

Azerbaijan

Dear ladies and gentlemen!

First of all, I'd like to express my gratitude to the State of Pakistan, the Government of Pakistan and Pakistani people for holding high-level 7th plenary session of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly and hospitable reception. I wish to the friendly fraternal Pakistan the stability, development and success to you - my dear colleagues and session activity. The holding of this Assembly is of great importance to Asia in such very hard and intense days and we all together should make and strengthen more efforts for better and nice future for our region, our countries and peoples. There very important issues will be discussed and I ask you to focus on the issue raised by me during discussions and adoption of documents and to emphasize in resolutions and documents to be adopted.

Dear friends!

I speak here on behalf of Azerbaijani parliament and 1 million Azerbaijani refugees and internally displaced persons who are not able to return to their native lands and homes for 20 years and it is the most gross violation of human rights in the Asian zone. Being a representative of one of the frontier regions between Azerbaijan and Armenian , I would like to bring to your notice the issues existing in the region last days and to urge the Assembly to increase its attention to this issue also. As you know the Armenia has occupied 20 percent of the territory of Azerbaijan and it's more than 20 years that does not withdraw its troops from the lands of Azerbaijan and does not allow Azerbaijani internally displaced persons to return to their homes. Besides, the Armenian Armed Forces have regularly violated the cease-fire and the Armenian snipers shoot the civilians living in adjoining villages from their positions. A lot of civilians was killed and wounded due to the shooting maid by Armenian Armed Forces to there houses. Against Azerbaijani citizens - Shahbaz Guliyev and Dilgam Ahmedov taken prisoner by Armenia this August there were taken inhuman steps that contradict to the international rules. Tortures against Dilgam Ahmedov and Shahbaz Guliyev are being applied. A man whose home, land is under Armenian occupation for over 20 years went to see his home and he was subjected to inhuman actions and Dilgam Ahmedov and Shahbaz Guliyev is being still kept in captivity. It is already 22 years. The Azerbaijani refugees and internally displaced persons can not return to their native homes. Every year hundreds people pass away by longing for returning to their homes. Is there any other tragedy like this?

We call Asian Parliamentaray Assembly to require Armenia to stop the actions causing damage to the negotiations conducted towrads the regulation of Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. The Armenian Armed Forces have violated the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan which is recognized all over the world and it is already

more than 20 years they hold one part of the lands under occupation and they ignore the resolutions adopted by UN Security Council, Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe, the Organization for Islamic Conference and other organizations and today they do not leave the occupied Azerbaijani lands and do not allow 100 thousands of internally displaced persons to return to their native lands and snipers continue to shoot the civilians. The people living in the battle front call the Assembly to discuss seriously this topic also and to accelerate its efforts in this direction. They want the Asian Parliamentary Assembly to demand from Armenia to withdraw its troops from occupied Azerbaijani territories and to express this issue in resolutions to be adopted. We express our gratitude to lots of our friends here in the lead of Pakistan and Turkey and their countries for support of Azerbaijan's fair just position in international organization at any time and we believe that you'll be always side by side to those who can't return to their homes and facing big suffers and focus on this issue within this session too.

Dear Colleagues!

The Azerbaijani refugees and internally displaced persons are waiting more from you. I call the respectable Assembly to approach seriously to these people. I urge our Assembly to discuss this issue also during our session. Because regardless of their location we should pay serious attention to the situation of refugees and internally displaced persons and provide them with assistance.

The Armenian Armed Forces committed a genocide against civilians in Khojaly town of Azerbaijan and annihilated this town. Today at the place of Khojaly town you can see completely destroyed town. In general during the occupation of Azerbaijani lands over 20,000 Azerbaijanis have been killed by Armenia. I express my gratitude to the Pakistani State ^{and Azerbaijan} supporting always the just in the issue related the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the Parliament of Pakistan and personally Mr Mushayit for the adoption of documents on recognition of the Khojaly genocide and sharply condemning on the behalf of civilians of Khojaly who family members have been subjected to the genocide. During these awful genocide too little people could escape and it is already 20 years that family members of those who have been subjected to the genocide cannot return to their homes. We believe that ~~these~~ ^{you} and countries that support justice and are against such crime against the mankind will support just decisions defending human rights taken by the Parliament of Pakistan and other countries and will increase their efforts directed to the account of the offenders of this crime. Because people subjected to the Khojaly genocide were Azerbaijanis and Muslims and at the same time human beings and we should condemn such kind of crimes against humanity regardless against what people and nation it has been committed and strengthen our efforts to prevent such crimes. We must do our best for better future.

Mr. ^{the} ~~Colonel~~

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Dear friends!

The Armenian Armed Forces are trying to destroy and eliminate historical, cultural, religious monuments belonging to Azerbaijanis, mosques and cemeteries in the lands of Azerbaijan, to destroy all traces belonging to Azerbaijani and it's very terrible. If you want to see realities in video and photos I can show and present them. You can see a part of them in these videos, films, and books.

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Dear colleagues!

Regardless of belonging to any nation we must protest against destruction of historical, cultural, religious monuments. As these monuments are a part of world culture and history and we must fight against it regardless where they are happening. We should fight strictly together against separatism, extremism, terrorism, killing of civilians and destruction of historical, cultural, religious monuments. And I believe that we have the same point in these issues and we'll strengthen our common efforts in these issues.

Dear colleagues!

Our Sufi ^{father} ancestors told that the world is our home. Yes, Asia is our common home and we have to do our best together for stability, development and future of this region regardless ethnicity, nationality, religion, different ideological and political thinking and I wish success to the Assembly in this direction.

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Dear colleagues!

We must be concerned with intense situation in the Middle ^{East} Asia and South Caucasus. We should strengthen our common efforts for the solution of Palestine, the Nagorno-Karabakh, Kashmir problems, regulation of intense situations in Iraq, Syria and in some Asian regions and in ^{Caucasus} ~~in~~ Afghanistan related issues.

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