



## Situation Room

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

**Period under review: from 14 November 2020 to 24 November 2020.**

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

### **Situation analysis recap:**

- Armenian troops set fire to a number of structures in the Aghdam district leaving ruins for displaced Azerbaijanis returning to Nagorno-Karabakh.
- Russian and Turkish militaries will work in a joint observation centre in Azerbaijani territory and the Turks will not have access to the territory of Nagorno Karabakh.
- French President Emmanuel Macron urged Russia to clear up ambiguities over the ceasefire it brokered between Armenia and Azerbaijan to end fighting over Nagorno-Karabakh, notably regarding the role of Turkey and foreign fighters and seeks international supervision of Nagorno-Karabakh ceasefire.
- The EU allocated an additional €3 million, on top of the €900,000 allocated since early October, in emergency aid for civilians affected by the hostilities.
- On Friday 20 November the Azerbaijani army said it had taken control of the first of the three districts which Armenia agreed to cede.
- Armenia's president Armen Sarkissian appointed a new defence minister on Friday, 20 November, after widespread criticism of the government over a ceasefire.
- Azerbaijan now has control over the entirety of its border with Iran along the Aras River. This is viewed with alarm in Tehran, as it fears this will aid Israel in keeping tabs on its activities, due to the cooperative nature of the relationship between Azerbaijan and Israel.

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