



Promoting a Lasting Partnership Between Azerbaijan and America

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"Azerbaijan is a tolerant state without any discrimination"

More than 510 religious communities were registered in Azerbaijan, of which 32 religious communities are non-Islamic



Baku, Azerbaijan — January 16, 2014 “Azerbaijan is an important country for Sweden and the entire Europe,” the Swedish Minister of Foreign Affairs Carl Bildt said as he met Azerbaijani Ambassador to the country Adish Mammadov.

Bildt said Sweden attached great importance on developing partnership with Azerbaijan. Ambassador Mammadov highlighted political, economic and legal reforms conducted in the country, Today.az reports.

He said Azerbaijan was a “tolerant state without any national and religious discrimination”. They discussed Azerbaijan-Europe relations and the country’s role in ensuring energy security of Europe.

The Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict was also discussed, and Mammadov said the problem had a negative impact on overall development of both Azerbaijan and the region.

The Azerbaijani Ambassador said Europe had to increase efforts towards finding a solution to the dispute.

Azerbaijan was historically known as a country of tolerance. Respect for multiculturalism, ethnic and religious minorities is a national characteristic of the Azerbaijani people. Major international events conducted by Azerbaijan, as well as at the initiative of President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, UNESCO and ISESCO Goodwill Ambassador Mehriban Aliyeva in recent years have turned Azerbaijan into a recognized international center of inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue, AzerNews reports.

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