

Azerbaijan Information Brief



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A little about myself

- Assistant Professor at the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College
- Retired Army Officer, 21 years active duty
- Deployed to Bosnia, Kuwait and Iraq
- Married 24 years, daughter in HS
- Studied the Caucasus Region for 10 yrs
- Travelled to Baku in November 2012

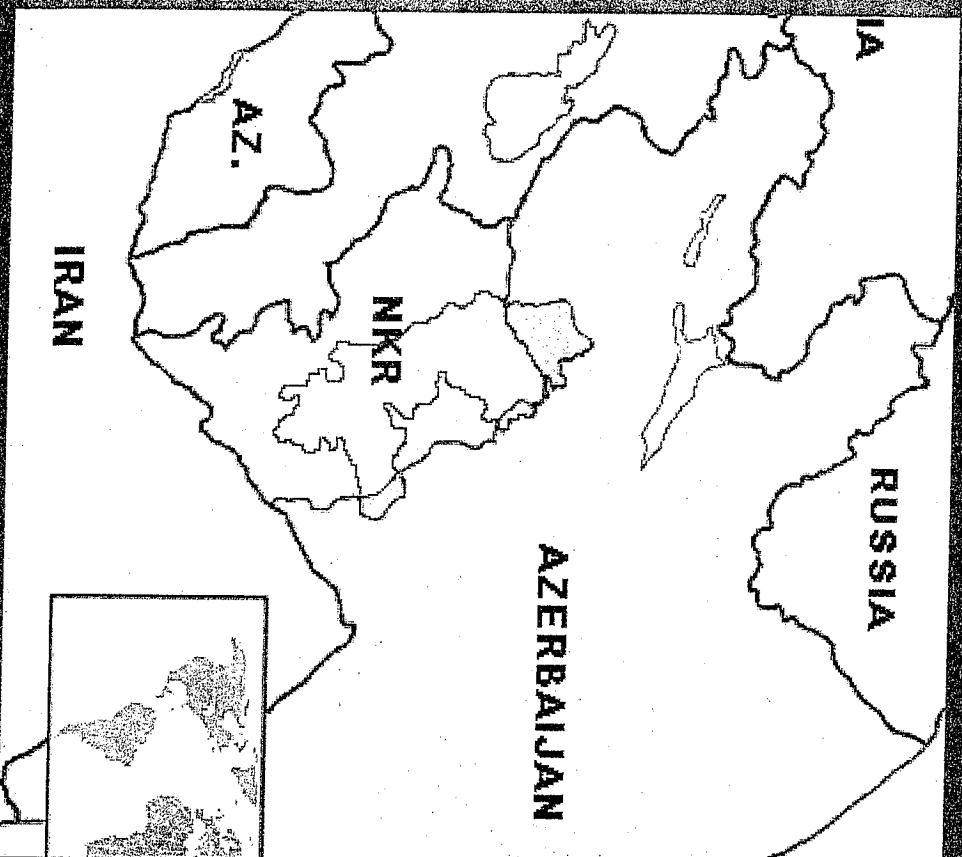
A History of Azerbaijan

- Located at the crossroads of Western Asia and Eastern Europe
- Famed Silk Road passed through in 1st-2nd Century B.C.
- Country of “Fires”
- Short independence following WW I
- Gained independence in 1991

