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**ARGENTINE SENATOR CONDEMNS ARMENIAN PROVOCATION AGAINST AZERBAIJANI CIVILIANS**

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Member of the Argentine Senate Maria Ester Labado condemned the Armenian provocation against Azerbaijan, as a result of which Azerbaijani civilians were killed.

In a letter to the Azerbaijani Embassy in Argentina, she expressed deep regret over the killing of civilians in the Alkhanli village of Azerbaijan's Fuzuli district by Armenian armed forces.

"This concerns us not only because it is contrary to the spirit of our peoples, but also due to the fact that the killing of children must be condemned," said the Argentine senator.

It should be noted that on July 4 at about 20:40 (GMT+4 hours), the Armenian armed forces again violated ceasefire and, using 82-mm and 120-mm mortars and grenade launchers, shelled Azerbaijani positions and territories where the civilian population lives, namely the Alkhanli village of the country's Fuzuli district, thereby grossly violating the requirements of international law, the Azerbaijani defense ministry said earlier.

As a result of this provocation, the residents of the village Sahiba Allahverdiyeva, 50, and Zahra Guliyeva, 2, were killed. Salminaz Guliyeva, 52, who got wounded, was taken to the hospital and was operated on.

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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