
AZERBAIJAN FM: KARABAKH CONFLICT'S REMAINING UNSETTLED HINDERS REGION'S DEVELOPMENT

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The Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflicts remaining unsettled is hindering the regions development, said Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov.

Mammadyarov made the remarks Aug. 8 during the trilateral press conference with his Iranian and Russian counterparts, Mohammad Javad Zarif and Sergey Lavrov in Baku.

Settlement of the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict was discussed during todays negotiations with Russian President Vladimir Putin, said the FM. Concerns over unresolved conflicts and their hindering the regions development were noted in the declaration signed after the summit of the Azerbaijani, Russian and Iranian presidents.

He added that the conflict should be resolved in accordance with international principles and norms.

Presidents of Azerbaijan, Iran and Russia Ilham Aliyev, Hassan Rouhani and Vladimir Putin signed a declaration following their trilateral meeting in Baku Aug. 8.

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.

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