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## **AZERBAIJAN BLAMES IRAN AND ARRESTS FIVE OVER ATTEMPTED MURDER OF MP**

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The Azerbaijani State Security Service has arrested five people over the attempted killing of MP Fazil Mustafa, and has said the ringleader was working for Iran's secret services.

The discovery of the alleged plot threatens to plunge Iranian-Azerbaijan relations to a new low. Azerbaijan has accused Iran of not properly investigating an attack on its embassy in Tehran in January, and conducting threatening military exercises close to its border. Iran has been angered by Azerbaijan's growing links with its enemy, Israel, and by its demands for territory in Armenia close to its border.

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