#### NEWSLETTER OF THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN SPECIAL EDITION – ARMENIA UNLEASHES NEW ROUND OF ATTACKS ON AZERBAIJAN

## Armenia kills Azerbaijani civilians, initiates another military escalation

On September 27, 2020, the armed forces of Armenia, by using large-caliber weapons, mortar launchers and artillery, launched attacks against Azerbaijan causing human casualties and raising the tensions to a new dangerous level.



A civilian house in Tartar damaged by indiscriminate artillery fire

Armenia's forces continue to shell populated residential areas of Azerbaijan contrary to obligations under international humanitarian law. Targeted artillery fire in Naftalan region killed five members of the same family. 14 Azerbaijani civilians, including 2 children were killed while more than 46 were wounded and hospitalized. Extensive damage has been inflicted on many homes and civilian infrastructure, including hospitals, medical centers, school buildings, kindergartens. Moreover, while the Azerbaijani army made it clear it will follow rules of war and does not intend to target civilians, the Armenian army places its firing points inside the residential areas using civilians as a human shields.

Read the Embassy Press Statement and Fact sheet:

https://finance.yahoo.com/news/armenia-kills-azerbaijani-civilians-initiates-170000622.html https://twitter.com/azembassyus/status/1311324250872205317

# Ambassador Suleymanov: Armenia is entering into our territory and killing civilians



In an interview to the John Batchelor Show, Ambassador Suleymanov provided updates on Armenia's recent attacks on Azerbaijan. He quoted President Aliyev saying: "Azerbaijan doesn't have military objectives in Armenia"

#### **Countering Fake News and Disinformation**

# President Aliyev: Turkey is not a party to the conflict and there are no fighters from Syria



Responding to the Soviet style disinformation campaign against Azerbaijan, President Aliyev rejected Armenia's claims that a Turkish F-16 fighter jet had downed an Armenian Su-25 aircraft on September 29. "Turkey's F-16 jets were in no way involved in the military operations," President Aliyev said adding Turkey is not a party to the conflict and is only providing moral and diplomatic support.

President Aliyev also denied allegations that fighters were brought to Azerbaijan from Syria to battle Armenian forces.

"This is another [piece of] fake news. There are no fighters from Syria. There is no evidence of this. This is Armenian propaganda spread over the internet and by different media outlets," said President Aliyev.

### Assistant to the President, Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry respond as well

Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry rejected Armenia's statements about Turkish participation in the recent tensions. "The Azerbaijani army is sufficiently prepared to ensure the defense of its people and sovereignty. The misinformation on the alleged shooting down of an Armenian Su-25 fighter jet by an F-16 aircraft of the Turkish air force once again demonstrates Armenia's intention to involve third parties in the conflict by spreading false allegations," Ministry's comments read. The Ministry also rejected the Russian Foreign Ministry's earlier comments and called attention to Armenia's efforts to settle mercenaries in the occupied territories.





"Rumors of militants from Syria allegedly being redeployed to Azerbaijan is another provocation by the Armenian side and complete nonsense," <u>said</u> Assistant to the President, Mr. Hikmat Hajiyev.

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