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Russian Azerbaijan, describes the rise of national identity among the Azerbaijanis - the Turkic-speaking Muslims of Russia's borderland with Iran - at the opening of the twentieth century.

General Name and origin. In written sources, Baku first appears as a distinct, inhabited place only in the Islamic period, when the 10th-century geographers and travelers mention its two principal assets: Silk and silk-products, carpets, salt, and saffron are, after petroleum, among the articles most frequently mentioned as passing through its port and gates. Bunyatov, Moscow, , pp. In the meantime the growing strength and proximity of the Russian empire began to affect Baku as well. An expedition led by Peter the Great in led to a temporary Russian occupation of Baku; this occupation ended in with the treaty of Ganja. The first decades of Russian rule changed little in the traditional physiognomy of Baku, but a dramatic growth set in from the middle of the century onward: This was caused by a rapid modernization of both the technological and commercial exploitation of its high quality petroleum, and by the designation of Baku as the capital of the guberniya principal administrative unit in Tsarist Russia of the same name in The upheavals of the October Revolution in led to a collapse of Russian rule and, by September, , to the establishment of a republic dominated by the Turkish-speaking majority of the area. This republic, with Baku as its capital, assumed the name of Azerbaijan, until then used only for territories south of the Kor and Aras. The fragility of this political formation, made precarious also by the presence of large minorities chiefly Armenian and Russian, each of whom formed one third of the population of Baku , was demonstrated in April, , when the Soviet forces put an end to its existence. Since , Baku has been the capital of one of the sixteen constituent republics of the Soviet Union, and a modern city of over 1., inhabitants in , with Azeri Turkish and Russian as the two official languages. Khalidov, Moscow, , fol. History in the 19thth Centuries. In the first decades of the nineteenth century, the Russian autocrat Alexander I used both diplomatic pressure and military force to bring the semi-independent principalities and khanates of Transcaucasia under Russian suzerainty. The city was placed under the Russian military governor in Derbent, and the oil lands, salt ponds, and fish industries were taken over by the state. The peasantry was divided into state peasants and landlord serfs, with the latter a distinct minority. The local economy revived, and Baku emerged as the most important Caucasian trading port on the Caspian. At the beginning of the s, the variety of currencies left by the khanates was replaced by a single Russian monetary system, and a decade later the imperial Russian standards of weights and measures were introduced. The first secular Russian school was opened in Baku in , and instruction was carried on in both Russian and Azeri. At first the oil industry developed slowly, as lands were leased by the state to local entrepreneurs. In , so Soviet sources claim, a Russian technician, F. Semenov, drilled the first oil well in the world. But it was only in the last thirty years of the century that the rapid expansion of drilling, refining, and shipping of oil products helped create an upper class of oil industrialists. Military governance of Transcaucasia ended in , and the territory was divided into two provinces: But this division was short-lived, and, with the appointment of Prince Mikhail Vorontsov as Viceroy of the Caucasus , four provinces were created with Baku and much of Caucasian Azerbaijan falling into Shemakh province. As part of his policy to attract local elites to supporting Russian rule, Vorontsov convinced Nicholas I to legitimize the landholding structure in Muslim Transcaucasia, and in the hereditary rights of Muslim landlords over their lands and peasants were recognized in law. Even after the Emancipation Decree of was extended to Caucasian Muslim areas in , the landlords retained much of their authority over both peasants and properties. Baku became the administrative center of the province renamed Baku province after an earthquake devastated Shemakh in The municipal reform of was applied to Baku in , and a дума and a mayor, elected by the urban propertied class, were permitted to administer local affairs within strict limits. While ultimate authority in the city remained in the hands of appointed governors and police officials, the upper middle class of industrialists and merchants gained considerable influence by the end of the century. The few Azerbaijani magnates, like Tagiev and Topchibashev, competed for dominance both in the economy and in local politics with the well-placed Armenian and Russian bourgeoisie. The Russian state often gave preferential treatment to the Christian

