
OSCE MG PUTS OFF MEETINGS ON KARABAKH CONFLICT SETTLEMENT IN TURKEY

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The meetings on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflicts settlement, scheduled to be held in Turkey with participation of the OSCE Minsk Group co-chairs, have been postponed, James Warlick, the Minsk Groups US co-chair, told RIA Novosti.

Earlier, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said at a press-conference in Baku that the OSCE Minsk Group co-chairs will visit Ankara July 18, where they will inform the Turkish side about the negotiations on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflicts settlement.

At present, we are considering the date of the next meeting, said Warlick.

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 1994 ceasefire agreement was followed by peace negotiations. Armenia has not yet implemented four UN Security Council resolutions on withdrawal of its armed forces from the Nagorno-Karabakh and the surrounding districts.