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## **TURKEY RESPECTS RUSSIA'S WILL IN KARABAKH CONFLICT SETTLEMENT**

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Turkey respects Russias will in the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict settlement, the Turkish media cited the countrys Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu as saying. Cavusoglu made remarks following the meeting with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov Dec. 1.

The minister said that the Moscow-Ankara cooperation in resolving the conflicts in Syria and Iraq seems to be very important, according to the message.

Earlier, Russias Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mariya Zakharova said at a briefing that Lavrov and Cavusoglu will hold talks in the Turkish city of Alanya to discuss the situation in South Caucasus.

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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