population, and in the non-Christian representation in the Baku дума was limited to one-third of the membership. At the other end of Baku society the oil industry had spawned a multinational working class, which by the early twentieth century was engaging in strikes and demonstrations, organizing illegal trade unions, and responding positively to Social Democratic appeals. In Baku oil workers and their Marxist leaders negotiated the first general labor contract in Russian history. Relations between Armenians and Azerbaijanis in the city degenerated into riots and massacres while tsarist officials either sat passively or encouraged the inter-ethnic bloodletting. For his apparent involvement in the events the governor of the city, Prince Nakashidze, was assassinated by Armenian revolutionaries. Even with the restoration of a harsh political order in , the oil economy did not regain its earlier levels, and on the eve of World War I workers again launched massive strikes. Three years later revolution ended tsarist rule, and the resurrected Baku soviet became the de facto governing institution in the city for almost two years. From April through July, , the Bolsheviks under the leadership of Stepan Shahumian held power in the city the Baku Commune and initiated a series of social reforms. But this brief experiment ended by summer, and in September Turkish troops occupied the city. Baku was declared the capital of independent Azerbaijan, and a nationalist government moved there from Ganja. Once the British evacuated August, , the enthusiasm of many Baku workers for Soviet power and the presence of the Red Army on the border became irresistible. That year it hosted the famous Congress of the Peoples of the East. Baku underwent a rapid and far-reaching transformation under Soviet rule. Its population grew from , in to 1,, in , and the central parts of the city were modernized to look like a Western municipality. At first governed by Bolsheviks of Russian, Armenian, as well as Azerbaijani nationality, by the s the leading cadres of Baku and Azerbaijan were almost entirely Azerbaijani. During the Stalinist period an associate of Lavrenti Beria, M. Bagirov, dominated party and state in Azerbaijan, presiding over the economic development of Baku and the political demise of the older generation of Soviet leaders. In the quarter-century since the death of Stalin , Baku has developed into the seventh largest city in the Soviet Union, a major industrial center, and the cultural crucible for the Azerbaijani people. An Eventful History, London, Suny, The Baku Commune, Class and Nationality in the Russian Revolution, Princeton, Idem, Russian Azerbaijan,

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Boletines Your email has been successfully registered. Two women from human resources and job-seeker start-up TalentPort won the competition, and went on to represent Azerbaijan at the Global Start-Up Weekend Women in Paris. TalentPort is described as the first Azeri corporate social responsibility company aimed at providing students and disabled people with temporary jobs to build their skills and provide a reliable, cost-effective source of labor. A small Muslim-majority nation squeezed between Russia and Iran, Azerbaijan is no different from its Muslim neighbors, yet the progressive government of the short-lived republic in ensured that women became full members of liberal and secular society. Thus, Azeri women were enfranchised even ahead of many developed nations, including Europe and the United States. Constitution, giving women their voting rights, in Since , women have become a sign of progress in Azerbaijan. This tradition continues into the 21st century. The new law may have solidified the path that was already leading women in Azerbaijan to new heights. At present, Azerbaijan has a female cabinet member and 16 percent of its member National Assembly are women. According to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women report on Azerbaijan, the poverty rate among women decreased from 49 percent in earlier years to 5. Azerbaijan society values education, with 90 percent of women graduating from secondary school. Since enforcing the law on the state policy on women, women by made up 18 percent of Azerbaijan entrepreneurs. Azeri women are also serving in the military, with an estimated 1, in active duty alongside men. The power of women in Azerbaijan also extends to minorities: In her tenure, she has served as the Goodwill Ambassador of Unesco and Isesco, taking her philanthropic work beyond Azerbaijan. With the efforts of the organization, new hospitals, museums and schools were built in Azerbaijan, Egypt, Romania, Russia, the Netherlands, Pakistan and Georgia. The case of Azerbaijan demonstrates how female stereotypes can be dismantled, how equality can be established and, most importantly, how the world can be made a better place. Women contribute to the highest positions of power because they have knowledge and expertise to share that enrich public policies and political discussions. He writes about the eradication of poverty, human rights and the role of women in a society.

