
NEW ARMENIA-AZERBAIJAN FIGHTING A LONG TIME IN THE MAKING

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Since July, events have appeared to be inexorably leading up to a more ambitious Azerbaijani offensive.

When wide-scale fighting broke out over the weekend between Azerbaijani and Armenian forces, it did not come as a surprise.

For the last three months, tensions between the two sides have been rising steadily. All signs appeared to be pointing to the conclusion that Azerbaijan was preparing the ground for the most serious attempt yet to right what it sees as a deep injustice: the seizure of a large part of its territory, and the resulting displacement of more than 600,000 ethnic Azerbaijanis, by Armenian forces during a war as the Soviet Union collapsed.

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