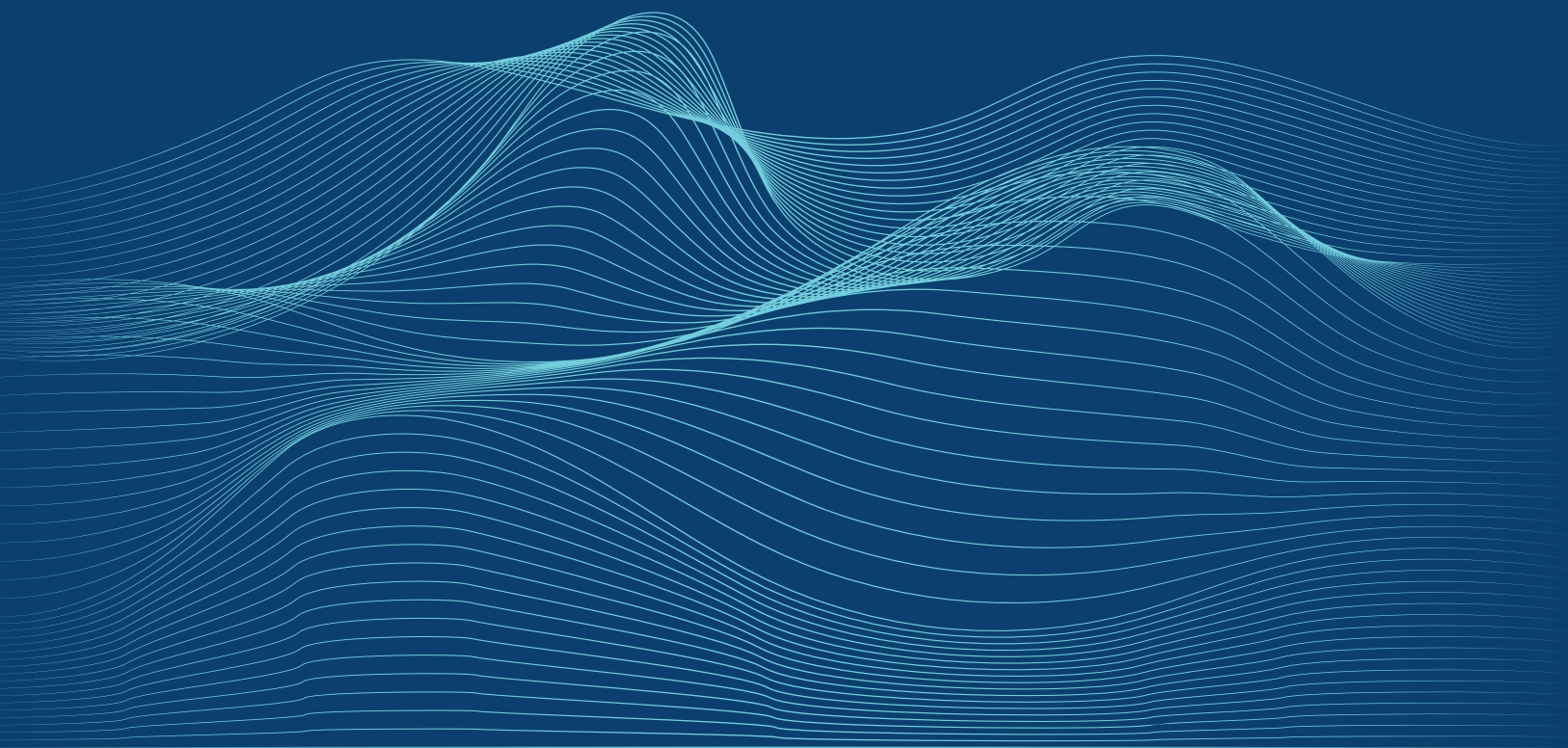




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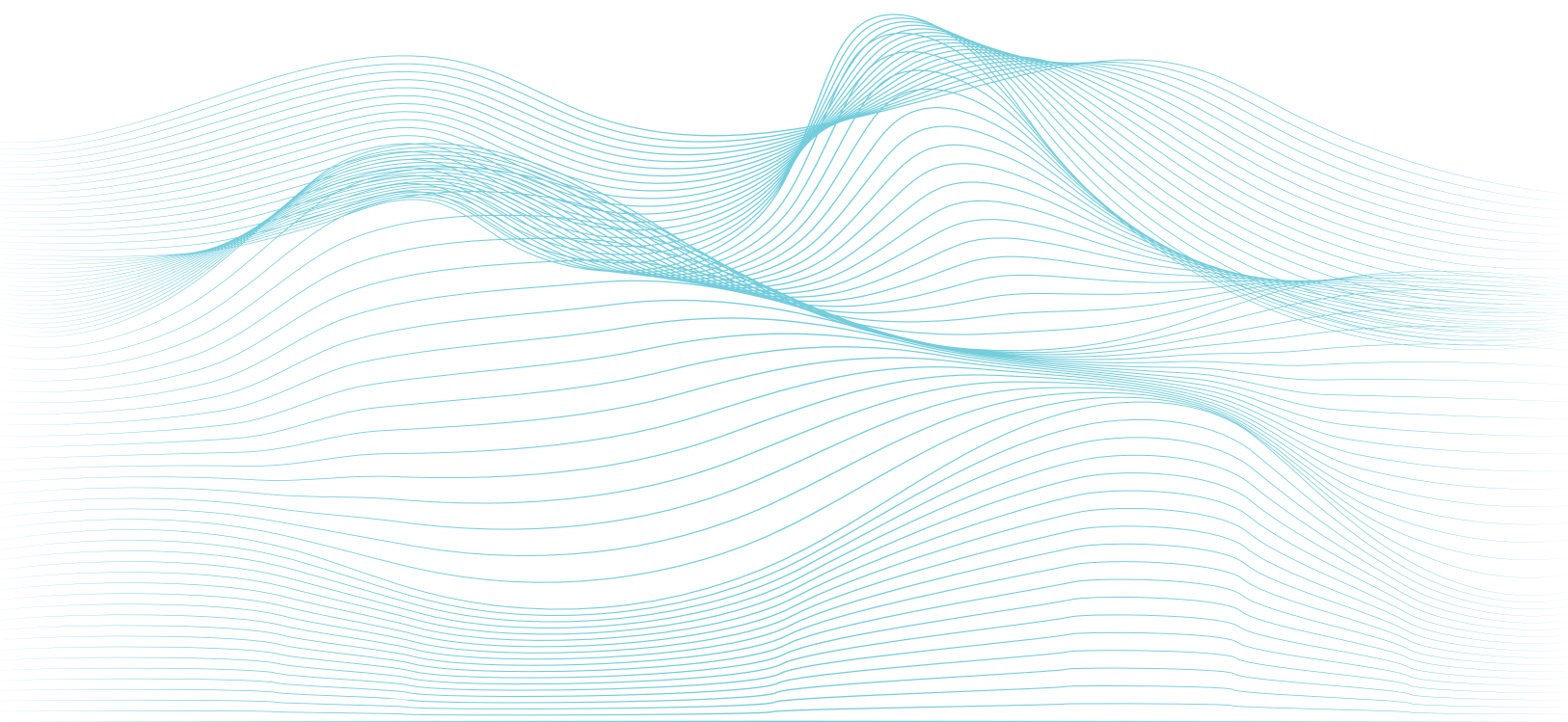


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The Center of Analysis of International Relations (AIR Center) continued its activities related to providing independent analyses about the international affairs, analyzing the post-conflict period and new opportunities for cooperation in the South Caucasus and globally during 2021.

