

SPEECH

by the Chief of the General Staff of the Azerbaijan Army, Colonel General Karim Valiyev at the ceremony dedicated to the completion of the mission of the peacekeeping contingent of the Russian Federation

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- Dear ceremony participants!

Dear friends!

Let me convey to you the sincere greetings of the Minister of Defense, Colonel General Zakir Hasanov, on the occasion of the event dedicated to the completion of the mission of the peacekeeping contingent of the Russian Federation.

Today, on this significant day, I want to remind you that the 44-day Patriotic War, which took place more than 3 years ago under the leadership of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, ended with the complete Victory of Azerbaijan and the restoration of territorial integrity.

As a result of the Joint Trilateral Statement signed on November 10, 2020, by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the President of the Russian Federation and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, a ceasefire was reached and the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, which lasted for about 30 years, came to an end.

During the mission, the peacekeeping contingent fulfilled its tasks and duties, as well as made efforts to ensure peace and stability in the territory of the Karabakh economic region.

In September 2023, local anti-terror measures were conducted to suppress the ongoing provocations of illegal Armenian armed formations against the civilian population and to establish full control of the Republic of Azerbaijan over the Karabakh economic region. As a result of these measures, the activities of the separatist regime were completely stopped, the remnants of the Armenian armed forces and illegal Armenian armed formations were entirely withdrawn from the country's territory.

Taking into account the occurred situation, the leadership of our countries decided to complete the mission of the peacekeeping contingent of the Russian Federation ahead of time.

Dear friends!

Today's event is dedicated to the completion of your peacekeeping mission. I congratulate you on this occasion and express my gratitude for your courageous service for the peace and stability in the Karabakh economic region. I wish you success in your future activities!

Thank you for your attention!