



## Armenia - Azerbaijan Peace Agreement

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A peace agreement brokered by the US has been signed between **Armenia and Azerbaijan**, marking a significant step toward resolving the longstanding conflict over [Nagorno-Karabakh](#).

- **Peace Deal:** Both countries pledged to respect each other's territorial integrity, ending nearly four decades of conflict. The agreement includes mutual **relinquishment of territorial claims**, a ban on the use of force, and adherence to international law.
- **US Role and Strategic Importance:** The US gained exclusive rights to develop the '**Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity**' transit corridor in the South Caucasus.
- **Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict:** Nagorno-Karabakh is a mountainous, landlocked region in the **South Caucasus** (The Caucasus is a mountain region between the **Black and Caspian Seas**, spanning **Russia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia**).
  - After the Russian Empire's collapse in 1917, **Armenia and Azerbaijan both claimed Nagorno-Karabakh**, causing lasting tensions. The 1994 ceasefire left Nagorno-Karabakh under **Armenian-backed control** (but internationally recognised as part of Azerbaijan).
  - Azerbaijan reclaimed control in 2023 after a military offensive, displacing thousands of ethnic Armenians.
- **India's Stance:** India supports the peace deal as it sees Armenia and Azerbaijan as part of the [International North-South Transport Corridor \(INSTC\)](#), a key project for India's trade routes connecting India to Russia.
  - Additionally, **India** has a **Friendship and Cooperation Treaty with Armenia (1995)**.



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