Geography & Culture

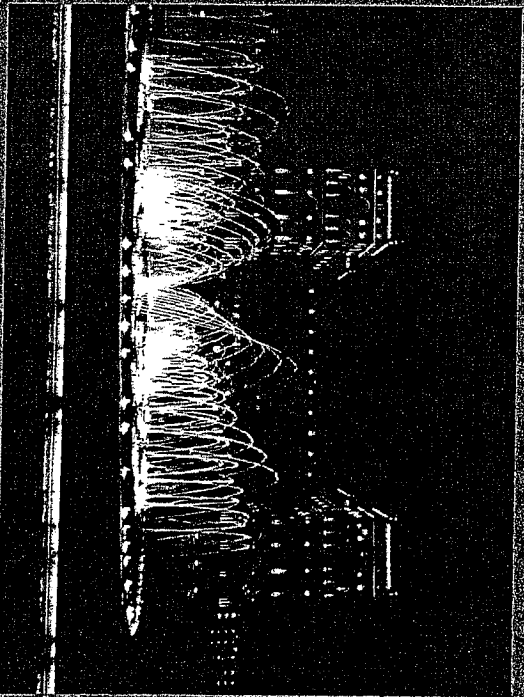
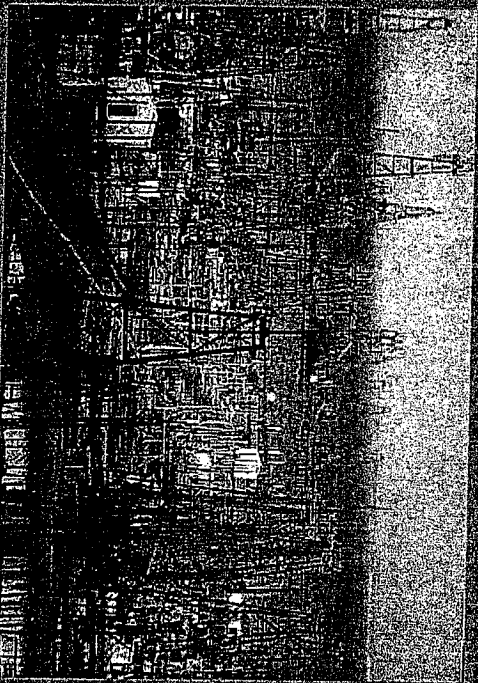
- Size is slightly smaller than Maine
- Landlocked, but borders Caspian Sea
- Mostly dry, semiarid steppe climate similar to NW Texas
- Large amounts of petroleum and natural gas, particularly in the Caspian
- Population 10M, 90% Muslim
- High literacy rate
- Azerbaijani (Azeri) language, Turkic ethnic group

