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## ALLEGATIONS BY THE GUARDIAN ARE RIDICULOUS, BIASED: PRESIDENT'S PRESS SECRETARY

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Azer Gasimov, press secretary of the Azerbaijani President, commented on the fact that his name was mentioned in the article published by the Guardian on September 4 and alleging that a secret scheme was used to pay for Azerbaijani officials expenses.

The information is this article is so absurd that, frankly, I would not want to react to it. As you know, certain anti-Azerbaijani circles and their patrons as well as representatives of various media outlets, financed by the Armenian lobby, regularly spread unthinkable, slanderous and false information about Azerbaijan. This article is one of them, said Gasimov. Such kinds of articles are presented in such a way that the facts referred to are allegedly based on evidence and documents. In a sense, all this is aimed at having a psychological impact on the readers who are not aware of the essence of the issues.

As for my name, these [allegations] are ridiculous and biases, he noted.

Gasimov went on to say: If we take into account the fact that one of the authors of the article is Dina Nagapetyan, the issue becomes clearer. I reiterate that this kind of nonsense, which is the fruit of a sick imagination, is aimed at undermining the image of Azerbaijan. The press secretary expressed confidence that all these efforts will be futile. All these efforts are nothing but a senseless waste of time. I think any publication that considers itself a respectable media outlet should not publish articles based on such meaningless information, he said.

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