
IRAN HOSTS ARMENIA-AZERBAIJAN TALKS, RUSSIA SAYS MAIN ISSUE RESOLVED IN NAGORNO-KARABAKH

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The foreign ministers of Armenia and Azerbaijan met on Monday in Iran, their first talks since Azerbaijan secured control over the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, with Russia saying the main issue had been resolved pending further work on a peace treaty.

The meeting in the aftermath of Azerbaijan's lightning offensive into the disputed territory also took place against the background of rising tensions in the Middle East.

"The conflict has, on the whole, been settled. Both sides agree that Karabakh belongs to Azerbaijan and that was the main issue to be settled," Russia's Tass news agency quoted Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov as saying in Tehran.

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