



Situation Room

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

Period under review: from 7 November 2020 to 10 November 2020.

Situation analysis recap:

- Armenian authorities report **fighting all along the frontline** overnight of 7 November, with the **heaviest fighting near Shusha** (Shushi).
- Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev has announced that Azerbaijani forces have taken control of a series of villages.
- The Iranian foreign minister Mohammad Javad Zarif told reporters that **Iran is concerned over the entry of extremist groups into the conflict zone**, and this is a threat not only to the peace and stability of Iran, but also the entire region.
- On Sunday, 8 November, Azerbaijan announced it had captured Shusha, Nagorno-Karabakh's second-largest city, a claim Armenia denied.
- Armenian Defence Ministry spokesperson Shushan Stepanian said that fighting near Shushi continued in the morning of 9 November.
- On the night of 9 -10 November, the Prime Minister of Armenia, Nikol Pashinyan, and the presidents of Azerbaijan and Russia, Ilham Aliyev and Vladimir Putin, **signed a statement suspending fighting** in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone.
- According to the agreement, all the **areas around Nagorno-Karabakh itself its southern part, together with the city of Shusha, will return to direct Azerbaijani control** after 26 years, by 1 December 2020. **The northern part, containing Stepanakert, will remain under Armenian control.**
- **The Russian 15th Mechanised Brigade has been tasked with carrying out peacekeeping activities** and is being deployed along the demarcation line.

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