

Azeri-Armenian conflict intensifies

Armenia says one of its fighter jets was shot down by a Turkish jet in a major escalation of the conflict with Azerbaijan over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region, which has seen heavy fighting in recent days

NAGORNO-KARABAKH FACTFILE

■ **Region granted autonomy within republic of Azerbaijan in Soviet times**

■ **Internationally recognised as part of Azerbaijan, but vast majority of 150,000 population is ethnic Armenian and rejects Azeri rule**

■ **Armenia seized control of territory and surrounding areas in 1988-94 war that killed over 30,000 people and displaced one million**

■ **It survives on budget support from Armenia and donations from worldwide Armenian diaspora**



ARMENIA: Has defence alliance with Moscow. Russia has military bases in Armenia but is also friendly with Azerbaijan

AZERBAIJAN: Backed by Turkey, which has close ethnic and cultural ties. Azerbaijan supplies Turkey with natural gas and crude oil