
AZERBAIJAN PLAYS ESSENTIAL PART IN EUROPEAN ENERGY SECURITY

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President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev met with Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland Beata Szydło on June 28 in Warsaw.

Prime Minister Beata Szydło noted the importance of President Ilham Aliyev's official visit to Poland in terms of the expansion of the bilateral relations. She stressed the significance of Azerbaijan-Poland business forum in the deepening of the economic cooperation. Beata Szydło said this year marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of Azerbaijan-Poland diplomatic relations, and hailed cooperation between the two countries as successful.

Prime Minister Beata Szydło highly appreciated Azerbaijan's role in the region, and affirmed Poland's continued support for Azerbaijan's efforts to expand its relations with the European Union. She said the documents signed during the visit laid a strong legal framework for the expansion of the bilateral cooperation.

Prime Minister Beata Szydło said Poland is interested in increasing the bilateral trade. She said her country supports and highly appreciates Azerbaijan's efforts to diversify its economy. "Polish companies are ready to actively work on this front." Beata Szydło said revitalizing the work of the inter-governmental commission will play an important role in the development of relations. She said that Azerbaijan, which plays a crucial role in the region, is a key element in Poland's Eastern policy. Hailing Azerbaijan's balanced policy, Beata Szydło said the country plays an essential part in the European energy security.

President Ilham Aliyev recalled his previous meeting with Prime Minister of Poland Beata Szydło. The head of state said his official visit to Poland created good opportunities for discussing the expansion of relations as well as other issues on the agenda. President Ilham Aliyev hailed the successful development of the bilateral cooperation. The head of state congratulated Beata Szydło

on Poland`s election as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council. President Ilham Aliyev highlighted the successful cooperation between Azerbaijan and Poland in international organizations, including the United Nations and European institutions. The head of state underlined the importance of the bilateral ties in the context of Azerbaijan-European Union relations. President Ilham Aliyev hailed Azerbaijan`s cooperation with the European Union as successful, adding that work is underway on a new agreement. The President said Azerbaijan takes an active part in the creation of international transport corridors, pointing out good prospects for cooperation with Poland in this regard.

The head of state hailed the successful development of the political relations between Azerbaijan and Poland. President Ilham Aliyev said the volume of the bilateral trade falls behind the potential of the two countries, affirming Azerbaijan`s interest in defining key priorities for increasing it.

President Ilham Aliyev and Polish Prime Minister Beata Szydło discussed prospects for cooperation between the two countries in transport, energy, agriculture, tourism and other areas.

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