

MEP Frank Engel says it is necessary to recognize independence of Artsakh for ensuring security of Nagorno Karabak's people



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It is necessary to recognize the independence of Artsakh to ensure the security of Nagorno Karabakh's people. MEP, head of EU-Artsakh friendship group Frank Engel told about this in a press conference at Armenpress media hall.

“After the 4-day war of early April, this is the first time I visited Stepanakert. I believe that it is better if I get acquainted to the situation on site. And the impressions I had in Artsakh confirmed my concerns. The war waged by Azerbaijan is a consequence of hatred that has been propagated by Azerbaijani authorities for years. The situation grows more complex considering Turkish involvement in all these”, Frank Engel said.

He mentioned that at the moment negotiations and discussions are stalled as the situation dictates so.

The MEP believes that now the issue must urgently be put on the table with a focus of recognition of Karabakh's independence.

“The international community is obliged to protect the people of Artsakh. The aspiration of Azerbaijan is to ruin the NKR and everything that exists there. From now on no one must have any doubts that Azerbaijan was the aggressor. The murder of the elderly people, cutting off their ears, beheading soldiers, and the act of proudly disseminating the photos by Azerbaijanis evidencing all these is a blatant proof who was the aggressor. Currently people commemorate the 101st anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and we must clearly understand that another genocide may occur”, the MEP said.

In his words, all these events lead to a conclusion that the people of Artsakh are endangered and that can be prevented only by recognizing the independence of Artsakh. Frank Engel stated that he will make efforts together with his college MEPs for the recognition of Artsakh's independence.