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On 9 March , the Special Transcaucasian Committee was established to fill the administrative gap in areas occupied in the course of the war on the Caucasian front by the Russian Provisional Government in the Transcaucasia. This administration, which included representatives of Armenian, Azerbaijani and Georgian groups, did not last long. In November , the first government of the independent Transcaucasia was created in Tbilisi and named the " Transcaucasian Commissariat " also known as the Sejm following the Bolshevik seizure of power in St. On 5 December , this new "Transcaucasian Committee" gave endorsement to the Armistice of Erzincan which was signed by the Russians with the command of the Ottoman Third Army. A number of Russian troops left for the Persian Campaign, contrary to the rules of the Armistice. Both forces were supplemented by British liaison officers. The Transcaucasian Commissariat was anti-Bolshevik in its political goals and sought the separation of Transcaucasia from Bolshevik Russia. On 27 January , the British mission Dunsterforce set out from Baghdad with officers and instructors to the region. The Treaty of Brest-Litovsk stipulated that the border be pulled back to prewar levels and that the cities of Batum , Kars, and Ardahan be transferred to the Ottoman Empire. Between 14 March - April , the Trabzon peace conference was held between the Ottoman Empire and the delegation of the Sejm. The following days witnessed the inter-ethnic warfare referred to as the March Days. It resulted in the massacre of up to 12, Azerbaijanis by the Bolsheviks and armed Armenian units in the city of Baku and other locations in the Baku Governorate. Tiflis acknowledged the existence of a state of war between themselves and the Ottoman Empire. The control of the Caspian would open the way to further expansion in Central Asia , and possibly British India. Beginning on 21 May, the Ottoman army moved ahead once again. On 26 May , the federation dissolved initially with the Georgian declaration of independence Democratic Republic of Georgia , quickly followed by those of the Armenian First Republic of Armenia , and Azerbaijan Azerbaijan Democratic Republic representatives on 28 May. On 28 May , Georgia signed the Treaty of Poti with Germany and welcomed the German Caucasus Expedition , seeing in the Germans protectors against the post- Russian Revolution havoc and the Ottoman military advances. The German government requested that the Ottoman Empire delay any offensive into Azerbaijan; Enver Pasha ignored this request. Ottoman interference led some elements of Azerbaijani society to oppose Turks. It was formed in Ganja. There were roughly 14, Ottoman troops with cavalymen and 40 pieces of artillery. Their artillery comprised some 40 field guns. Most of the Baku Soviet troops and practically all their officers were Armenians of Dashnak leanings, and often outright Dashnaks. One of the Red Army commanders was the notorious Amazasp, who had fought as a guerrilla leader against the Turks, and for whom any Muslim was an enemy simply because he was a Muslim. The first members of the force were already assembled. They were supported by a field artillery battery, machine gun section, three armoured cars, and two airplanes. Opposing forces Dunsterville far left with Dunsterforce staff. Members of Dunsterforce training troops of the local Baku Army. Armenian units drilling in Baku.

