



## Promoting a Lasting Partnership Between Azerbaijan and America

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#### **Azerbaijan America Alliance attended the “Azerbaijan - Land of Tolerance” Photography Exhibition by Mr. Reza Deghati**

*Mr. Reza Deghati is a dedicated humanitarian and photographer who has covered a number of world-wide conflicts for the international press and has acted as a consultant to the United Nations due to his compassionate view towards people affected by violence and war*



*Pictures by Yusif Babanli*

**New York, New York—September 27, 2013**—the United Nations headquarters in New York hosted the opening ceremony of photo exhibition "Azerbaijan - Land of Tolerance." This visual homage to tolerance was exhibited within the framework of the forum organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations. The exhibition was held as the initiative of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, organized by the UN Alliance of Civilizations jointly with the Azerbaijani State Committee for Work with Religious Associations.

The exhibition featured the work of world-famous photographer Reza Deghati who visited Azerbaijan as part of Heydar Aliyev Foundation's project "Azerbaijan – the address of tolerance." The exhibition encompasses a series of photo reports on the Christian, Muslim, and Jewish communities of Azerbaijan, who cohabit the same land. This unique exhibition sheds light on the incredible assimilation of diverse religious groups all driven by the desire to share in a mutual-respect that is not present in other countries.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, High Representative of the Alliance Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser said that during the second World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue, which was held on the initiative of Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev in Baku this year, he once again became convinced that Azerbaijan has ancient traditions of intercultural dialogue and religious tolerance and the country continues to work on preserving these traditions.

The photo exhibition dedicated to Azerbaijan was visited by high-ranking delegations which gathered at the UN General Assembly, UN diplomats and media representatives.

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