
AZERBAIJAN-IRAN: FROM HOARY OVERUSED WISHFUL THINKING TO REALPOLITIK

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At no point, even for a very brief period which one might have fleetingly described as an interregnum, were Azerbaijani-Iranian relations problem-free. But the timeless adage defiantly mandates in a manner no less than crystal-clear; never say never.

The recent memorandum of understanding signed between the two countries is undoubtedly of historic significance. Timing of the signing of the document, its content and prospective geopolitical ramifications that it may engender lie at the heart of the ultimate eventuality that is likely to define its place in near history.

Since the very inception of diplomatic relations between Azerbaijan and Iran, the atmosphere of mutual trust has left a lot to be desired. Many experts and those who are knowledgeable as to the subject claim, albeit with some understandable reserve, that this is the apex of the diplomatic accord between the neighbours.

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