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Sergey Kirov, Anastas Mikoyan, Sergo Ordzhonikidze and Mikhail Levandovsky among Red Army soldiers in Baku. In early January, the word came from Moscow, telling that all national organizations have to be liquidated and join the Communist party according to the region where they are located. So, Himmat had as many representatives as Russian Communist Party did – 30, another 30 belonged to Adalat, and additional 60 belonged to other Communist cells, which were mostly Himmatists as well. In this note, Chicherin demanded to create an alliance against Denikin, who was the leading general of the White movement. Fatali Khan Khoyski, who believed that the Allies were to come on time, refused the first demand of Chicherin. He also repeated his demands, which again were not met by Khoyski. Instead, in his reply in the beginning of February, Khoyski insisted on recognition of Azerbaijan as a sovereign and independent country, before they move on to the further discussions. Chicherin, in his next note, stated that there is no advantage of recognizing Azerbaijan as an independent country and that the Soviets take the demands and notes of Khoyski as a rejection to its proposals. The number of members reached 4, people by late April. We absolutely must take Baku. Direct all your efforts to this end, but it is necessary to remain strictly diplomatic in your statements and to ensure to a maximum extent a solid preparation for the local Soviet power. Same applies to Georgia, although in this case I advise you to be even more careful. Sergo Ordzhonikidze and his deputy Sergey Kirov had to take military actions directed to conquest of the territory under the special body of Caucasian Bureau. However, no reply was sent from Chicherin. The members of Menshevik-oriented Himmat were joining the Communist Party one by one. The Ittihad party also was losing its members to the AzCP. Hajinski was continuously negotiating with Halil Pasha, who saw the former as a friend of Turkey. According to our intelligence, only minor Azerbaijani force is defending the station of Yalama – Baku. In accordance with received directives, I order: For the commander of 11th Army to cross the border Azerbaijan on April 27 and, in a quick offensive, to take control of the Baku province. Yalama – Baku operation to be concluded within 5 days. The cavalry units must be sent to take control of the Transcaucasian railroad around Kurdamir. By the time, when 11th Army approaches the Absheron Peninsula, commander of the [Caspian] flotilla, Raskolnikov, to ensure landing of a small unit around the Alat station. This unit shall take orders from the commander of 11th Army. Make a quick raid to take control of Baku using all of the tanker fleet, prevent any damage to the oil fields [24]. The day after that, Hajinsky declared his failure to create a new cabinet. In the midnight of 27th, Azerbaijani government found out that Russian troops were entering the country from the north, and as almost all military power was sent to Karabakh, there was left only a small portion of the army, which obviously could not resist to the Red Army. General Shikhlinski was not able to implement military actions that would stop Russian army to move towards Baku. Full independence of Azerbaijan under Soviet power will be maintained. The government formed by the Communist Party of Azerbaijan will have provisional authority. The final system of government in Azerbaijan will be determined without any outside pressure, by the supreme legislative organ of Azerbaijan, the Soviet of Azerbaijani Workers, Peasants, and Soldiers. All functionaries of the governmental agencies will retain their posts and only persons holding positions of responsibility will be replaced. The newly formed provisional Communist government guarantees the life and property of the members of the present government and parliament. It will take measures to prevent the entry of the Red Army under battle conditions. The new government will resist, using strong measures and all the means at its disposal, all outside forces, from whatever quarter, aiming at the suppression of Azerbaijani independence. Thus, the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic stopped its existence on 28 April. The most prominent reason for the occupation was Azerbaijani oil, that would help the Soviets to realize their plans in expanding their territories. Shirokorad, the Soviet invasion of Azerbaijan was carried out using a standard Bolshevik template: This scheme was used also decades later, during the Soviet invasions in Hungary and Czechoslovakia. But a day before, the 11th Red Army, including the 26th, 28th and 32nd rifle divisions and

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By Tadeusz Swietochowski. ISBN ISBN Russian Azerbaijan, describes the increase of nationwide identification one of the Azerbaijanis - the Turkic-speaking Muslims of Russia's borderland with Iran - on the starting of the 20th century.

Empires and Revolutions Since Thus began a half-century-long period of Azerbaijani independence, albeit in a condition of deep political fragmentation and internal warfare. Many of the khanates were subdivided into mahals regions , territorial units inhabited by members of the same tribe, reflecting the fact that residue of tribalism was still strong. On the religious frontier: Tsarist Russia and Islam in the Caucasus. Tauris; New York, The independent khanates, themselves, were disintegrating from within, helplessly weakening one another with their internal rivalries. The idea of colonialism. In Russian troops occupied the khanate of Ganja, and this was followed by the surrender of several other autonomous Azeri khanates in western Azerbaijan. The core territory of modern-day Azerbaijan, i. Radical Islam in the Former Soviet Union. With the fall of the Safawid empire in , a number of independent khanates emerged on the territory of modern Azerbaijan. The pattern of the Russian conquest varied: Bohdan Nahaylo, Victor Swoboda. Simon and Schuster, Its inhabitants being Shiite, the Azerbaijani khanate was more closely linked with Persia than with their Turkish kin. The Newly Independent States of Eurasia. Greenwood Publishing Group, Historical Perspectives on Nationality. Duke University Press, One of the first consequences of the conquest was the gradual dismantling of the Azerbaijani khanates, the principalities that had formed the political structure of the country. A History of the Armenian Genocide", Princeton University Press, , 70; "In the Russian army took the Persian khanate of Erevan which nearly a century later would become the capital of independent Armenia and established a new frontier on the Arax River". Persian khanates north of the Arax. Sharpe, , ; " Mazda Publishers, , p. By the nineteenth century, there were nine such khanates in Transcaucasia Marshall Cavendish Corporation, In a series of wars with Persia at the beginning of the nineteenth century, Russia gained the Azeri khanates north of the Araks River, which still forms the frontier between Azerbaijan and Iran.

