have excellent relations on all fronts. Azerbaijan-Turkey relations are an example to the rest of the world.” He hailed cooperation between legislative bodies of the two countries. “Our countries back each
other in all international organizations.”
Mr. Asadov particularly praised the bilateral cooperation in legal, political and economic fields. “We set ourselves a goal of elevating trade between our countries to 15 billion dollars.” On the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, he said “Turkey is our main supporter on this issue”

**President Ilham Aliyev received the UK Minister of State for Trade and Investment**

20.09.2014

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev has received Minister of State for Trade and Investment of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Lord Livingston.

During the meeting, the sides said that bilateral relations between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were at a high level, and exchanged views on prospects for cooperation, which is developing rapidly.

Special attention paid to the development of information and communication technologies, non-oil sector, agriculture, healthcare and education and the implementation of infrastructure projects in Azerbaijan was emphasized.

**Situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan to be discussed at 69th regular session of UN General Assembly**

20.09.2014

An item on the situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan has been included in the agenda of the 69th regular session of the United Nations General Assembly. During approval of the item, Armenia’s representative disassociated his delegation from the consensus to include it in the agenda.

Helped by member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Azerbaijan ensured inclusion of the item in the agenda of 54th regular session of the UN General Assembly. The General Assembly adopted two resolutions...
on the issue – No. 60/285 in 2006, and No. 62/243 in 2008 – expressing serious concern over the fires in Azerbaijan`s occupied territories, reiterating its respect for Azerbaijan`s sovereignty and supporting the country`s territorial integrity.

**Israeli Ambassador: Tolerance in Azerbaijan is an example to the entire world**

19.09.2014

Israeli Ambassador in Baku Rafael Harpaz has praised tolerance in Azerbaijan. “Tolerance in Azerbaijan is an example to the entire world,” said the Ambassador as he attended a series of events dealing with Azerbaijani-Israeli relations in Washington and Philadelphia.

“All along with representatives of other nations, Jews live in Azerbaijan in peaceful and safe conditions.”

He lauded the role of national leader Heydar Aliyev in continuing and developing “deep-rooted” traditions of tolerance of the Azerbaijani people. “This policy is today being successfully continued by President Ilham Aliyev,” he added.

The events included a seminar organized by the Center of Israel at the American University, a conference co-organized by the American Jewish Committee, Republican Jewish Coalition and ACCESS Young Professionals.

**Azerbaijan, OSCE sign MoU on OSCE Project Coordinator in Baku**

25.09.2014

Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov met with OSCE Secretary General Lamberto Zannier within the 69th session of the UN General Assembly, Foreign Ministry’s press service said. They discussed the issues on the cooperation between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the OSCE. Mammadyarov highlighted the current state of Armenia-Azerbaijan, Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and negotiation process. The sides exchanged views on the projects submitted by the OSCE Project Coordinator’s Office in Baku.

“Memorandum of Understanding between the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and government of the Republic of Azerbaijan on OSCE Project Coordinator in Baku” was signed at the end of the meeting.
“The foundations of the Trans Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline (TANAP) can be laid in Turkey in March 2015,” Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu has told journalists as he made joint press statements with Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev. Mr. Davutoglu said “these projects will bring peace and stability not only to Turkey and Azerbaijan, but also to the region”.

“With the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline we have joined the Caucasus with the Mediterranean Sea, with the Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum railway we have linked the Caucasus to Anatolia. With the implementation of the Marmaray project Beijing will be connected with London. The TANAP and Southern gas corridor will connect the Caucasus with the Balkans through Anatolia”, Mr. Davutoglu said. In his speech, the Turkish Premier also hailed national leader Heydar Aliyev’s activity in the development of relations between Azerbaijan and Turkey.

Southern Gas Corridor and the Contract of the Century ‘extremely important for the energy security of Europe’

Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs of the U.S. Department of State Amos Hochstein has said both the Southern Gas Corridor and the Contract of the Century are extremely important for the energy security of Europe, energy security of global community as well as the development of the region.

