

Press Release

Right Honourable President Mr. Ramchandra Paudel arrived at Baku today leading the Nepali delegation to the COP29 at the invitation of His Excellency Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Upon his arrival at Heydar Aliyev International Airport, the Rt. Hon. President was welcomed by H. E. Mr. Farid Ahmadov, Minister of Justice and other high-level officials of Azerbaijan. Also present at the airport to welcome the Rt. Hon. President was Hon. Mr. Ain Bahadur Shahi Thakuri, Minister for Forests and Environment, who had arrived in Baku earlier.

In the afternoon, the Rt. Hon. President chaired a coordination meeting of the delegation of Nepal to COP29 in which he instructed the delegates to prioritize the issues of climate finance, including for loss and damage, and other necessary support to developing countries for adaptation and mitigation.

He also instructed the delegation to work for incorporating mountain issues in the agenda of the Conference and for advocating climate justice.

Hon. Minister for Forests and Environment Mr. Ain Bahadur Shahi Thakuri was also present at the meeting.

Besides, the members of South Asian Regional Parliamentary Forum on Energy Cooperation (SARPF-EC), a platform of parliamentarians from Nepal, India, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka (BBINS), also paid a courtesy call on the Rt. Hon. President later on, in which they apprised him of the Forum's efforts to promote energy cooperation and power trade for accelerating the transition to net zero in the region.

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