Illegal transportation of military cargo from Armenia to the territory of Azerbaijan continues

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Illegal Armenian armed detachments in the territory of Azerbaijan, where the Russian peacekeeping contingent is temporarily deployed, continue to transport military cargo from Armenia using dirt roads alternative to the Shusha-Lachin road.

Taking advantage of the night hours and foggy weather conditions, illegal Armenian armed detachments transfer manpower, ammunition, mines, as well as fuel, water, food and other logistic support assets to combat positions through the Khankendi-Khalfali-Turshsu dirt road.

The Azerbaijani side has repeatedly informed the international community with regard to the transportation of military cargo along the mentioned route.

Additionally, it was detected that the Armenian side also uses civilian vehicles for the purpose of military transportation. Thus, civilian vehicles moving from Armenia deliver contract service manpower and military cargo to a specified point near Turshsu village of Shusha region. Transportation of military personnel and military supplies to Khankendi by off-road military vehicles was also detected.

We declare that the Armenian military-political leadership bears the entire responsibility for tension that may arise hereinafter in the region.

Russian peacekeeping contingent accompanies illegal transportation

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Accompaniment of supply vehicles belonging to illegal Armenian armed detachments by the Russian peacekeeping contingent's units temporarily stationed in the Karabakh economic region was observed by the Azerbaijani side once again.

Column movement of 1 BTR-82A combat vehicle belonging to the Russian peacekeeping contingent, 3 Armenian URAL awnings and a KamAZ vehicle with a fuel tank (five military vehicles in total) in the direction of the Khankendi-Khalfali-Turshsu dirt road, was recorded by Azerbaijan Army's technical surveillance means.

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We reiterate that the implementation of military transportation accompanied by the Russian peacekeeping contingent is a gross violation of the provisions of the Trilateral Statement and unacceptable.

Such regular illegal activities make it inevitable to establish an Azerbaijani border crossing and control point at the end of the Lachin road on the Azerbaijani-Armenian border.

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On March 22, at around 4:20 p.m., a serviceman of the N military unit of the Ministry of Defence Arshak Sargsyan, was lethally wounded by enemy fire in a combat position located near Yeraskh village.

The MoD of the Republic of Armenia shares the heavy sorrow of the loss and expresses support to the family, relatives and co-servicemen of Arshak Sargsyan.

Unlawful military transportation for illegal Armenian formations continues

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On March 24, the movement of the column carrying out illegal military transportation through the Khankendi-Khalfali-Turshsu dirt road was detected.

The movement of 1 BTR-82A combat vehicle belonging to the Russian peacekeeping contingent, 3 Armenian KamAZ awnings and a KamAZ vehicle with a fuel tank was recorded by Azerbaijan Army's technical surveillance means.

Such activities carried out by the Russian peacekeeping contingent are a failure of fulfillment of their duties related to the implementation of the provisions of the Trilateral Statement.

Contrary to their duties and obligations, the creation of conditions for the free movement of illegal Armenian formations in the Karabakh economic region of

Azerbaijan by accompanying the transportation of manpower, ammunition, mines, as well as other means of material and technical support is a gross violation of the reached agreements by the peacekeeping contingent. Such cases must be stopped immediately. Such regular illegal activities demonstrate the necessity of establishing an Azerbaijani border crossing and control point at the end of the Lachin road on the Azerbaijani-Armenian border.

Laying illegal roads in the Karabakh economic region is unacceptable

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Illegal Armenian armed formations in the territory of Azerbaijan, where the Russian peacekeeping forces are temporarily deployed, continue their unlawful activities.
It was determined that in order to carry out military transportation to the combat positions of illegal Armenian armed formations, a new Khankendi-Kosalar-Mirzalar-Turshsu road, passing to the north of the Khankendi-Khalfali-Turshsu road, is being laid with the involvement of engineering and special equipment.

The gross violation of the provisions of the Trilateral Statement by the Armenian side by the illegal activities in the Karabakh economic region of Azerbaijan, as well as non-fulfilment of the duties assigned to the peacekeeping forces, create the basis for the growth of tension in the region.

We state that the military-political leadership of the official Iravan bears all responsibility for such provocations and illegal activities of Armenia and their possible resulting in human casualties.

The Armenian side subjected to fire the Azerbaijan Army positions

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On March 24, in the evening, the positions of the Azerbaijan Army stationed on the Azerbaijani-Armenian conditional border and in the Karabakh economic region were subjected to fire several times.

The Armenian armed forces units from combat positions stationed in the various directions of the Azerbaijani-Armenian conditional border using various caliber weapons subjected to fire the opposing positions of the Azerbaijan Army.

Moreover, members of illegal Armenian armed detachment in the territory of Azerbaijan, where the Russian peacekeeping forces are temporarily deployed, subjected to fire the Azerbaijan Army positions stationed in the direction of the Khojavand region.

The Azerbaijan Army Units took adequate retaliatory measures.

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The Ministry of Defence of Azerbaijan continues to spread disinformation claiming that units of the Armenian Armed Forces opened fire towards the Azerbaijani combat positions located in several directions of the Armenian-Azerbaijani border zone in the evening of March 24.