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Israel has become training ground for Azerbaijan's spies against Iran – news agency

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An Azerbaijani expert in the field of laser technology, a leading engineer of the laboratory of physical and biological systems of the Institute for Physical Problems of Belarusian State University, Rashid Aliyev, has been detained in Iran on espionage charges. This was told to Trend News Agency by the head of the Iranian company Sazan Electronics Industry, Abbas Eftekhari, who had invited the expert to work in his country.

"The arrest of Rashid Aliyev has no relation to the contract signed between our company and Baku State University. He was arrested in connection with the issue of national security. More precisely, he was arrested for espionage", Trend News cites Eftekhari. According to the source of the Trend News, Aliyev already worked in this company in 2006-2008. The company's management has repeatedly offered to the scientist to move to Iran for permanent residence, but he did not accept this proposal and soon returned to their homeland. After persistent requests of director Abbas Eftekhari, Aliyev on October 5 returned for a short time to Iran, and already on October 6 he was arrested under the pretext of visa problems. "I was told that the man was arrested on charges of espionage. It was not said in favour of which country he had worked," noted Eftekhari, adding that Aliyev had worked in the company on a joint project, and was arrested by Iran's Interior Ministry and the Ministry of National Security agents.

At the age of 38 years he suspended his scientific activities and voluntarily joined the army. Until 1999, Aliyev was engaged in installing communication systems in a special-task army unit and directly participated in organizing and conducting of tests of special-purpose laser technology, according to the news agency.

Commenting on the detention of the alleged Azerbaijan's spy in Iran, an anonymous official of the Armenian secret service told Armenian News - NEWS.am that it was suggested that Aliyev could carry out his activities in the interests of Israel. "In recent time the contacts

between the security services of Azerbaijan and Israel have been dramatically expanded. The particularly active work started after the appearance of political disputes between Turkey and Israel. Azerbaijan and Azerbaijanis in this regard are actively used by Mossad to gather and transmit data related to Iran and Turkey to Tel Aviv", according to the source of News.am.