
AZERBAIJAN PREVENTS ARMENIAN PROVOCATION IN BRUSSELS

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The Embassy of Azerbaijan in Belgium prevented another propaganda attempt of the so-called regime established in the Azerbaijani territories occupied by Armenia, Hikmet Hajiyev, a spokesman for Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry, told Trend Nov. 19.

The embassy and the Azerbaijani parliament have implemented proactive measures to prevent events dedicated to promotion of the so-called regime in Brussels on Nov. 16-19, where the regime's head Bako Sahakyan was expected to participate.

Belgian Foreign Ministry, as well as federal and legislative bodies were informed about Azerbaijan's concerns over promotion of the illegal regime in Belgium.

The European Armenian Federation as well as other Armenian sources widely promoted the participation of Bako Sahakyan. However, the Azerbaijani embassy managed to cancel his visit, Hajiyev said.

In this connection, a European Parliament (EP) meeting organized with the assistance of EP Deputy Frank Engel, who serves interests of Armenia and the Armenian lobby, has been cancelled.

In addition, a reception on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of independence of Nagorno-Karabakh" featuring Bako Sahakyan was also cancelled.

The Azerbaijani embassy has also submitted a protest to Palais des Beaux Arts Palace and "Tour & Taxis" center in Brussels in connection with the organization of a photography exhibition and a concert distorting the history and culture of Azerbaijan's Nagorno-Karabakh region.

The palace and center management formally responded that they respect Azerbaijan's arguments and noted that they were unaware of the nature of these events. Also, the management said they didn't sell tickets for the events and they rented the premises for commercial purposes.

These events were allegedly attended by only about 100 people, mainly Armenians residing in Belgium, according to Hajiyev.

Hajiyev noted that Yerevan, the European Armenian Federation and the Armenian media prefer to remain silent, following this failure.

Armenia and Armenian lobbying organizations in Europe deceive ordinary members of the

Armenian diaspora and collect large amounts of money from them to hold such events based on the lobby diplomacy. The money is then given to Armenian authorities, Bako Sahakyan, as well as to officials of the Armenian federation in Europe and to some European politicians who became tools of the Armenian lobby, according to Hajiyev.

He added that instead of resorting to such meaningless and provocative acts and deceiving the international community and Armenian people, Armenia must end its destructive policy, withdraw its troops from the occupied Azerbaijani territories and take part in the restoration of stable piece in the region through substantive negotiations.

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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