

# Azerbaijan marks “day of genocide”

The anniversary of a 1918 conflict that Azerbaijan regards as an act of genocide by Armenia has the potential to spark renewed conflict between the two countries over the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh

## NAGORNO-KARABAKH

► Ethnic Armenian population split from Azerbaijan in 1990s war and now runs its own affairs with Armenia's support

► Separatists hope that *Kosovo's* recent declaration of independence from *Serbia* will further their own case for international recognition

► Azeri-drafted resolution adopted by **UN** in March 2008 demands Armenian forces withdraw from Azerbaijan's territory

► Peace talks between two sides remain deadlocked. Azerbaijan has not ruled out using force to restore control

► Shaky 1994 ceasefire is in place but troops often fight front-line skirmishes, raising fears of new war



	Armenia	Azerbaijan
Population (millions)	2.97	8.12
GDP* (\$ billions)	16.8	72.2
Army personnel	38,945	56,840
Main battle tanks	110	220
Combat aircraft	24	62