The AIR Center's activities are mainly focused on preparing reports, establishing new partnerships, holding events and webinars on important issues and publishing articles in both foreign and local media and being active on social media.

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**120** INTERNAL  
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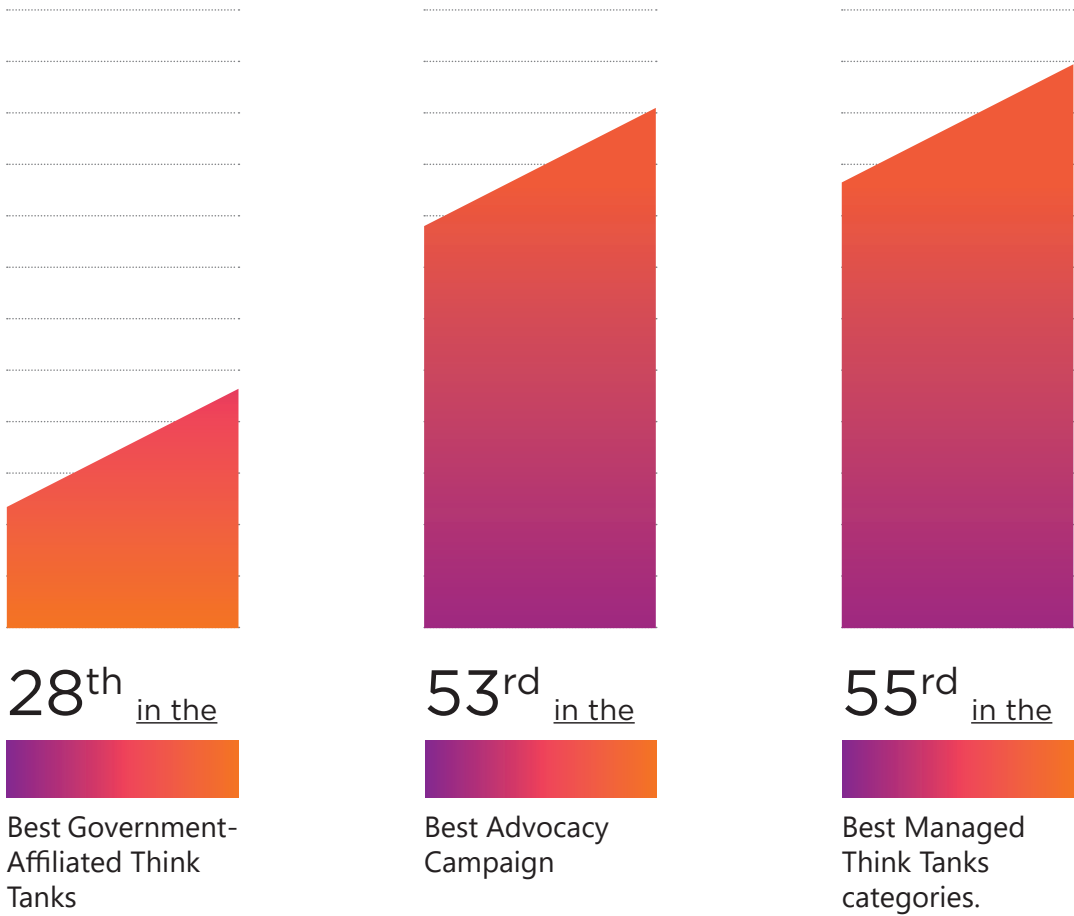
ABOUT  
**350** INTERVIEWS  
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STATEMENTS  
IN THE  
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**43** ARTICLES  
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AND ITALIAN  
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**15** SEMINARS,  
ROUND  
TABLES  
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EVENTS

ABOUT  
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AND  
STATEMENTS  
TO FOREIGN  
MEDIA

**3** INTERNS  
FROM SOUTH  
KOREA,  
HUNGARY  
AND FRANCE



## 2020 Global Go To Think Tank Index

Center of Analysis of International Relations (AIR Center) was ranked in the annual University of Pennsylvania 2020 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report prepared by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania (U.S.).



