
RUSSIA BARS ENTRY TO AZERBAIJANI LAWMAKER OVER 'RUSSOPHOBIC' COMMENTS

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Russia has barred an Azerbaijani lawmaker from entering the country amid simmering diplomatic tensions, the state-run TASS news agency reported Monday, citing an anonymous source familiar with the matter.

Azerbaijans Foreign Ministry on Sunday protested the detention and deportation of parliamentary member Azer Badamov, who had traveled to Moscow to attend an event honoring late Azerbaijani President Heydar Aliyev in southern Russias Astrakhan region.

A Russian Foreign Ministry representative reportedly promised Baku to investigate the circumstances of Badamovs brief detention, according to Azerbaijan's Trend news agency.

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