
NAGORNO-KARABAKH ISSUE RAISED IN SWEDISH PARLIAMENT

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An event was held Nov. 7 in the Swedish parliament on **Role of parliament and MPs, dialogue and pluralism in the democracy topic**, dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the Eastern Partnership program, Trend reports.

During the event, Azerbaijani MP Sahiba Gafarova raised the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh issue.

The MP emphasized that the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict impedes stability and development in the region, adding that Armenia continues to occupy not only Azerbaijani territories, but harms peace negotiations, by various provocations creating obstacles for the speedy resolution of the problem.

In 2013, the European Parliament adopted a resolution in connection with the European Neighborhood Policy, Gafarova noted. The document emphasizes that the occupation by one country that is a member of the Eastern Partnership of the territory of another member violates the main goals and principles of the project. The importance of resolving the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions that are not implemented yet by Armenia is also emphasized.

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, 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 Nagorno-Karabakh and the surrounding districts.

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