Government & Geopolitics

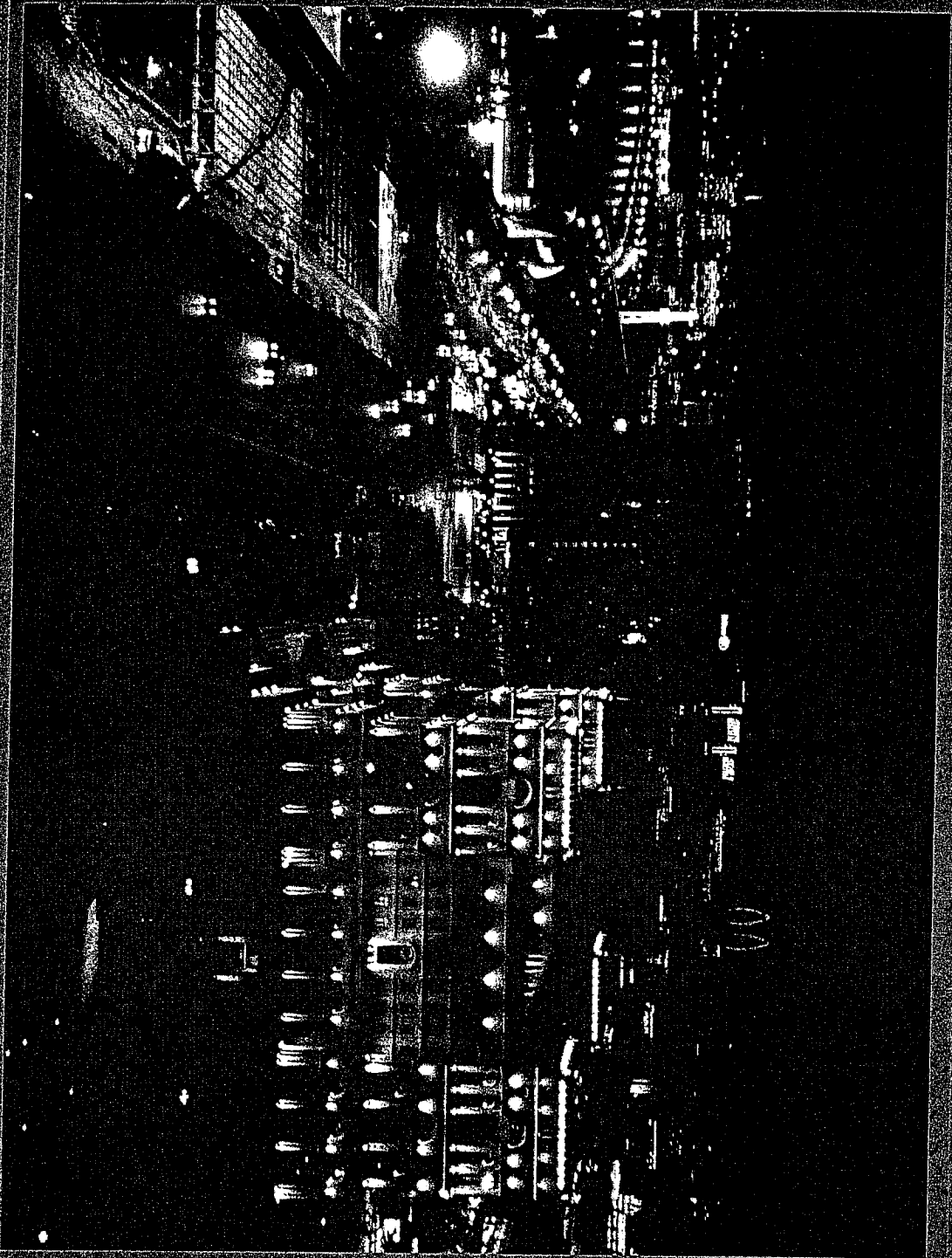


- Republic of Azerbaijan
- Ilham Aliyev serves as President
- 135th of 167 countries on Democracy Index
- Elections in Oct '13
