
Baku Seeks For New Ways Of Laundering Its Petrodollars, NKR MFA Says

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Baku misinformation on building a settlement of Nargiztepe for refugees on the occupied territory of NKR Martouni region, obviously, pursues propagandistic goals. It is not accidental that, first, this information was promptly denied just by the Azerbaijani party. However, some of its points were "resuscitated" and introduced in a rather different angle, as it is often practiced in Azerbaijan, said Marsel Petrossian, Chief of NKR MFA Information Department.

"A reasonable question arises in this connection: why is Nargiztepe settlement being built just in the Arami desert, 2-3 km from the contact-line, an area, which, according to the Azerbaijani side, is permanently fired at and is not absolutely adapted for habitation? Couldn't they find a more favorable inhabitancy than this severe desert for the refugees from Nagorno Karabakh who are more developed than the citizens of the Azerbaijani regions? This "initiative" should be qualified as a couldn't-care-less attitude towards the mentioned section of the population," he said.

"Probably, Baku decided to organize another military-political provocation - to draw informational-propagandistic "fire" to the newly created settlement, and in fact - reservation of 5 or 6 thousand of forced settlers (according to our data, this is the number of refugees from Nagorno Karabakh living nowadays in Azerbaijan) and shift the guilt to the Karabakhi side."

"During the war between Azerbaijan and Karabakh, there were many instances that the Azeri authorities urgently populated different settlements and then turned them into military control points, thus, actually creating a "human wall" for their servicemen and dooming the peaceful population to death. The Karabakhi side, which is concerned about its former Azerbaijani citizens, expresses its regret that for 20 years the Azeri leadership has taken no steps for thawing the relations between the two alienable nations," he went on to comment.

"Maybe, Baku merely seeks for new ways of laundering its petrodollars? And the searches have obviously brought to the desert. Actually, we have no doubt and would like to warn the societies that the Azeri propagandistic machine will start including the above-mentioned settlement into its Defense Ministry's round-ups as a place, which is under the NKR Defense Army's heavy fire," Mr Petrossian resumed.
