

# Azeris, Turkmen Squabble

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**BAKU** — Azerbaijan warned Turkmenistan to stop energy exploration at an offshore field in a fresh case of territorial disputes over the oil- and gas-rich Caspian Sea.

Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry summoned Turkmen ambassador Toyly Komekov and handed the envoy a protest note over exploration works at the Kyapaz field, the ministry said.

Turkmenistan's Foreign Ministry said that on June 16 it had strongly protested against Baku's attempts to stop scientific work carried by a civilian ship in the sector of the Caspian Sea, which "does not belong to Azerbaijan." Baku said exploration at the field before a resolution of the dispute violated an agreement signed by the two countries in 2008.

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