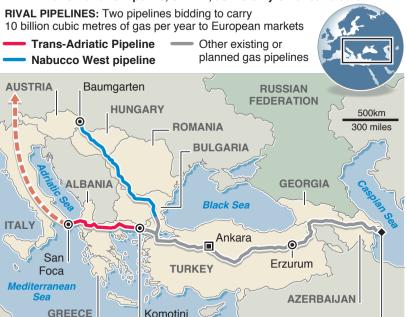
## Nabucco West gas pipeline bid rejected

A centrepiece of the EU's push to limit its reliance on Russian natural gas – the 1,300-kilometre-long Nabucco West pipeline – has been rejected by the Shah Deniz II consortium. This leaves the rival 867-kilometre-long Trans-Adriatic Pipeline, or TAP, as the only other candidate



**Shah Deniz II:** Largest natural gas field in Azerbaijan is operated by BP, together with Statoil, SOCAR, Total, Lukoil, NIOC and TPAO