

Azerbaijan

In addition to the information provided previously (A/70/211, A/74/151, A/79/99), we would like to inform that the national-level coordination of the measures against individuals and entities listed by the UN Security Council sanctions committees as being involved in terrorist activities has been continued.

Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (2015) was signed by the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2023, ratified on April 12, 2024 and subsequently entered into force on August 1, 2024.

In accordance with the Additional Protocol, the Republic of Azerbaijan has committed to undertaking the necessary measures to prohibit relevant manifestations of terrorism in the specified area and to classify these acts as crimes under its domestic legislation. Efforts are currently underway to improve the legislation to ensure effective implementation of these obligations.

Throughout 2024, judicial proceedings advanced regarding individuals arrested following local counter-terrorism measures conducted in September 2023. A total of 16 individuals faced serious charges under various articles of the Criminal Code of Azerbaijan. The charges encompass planning and waging aggressive warfare, acts of genocide, violations of laws and customs of war, terrorism, financing of terrorism, establishment of criminal organizations, forcible seizure of power, the creation of illegal armed groups and units not provided for by law, and numerous other grave crimes committed during Armenia's military aggression against Azerbaijan.

The accused remained in pre-trial detention pursuant to court orders during investigative proceedings that concluded in 2024, resulting in the submission of the cases to court. Court hearings commenced in January 2025 and are currently ongoing, involving substantial evidence indicating the accused's involvement in terrorism, financing of terrorism, illegal military activities, including targeting civilians and deploying landmines leading to civilian casualties.

Additionally, the number of mine victims in the liberated territories of Azerbaijan has reached 394 people since November 2020. Among them 70 people have lost their lives, 324 people have been injured. Notably, most of these mine victims were killed or injured due to explosions outside the former contact line between Azerbaijan and Armenia.