
AUSTRALIAN SENATOR MAKES SPEECH ON KHOJALY TRAGEDY

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Senator for Western Australia, member of the Liberal Party of Australia Chris Back has made a speech on the Khojaly tragedy in the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, APA reports.

In two weeks time the people of Azerbaijan will remember the 25th anniversary of what has been one of the more bloody events in their country's history, when more than 600 civilians, including women and children, were killed. The 1990s war, as we all came to expect, had catastrophic effects, which continue today. A ceasefire was brokered by Russia in 1994, and it is estimated now that the population of this region is 100,000 ethnic Armenians, said the senator.

We know that without successful mediation ceasefire violations and renewed tensions will continue to threaten to reignite a military conflict in this place, as it will in others, between these countries and in this particular case that will only serve to destabilise the Caucasus region, said Chris Back.

Senator stated that the region of Nagorno-Karabakh is now controlled by Armenia, and obviously ethnic Azerbaijanis believe they should have the opportunity to reside in this place.

The Australian Senate is the upper house of the bicameral Parliament of Australia, the lower house being the House of Representatives. There are a total of 76 senators: 12 senators are elected from each of the six states.