

## **Article 23. Azerbaijan State Symbols** (Constitution article)

I. State symbols of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall be: the Republic of Azerbaijan Flag, the Republic of Azerbaijan Emblem, the Republic of Azerbaijan National Anthem.

II. The Flag of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall consist of three wide stripes. The upper stripe shall be of blue colour, the middle stripe shall be red and the lower one shall be green. There shall be a white crescent and eightpointed star in the middle of the red stripe on both sides of the Flag. The proportion of the width to the length shall be 1 by 2. III. The design of the Republic of Azerbaijan Flag and the Republic of Azerbaijan State Emblem, the music and the text of the Republic of Azerbaijan National Anthem shall be defined by the Constitutional Law.



**The Republic of Azerbaijan Flag**

On November 9th, 1918 government of Azerbaijan Democratic Republic adopted resolution on national three colored flag. After the fall of ADP on April 28, 1920 and establishment of Soviet power in Azerbaijan this flag was rejected.

On November 17, 1990 three colored flag was for the second restored in its rights by the resolution of Supreme Majlis of Nakhichevan Autonomous Republic and accepted as national flag of Autonomous Republic. At the same session Supreme Majlis of Nakhichevan solicited Supreme Soviet of Azerbaijan SSR for recognition of three colored flag as a national symbol of Azerbaijan.

On February 5, 1991 Supreme Soviet of Azerbaijan Republic considered a solicitation for recognition three colored flag as a National Flag of Azerbaijan.

National Flag of the Republic of Azerbaijan consists of three equal in length horizontal stripes. The upper stripe is blue, middle is red, lower is green colored. Blue color has meaning of Turkic origin of Azerbaijani nation, red color has reflects the heading to modernization of society and development of democracy, and the green color shows belonging to Islamic civilization. In the center of red stripe on both sides of flag there is white crescent and eight-angled star. Proportions of width of the flag to the length is 1:2.



### **The Republic of Azerbaijan Emblem**

On January 30, 1920 government of Azerbaijan Democratic Republic adopted resolution on announcement a competition of the best National emblem of republic. It was mentioned in the resolution that adoption of the emblem will be on May 28. But in the result of fall on April 28, 1920 of Azerbaijan Democratic Republic emblem wasn't adopted.

On November 17, 1990 Supreme Majlis of Nakhichevan AR, after having discussed question on National emblem solicited Supreme Soviet of Azerbaijan SSR on announcement a competition for processing the National emblem of Azerbaijan.

Competition was announced on February 5, 1991 according to resolution of Supreme Soviet of Azerbaijan Republic. During 1991-1992 there were tens of projects of new National emblem, on discussions there were also suggestions on adoption on the projects designed in 1919-1920.

On January 19, 1993 Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Azerbaijan passed Constitutional Law according to which project of National emblem of 1919-1920 with some changes was adopted.

National emblem of the Republic of Azerbaijan is the symbol of sovereignty of Azerbaijan state. National emblem represents an image of oriental escutcheon, placed on the arch composed of oak branches and ears. On the escutcheon in background of colors of National flag of the Republic of Azerbaijan there is image of eight-angled star and in the center of star there are tongues of flame.

Convex image of National flag (emblem) is represented:

at the residence and office room of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

on the wall of parliament building, in the session hall and office room of the chairman of parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

on the walls of buildings of all courts, military tribunals, in the halls of court sessions, in the office rooms of chairmen of Constitutional Court and Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

in cases provided by legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on the walls of buildings of state structures;

on the walls of buildings of diplomatic and trade representatives of consular offices of the Republic of Azerbaijan .

### **The Republic of Azerbaijan National Anthem**

On January 30, 1920 government of Azerbaijan Democratic Republic adopted resolution on working-out the National Anthem of republic. With this aim it was announced a competition of the best National Anthem. But in the result of fall on April 28, 1920 of Azerbaijan Democratic Republic Anthem wasn't adopted.

On May 27, 1992 Milli Majlis adopted the law "About the State Hymn of the Republic of Azerbaijan", according which the "Azerbaijani march" of the great composer Uzeyir Hajibeyov and the poet Ahmed Javad, which was created in 1919, was approved as the State Anthem of Republic of Azerbaijan.

**Music by :** Useyir Hajibeyov

**Words by :** Ahmed Javad

Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan!  
You are the country of heroes!  
We will die so that you might be alive!  
We will shed our blood to defend you!  
Long live your three-colored banner!  
Thousands of people sacrificed their lives  
You're become the field of battles.  
Every soldier fighting for you,  
Has become a hero.  
We pray for your prosperity,  
We make sacrifice our lives to you  
Our sincere love to you,  
Comes from the bottom of our hearts.  
To defend your honor,  
To hoist your banner,  
All the young people are ready.  
Glorious motherland,  
Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan!