



Situation Room

**** NAGORNO-KARABAKH CONFLICT ****

Period under review: from 3 November 2020 to 6 November 2020.

Situation analysis recap:

- On 3 November 2020 **fighting continued for the 38th day**. Both sides reported that fighting continued overnight along the eastern, south-eastern, and southern sections of the front.
- The Armenian Unified Infocenter reported that Azerbaijani forces opened fire on the towns of Martuni (Khojavand) and Shusha (Shushi) with Smerch rocket batteries.
- Azerbaijan's Ministry of Defence accused Armenian forces of firing on settlements and military units in Tovuz, Gadabay and Dashkesan. Neither side reported civilian deaths.
- The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, expressed alarm over **possible war crimes** in the populated areas of Nagorno-Karabakh.
- On 4 November 2020, Azerbaijan's Prosecutor General reported that **91 civilians have been killed, and 405 injured**.
- On Twitter, Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev declared victory against Armenia. 'We have modern weapons and a high fighting spirit', the Azerbaijani President wrote.
- An unnamed Armenian MP said that consultations between Armenian and Russian authorities on the size and type of Russian military assistance are currently underway.
- On 5 November 2020 Reporters Without Borders (RSF) stated that **80 local and foreign journalists are 'trapped' in the capital of Nagorno-Karabakh and cannot reach Armenia without risking their lives** under fire from Azeri forces.
- On 6 November 2020 the Director of the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service, Sergey Naryshkin, claimed that the Turkish intelligence service participated in ongoing developments in Nagorno Karabakh.

Sources/Further Reading:

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