

Session 11 of the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting
(Warsaw, 03.10.2011)

**Speech of Mr. Rovshan Rzayev, member of the executive board of Azerbaijani
Community of the Nagorno Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

Dear participants of the session,

As a result of Armenian aggression on Azerbaijan around one million people were expelled from their native lands. This way, through the use of military force ethnic Azerbaijanis were totally cleansed from Armenia, Nagorno Karabakh region of Azerbaijan and seven adjacent to it regions.

Out of 1 million refugees and IDP's, I am representing Azerbaijani Community of Nagorno Karabakh region of Azerbaijan. At the moment of expulsion our community was composed of more than 40 thousand persons. During the past 20 years this number increased and now our community has more than 70 thousand members. Probably, there is no need to talk about psychological condition of every person that is forcefully displaced.

During the past years all the main international organizations, including Security Council and General Assembly of the UN, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, European Parliament etc. have all demanded immediate return of IDP's to their homes.

OSCE summits also paid attention to this problem. In particular, back in 1992 in Helsinki OSCE participating states expressed their concern over the increasing number of displaced persons and emphasized that displacement is a vivid example of violations of CSCE commitments taken by the participating states.

IDP's have been deprived of the main rights of a contemporary person. The right to land, right to property, right to choose a place of residence, as well as the right to elect and to be elected to local municipalities.

Unfortunately, Armenian authorities instead of solving this huge humanitarian catastrophe, aggravate the situation with settling ethnic Armenians in the historically Azerbaijani lands.

I would like to stress once again that today every single member of our community is psychologically stressed and constitutes a source of tension.

Dear participants of the session,

On behalf of all the members of my community, hereby, I kindly ask all the participants of this meeting:

- To do everything so that IDP's could as soon as possible return to their historical lands;
- With this to provide them with the conditions for their proper development;
- In the documents of this session to give more decisive recommendations on the solution to the IDP's problem.

Only return of forcefully displaced persons to their homes could be a constructive signal of peaceful solution of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict.

Thank you for attention!