

# OUR LANDS AWAIT US...

It is impossible to estimate losses incurred by Azerbaijan in the course of Karabakh war. These losses cannot be measured in figures or statistical data, since they affected our culture, spiritual and material values. Suffice it to refer to a partial list, reflective of our material values.

First of all, Armenian aggressors insolently occupied 20 % of lands of the sovereign Azerbaijan Republic. As a result of an aggression, approx. 20,000 were killed, 50,000 wounded, scores of people remained disabled, more than one million lost their native lands, became forced migrants, 5,000 are missing.

Besides, following the war and occupation of its territory, Azerbaijan sustained a huge social and economic damage. Total amount of direct and indirect losses made up approx. 56 billion dollars.

Note that there were powerful communication lines with a length of 25,000 km.; motor roads-3,984 km.; electric lines-14,000 km; water pipeline - 2,300 km; gas pipeline - 2,000 km, sewage system-240 km; 2,500 transformers; 34,000 telephone numbers. Besides, there were 4 airports, railways (Baku-Agdam-Khankendi and Baku-Nakhchivan-Yerevan) on the occupied territory.

As a consequence of the occupation of Azerbaijanian lands by Armenians, there were destroyed 647,900 ha of fertile soil, including 199,000 ha of areas under crops, 62,000 ha of perennial crops, more than 50,000 vineyards, 244,000 heads of cattle, etc. Besides, a great quantity of tractors, combines, cars, as well as 7,296 hydro technical facilities, 36 pump stations, 26 irrigation systems, etc. remained on the occupied territories.

In addition, 690 schools, 250 kindergartens, 65 vocational schools, 2 higher educational institutions were destroyed on the occupied territories. As a result of the war, 23,000 teachers became unemployed, above 210,000 schoolchildren and students remained uneducated.

About 700 medical institutions (outpatients' clinics, maternity hospitals, first aid stations, pharmacies, etc.) were destroyed on the occupied territories. Damage to health system comprised 1,2 billion dollars. Due to the occupation of the territories of the Azerbaijan Republic, Armenian armed forces

destroyed 1,421 clubs and palaces of culture, 8 regional, 32 town, 10 children's and 683 village libraries, 6 parks of rest and culture, 47 children's musical schools, 3 theatres, 3 galleries, 464 historical monuments, about 40,000 historical articles and 4,6 million books.

Aggressors took away from 22 plundered museums about 40, 000 museum valuables in the amount of 20,5 billion mantas. Among destroyed and pillaged museums there are Kelbadjar museum of history and local lore with unique historical exhibits, gold and silver articles, rare and precious stones, carpets, etc; Shusha museum of history and a museum of bread in Agdam town, a museum of stone monuments in Zangilan region. About 20 present-day palaces of culture were destroyed in Agdam, Lachin, Fizuli, Shusha, Gubadly, Jabrail, other regions (according to the Organization of Karabakh Liberation materials).

In listing these statistical data, we do not pursue an aim to call for help, as our neighbors usually do. In the end of the 20 th Armenia seized our lands against any principles of peace co-existence, posed a threat to the vitality of its statehood. The people that ignores all human, legal, religious norms, commits massacres against peace population (note that the Armenian terrorism is not confined to Karabakh only) - this people is deprived of its future.

Azerbaijan as a victim of the aggression will never voluntarily "gift" its lands to apology for neighbors. The day will come when brave sons of this land will finally take heart and win back not only lands occupied by Armenians in the 1980-90-s of the 20 century but return those, once a part of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic. The war has been suspended notwithstanding; this is not to say that we resigned ourselves to the loss of the native lands. The Azerbaijan people reserves the right to take drastic measures, though it still considers peace resolution to the conflict.

But our patience is not boundless. Occupiers will not sleep quiet on the occupied lands.

We shall return to our lands! Beyond any doubts!

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