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**ANY ACTIVITY IN OCCUPIED AZERBAIJANI LANDS ILLEGAL: DEPUTY FM**

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Any activity conducted in the occupied Azerbaijani territories is illegal, Azerbaijani Deputy Foreign Minister Khalaf Khalafov told reporters in Baku.

He was commenting on the reports about the restoration of a mosque by Iranian specialists in the occupied territories.

Armenia by all means tries to carry out illegal activities in the occupied Azerbaijani territories and to settle there Armenians from abroad. These actions contradict international law, said Khalafov.

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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