

Nizami Ganjavi International Center calls for provision on landmine maps by Armenia

Nizami Ganjavi International Center condemns international attacks against journalists, media professionals and associated personnel, as such, in situations of armed conflict, and calls upon all parties to put an end to such practices.

Deliberate targeting of civilians and other protected persons, and the commission of systematic, flagrant and widespread violations of international humanitarian and human rights law in situations of armed conflict may constitute a threat to international peace and security, and reaffirms in this regard its readiness to consider such situations and, where necessary, to adopt appropriate steps.

Two Azerbaijani journalists and an official were killed by a landmine explosion in the Kalbajar district. Four others were injured in the incident, which saw a truck blown up by an anti-tank mine. Our deep condolences to the families of the victims of the landmine explosion in Azerbaijan.

Landmines pose an ongoing threat to civilians and hinder post-conflict recovery efforts.

We call on UN and OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs to facilitate and accelerate the provision by Armenia of the maps of the mind areas. This could seriously help to eliminate the threat to the lives of a wide range of individuals, including journalists. This support can also be a great contribution to the establishment of justice, peace, security, and stability in the region.

Signed:

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