

# The Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict

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To the Armenians, Sumgait was like a reminder of the massacres of the first world war and equated the Azeris with the Ottoman armies. It only made them more firm in their belief that there was no way they could live in any form of arrangement with the 'Barbarian Turks'. From this point onwards, Azeris were systematically chased from Armenia, notably from the Ararat and Zangezur regions where they lived in substantial numbers.