



## “Situation Room”

### **\*\* NAGORNO-KARABAKH CONFLICT \*\***

Period under review: from 26 October 2020 to 29 October 2020.

#### **Situation analysis recap:**

- Azerbaijan and Armenia have accused each other of violating a new ceasefire in the conflict between the countries over the mountainous enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh (also called the Republic of Artsakh).
- In the evening of 26 October 2020, the Azerbaijani military continued breaching the US-facilitated ceasefire that came into effect on Monday at 8 a.m. local time and deployed a large number of drones in its renewed attacks on Artsakh.
- In the morning of 27 October 2020, the Artsakh military reported localized battles in some directions of the frontline.
- Azerbaijani authorities said on Wednesday, 28 October 2020, that an Armenian missile attack on its Barda district near the Nagorno-Karabakh front line killed 21 civilians, but Yerevan denied having carried out an attack. An Armenian representative called the allegations "groundless and false".
- Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan pledged to launch a “destructive” counterattack to recapture the territory lost to the Armenian-backed forces since the start of fighting last month.
- Azerbaijani authorities announced that the bodies of 30 Armenian soldiers that died in the ongoing fighting were handed over to the Armenian side early in the day.
- A planned meeting between Armenian and Azerbaijani foreign ministers scheduled for Thursday in Geneva has reportedly been postponed until Friday, 30 October 2020.

#### **Sources/Further Reading**

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