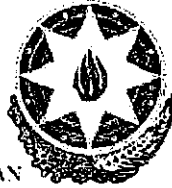


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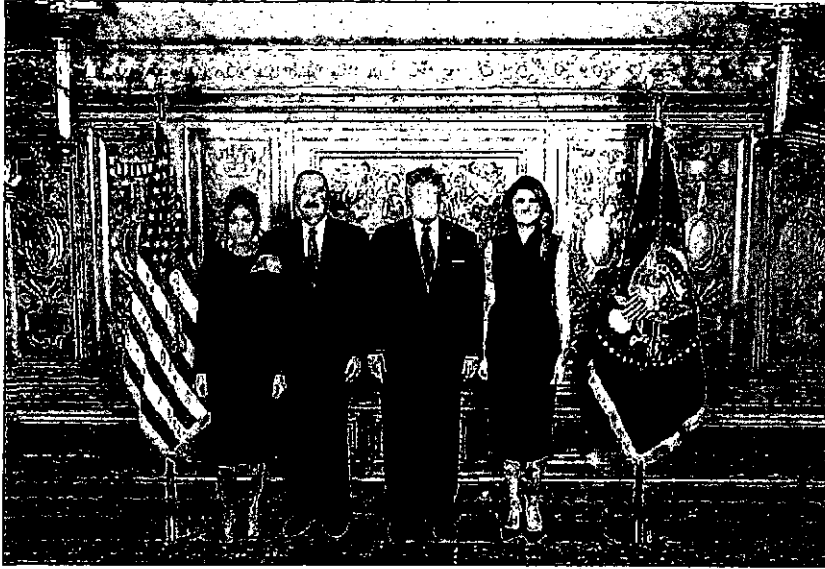
Official News Digest of the
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Greetings from the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Washington, DC. The Embassy is proud to introduce its news digest, which will feature relevant news on the bilateral relationship between Azerbaijan and the United States, regional security issues, updates on major economic initiatives and development of the energy sector and other political and cultural news.

This edition of the news digest features Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev's address at the UN General Assembly and meeting with US President Donald Trump, news that Azerbaijan and BP have agreed to extend development rights to Azerbaijan's ACG oilfield, an opinion piece on Azerbaijan's Islamic Solidarity Games, an insightful interview with Azerbaijan's Ambassador to the US Elin Suleymanov and news on Azerbaijan's tourism boom.

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Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev Meets with US President Donald Trump
Azerbaijani Vision, September 20, 2017



Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev and First Lady Mehriban Aliyeva met with US President Donald Trump at the 72nd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York.

**At UN, Azerbaijan Urges Respect for Security Council Measures;
Cites Support for Cultural Diversity**

UN News Centre, September 20, 2017

Addressing the General Assembly, President Ilham Aliyev spoke about Azerbaijan's successes in socio-economic development, support of cultural diversity and economic growth. He stated that Azerbaijan remains committed to the peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, noting Security Council resolutions calling for the withdrawal of Armenian troops from its territory.

**Azerbaijani FM, OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs Discuss Karabakh
Conflict Resolution Talks**

Azerbaijan State News Agency, September 23, 2017

Azerbaijan's Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov met with the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly's 72nd Session in New York to discuss negotiations on the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

Statement by the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, September 23, 2017

The Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk met separately and then jointly with the Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan, Elmar Mammadyarov, and the Foreign Minister of Armenia, Edward Nalbandian, on 22-23 September on the margins of the UN General Assembly. The main aim of the consultations was to discuss the current situation in the conflict

zone, to explore ways to reinvigorate the negotiation process and to prepare for the upcoming summit between the Presidents of Azerbaijan and Armenia.

Azerbaijan Extends ACG Oil Field Contract Until 2049

The Economic Times, September 18, 2017

Azerbaijan has extended the oil production contract with ONGC Videsh, BP, Chevron and other consortium partners until 2049 for the giant ACG fields after the companies agreed to pay \$3.6 billion in bonuses to the government and give a higher stake in the fields to the state oil firm, SOCAR.

Op-Ed: The Occasional Importance of Symbolism

The Jerusalem Post, September 13, 2017



Azerbaijan's Islamic Solidarity Games were heavy on symbolism, with 56 Muslim-majority countries coming together in Azerbaijan to compete not with weapons, but with balls and track shoes. Azerbaijan understands our indispensable role as a strategic ally to the US, Israel and Europe, while sandwiched between foes Iran and Russia.

Azerbaijan in Jerusalem and New York & What Is to Be Done?

The John Batchelor Show, September 14, 2017

Featuring insights on Azerbaijan's role in fostering meaningful relationships in the Caucasus and the Middle East, listen to this interview with Azerbaijan Ambassador to the US Elin Suleymanov by nationally syndicated radio host John Batchelor.

World Bank Has Allocated \$3.6 Billion for More Than 50 Projects in Azerbaijan So Far

Azerbaijan Press Agency, September 19, 2017

At an event celebrating the 25th anniversary of cooperation between Azerbaijan and the World Bank, the Chairman of Azerbaijan's Central Bank said, "the economy has grown by more than threefold" since President Ilham Aliyev's economic reforms were put in place in 2013. Over the past 25 years, the World Bank has allocated \$3.6 billion for more than 50 projects in the country.

Azerbaijan Seeks Access to New Foreign Markets

AZERNEWS, September 18, 2017

Stronger economic conditions are driving Azerbaijani businesses to look at international expansion to grab market share. The country is studying the possibility of exporting products to 34 countries, said Deputy Economic Minister Sahil Babayev.

Azerbaijani Hotels' Income Jumps As Tourism Surges

AZERNEWS, September 18, 2017



Azerbaijan's tourism industry has recorded a large increase since the early months of 2017 thanks to the growing tourist flow into the country. From January through May, some 956,000 tourists arrived in the country, up from last year's figure of 768,000 during the same period.

Music Festival Brings Armenians, Azerbaijanis and Georgians Together

EurasiaNet, September 3, 2017

The One Caucasus festival, held in the Georgian village of Tserakvi at the end of August, created an environment that enabled communication and cooperation.

Tourism Boom Helps Azerbaijan Promote Mugham Folk Music

Caspian News, August 24, 2017

Azerbaijan is set to launch a new project aimed at raising awareness of Mugham, the country's most popular form of folk music, to take advantage of the nation's tourism boom. Mugham will be performed at locations across the capital city of Baku and in surrounding areas.

Azerbaijan Sends 100 Tons of Aid to Rohingya Muslims

Anadolu Agenc, August 9, 2017



Azerbaijan has sent 100 tons of essential food items to Rohingya Muslim refugees in Bangladesh, who fled persecution in Myanmar. Faik Tagizade, Deputy Minister of Emergency Situations, said that flour, sugar, oil, meat, pasta and milk powder had been dispatched to Bangladesh, on the orders of President Ilham Aliyev.

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