



Azerbaijan – the other North Korea

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EIU Global Democracy Index	Authoritarian regime: 134 / 167 states The Aliyev family has ruled for 32 years; the Vice President is the wife of the President	Authoritarian regime: 165 / 167 states The Kim family has ruled for 75 years
The Economist Democracy ranking	Undemocratic: 144 / 165 states	Undemocratic: 165 / 165 states
Freedom House Human Rights	Not Free: 9 / 100	Not Free: 3 / 100
Transparency International	Corruption Index: 157 / 180	Corruption Index: 171 / 180
Reporters Without Borders Press Freedom	Press Freedom: 151 / 180	Press Freedom: 180 / 180
Global Economy Country Index	Human rights and rule of law: 43 / 177	Human rights and rule of law: 8 / 177
Human Rights Watch World Report	The Azerbaijani government remains hostile to dissenting voices, targeting government critics and political opponents with dubious charges, undermining its stated commitments to reforms.	North Korea remains one of the most repressive countries in the world.
Amnesty International	Violations of international humanitarian law continued to be reported and there was no notable progress investigating alleged war crimes committed during the 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. Freedom of expression, assembly and association remained severely restricted as authorities carried out arbitrary arrests and politically motivated prosecutions of civil society activists, crushed peaceful protests and hindered the work of independent organizations and media outlets. Women and girls continued to face discrimination. [The border has remained closed for more than three years].	Freedom of movement and right to information remained severely restricted due to border closure [since January 22, 2020]. People including children were subject to forced labour and some people were forced into state-designated employment. Political prison camps were believed to remain in operation. There were reports that detainees were tortured and otherwise ill-treated.