



Russian Federation

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Communique on the Russian Peacekeeping Efforts in Nagorno-Karabakh

Per request from the Russian Federation Mission to the UN Security Council, the Russian Ministry of Defense provides the following unclassified information for UN consideration:

Russia's peacekeeping operation was initially composed of over 2,000 peacekeepers stationed in and around the Nagorno-Karabakh region, with the intention of maintaining peace between Azerbaijan and Armenia. The mandate of this mission was intended to last until 2025, but the mission was directed to begin vacating Azerbaijan's territory in April 2024 via an agreement between the President of Russia, Vladimir Putin, and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev.

Currently, 107 Russian peacekeeping personnel are still within Azerbaijan's borders, all currently stationed within the Lachin corridor. As of now, the Russian Federation has been informed of the death of one of its peacekeepers in the region.

The Russian Federation is disheartened by this attack on Russian peacekeeping forces and condemns the loss of lives in the region.

The Defense Ministry will evaluate the feasibility of continuing the withdrawal of peacekeeping forces in the region. If Russian deaths continue, the Defense Ministry will be forced to take swift action to protect Russian interests.

The Defense Ministry is in the process of gaining insight into current civilian displacements and will keep the Council updated as information arises.