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Good afternoon,

I wanted to bring to your attention a recent [episode](#) of the CBS drama SEAL Team that screened the support of elite U.S. forces to help protect an Azerbaijani power plant from a potential attack by Armenian loyalists, Shiite militia, or foreign powers looking to reduce American influence in the region. The scene emphasizes the strategic role of Azerbaijan as “our only ally in the Caspian Sea and a deterrent to unaligned powers in the area.” The clip can be found [here](#).

I also wanted to flag an article from JNS titled, “[Azerbaijani national hero provides a paradigm for Jewish-Muslim relations](#).” The article notes the new monument in Baku, Azerbaijan in commemoration of Albert Agarunov, a proud Jewish citizen who died in the 1988-1994 Nagorno-Karabakh war trying to save his fellow soldiers. Additionally, the article notes that many people cite Agarunov’s story “as a sign that Azerbaijan’s Jews are integrated as citizens with the same rights and responsibilities as their Muslim compatriots.” The full article can be found [here](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
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Good afternoon,

Linked [here](#) is an interview by BBC HardTalk's Stephen Sackur with Armenia's Foreign Minister Zohrab Mnatsakanyan. I wanted to highlight a few of their exchanges regarding Nagorno-Karabakh, which is internationally recognized as part of Azerbaijan. In the interview, BBC's Sackur pressed the Armenian Foreign Minister, saying, "I have seen no evidence that your government has brought new ideas, new imagination to this conflict."

Sackur noted that in August, the Armenian Prime Minister made a speech in which he "declared in no uncertain terms 'Karabakh is Armenia.' Period." Sackur said this statement "flies in the face of international law, the position of the UN, and all of the independent international agencies." Noting recent statements by Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov that this is "the same as if the Prime Minister of Albania said from Tirana that Kosovo is Albania," Sackur said, "So even the Russians are now saying that your position is unacceptable."

When pressing the Armenian Foreign Minister to recognize international law, Sackur said, "No question that Armenian people live on that territory, but that territory is not Armenian."

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