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for international peace, security and development**

The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan

Letter dated 24 August 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the record of ceasefire violations by the Republic of Armenia in July 2020 (see annex).*

On 12 July 2020, the armed forces of Armenia, in blatant violation of international law, launched a cross-border attack against Azerbaijan in the Tovuz district with the use of artillery and mortars. The attacks continued in the following days, directly targeting the adjacent densely populated areas and inflicting serious damage to civilian facilities in the area.

Armenia launched the attacks across the international border, far away from the Nagorno-Karabakh region and other occupied territories of Azerbaijan. The objective of this deliberate action was to expand aggression and gain control over the heights in the territory of Azerbaijan that would enable the armed forces of Armenia to keep the surrounding Azerbaijani localities and the strategic oil and gas pipelines, including the southern gas corridor and the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway, situated near the area of military escalation (15–25 km and 10–12 km, respectively), under constant surveillance and threat.

During the reporting period, the armed forces of Armenia committed 1,782 ceasefire violations, continuing to use large-calibre guns and heavy weaponry from their positions in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan and from the territory of the Republic of Armenia.

As a result, 11 servicemen of the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan were killed and 12 were wounded.

* Circulated in the language of submission only.



I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 32 and 37, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 24 August 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia for July 2020*

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Direction (locality)</i>	<i>Weapons used</i>	<i>Number of ceasefire violations</i>	<i>Casualties and damages</i>
1–31 July	Aghdam district, Azerbaijan			
	Ahmadali village	AK/AKM/PKM	4	
	Chiragli village	AK/OSV-96	3	
	Mammadbagirli village	AKM/PK/PKM/RPK	4	
	Mirashilli village	AK	1	
	Novruzlu village	PK/PKM	9	
	Orta Garvand village	AK	1	
	Sarichali village	SVD	1	
	Opposite positions	AK/AKM/PK/NSVP	161	1 serviceman killed
	Agstafa district, Azerbaijan			
	Kohne Gishlag village	AK	1	
	Agjabadi district, Azerbaijan			
	Gargar river positions	AK	2	
	Giyameddinli village	AK/AKM	18	
	Minakhorlu village	AK/AKM	16	
	Dashkasan district, Azerbaijan			
	Alkhanjalli village	AKM/PK/PKM/NSVP	15	
	Tazakand village	AK/PK/DShK/NSVP 60-mm mortar	14	
	Zivilyan village	OSV-96/PKM 60-mm mortar, 120-mm mortar	4	
	Fizuli district, Azerbaijan			
	Ahmadalilar village	AK/AKM/PK/PKM	43	
	Alkhanli village	AK/AKM	53	
	Ashaghi Abdurrahmanli village	AK/AKM/DShK NSVP	66	
	Shukurbayli village	AK/AKM	43	
	Unnamed heights	AK	8	
	Opposite positions	AK/AKM/PKM/NSVP	265	
	Gazakh district, Azerbaijan			
	Alibayramli village	PK	1	
	Ashagi Askipara village	AK/PK/SVD	3	
	Bala Jafarly village	AK	1	
	Gushchu Ayrim village	PK/PKM/SVD	14	

* Settlements of the Republic of Azerbaijan included in this information are under occupation by the Republic of Armenia or situated close to the fire point areas.

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	Gyzylhajily village	AK/PK/PKM/SVD	9	
	Kamarli village	AK	1	
	Khanliglar village	AK/AKM/PK	8	
	Mezem village	PK/SVD	2	
	Gadabay district, Azerbaijan			
	Ayrivang village	AKM/NSVP/OSV-96 PKM	12	
	Daryurd village	AKM/PK/DShK	4	
	Dordlar village	AKM/NSVP/PK/PKM 82-mm mortar	12	
	Galakand village	AKM/PK/DShK	11	
	Garavalar village	AKM/PK	6	
	Goyali village	AKM/PK	7	
	Mutudara village	AKM/PK/PKM/SVD RPK	32	
	Novoivanovka village	AKM/NSVP/PK SVD/60-mm mortar	49	
	Zamanly village	AKM/PK/NSVP/DShK 60-mm mortar, 82-mm mortar	39	
	Goygol district, Azerbaijan			
	Azgili village	PK/PKM/DShK/NSVP	11	
	Kurdalilar village	AK/AKM/NSVP/PK	19	
	Pirvardilar village	PK/PKM	2	
	Goranboy district, Azerbaijan			
	Bashgishlak village	AK/AKM/PK/DShK NSVP	17	
	Borsunlu village	AK/PKM	5	
	Garachinar village	AKM/PKM	2	
	Gulustan village	AK/AKM/PK/DShK NSVP/OSV-96/PKM	17	
	Tapgaragoyunlu village	AK/AKM/PKM/DShK PK/SVD	81	
	Yenikand village	AK	1	
	Zeyva village	AK	1	
	Unnamed heights	DShK	1	
	Opposite positions	AKM/PK/PKM/SVD	10	
	Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan			
	Ahmadalilar village	AK	1	
	Cocuq Mercanli village	AK/AKM/NSVP	34	
	Lala Ilahy mountain	AK/AKM/SVD	19	
	Opposite positions	AK/AKM	24	
	Khojavand district, Azerbaijan			
	Nargiztapa valley	AK/AKM/PK	11	
	Unnamed heights	AK/AKM/PK OSV-96	50	

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	Opposite positions	AK/AKM/PKM/SVD	238	
	Ordubad district, Azerbaijan			
	Paragachay village	PKM	1	
	Urmis village	PKM/SVD	3	
	Sharur district, Azerbaijan			
	Akhura village	AK/PK	10	
	Tartar district, Azerbaijan			
	Borsunlu village	AK/AKM/PK/PKM	16	
	Chayly villages	AK/AKM/NSVP/SVD	18	
	Gapanly village	AK/PKM/RPK/SVD	7	
	Gaynag village	AK/PKM	6	
	Gazyan village	AK/AKM/PKM/SVD	6	
	Hasangaya village	AK/AKM/PK/PKM NSVP/SVD	30	
	Jamilli village	AK/AKM/PK/PKM	13	
	Karmiravan village	AK/AKM/PK	12	
	Namirli village	AK	1	
	Opposite positions	AK	6	
	Tovuz district, Azerbaijan			
	Agbulag village	AK/AKM	6	
	Agdam village	AK/AKM/DShk/SVD NSVP/D-30/60-mm mortar, 82-mm mortar, 120-mm mortar	122	12 servicemen wounded, 10 killed
	Alibayli village	AK/AKM/PK/PKM D-30	12	
	Esrik Chirdaghan village	AKM	9	
	Kokhanebi village	AKM/PKM	15	
	Munjuglu village	AK/AKM/PK	14	
	Yukhari Oysulu village	120-mm mortar	2	
	Vahidli village	120-mm mortar	1	

Abbreviations: AK, Kalashnikov assault rifle; AKM, modernized Kalashnikov assault rifle; D-30, 122-mm howitzer artillery; DShK, heavy machine gun; NSVP, 12.7-mm-calibre heavy machine gun; OSV, semi-automatic sniper rifle; PK/PKM, Kalashnikov machine gun; RPK, Kalashnikov handheld machine gun; SVD, Dragunov sniper rifle.