
AZERBAIJAN SAYS LANDMINE CONTAMINATION BLOCKS RETURN OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DISPLACED PEOPLE

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Baku urges greater donor support as over 1M mines remain, and only 20% of contaminated areas have been cleared since 2020.

Azerbaijan cannot yet offer a timeline for large-scale returns of internally displaced persons (IDPs) due to extreme landmine contamination across former conflict zones, the countrys presidential representative on special assignments, Elchin Amirbayov, said Thursday.

Responding to Anadolu's question, Amirbayov said that "Azerbaijan today is one of the top five countries in the world that are infected or contaminated by landmines and unexploded ordnances."

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