
Azerbaijan Is Trying To Impose Its Conditions On Iran And Russia

PanARMENIAN.Net - 29/4/2008

It is not clear, why a country having a lot of unsolved political and economic matters needs another problem.

Lately in the relationship between Azerbaijan and Russia some kind of tension regarding Iran, or to be more exact, regarding the nuclear power-station equipment supply. Thermal equipment for the first Iranian nuclear power-station coming from Russia was detained in Azerbaijan about a month ago. On March 29 Russian road-train carrying thermal equipment, destined for "Busher" nuclear power-station in Iran was detained in "Astara". The negotiations of the representatives of "Rosatom" with Azerbaijan about the equipment have been no success so far.

/PanARMENIAN.Net/ At first Tehran decided not to interfere in the process, declaring that problem should be solved by the general contractor of the construction of the station; the Russian company "Atomstroieksport". According to the official representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran Mohamed Ali Hussein, the Russian party is trying to solve the problem as soon as possible. "In our turn we demanded from the Azerbaijani Ambassador in Tehran also to take some steps for the equipment to be in Iran as soon as possible. This equipment is transported to Iran in the frames of international norms and there should be no obstacle for that," said the Iranian diplomat.

The Azeri Ambassador in Iran Abbasali Hasanov is called to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran regarding the detention of the Russian road-train on the Azerbaijani border. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran expressed his protest to the Ambassador regarding the created situation. Tehran demanded from Baku to allow the transportation of the equipment through Azeri-Iranian border.

The Azeri party confirms that Russia has not presented all the necessary documents describing the character of the special equipment intended for the construction of "Busher" nuclear power-station. The Russian party in its turn says that the load has completed the process of export control and the UN sanctions do not apply to it. Earlier Russian sources in Moscow, which are familiar with the created situation, said to RIA Novosti, that the road-train detained in Azerbaijan is nothing but a political decision of the authorities of the country.

After the detention of the equipment "Atomstroieksport" did not receive any official inquiry from Azerbaijan concerning this load. Later the Press Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan Khazar Ibrahim announced that the republic has made inquiry about the load to Russia.

"Azerbaijan calls upon Iran to keep from abrupt announcements contradicting the diplomatic norms. No country has the right to talk to Azerbaijan with ultimatum. This contradicts the relations between Iran and Azerbaijan, as well as all diplomatic and ethnic norms. Azerbaijan takes measures only in the frames of its legislation and international regulations," said the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan. He also mentioned that Azerbaijan will take a decision after receiving an answer from the Russian party on the inquiry about the character of the load.

The scandal definitely gains more and more attention and even had the interference of the Department of States of the USA. According to the Head of the Press-Service of the US Department of States Shown McCormack, the question of the load for the nuclear power-station construction in Iran, detained on March 29 on the border of Azerbaijan and Iran must be solved by the governments of Russia and Azerbaijan. "The USA has no reasons to suspect that the transportation of load was against the UN Security Council," he said.

The measures of the official Baku are totally based on the policy of Ilham Aliyev, who thinks that his country is so independent, that it can impose its conditions on if not on the entire world, at least on Russia and Iran. Of course realizing that the detention of the Russian load will not bring to any success, Baku immediately started to justify itself saying the Russian party does not provide with all the necessary documents. On the other hand one can understand Aliyev; he wants to get support from the USA in case of the attack on Iran. However, Baku has missed one important factor, the international laws are necessary for every country and no military budget or oil will be able to solve the problem. It is not clear, why a country having a lot of unsolved political and economic matters needs another problem.

No matter how much the Azeri press tries to convince everybody, it is very hard to live in a country rich with oil and gas. It is very unlikely that official Baku is happy with the situation of the country, but trying to shake the fist won't do any harm. And also, making a base out of Azerbaijan for the US attacks on Iran will have a negative response in the entire Islamic world, and first of all in Turkey and Iran, with which spoiling the relations would not be of any good for Aliyev.
