



Situation Room

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

Period under review: from 11 November 2020 to 14 November 2020.

[This report is based on publicly available sources to describe a changing situation. Information subject to change.]

Situation analysis recap:

- Scores of people were seen leaving the war-torn Nagorno-Karabakh region for Armenia's capital, Yerevan, on 11 November.
- The tide in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict turned in Azerbaijan's favour. With material support from Turkey and significantly larger military funds relative to Armenia, Azerbaijan benefited from total air superiority, and used advanced drones to its advantage.
- Some open-source evidence suggests that Azerbaijan used extreme and indiscriminate tactics against Armenian forces, causing high-collateral damage to the environment.
- Turkey welcomed the truce, terming it a "great victory" for Azerbaijan.
- Mass rallies, staged by the opposition, erupted earlier this week after Yerevan and Baku agreed to a ceasefire in Nagorno-Karabakh. On Friday, a massive protest took place in the centre of Armenia's capital Yerevan, with protesters demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan.
- Russia and Turkey were completing technical negotiations on Nagorno-Karabakh on 14 November and are planning to continue them in the coming days. The Turkish Defence Ministry did not specify when and where the next negotiations on the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh would take place.
- The Russian delegation is on a visit to Ankara since 13 November.
- Iranian army deployed forces on its north-western border claiming it was ensuring the independence and territorial integrity of the country.
- Around 100,000 Armenian civilians have fled their homes in the wake of a Moscow-backed truce.
- Azerbaijan's Defense Ministry said that on 14 November Azerbaijan and Armenia exchanged the bodies of soldiers, who died in the clashes around the city of Susha in the Upper Karabakh region.

Sources/Further Reading:

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