# WE published articles in foreign media

## The National Interest

Ten Reasons Why Karabakh's Armenians Don't Need Special Status  
*Farid Shafiyev and Cavid Valiyev*



## Jamestown Foundation

Tensions Escalate Again in Armenian-Azerbaijani Relations  
*Vasif Huseynov*



## The Tribune

OPINION: Why Pax Caucasia is the only way forward in the South Caucasus - Esmira Jafarova



## Daily Sabah

Armenia's ecological invasion of Azerbaijan's Okchuchay  
*Cavid Valiyev*



## Modern Diplomacy

Peace, Problems and Perspectives in the Post-war South Caucasus  
*Esmira Jafarova*



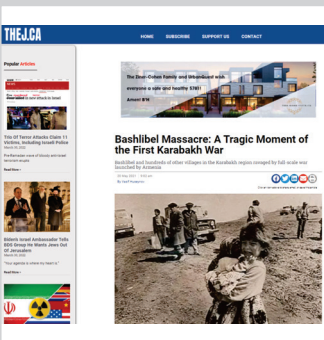
## Eurasia Review

Conundrum Over Caucasian Albania – OPEd  
*Farid Shafiyev*



## The Thej.ca

"Bashlibel tragedy: the tragic event of the First Karabakh War" written by our colleague Vasif Huseynov based on his own life story was published in Canada



## Euractiv

The Nakhchivan corridor will boost connectivity in the Caucasus  
*Orkhan Bagrov*



## Foreign Policy News

Cooperation and hope for the South Caucasus  
*Esmira Jafarova*



# On the economic opportunities after the war:

## Modern Diplomacy

Zangazur corridor will stimulate regional cooperation  
*Orkhan Bagurov*



## The Jamestown Foundation

Azerbaijan Embarks on Construction of Nakhchivan Railway  
*Vasif Huseynov*



## The London Post

Vaccine Nationalism and Geopolitics of COVID-19  
*Ulviyya Bayramli*



## Eurasia Review

Economic Implications Of Second Karabakh War For Armenia  
*Orkhan Bagurov*



## The Jamestown Foundation

'Zangazur Corridor' Closer to Realization as Armenia Readies to Normalize Relations With Turkey and Azerbaijan  
*Vasif Huseynov*



## The National Interest

Azerbaijani Natural Gas Can Help Europe Transition to Renewable Energy  
*Esmira Jafarova, Shahmar Hajiyev*



## Modern Diplomacy

How Azerbaijan changed the energy map of the Caspian Sea  
*Shahmar Hajiyev*



## Eurasia Review

The Enduring Partnership Between Azerbaijan And The NAM – OpEd  
*Esmira Jafarova*

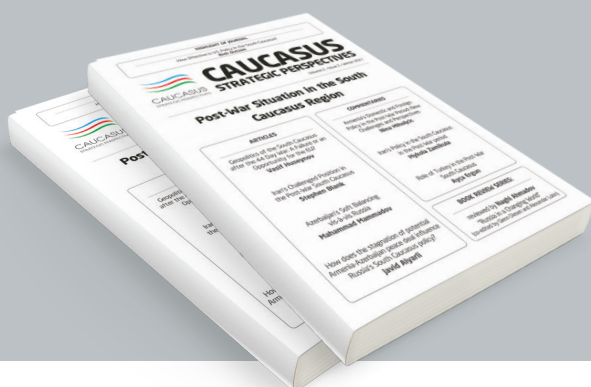


# WE prepared reports and other publications



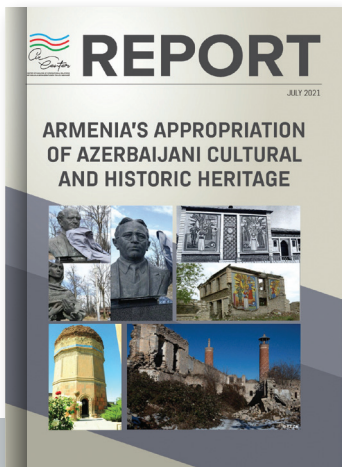
Compilation of articles published by the AIR Center experts in foreign media 2019-2020

