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CCA urges immediate end to blockade of Nagorno-Karabakh and establish peace with justice in the region

The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) urges the immediate lifting of the blockade of Nagorno-Karabakh, currently facing a dire humanitarian crisis affecting more than 120,000 individuals, including 30,000 children.

The CCA is deeply concerned about the worsening humanitarian situation within the blockaded Nagorno-Karabakh region, also known as Artsakh. As the crisis reaches critical levels, the CCA emphasises the urgent need for immediate action from the global community.

The Lachin corridor, which serves as the sole route connecting the area to Armenia, has remained sealed for over seven months. This blockade has led to a severe humanitarian emergency, putting the lives of 120,000 residents, including vulnerable children, in grave jeopardy. The scarcity of essential resources such as food, medicine, electricity, and fuel has exacerbated the suffering of the affected population.

The CCA strongly condemns Azerbaijan's blockade of the ethnic Armenian region of Nagorno-Karabakh, and denounces it as a violation of international agreements, humanitarian and human rights principles, and moral standards. The deliberate obstruction of the Lachin corridor exacerbates an already dire situation for the Armenian residents. Such actions contradict claims of goodwill and humanitarian responsibility by Azerbaijan, underscoring the urgent need for international attention.

The CCA appeals to Azerbaijan and all concerned parties to immediately lift the blockade and reopen the Lachin corridor. This action would enable unobstructed two-way movement of civilians, goods, and transportation, guaranteeing vital humanitarian access that will help alleviate the hardships faced by the Armenian community of Artsakh.

The CCA urges the international community to promptly intervene in order to dismantle the blockade and safeguard the lives of those residing in Artsakh. The CCA calls for dialogue and diplomatic initiatives to establish just and lasting peace in the region.

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