
AZERBAIJANI, RUSSIAN FMS MULL KARABAKH CONFLICT SETTLEMENT

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Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov and his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov discussed the Nagorno-Karabakh conflicts settlement, said Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry.

Mammadyarov paid a working visit to Moscow Jan. 24. The meeting was initiated by the Russian side.

The parties exchanged views on the issues raised by the two countries' presidents at the Vienna and Saint Petersburg meetings.

Mammadyarov reiterated Azerbaijan's position on the conflicts settlement and noted that the current status quo needs to be changed.

The sides also discussed the prospects of development of the interstate relations and touched upon the issues that have arisen in the bilateral relations in recent days. The FMs agreed to always keep such questions in focus.

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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