Monthly bulletin related to Azerbaijan's foreign policy issues in English and in Azerbaijani (for internal use)



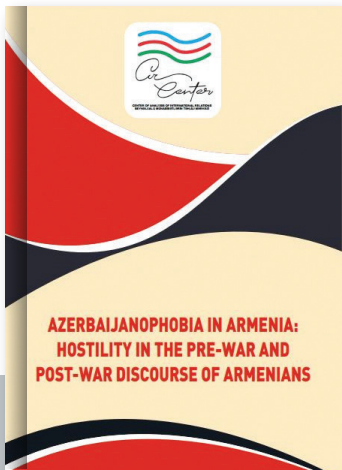
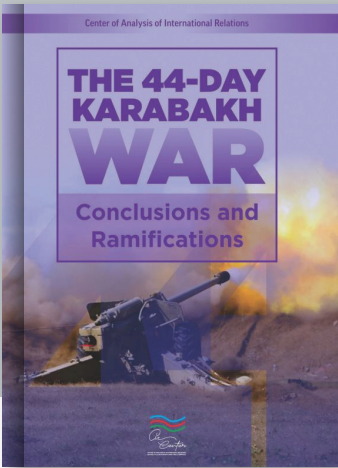
Two new issues (Volume 2, Issue 1 and 2, 2021) of the Journal of Caucasus Strategic Perspectives (CSP) entitled “Pax Caucasasia: Prospects of Peace and Cooperation in South Caucasus” and “Post-War Situation in the South Caucasus Region”





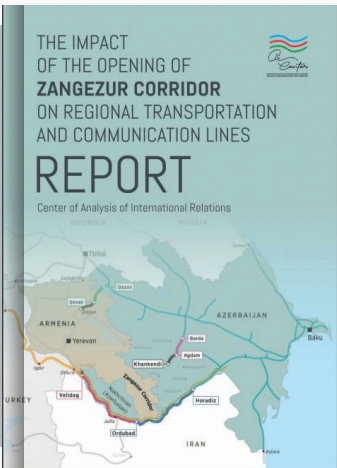
Armenia’s appropriation of Azerbaijani cultural and historic heritage

The 44-day Karabakh war: conclusions and ramification



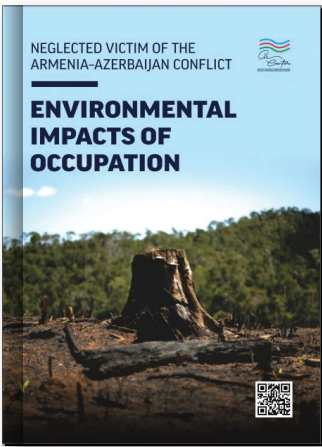
Azerbaijanophobia in Armenia: hostility in the pre-war and post-war discourse of Armenians

The impact of the opening of Zangezur corridor on regional transportation and communication lines





El factor de la comunicación en la segunda guerra de Nagorno Karabaj



Neglected victim of the Armenia–Azerbaijan conflict -Environmental impacts of occupation

