
KREMLIN SAYS RUSSIA MAKING EFFORTS TO SETTLE KARABAKH CONFLICT

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The situation regarding the settlement of Nagorno-Karabakh conflict remains a lot to be desired, said Dmitry Peskov, the spokesperson of the Russian President Vladimir Putin, RIA Novosti reported.

Peskov added that the situation with the settlement isn't characterized by progress, but Russia, along with a group of countries, consistently makes efforts so that the settlement process would move forward.

"Nothing to brag about so far, but the only way - to have the negotiators create favorable conditions both for Yerevan and Baku," Peskov said on Russian TVC channel.

The conflict between the two South Caucasus countries began in 1988 when Armenia made territorial claims against Azerbaijan. As a result of the ensuing war, in 1992 Armenian armed forces occupied 20 percent of Azerbaijan, including the Nagorno-Karabakh region and seven surrounding districts.

The two countries signed a ceasefire agreement in 1994. The co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group, Russia, France and the US are currently holding peace negotiations.

Armenia has not yet implemented the UN Security Council's four resolutions on withdrawal of its armed forces from the Nagorno-Karabakh and the surrounding districts.

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