
KYRGYZSTAN EYES AZERBAIJANI GAS AMID SHIFT FROM RUSSIA

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Following the detention of Kyrgyz citizens at a Moscow bathhouse, tensions between Kyrgyzstan and Russia have escalated, prompting Bishkek to explore alternative gas supply routes that bypass Russian territory, Trend reports.

Speaking in parliament, Foreign Minister Jeenbek Kulubayev confirmed that Kyrgyzstan is reviewing its energy options in response to the diplomatic fallout. His remarks came in reply to a question from an MP about potential consequences, including possible disruptions to fuel supplies from Russia.

We are indeed considering alternatives, Kulubayev said. We could source oil and gas from Azerbaijan or Iran, though we currently receive oil from Russia duty-free. If the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway is completed, it will open up a new route.

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