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The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan

Letter dated 17 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the record of ceasefire violations by the Republic of Armenia in August 2020 (see annex).*

During the reporting period, the armed forces of Armenia committed 1,064 ceasefire violations, continuing to use large-calibre guns and heavy weaponry from their positions in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan and from the territory of the Republic of Armenia.

Azerbaijan considers systematic violations of the ceasefire regime by the Armenian military forces to be a deliberate policy aimed at undermining and jeopardizing the negotiations process and perpetuating the occupation.

The protracted military occupation of the territory of Azerbaijan by the armed forces of Armenia is a direct violation of international law and relevant Security Council and General Assembly decisions and a major threat to regional peace, security, stability and socioeconomic development.

The continuing status quo, where a substantial part of the internationally recognized territory of Azerbaijan remains under Armenia's occupation, does not represent a solution and cannot produce a political outcome desired by Armenia. Only the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of all Armenian military forces from the Nagorno-Karabakh region and other occupied territories of Azerbaijan can create conditions necessary for the resolution of the conflict.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 35 and 40, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar Aliyev Ambassador Permanent Representative

^{*} Circulated in the language of submission only.





Annex to the letter dated 17 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia for August 2020^{*}

Dates	Direction (locality)	Weapons used	Number of ceasefire violations	Casualties and damage.
1–31 August	Aghdam district, Azerbaijan			
	Ayag Garvand village	AKM	1	
	Evoghlu village	AK	1	
	Mammadbagirli village	AK/AKM/PKM	3	
	Mirashilli village	AK	1	
	Orta Garvand village	RPK	1	
	Opposite positions	AK/AKM/PK/PKM	76	
	Aghdara region, Azerbaijan			
	Opposite positions	AK	1	
	Aghstafa district, Azerbaijan			
	Kohnagishlag village	AK/PKM	2	
	Aghjabadi district, Azerbaijan			
	Gargar river positions	PK	1	
	Giyameddinli village	AK/AKM/PK	5	
	Dashkasan district, Azerbaijan			
	Alkhanjalli village	DShK/PKM	2	
	Tazakand village	PK/PKM	6	
	Zivilyan village	AKM	1	
	Fizuli district, Azerbaijan			
	Ahmadalilar village	AK/AKM/PKM	45	
	Alkhanli village	AK/AKM	13	
	Ashaghi Abdurrahmanli village	AK/DShK	9	
	Shukurbayli village	AK	20	
	Opposite positions	AK/AKM/PK/PKM NSVP/OSV-96/SVD	79	
	Gazakh district, Azerbaijan			
	Ashagi Askipara village	AK/PK/PKM	9	
	Bala Jafarly village	AK	3	
	Gaymagly village	SVD	1	
	Gushchu Ayrim village	PK/PKM	6	
	Gyzylhajily village	AK/PK/PKM/SVD	17	
	Jafarli village	AK	1	
	Khanliglar village	AK	3	
	Mezem village	AK/AKM/PK/PKM	6	

^{*} Settlements of the Republic of Azerbaijan included in this information are under occupation by the Republic of Armenia or situated close to the fire point areas.

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			Number of ceasefire	Casualties
Dates	Direction (locality)	Weapons used	violations	and damages
	Gadabay district, Azerbaijan			
	Ayridara village	AKM	1	
	Ayrivang village	AKM/NSVP/PK/PKM SVD	9	
	Dordlar village	AKM/PK	5	
	Galakand village	NSVP/PK/PKM/RPK	15	
	Garavalar village	AKM	2	
	Goyali village	AKM/PK/PKM	6	
	Mutudara village	AKM/OSV-96	2	
	Novoivanovka village	AK/AKM/NSVP/PK PKM/RPK/SVD	20	
	Novosaratovka village	RPK	1	
	Zamanly village	DShK/OSV/PK/PKM SVD	10	
	Goygol district, Azerbaijan			
	Azgili village	PK	1	
	Kurdalilar village	AKM/DShK/NSVP OSV/PK/PKM/RPK	31	
	Pirvardilar village	NSVP	1	
	Goranboy district, Azerbaijan			
	Bashgishlak village	PKM/DShK NSVP	12	
	Gulustan village	AK/AKM/NSVP/PK PKM/RPK	16	
	Tapgaragoyunlu village	AK/AKM/SVD/PKM DShK/NSVP/RPK/PK	79	
	Yenikand village	AKM/DShK/NSVP PK/PKM	7	
	Yukhary Aghjakand village	DShK/PKM	2	
	Zeyva village	AK/PK/PKM	5	
	Opposite positions	AKM/PK/PKM/SVD	19	
	Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan			
	Cocuq Mercanli village	AK	9	
	Lala Ilahy mountain	AK	10	
	Opposite positions	AK/AKM/PK	5	
	Julfa district, Azerbaijan			
	Arafsa village	PKM	1	
	Khojavand district, Azerbaijan			
	Nargiztapa valley	AK	2	
	Opposite positions	AK/AKM/PK/PKM	78	
	Shahbuz district, Azerbaijan			
	Ashagi Buzgov village	PK	1	
	Shada village	PKM	1	
	Sharur district, Azerbaijan			
	Gunnut village	PK	2	

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	Tartar district, Azerbaijan			
	Borsunlu village	AK/AKM/PK/PKM RPK	29	
	Chayly village	AK/AKM/PK	15	
	Gapanly village	AK/AKM/RPK/SVD OSV-96	17	
	Gaynag village	AK/AKM/PK/PKM	16	
	Gazyan village	AK/AKM/PKM/SVD OSV-96/RPK	24	
	Hasangaya village	AK/AKM/PK/PKM RPK/SVD	27	
	Jamilli village	AK/AKM/PK/PKM NSVP	21	
	Karmiravan village	AK/AKM	6	
	Namirli village	AKM	1	
	Tazakand village	AK	3	
	Opposite positions	AK	4	
	Tovuz district, Azerbaijan			
	Agbulag village	AK/AKM/PK/PKM	24	
	Agdam village	AK/AKM/NSVP/PK PKM/OSV-96/RPK SVD	116	
	Alibayli village	AK/AKM/PK/PKM RPK/SVD	24	
	Esrik Chirdaghan village	AK/AKM/NSVP/PKM RPK/SVD 82-mm mortar	19	
	Garalar village	AKM	1	
	Hajali village	AK/AKM/PK/RPK	12	
	Kokhanebi village	AK/AKM/PKM	36	
	Munjuglu village	AK/AKM/PK	3	

Abbreviations: AK, Kalashnikov assault rifle; AKM, modernized Kalashnikov assault rifle; DShK, heavy machine gun; NSVP, 12.7-mm-calibre heavy machine gun; OSV/OSV-96, semi-automatic sniper rifle; PK/PKM, Kalashnikov machine gun; RPK, Kalashnikov handheld machine gun; SVD, Dragunov sniper rifle.

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