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Formula One set to race in Azerbaijan

Washington, D.C. – March 05, 2014 – Bernie Ecclestone has struck a deal to take Formula One to Azerbaijan - likely to be in 2016 - with Flavio Briatore playing a large role in facilitating the newest addition to the F1 calendar. According to the Daily Mail, Briatore, who has opened a couture business in the capital, Baku, will pocket a seven-figure bonus for acting as a go-between.

"We're going to Azerbaijan," Ecclestone told the Mail. "The people out there are talking about holding a race in 2015. That may be a bit soon - unless it's at the end of the season; that's a possibility. But 2016 is more likely." The Azerbaijani GP will be held on the streets of Baku and marks another step in the globalisation of Formula One - part of a growing trend away from the sport's traditional circuits in Europe.

Turkey, China, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain and Malaysia are among the countries recently added to the roster.



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