

Visit of President Ilham Aliyev to Salyan, Bilasuvar and Calilabad regions. The 22 km Section of Alat-Astara Iranian border Highway has been put in commission.



Improvement of road-transport system in Azerbaijan, building of new bridges and road junctions, construction of new highways, all of these being a social measure also show to an economic power owned by our country. In the instruction of the head of the State, more new measures are being added to the chain of measures taken in the direction of the improvement of the road-transport infrastructure of the regions. Upgrade of 22 km Section of Alat-Astara Iranian Border Highway is this kind of measures.

President Ilham Aliyev took part in the opening ceremony of 22 km Section of Alat-Astara Iranian Border Highway. The Minister of Transport Ziya Mammadov informed the head of the State about the technical-economic parameters of the highway. In the instruction of The President related with Upgrade of Baku-Alat-Qazax Highway, Reconstruction of Baku-Quba Russian Federation State Border Highway and Upgrade of Alat-Astara Highway, and all of these works being realized in the frame of his efforts directed to the improvement of transport infrastructure of our country and with the Transport Ministry being a Customer of these works, The section between 09 and 31 km of Alat-Astara Iranian Border Highway has been upgraded. The project agreement was signed between the Government of Azerbaijan Republic and the World Bank in May of 2006. The project is financed in the frame of the Credit Agreement approved by The Cabinet of Ministers in 4July of 2006. The amount of the Credit Agreement is 265 million dollars. Of this amount, 200 million dollars is in the credit form and the remaining 65 million dollars is the share of Azerbaijan.



The head of the State was informed that, the length of the upgraded part of the Highway the construction of which was started in December of 2006 is 22 km. The width of the highway which is of the “1b” technical category is 27, 5 meters, number of the lanes is four and the width of each lane is 3, 75 meters. The highway consists of two traffic ways. The width of the distribution stripe is up to 5 meters. Two road junctions on the highway and one bridge with the length of 54 meters on “Shirvan” water channel have been



constructed. Four square pipes, thirty six round pipes and four underpasses for animals have been built along the highway.

The head of the State cut the ribbon symbolizing the inauguration. Speaking with the builders of the highway, President said: - I'd like to congratulate all of you and I wish you success in your future works! The first part of the road is being put in commission, it was built with high quality. I wish this road to be built till the State border with the same quality and speed in order to let our people to use these comfortable roads. This road is very important for us. All roads are important. But this road plays much more role in the economic development, in proper regulation of the transportation and in the development of our economic relations with neighbor Iran. In meantime, this road joins all regions situated in the South direction with Baku with much more quality. Thus, all people who live in the South will be able to communicate with our capital – Baku and other regions of Azerbaijan much more easily. I.E., all these done works have one aim: Our people should live better life, better conditions for them should be created. A road is one of the main factors which bother people. In recent years, in Azerbaijan grate works have been done in this direction. In all directions, highways and intercity roads are being built. Now we are going to pay much more attention to the roads of the villages in order to organize creation and modernization process of whole road infrastructure of Azerbaijan in high level. Again I'd like to congratulate you related with this wonderful event. I wish to participate together with you in the opening ceremonies of the remaining parts of this road.

