



Situation Room

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

Period under review: from 25 November 2020 to 4 December 2020.

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

Situation analysis recap:

- Thousands of demonstrators in Armenia demanded Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan resign over the ceasefire deal with Azerbaijan.
- Four Azerbaijani civilians died on Saturday, 28 November, after their car hit a land mine planted by retreating Armenian soldiers in a newly liberated area of the Nagorno-Karabakh region.
- On 29 November 2020, Russian peacekeepers escorted another convoy of buses with refugees from Armenia to Nagorno-Karabakh. Buses took as many as 1,699 people from Yerevan to Stepanakert.
- Russia and Turkey have signed an agreement to establish a joint truce-monitoring centre in Nagorno-Karabakh. Turkish Defence Minister Hulusi Akar and his Russian counterpart Sergey Shoygu signed the document on Tuesday, 1 December. A cooperation agreement was also signed by the military officials of both states.
- According to the Russian defence ministry, more than 27,000 refugees have returned to their homes since 14 November 2020.
- Ruling anew in the wake of the truce in Nagorno-Karabakh, the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) on Wednesday 2 December, lifted a measure it previously ordered in a case Armenia had filed against Turkey due to its pro-Azerbaijani interference in the conflict.
- Azerbaijan had not released information on its military casualties until Thursday 3 December, when the Defence Ministry said 2,783 troops were killed and more than 100 are still missing. Another 1,245 are being treated in medical facilities.

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