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The XII Global Baku Forum kicked off in Azerbaijan's capital on March 13. In his welcoming speech, President Ilham Aliyev addressed the gathering, highlighting Azerbaijan's international positioning, the challenges it faces, and the accomplishments it has achieved.

The president emphasized that the Global Baku Forum has become a key platform for discussing urgent global issues. He also reminded attendees that the COP29 climate conference, held in Baku last year, was hailed by experts as the "Baku breakthrough," underscoring Azerbaijan's growing influence in global politics.

Additionally, President Aliyev pointed out that the hosting of such a significant event has been accompanied by disinformation campaigns in some Western media. He specifically mentioned the U.S. Department of State, the Washington Post, the New York Times, Newsweek, Politico, the Associated Press, as well as the administration of the French president and French newspapers Le Figaro and Le Monde as sources of fake news.

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