

## **Op-ed: the sacrifice of Azerbaijan. Not a concoction but a possible outcome. Aliyev is a liability?**

Azerbaijan's sacrifice from a geopolitical political US point of view.

What if, given their blockade in the Ukraine case and seeing the passage to Georgia in tatters, the US finds Azerbaijan (read the Aliyev regime) of lesser importance and rather begins to see it as a political risk to its domestic politics? Both colour revolutions in Kyiv and Tbilisi have not been wildly successful. Furthermore, the Armenian diaspora lobby has grown considerably in Washington DC (after good examples of the Greek and Israeli lobby groups) and the Turkish and Azerbaijani have come to be seen in a less pleasant-feeling light has emerged. Caviar politics (read blackmail politics) has a dark flip side of corruption and bribery. A conflict of interest. Aliyev is a liability.

Also taking into account, that Iran is going hypersonic militarily and a new front is under construction given Israel's existential survival and US chaos and containment policies. Azerbaijan's tenuous position from the geopolitical location between Russia and Iran is brought out very clearly.

Also seeing, that the colour revolution in Tehran is also not really making any headway, Azerbaijan may well trigger a memory in US political eyes of the Iraq-Kuwait event way back when. Azerbaijan may just end up in the same corner given Azerbaijan-Artsakh war 2020 comparison.

And as so often in a clash between world powers, the surrounding countries may be divided within the spheres of influence.

Turkey is back in the US corner (which was actually always the case just not really visible. Read: <https://www.danielpipes.org/comments/286058>). A Ukrainian rump state (read Galicia and the western and middle oblasts of Lviv and Kyiv) in the EU. The rest of Ukraine is in Russian hands (read Novorossiia). Armenia and Syria are back in the Russian fold. Georgia and Azerbaijan are back under Russia's clear spheres of influence. And Iran as an intermediate state deliberately leaves the (im)balance between Shiites and Sunnis in effect.

All are not impossibilities given the current state of affairs.

Azerbaijan (read Aliyev) will then be sacrificed, just like Iraq (read Hussein) before.

And then some old dirty and to-be-settled bills and stories are thrown into the world by the establishment and mainstream media.

### Such as:

1) There seems to have been a press report once in 2013, that Azerbaijan supplied the PKK (read Kurdish freedom movement) with weapons in their fight with Turkey. If this is confirmed, ties between the two Turkish brothers are not that close. Or does it have to do with the Kurdish bloodlines of the Aliyev family? In short, plenty of fodder for discord between the great Sunni Turkish agitator and the Shiite Turkish follower.

2) Deeper into the swamp the next dormant point of contention that has not been forgotten, because people may forgive, but do not forget:

Although it is generally accepted that Turkey is the most friendly state to Azerbaijan, there are still some 'things'. The phrase 'One people - two states,' not quite a Turkish expression, and widely disseminated in Azerbaijan and Turkey, is presented to the common man as a confirmation of the friendship of Ankara and Baku. Meanwhile, the sincerity of this 'friendship' is constantly questioned at the everyday level, at which religious differences (Ottoman Turkish mainly profess Sunni Islam, while the Transcaucasian Turks are adherents of the Shiite branch of Islam) often play a decisive role.

3) Aliyev's Kurdish origin?

According to sources, this yields the following picture:

"... Since the late 1930s, when the entire Kurdish population of the Azerbaijani SSR suddenly 'disappeared' from the ethnic maps and statistical publications of the Soviet Union, and were forcibly registered as 'Azerbaijanis' along with the local Turkic tribes, the Aliyev family has denied its Kurdish ancestry for political reasons .... "

This is very understandable from the family's perspective, knowing that the source information received further states the following:

"... President Ilham's father Heydar Aliyev was a member of the NKVD, the Soviet secret service, in the 1940s and became head of the Azerbaijani KGB in the 1960s. In 1969, he became leader of Soviet Azerbaijan, a position he held for decades until he was forced to resign over allegations of corruption ... "

" ... After the Soviet Union collapsed in the early 1990s, Aliyev returned to power after a military coup, taking over presidential power and then formally winning the presidency in a national election in October 1993. He remained president until 2003 ... "

It should also be noted that, according to sources, "Heydar Aliev's grandfather was born in Armenia and later settled in the Nakhijevan region of Azerbaijan. In the 1930s-40s, Hasan Aliev, Heydar's uncle who was head of the Regional Central Committee of the Communist Party of Nakhijevan ASSR (actually the main political leader of the region), was known and honoured in local newspapers as the first PhD student of Kurdish origin in the Azerbaijani SSR. And as often happened in the Soviet Union, in the 1970s, all records of Heydar Aliev's parents in the Armenian civil registry were withdrawn with procedural violations by the KGB and later not returned .... "

4) Despite the silence (or perhaps precisely for this reason), Erdogan continued to negatively exploit the name of Heydar Aliyev. Speaking on Turkish television, the Turkish Prime Minister unexpectedly, practically without any logical connection with the topic of his speech, cited the construction of the Heydar Aliyev Center in Baku as a screaming bad taste and suspicious waste. After that, it became known that in the Turkish textbook "Constitutional Law" for universities, the name Heydar Aliyev, along with the names of A. Pinochet and S. Hussein are cited as an example of bloody dictators.

5) For this reason, a speech earlier by the Prime Minister of Turkey at a meeting of the parliamentary faction of the Justice and Development Party was unexpected for many. Let us remind you that Erdogan, in the presence of numerous journalists, told the story of how in 1945 146 representatives of the "Azerbaijani intelligentsia" who had come over to the Turkish side and asked for political asylum were shot. This story in the territory of the former USSR, unlike Turkey, was practically not known. However, the essence of what was said was also that the father of the current president of Azerbaijan, ex-president of this republic, Heydar Aliyev, served at that time in the NKVD in ... Nakhijevan, exactly where the "Azerbaijani intellectuals" were shot. Observers drew attention to the fact that the President of Azerbaijan I. Aliyev did not react to this message of Erdogan in any way, which "is explained by the possible participation of Heydar Aliyev in the firing squad.

6) Finally, speaking on state television, a well-known Turkish Sovietologist Omar Ozkayan accused Heydar Aliyev of the murder of Turkish President Turgut Ozal. It is interesting that Ozal really died immediately after his visit to Azerbaijan. On October 2, 2012, at the request of Ozal's widow, his remains were exhumed, and in mid-December, it became known that a compound of 4 toxic substances was found in the politician's remains: polonium, cadmium, DDT and americium. The accusations brought forward by O. Ozkayan against Heydar Aliyev are all the more serious because they sounded against the background of the received data on the poisoning, and their noncoincidence is confirmed by the fact that they were announced on television, completely controlled by the Turkish government.

Finally, all parties are satisfied and to be used for domestic politics and sold as a nice story. And the caravan moves on to China (via the -stan countries and India)

Not a fairy tale but rock-solid geopolitics.

Just think of it as the changing of the night watch.