
TÜRKİYE STARTS BUILDING RAIL LINK TO NAKHCHIVAN, KEY TO ZANGEZUR CORRIDOR

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Türkiye on Friday broke ground on a railway connection from its northeastern Kars province to Azerbaijan's Nakhchivan exclave, moving to take advantage of a U.S.-brokered peace deal signed this month between Azerbaijan and Armenia.

The Kars-Iğdır-Aralık-Dilucu railway line will be part of the Southern Caucasus transit corridor, known as Zangezur Corridor, to which the U.S. gained exclusive development rights. It is meant to boost economic ties between Azerbaijan and Armenia and boost energy exports.

Management and development of the so-called Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity, which will run through southern Armenia and connect Azerbaijan's mainland with the Nakhchivan enclave that borders Türkiye, was a stumbling block to initial peace efforts.

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