8: Tadeusz ÅšwiÄ™tochowski (Author of Russian Azerbaijan,)

the great watershed date in the history of Azerbaijan. who had begun their activities at the turn of the century Russian Azerbaijan. regular column written by Aghayev. among the in- telligentsia the ethos of idealism tended to blunt the divisive effect of political distinctions.

However, her history is a symbolic narrative of Azerbaijani-Armenian conflict which has engulfed the region for the past century. The rest of Armenia had been lost to Russia earlier; thus, Nakhichevan has a distinct and separate path from Armenia stemming from the time difference in occupation. Despite the differences in historical narrative, it is considered by most Armenians to be a part of Armenia. Before the area was occupied by many groups including the Persian Safavids, the Turkish Ottomans, and Mongolians who provided the opportunity for many to convert to Christianity through their policy of tolerance. At various times both groups have asserted that they are the rightful rulers of Nakhichevan and both have erased the other from the historical narrative of the area. Post-occupation, the Nakhichevan khanate remained intact and the Tsar used the borders for administrative purposes Swietochowski, Nakhichevan was loosely controlled and there are no English sources that speak of any major upheaval until ; thus, for historical purposes, the history of Armenia can be used to understand this time period. More significantly though, the lack of distinction across borders created, in part, the current conflict today concerning the rightful ownership of the region. In Muslim-Armenian violence occurred over the murder of a Muslim in Baku, by May the violence spread to Nakhichevan Swietochowski, The Armenians were mostly seen as victims in Nakhichevan Swietochowski, The minor upheaval was soon overshadowed by the First World War and the Armenian Genocide of At the conclusion of the First World War, the Ottomans left the area and the British forces replaced them. Transcaucasia budded with nationalism as the many peoples established their own countries. The British supported this initially as it denied the Azerbaijanis a link to Turkey Malkasian, However after the many negotiations at the conclusion of WWI, Armenia again lost Nakhichevan to Azerbaijan when Turkish aggression negated the Treaty of Serves and was replaced by the Treaty of Alexandropol. When Soviet forces entered the region in the s, Nakhichevan was cemented as Azerbaijani territory. Initially the Soviets declared Nakhichevan as part of the Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic, but anti-Soviet Revolts by the Azerbaijanis reversed this decision within weeks and Nakhichevan had changed hands again. This did not reflect Soviet favor of Azerbaijan; rather, it reflected their international conflicts at the time. Turkey was newly formed from the ruins of the Ottoman Empire and supported the Azerbaijanis. The Armenians viewed the boundaries as Soviets bending to the will of the Turks, which was trueâ€” Stalin who had been a major player in this decision making process became a villain in their eyes, even before he replaced Lenin. Soviet Transcaucasia had its independence recognized by Stalin, but was violated immediately. The independent institutions of the three Caucus republics were crushed along with any dissidents De Waal, Collectivization began and soon terror reached Transcaucasia in the s, when Stalin placed Lavrenti Beria over the region. World War one left the region largely untouched. Nakhichevan had no explicit role during this period, but the revival of nationalism would soon again place her in conflict. Beginning through the avenue of perestroika Armenians and Azerbaijanis voiced their discontent with one another, and the Armenians began to demand the return of their land which they had lost. Of course, the Azerbaijanis considered the exact same land theirs as well. Nakhichevan was used as justification for return of Mountainous Karabagh , another disputed region. Because of laws preventing Armenians from returning to Nakhichevan and Azerbaijani control, the population fell as many Armenians gathered to Armenia over the years, and once the USSR fell many immigrated to America. The s were an unstable time in the Caucuses as a war raged for control of Nakhichevan and Karabagh, both fertile regions that Armenia borders and Azerbaijanis control. At one point, Nakhichevan was completely cut off from Azerbaijan due to a rail blockade and an airlift proceeded to fulfill the needs of the country. Similar to the fall of tsarist Russia tensions flared right as the region was given some sort of autonomy. The region is still an autonomous republic of Azerbaijan, with almost no Armenian inhabitants as most have left the region. Largely forgotten in western press, Nakhichevan symbolizes the complexities of international relations in the

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