

## **BTC oil pipeline named after Heydar Aliyev – as a pledge for flourishing, international stability, energy security for EU countries**

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One of the most prominent events of XXI century was highly anticipated opening of BTC Oil terminal named after Heydar Aliyev. The ceremony was conducted on May 25, 2005 indicating a new level of relations both in political and economic fields. BTC went through a long and thorny path, before the world could become a witness of the first biggest oil terminal of humanity, which initially seemed to be no more than a dream.

Primarily the idea of oil transportation from Jeykhan terminal sounded in 1992 and was considered the historical fact of Azerbaijan's entry into the world's economic system, and also a part of economic development strategy of the state.

In spite of all the hardships and obstacles Azerbaijan could prove to the world its worth; consequently world society had to admit the great benefit of BTC project.

It's necessary to point out the chief role of BTC oil terminal in development and stability of the region, since for partners-states' of the project energy security is one of the main elements of their tactics and goals.

It also should be emphasized that BTC is not a primitive infrastructure, and it is also considered as one of the major criteria of Azerbaijan's integration into world economy, it also plays vital role in contiguity of Caucasus and Europe.

For Azerbaijan this project ensures political and economic stability equally within the region and on the world-level.