
**LAVROV: RUSSIA TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROMOTE ITS INITIATIVES IN KARABAKH
CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

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Russia will make every effort to promote its initiatives in the settlement of the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, said Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov at a briefing in Baku Apr. 7.

The briefing was held after Lavrov's meeting with his Azerbaijani and Iranian counterparts - Elmar Mammadyarov and Mohammad Javad Zarif.

"We shouldn't relax in finding a solution to the conflict," said Lavrov, adding Russia is satisfied with the ceasefire agreement.

"There were contacts between Moscow and the parties [of the conflict] at all the levels, we tried to help our friends and we hope the ceasefire will be maintained," he said. "The situation demands working out confidence-building measures on the line of contact and looking back to the previous agreement reached during the talks."

Touching upon the meeting of the three countries' foreign ministers in Baku, Lavrov said the event focused on the coordination of security in the region and fighting drug trafficking.