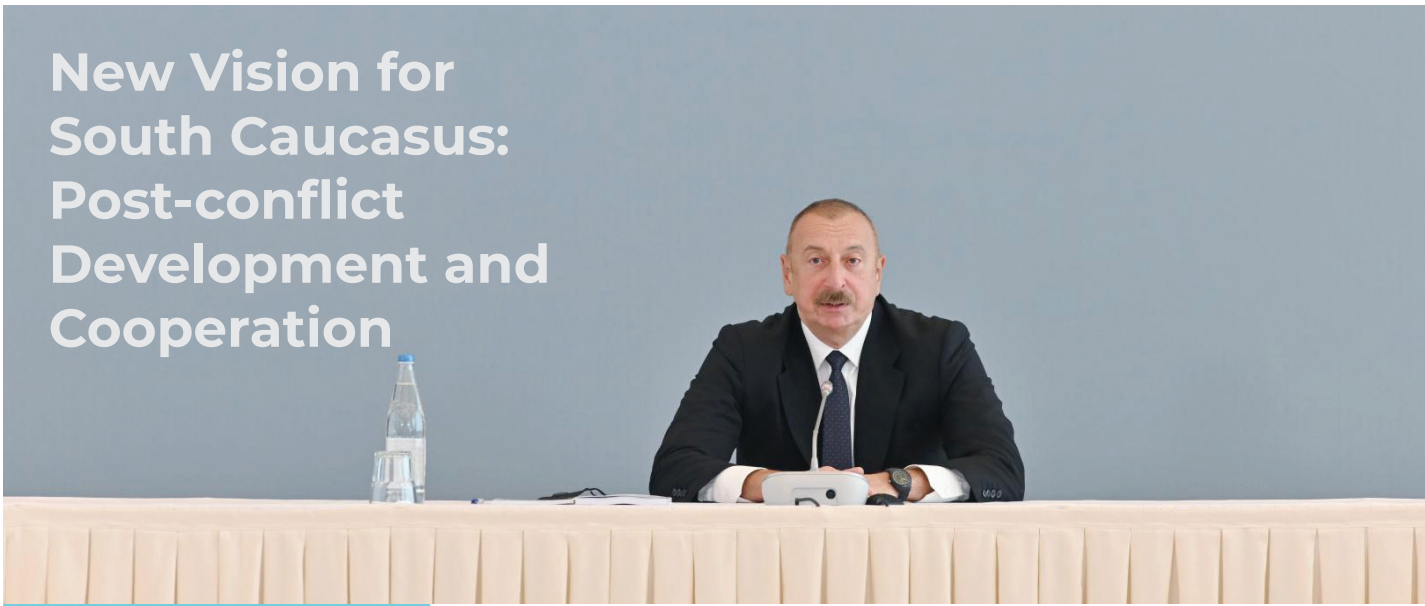


“Armenian language”  
Hatam Jabbarly  
(in Azerbaijani)

## Other reports

- The South Caucasus transportation battle
- PKK in Armenia: The involvement of PKK terrorists in the war between Armenia and Azerbaijan
- The military and economic consequences of the Second Karabakh War for Armenia
- Armenian lobby and France Foreign Policy
- La diaspora Armenia en Argentina

# WE organized events



## New Vision for South Caucasus: Post-conflict Development and Cooperation



An international conference on “New Vision for South Caucasus: Post-conflict Development and Cooperation” held jointly by AIR Center and ADA University on April 11-13 was one of the most notable events of the year. President Ilham Aliyev attended the third day of the conference. The conference participants from the well-known think tanks visited Agdam.





## Pakistan Today

Seminar on “Pakistan Today” with the participation of the Ambassador of Pakistan to Azerbaijan on March 17.



## Azerbaijan-Turkey-Iran trilateral cooperation



A conference entitled “Azerbaijan-Turkey-Iran trilateral cooperation” held jointly with the Center for Iranian Studies (IRAM) and the Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS) on September 22.



## Geopolitical situation in the South Caucasus on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kars Agreement

Conference entitled “Geopolitical situation in the South Caucasus on the 100th anniversary of the Kars Agreement” on October 4



## Opportunities for cooperation in the region in the first year of the Karabakh victory

Conference entitled “Opportunities for cooperation in the region in the first year of the Karabakh victory” held jointly with the Baku Slavic University on November 1





## 44 Day War

A roundtable about the first anniversary of 44 Day War organized by the AIR Center and South Korea Embassy on November 3.