“The US and Azerbaijan enjoyed strategic good relationship and I believe that this will continue as we are going into the future.” Mr. Hochstein stressed the importance of continuing strategic relationship and cooperation. He also added he was honored to be in Baku for the events marking the 20th anniversary of the Contract of the Century as well as the very important ground-breaking ceremony of the Southern Gas Corridor. “It was honour to speak in the event and read out Secretary of State John Kerry`s letter directed to President Ilham Aliyev.”
SOCAR and Bulgarian gas companies sign documents

22.09.2014

The President of the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) Rovnag Abdullayev received heads of Bulgartransgaz and Bulgargaz companies, who are on a visit to Baku to attend the events on the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Contract of the Century. SOCAR President Abdullayev said the friendship and cooperation between Azerbaijan and Bulgaria are rapidly developing, regarding the Bulgarian president’s participation in the events dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Contract of the Century and the groundbreaking ceremony of the Southern Gas Corridor as an obvious manifestation of these relations.

The guest said solemn ceremonies in Baku are organized at a high level, emphasizing that they are interesting in the supply of Azerbaijani gas to Bulgaria.

Thereafter, SOCAR and Bulgarian gas companies signed two documents. SOCAR President and Chief Executive Officer of Bulgartransgaz Kiril Temelkov signed a Memorandum of Understanding. A protocol of intent was signed by SOCAR President and Chairperson of the Board of Bulgargaz.

John Kerry: Azerbaijan and USA have jointly done a lot in latest 20 years

23.09.2014

The U.S. Secretary of State, John Kerry, sent to President Ilham Aliyev a congratulatory letter to the 20th anniversary of signing of the “Contract of the Century.” The letter marked that “Azerbaijan and USA have jointly done a lot in the latest 20 years”. It in particular stresses the US relations with Azerbaijan in the development of strategic energy resources and the essential role of the Southern Gas Corridor in ensuring energy security of Europe. The letter goes on underlining that “96 years ago, Azerbaijan, the first in the Muslim world, chose universal values of democracy, becoming a leader in the region. It is important for the development of bilateral relations between the USA and Azerbaijan, which are based on three main principles: security, energy and economic cooperation, and the development of civil society”. “This is necessary for Azerbaijan to become a stronger, more stable and more progressive state,” the letter reads.
Armenian citizen violating Azerbaijani border returns home

25.09.2014

Armenian citizen detained for violation of the border with Azerbaijan Ananyan Sarkis Norikovich has today returned home. Fifty-three-year-old Sarkis Ananyan was detained in Kemerli village of the Gazakh region on August 26, 2014. Ananyan was returned to the Armenian side on the Azerbaijani-Armenian border in the direction of the Bala Jafarli village of Gazakh region.

The process organized by the State Commission on POWs, Hostages and Missing Persons and the Defense Ministry through the International Committee of the Red Cross passed without incident. In Europe and government of the Republic of Azerbaijan on OSCE Project Coordinator in Baku” was signed at the end of the meeting.

Azerbaijani, Armenian FMs discuss Nagorno-Karabakh conflict

24.09.2014

Azerbaijani minister of foreign affairs Elmar Mammadyarov and Armenian foreign minister Edward Nalbandian have discussed the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict on the sidelines of the 69th session of the UN General Assembly in New York. The meeting, which also involved the OSCE Minsk Group co-chairs, saw the parties discuss the settlement of the dispute and preparatory work for the meeting of the two presidents to be held in Paris.
ARMENIAN AGRESSION AGAINST AZERBAIJAN

Armenia continues violating ceasefire with Azerbaijan

25.09.2014

Subunits of the Armenian Armed Forces shattered ceasefire with Azerbaijan in Sarijali, Kengerli and Bash Garvand villages of Aghdam region on September 24 and on the night of September 25. The Armenians were silenced with a retail fire, the Defence Ministry said.

Briefly about Armenian-Azerbaijan Nagorno Karabakh conflict

The conflict between two South Caucasus countries began in 1988 when Armenia made territorial claims against Azerbaijan. Armenian armed forces have occupied 20 percent of Azerbaijan territories since 1992, including the Nagorno-Karabakh region and 7 surrounding districts. Azerbaijan and Armenia signed a ceasefire agreement in 1994.

The co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group – Russia, France and the USA – are currently holding the peace negotiations.