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Press release

The Remembrance Day

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Today the people of Azerbaijan commemorate the Remembrance Day.

Two years ago on this very day, the Armed Forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan, exercising the inherent right to self-defense, began a counter-offensive operation in response to yet another military provocation of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Armenia. These measures marked the beginning of the 44-day Patriotic War of Azerbaijan, carried out in full compliance with international law and international humanitarian law and in line with relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council, the General Assembly and other international institutions.

The Patriotic War put an end to nearly 30 years of Armenian occupation of Azerbaijan's territory and reinstated rights of almost 1 million citizens of Azerbaijan. Thanks to the valor and professionalism of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan under the leadership of its Commander-in-Chief President Ilham Aliyev, Azerbaijan restored sovereignty over its internationally recognized territory and began a new era of peace.

The end of the occupation revealed the vast scale of plunder and destruction perpetrated by Armenia's unlawful activities over the last three decades. Clear evidence of illegal mining and exploitation of Azerbaijan's natural resources, deliberate obliteration and misappropriation of Azerbaijan's historical, cultural and religious heritage, dismantling of infrastructure and other violations of international law were fully documented and shared with the international community.

Following the liberation, Azerbaijan launched unprecedented large-scale reconstruction and rehabilitation process, including the implementation of key infrastructure projects to ensure safe repatriation of nearly 1 million Azerbaijanis to their rightful homes. In accordance with the Trilateral Statement of 10 November 2022, Azerbaijan is undertaking active measures to achieve lasting peace and stability in the region.

On this solemn occasion, in accordance with the decree by the President of Azerbaijan, we cherish the memory of all Martyrs who gave their lives for independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of our country and look forward towards the bright future for next generations.

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