
AZERBAIJAN BOOSTS TRILATERAL COOPERATION WITH PAKISTAN AND TURKEY

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On July 27, the parliamentary speakers of Turkey, Azerbaijan and Pakistan signed a strategic partnership document [1] Baku Declaration [2] Baku, Azerbaijan, which creates a new format for political cooperation between the three states (Azertag, July 27). The foundation for this grouping was originally laid in 2017, when Azerbaijan's then [3] minister Elmar Mammadyarov held the first trilateral meeting with his counterparts from Turkey and Pakistan, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu and Khawaja Muhammad Asif (since succeeded), respectively, in the Azerbaijani capital (Azertag, November 30, 2017). The declaration signed by the three ministers at that time underlined the firm determination of their states to explore the ways to develop trilateral cooperation and agreed to regularly hold successive trilateral meetings (Islamabad.mfa.gov.az, November 30, 2017). In a similar vein, last month's declaration of the parliamentary speakers vowed to build lasting tripartite cooperation between their parliaments and agreed to meet next year in Islamabad (Meclis.gov.az, July 27).

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