- Armenian relations
- Oil and Natural Gas
- Nagorno-Karabakh and "state of war"
- 600K IDPs from N-K

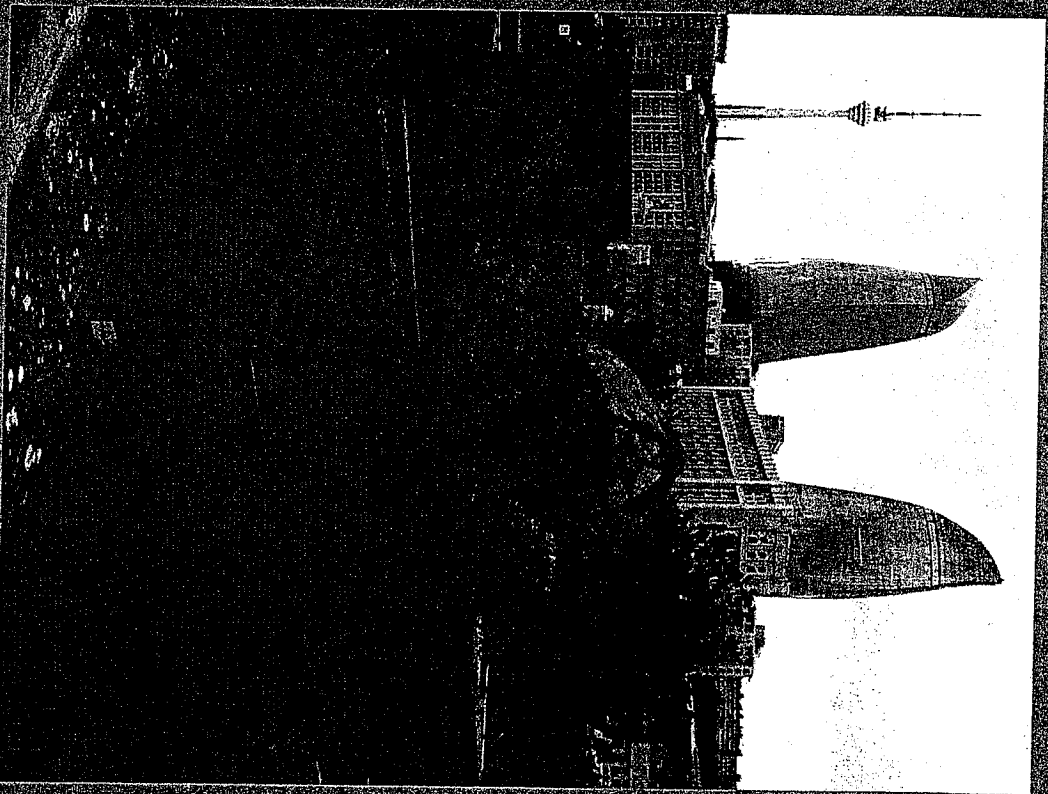
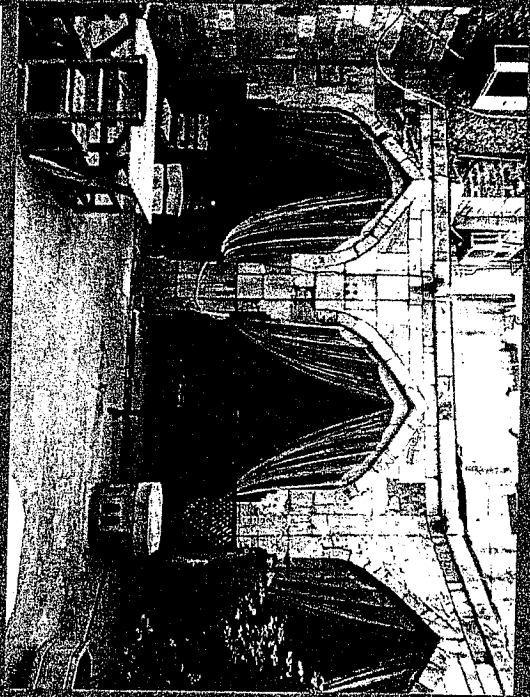
Azerbaijan Today



