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Azerbaijan artificially delays the process of exchange of PoWs: An urgent call from Armenia's Ombudsman

Armenia's Human Rights Defender Arman Tatoyan has called upon the international community, and in particular the international organizations on human rights to focus on the issue of Azerbaijani authorities artificially protracting the process of exchange of bodies and captives, which has been the case during the military activities, and continues now after the completion of military actions.

"With the objective of delaying the aforementioned process, the Azerbaijani authorities state that the exchange of the captives will take place after completing the process of bodies' exchange, at the same time unreasonably protracting the process of exchange of bodies. By all these delays Azerbaijan grossly violates the fundamental requirements guaranteed by the Geneva Conventions," the Ombudsman said.

It is obvious, he said, that Azerbaijan aims at creating an atmosphere of uncertainty and tension in the Armenian society, disrupt the mental immunity, cause psychological/mental suffering to the family members of the deceased soldiers and prisoners of war.

Studies of the Human Rights Defender of Armenia prove that such treatment is a result of the organized and disseminated hatred, as an inseparable systematically applied policy of torture and inhuman treatment.

In particular, the Human Rights Defender has repeatedly stated that starting from September 27, 2020, the military attacks by the Azerbaijani military forces against Armenia and Artsakh have been accompanied by torture and inhuman treatment, massive destruction of the civilian settlements, and other gross violations of human rights, which took place also with the help of the jihadist mercenaries and terrorists along with the dissemination of hatred.



"Throughout the military actions, as well as after the cessation of hostilities, the mass media, particularly the Azerbaijani social media sources ceaselessly publish videos and phots, which depict the degrading treatment by Azeri military forces of the Armenian soldiers' bodies, torture and degrading treatment of the captives, both civilians and military," Arman Tatoyan said.

The aforementioned is being accompanied by delightful comments and glorification from Azeris (the evidence to this is recorded). This has been an inseparable part of the methods applied by Azerbaijan during September-November 2020 war.

According to the Human Rights Defender, throughout the war activities it has been obvious that the Azerbaijani authorities endorse/promote these cruelties and degrading treatment, having an objective of instigating hatred and hostility in Azerbaijan against ethnic Armenians, glorifying those who commit these atrocities.

The results of the investigations of the Human Rights Defender affirm that these vicious events, which are beyond any human imagination and against all international requirements, have systematic and well-spread nature, starting from Azerbaijani political authorities and ending with cultural and sport figures. The Human Rights Defender possesses all necessary evidence, which attest to these facts.

After completion of the military activities the torture and inhuman treatment of the Armenian prisoners of war/captives by Azeri military forces have taken a new spin: the number and volume, as well as the level of cruelty have significantly increased. It is obvious that those who commit the torture and cruelties, as well as those who take videos are the representatives of the Azerbaijani military forces, whose activities are endorsed by their leadership.

The Ombudsman stressed that In current circumstances the liberation/release of the captives, their safe return, the exchange of bodies have become an urgent matter, requiring immediate resolution.

"Therefore, I call upon the international community, in particular the organizations, which have a mandate to protect human rights: It is an urgent necessity to resolve this issue with all the means possible and by real actions to release the people from the most atrocious war crimes and cruel captivity," Tatoyan said.

Armenia PM: It is necessary to implement realistic programs in the field of military industry



A sitting of the Military Industry Committee chaired by the Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan took place in the government on November 30.

In his speech Pashinyan referred to the issue of development and improvement of the military-industrial complex.

"After the adoption of the law on the" Military-Industrial Complex"in Armenia in 2015, the military industry is one of the most discussed topics in our country. But, in fact, we can state that the results we have today are not at all satisfactory, because, unfortunately, we have not been able to form such systems so that we can state – the military-industrial complex in the Republic of Armenia has been sufficiently formed. We also need to summarize what happened in the previous period, to assess the shortcomings of the previous period and understand what realistic programs we can have in the field of military industry. The goal is that first, the complex be able to become the driving force of our country's economy and industry, on the other hand, be able to meet our security needs in line with modern challenges", said the Prime Minister.

During the meeting a discussion was held on the directions of development and what to do next in the conditions of the realities formed after the war.

Reforms of the education system and meeting the demand for specialists needed for the military-industrial complex were considered a priority.

The list of special research and experimental design works for 2020-2021 has been presented.

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