
US CO-CHAIR OF OSCE MINSK GROUP TO VISIT AZERBAIJAN THIS WEEK

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Richard Hoagland, the US co-chair of the OSCE Minsk Group, will visit Azerbaijan by the end of this week, the US Embassy in Azerbaijan told Trend.

He is expected to hold meetings with Azerbaijani officials.

Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov has earlier said the OSCE Minsk Group co-chairs will visit the South Caucasus region in March to mull the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict settlement.

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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