## Russia-Azerbaijan Expert Council



First meeting of “Russia-Azerbaijan Expert Council” held jointly with the Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC) on November 19–20 in Baku.



# WE organized conferences abroad

Farid Shafiyev participated in a number of events, including those dedicated to the South Caucasus in Moscow on June 7-10.



## Turkic States in the 30th Year of Independence and Cooperation: New Opportunities for Regional Peace and Cooperation in the South Caucasus



An international conference entitled “Turkic States in the 30th Year of Independence and Cooperation: New Opportunities for Regional Peace and Cooperation in the South Caucasus” held jointly with the Turkic Council and the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary (IFAT) in Budapest on October 15. Farid Shafiyev, Esmira Jafarova, Javid Valiyev and Orkhan Bagirov attended the conference.



## A Year After the Second Karabakh War – The Changing Balance in the South Caucasus



A panel discussion entitled “A Year After the Second Karabakh War – The Changing Balance in the South Caucasus” held jointly with the Rondeli Foundation of Georgia in Tbilisi on November 16.(44,45)

## Geopolitical Situation in the South Caucasus: Challenges and Opportunities

A delegation from the AIR Center visited Qatari on November 22-23 and held a number of meetings. Farid Shafiyev delivered a lecture on “Geopolitical Situation in the South Caucasus: Challenges and Opportunities” at the Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies of the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies.







## 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the think tanks of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS)

The 7th meeting of the think tanks of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) held in Istanbul on December 10.



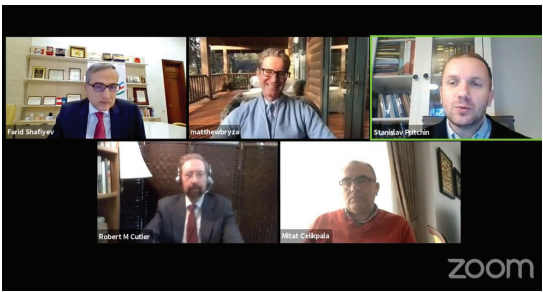
# WE organized webinars



“The next 10 years of Azerbaijan-Turkey relations”, January 27.



“Post-war South Caucasus”, February 24



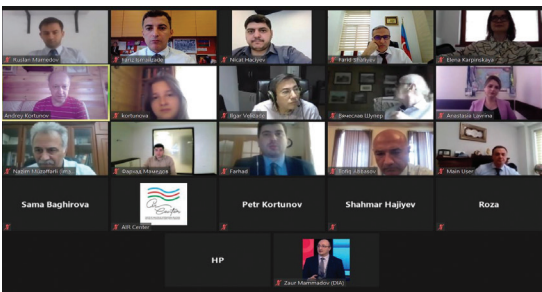
“New Realities in the South Caucasus: Prospects and Challenges”, March 4