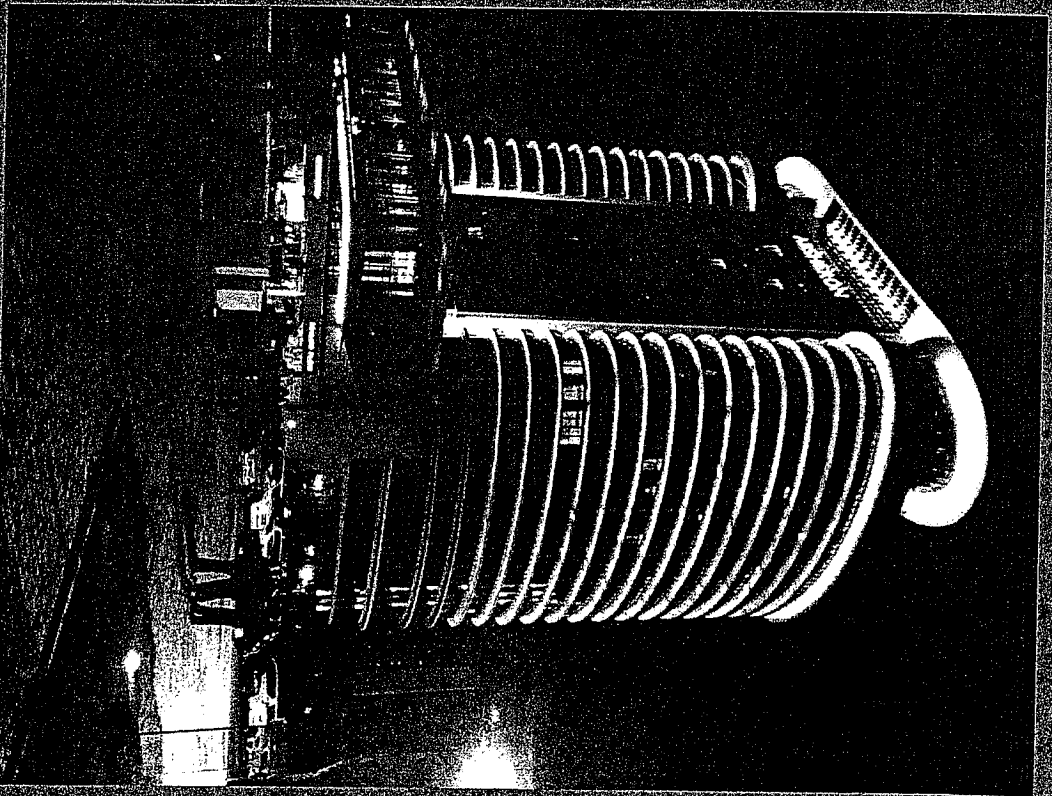
Baku – the Capitol



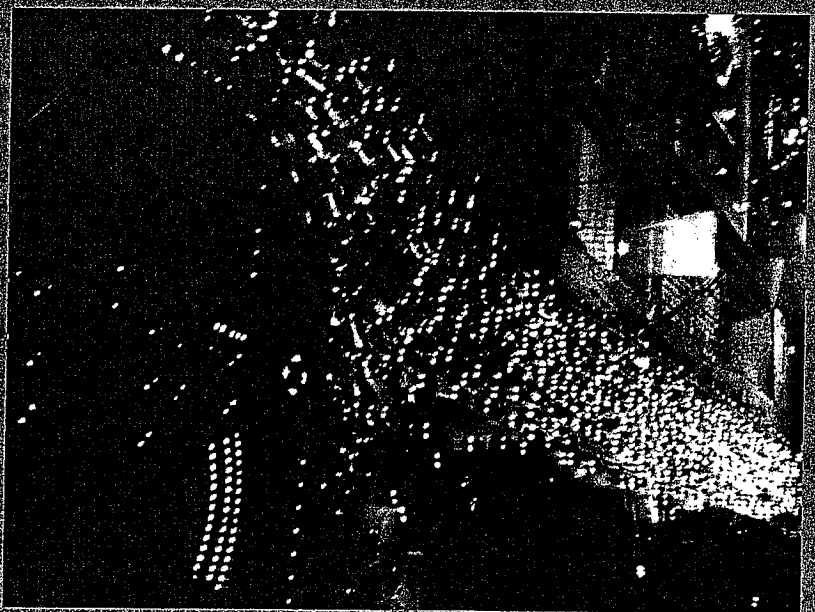
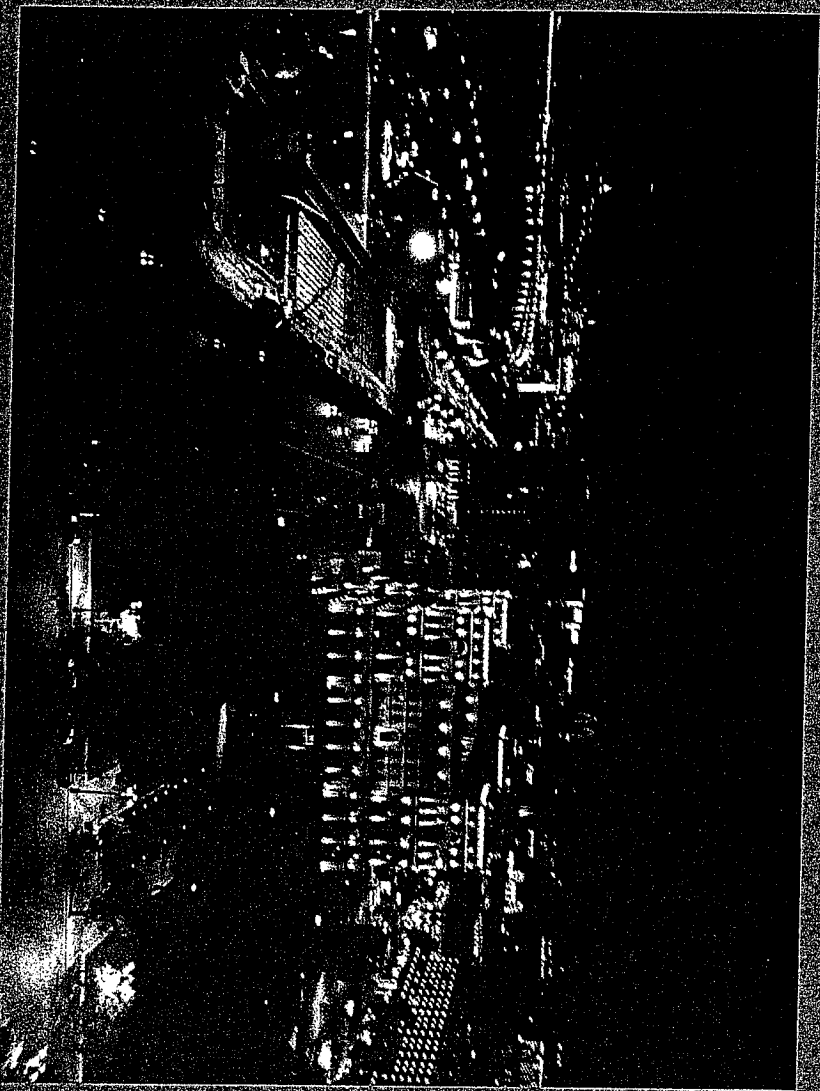
Baku – the History



Baku -- Old and New



Baku – the Nightlife



Baku — the People

