

U.S. brokers Armenia-Azerbaijan peace

In a deal to secure peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan – ending almost four decades of conflict – the U.S. will be awarded development rights to a strategic transit route in the oil- and gas-rich region

■ **1915-16 Armenian genocide:** Amid collapse of *Ottoman Empire*, hundreds of thousands of Christian Armenians murdered or expelled from Türkiye, many to Muslim-majority Azerbaijan

■ **1988-94: First Nagorno-Karabakh war:** Armenian forces drive 725,000 Azeris from homes. Land swap proposal fails. War ends with Russian-brokered ceasefire. 25,000 dead

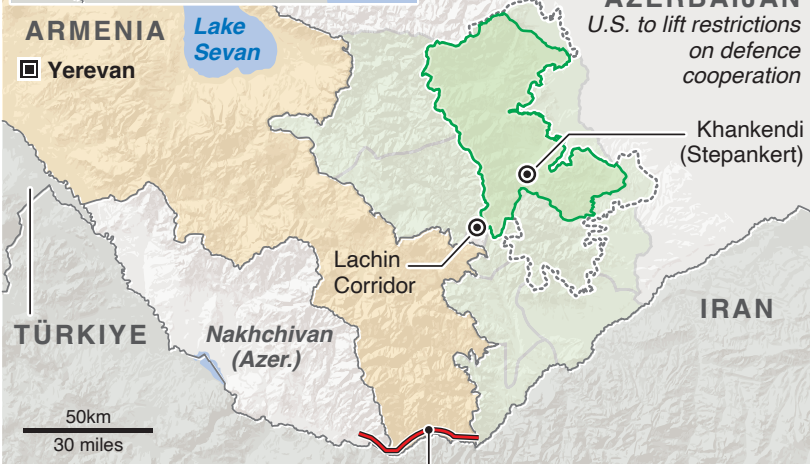
■ **2020: Second Nagorno-Karabakh war:** Azerbaijan, backed by Türkiye, recaptures surrounding territory. Russian peacekeepers deployed in Artsakh and Lachin Corridor



■ **Nagorno-Karabakh region** (Soviet borders)

■ Armenian-occupied territory ceded back to Azerbaijan in 2020 ceasefire

■ Former breakaway **Republic of Artsakh** – 120,000 ethnic Armenians fled after laying down arms in 2023



AZERBAIJAN
U.S. to lift restrictions on defence cooperation

Khankendi (Stepankert)

Lachin Corridor

Nakhchivan (Azer.)

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Zanzegur Corridor (or Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity TRIPP): Linking Azerbaijan to its Nakhchivan province
Armenia gives U.S. rights, subleased to infrastructure consortium, for 99 years