
TURKEY'S ACTIVITY IN THE MILITARY-POLITICAL PROCESSES IN THE CAUCASUS

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Turkeys foreign policy activity is probably designed to create an additional platform for foreign policy bargaining with Moscow on issues of interest to Ankara, and by no means only in the South Caucasus. Along with bilateral interaction with Azerbaijan and with the countries of Central Asia, political, economic and humanitarian cooperation within the framework of the Turkic Council is being strengthened, writes political analyst Andrei Areshev, editor-in-chief of the Caucasus Studies Society website.

On September 15, 2020, on the 102nd anniversary of the seizure of Baku by the Caucasian Army of Islam of Nuri Pasha, the planes and helicopters of the air forces of Azerbaijan and Turkey conducted demonstration flights in the airspace of the Caspian republic, over Azerbaijan's second largest city, Ganja. Brotherhood and friendship between Azerbaijan and Turkey is an example for the whole world, Azerbaijan's President İlham Aliyev said on the same day, in a letter of greeting addressed to his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The reference to the historical date comes along with gratitude for the support of the Turkish leadership for the position of Baku in connection with the July clashes on the Azerbaijani-Armenian border, for which each of the opposing sides blames the other.

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