

Resolving Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict

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Armenia and Azerbaijan have **finalized the text of a peace agreement**, marking a significant step towards ending hostilities over the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.



- About the Conflict: During the Soviet era, Nagorno-Karabakh was an autonomous region in muslim dominated Azerbaijan, but its Armenian population (Christian) sought unification with Armenia.
 - As the USSR collapsed, tensions escalated into war (1988-1994).
 - The 1994 ceasefire left Nagorno-Karabakh under Armenian-backed control (but internationally recognised as part of Azerbaijan).
- Key Conflicts:
 - First Nagorno-Karabakh War (1988-1994): Armenia gained control of Nagorno-Karabakh and nearby Azerbaijani areas.
 - Second Nagorno-Karabakh War (2020): Azerbaijan recaptured large parts of the region.
 - **Azerbaijani Offensive (2023):** Azerbaijan regained full control in a one-day operation and the enclave was officially **dissolved.**
 - Over 1 lakh people, nearly all of Nagorno-Karabakh's population, fled to
- India has not taken sides but supports a diplomatic resolution via the OSCE Minsk Group.
 - Armenia and Azerbaijan are part of the <u>International North-South Transport Corridor</u> (<u>INSTC</u>), a key project for India's trade routes.

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