“Spain-Azerbaijan Relations. Regional and International Developments”, April 22



“Second Karabakh War and Landmines”, April 29

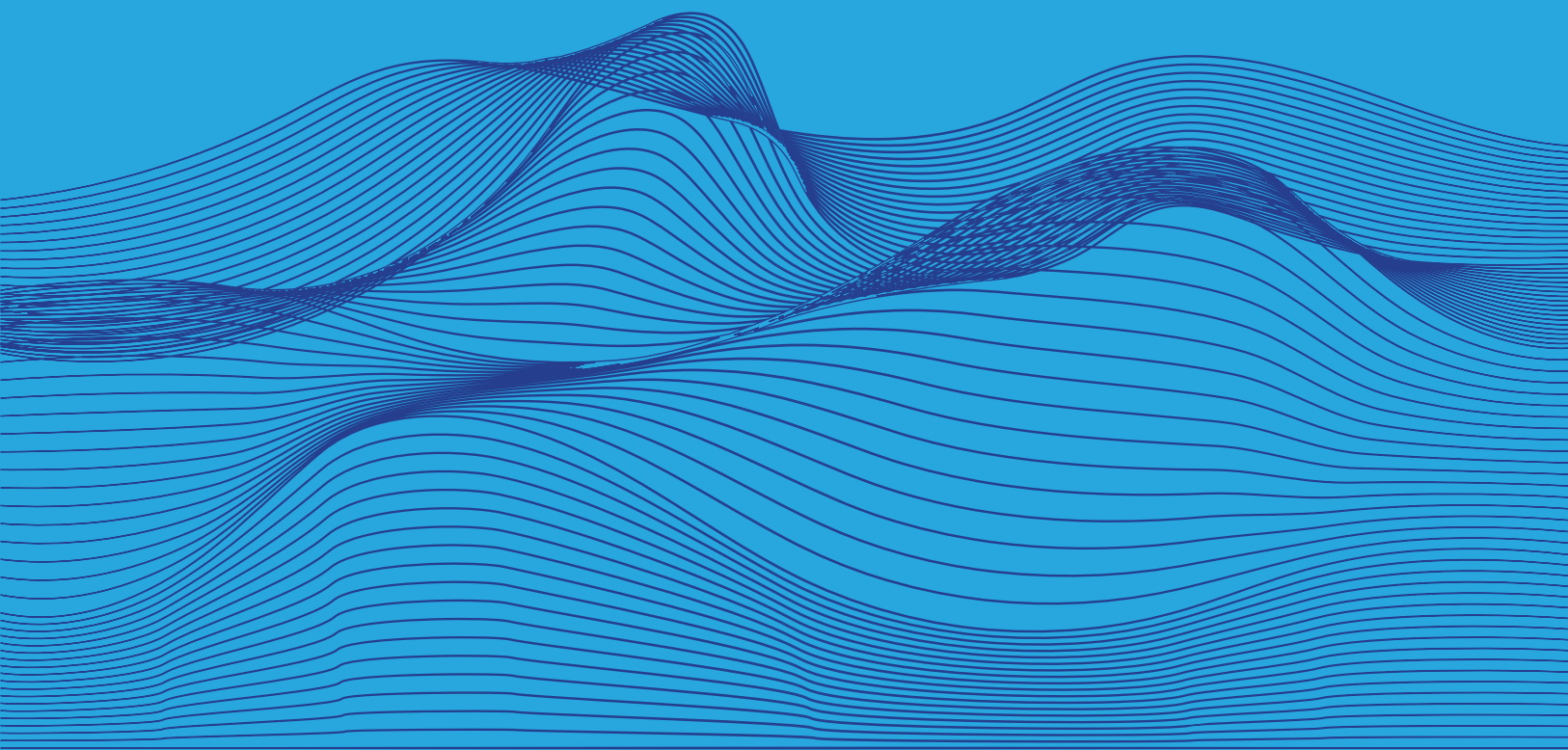


“Prospects for Cooperation between Azerbaijan and Russia: Security and Logistics in the South Caucasus”, May 24.

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**WE** provide consulting services to public and other organizations through preparing issue-specific reports that might contribute to their strategic planning and risk reduction activities. The services are related, but not limited to political, economic, energy and other thematic areas and could be provided upon request. For more information, please contact: [Shahmar.Hajiyev@aircenter.az](mailto:Shahmar.Hajiyev@aircenter.az)

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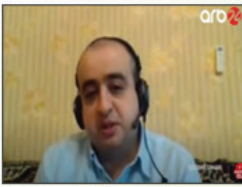
# WE cooperate with foreign media



AIR Center staff gave about 40 interviews and statements to foreign media. These interviews are mainly given to TRT World, Anews, Aljazeera, Anadolu Agency and other news channels.



# WE cooperate with local media



# WE expanded our partnership

AIR Center signed memorandums of understanding (MoU) with 8 think tanks during the year



## Others





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