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New York Senator issues proclamation recognizing "Black January"

On the night of February 26th, 1992, Armenian and Russian military forces invaded the village of Khojaly and massacred over 613 Azerbaijan civilians, including 106 women and 83 children



Baku, Azerbaijan — January 21, 2014 — In an article published today by AzerNews, New York State Senator, Terry Gipson issued a proclamation recognizing the 24th anniversary of Black January in Azerbaijan. The proclamation was issued as a result of the annual awareness campaign organized by Pax Turcica, Azerbaijani-American Council (AAC) and Azerbaijan Society of America (ASA).

The proclamation mentions the fact that on the night of January 19-20, 1990, 26,000 Soviet special troops with support of tanks, helicopters and navy stormed Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, indiscriminately firing at unarmed civilians. The invasion was launched at midnight and was committed with brutality; even children, women and the elderly were not spared.

In total, some 133 people were killed, 611 wounded, 841 illegally arrested and five went missing as a result of the intrusion of troops into Baku and other regions of the republic.

January 20, 1990 entered into the modern history of Azerbaijan as one of the most tragic days, and at the same time as a heroic page.

Senator Gibson's proclamation also recognizes Nagorno-Karabakh as an integral part of Azerbaijan.

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