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GENOCIDE IN KHOJALY

Azerbaijani communities across the world will commemorate the 16th anniversary of the Genocide in Khojaly committed by Armenian armed forces on the nights of February 25-26, 1992.

The gruesome statistics indicates that 613 people had been killed, of which 106 were women and 83 were children; 1275 taken hostage, 150 went missing; 487 people became disabled, 76 of whom are teenage boys and girls; 8 families had been completely destroyed; 25 children had lost both of their parents, 130 children had lost one of their parents; and 56 people had been killed with extreme cruelty and torture. The Human Rights Watch in its relevant report described the event in Khojaly as “the largest massacre” in the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict.

The tragedy of Khojaly stands as the most vivid reminder of the consequences of Armenian aggression and policy of ethnic cleansing. Its survivors are still scattered among one million refugees and displaced persons in camps around Azerbaijan, and Armenia still occupies 20% of Azerbaijan’s territory.

The Embassy of Azerbaijan to Canada will hold a Remembrance Ceremony on February 25 on 7 PM at Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre on 525 Bay Street. The event will feature the documentary film about the atrocities committed by Armenian armed forces in Khojaly.