

## **GLORIOUS VICTORY IN THE 44-DAY PATRIOTIC WAR**

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The status of Supreme Commander-in-Chief was introduced in the 17th century by King Charles I of England, Scotland and Ireland. At that time, the holder of this position was only a military commander, ie the commander-in-chief of the country's military forces. Along with a historical view of events and processes, approaching, assessing and making informed decisions in the light of the current realities of the world and the new statehood thinking is the basis of President Ilham Aliyev's government. The strength and security of any state is based on its armed forces. Mr. Ilham Aliyev's presidency is a qualitatively new period in the development of the Azerbaijani Army. During this period, the Azerbaijani Army rose to a completely new level, both in terms of organization, supply and combat qualities, and became the strongest army in the region.[20, p.22-26]

In his historic speech at the plenary session of the 16th annual session of the Valdai International Discussion Club in October 2019, President Ilham Aliyev said: "Karabakh is Azerbaijan and an exclamation mark." [16]

On September 27, 2020 at 06.00, the Armenian side fired heavy weapons, mortars and artillery at the villages along the frontline - Gapanli of Tartar region, Chiragli and Orta Garvand of Aghdam region, Alkhanli and Shukurbayli of Fuzuli region, Jojug Marjanli of Jabrayil region. and there were casualties among the servicemen. Eleven Azerbaijani civilians, including two children, were killed. The ugly intentions of the Armenian armed forces attacking from different directions of the front were immediately prevented by the wise decisions and decisive instructions of our Supreme Commander-in-Chief. It began to fluctuate again and forever. On September 27, Garakhanbeyli, Garvand, Horadiz, Yukhari Abdurrahmanli villages of Fuzuli region, Boyuk Marjanli, Nuzgar villages of Jabrayil region, heights in the direction of Agdara and Murovdagh were liberated from occupation. [11]

Mr. President's interviews with television channels were our true voice spread around the world. As Mr. President said, "Army building has always been the top priority of my presidency. Both the military and the Azerbaijani people know this. I have always said that we will do whatever is necessary for our army. We have created a powerful and strong-willed army. Our armed forces meet modern standards and carry out combat missions with dignity, conscience and courage. Today, our various armed units are involved in the counter-offensive, and the counter-offensive is going well under the single command. There is full coordination between all branches of armed forces. I am confident that this counter-offensive will continue successfully. By providing this information to the Azerbaijani people, I want to say once again that we are on the righteous path. We are defending ourselves. We do not lay claim to anyone else's lands. Azerbaijan's armed forces have no objectives on anyone else's lands, in Armenia's territory. But we will defend ourselves on our lands and rid our lands of occupiers. " [18]

Armenia's provocations against Azerbaijan in July 2020 were another military aggression. President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev said in his address to the people of Azerbaijan: "This morning, the Armenian armed forces fired on our settlements, as well as our military positions, using various types of weapons, including heavy artillery, from several directions. There are casualties among the civilian population and our servicemen as a result of enemy fire. May God have mercy on our martyrs! Their blood will not remain on the ground. The Azerbaijani Army is currently firing at the enemy's military positions, and as a result of these strikes, many of the enemy's military equipment have been destroyed. This is another manifestation of Armenian fascism.

Recently, Armenia's military provocations against Azerbaijan have become regular. In July, our servicemen and a civilian were killed as a result of artillery fire in the direction of Tovuz on the Armenian-Azerbaijani border. It is no secret that the first fire, including artillery fire, was opened by Armenia, and the first casualties were Azerbaijani prisoners. Azerbaijan gave a worthy response to the enemy and the enemy could not move an inch forward. The enemy was stopped, the territorial integrity

of our country was protected. As a result of the crushing blows, the Armenian side was forced to agree to a bitter defeat. " [5]

In the program "60 Minutes", aired on September 29 on the TV channel "Russia-1", in a program dedicated to the events on the Azerbaijani-Armenian line of contact, Mr. President delivered a truthful, logical, professional and decisive speech, conveying the truth to the Russian-speaking audience. He showed the insidious policy of Armenia. Azerbaijan's military-political and diplomatic achievements are a direct indication of Ilham Aliyev's phenomenal talent. Victory in the 44-day Patriotic War is the result of the successful strategy of the victorious Supreme Commander-in-Chief, President Ilham Aliyev. The following achievements are an indicator of President Ilham Aliyev's leadership: High diplomatic activity of the President; - Comprehensive reforms implemented in a timely manner; - Increasing the strength of our army; - The unity of our people around their leader, who have full confidence and trust in the Supreme Commander-in-Chief.

All these are the main factors determining the economic, political and military power of Azerbaijan, the important points that determine the victory of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief. President Ilham Aliyev also defeated the aggressor on the battlefield. During the operations, Orbiter 4 and BlueBird Aero Systems ThunderB anti-aircraft missiles, Aerostar reconnaissance, Spike-ER and Spike-NLOS guided missile systems, Azerbaijani-Israeli "circulating ammunition" anti-aircraft missiles, Israel Aerospace Industries Harop, Elbit Systems SkyStriker and Aeronautics Defense Systems Orbiter 1K, Elbit Systems Hermes 900 and Israel Aerospace Industries Harop, Elbit Systems Hermes 450, Israel Aerospace Industries Mk 2 ", "Aeronautics Defense Systems Aerostar "and light "Aeronautics Defense Systems Orbiter 2M ", 119 units of PDM-3, 186 units of PDM-2, 25 units of 120 mm Nona-S, 12 units of 203 mm .pion "Pion" OAQ, 18 pieces 152 mm "Msta-S" OAQ, 18 pieces 120 mm. mm RM-70, 30 pieces 107-mm T-107 and so on. reconnaissance devices were used. In his address to the nation on December 1, 2020, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev spoke about the country's military-political achievements: "During the war, we liberated about 5,000, 5,000 square kilometers on the battlefield, liberated by war. At the same time, we have already returned about the same area - about 5,000 square kilometers - peacefully. Of course, this does not mean a peaceful return. We forced the enemy, and the enemy was already on the brink, completely destroyed. He had no other choice, either to be completely destroyed or to sign an act of capitulation. President Ilham Aliyev noted, "From the first day of the war to this day - from September 27 to December 1, I have repeatedly addressed the people of Azerbaijan, shared the joy of victory, and gave the good news of our liberated cities. I consider myself a very happy person. Because this victory showed our spirit, our indomitable spirit. "[4]

Increasing its military power, Azerbaijan actively used the most modern types of weapons, especially strike missiles. Armenia could not withstand the "iron" will and decisive victory of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev under the slogan "Karabakh is Azerbaijan and shout". President Ilham Aliyev stated that, "November 8 will forever remain in the history of our people. On November 8, Azerbaijan won a brilliant victory by liberating our ancient city of Shusha from the enemy. The liberation of Shusha from occupation required great heroism, professionalism and national spirit. The Azerbaijani military has demonstrated all these sublime features. I came to Shusha on the way to victory. That road is now open, there was no road. Crossing tens of kilometers through mountains, forests and valleys, the heroic Azerbaijani soldiers liberated villages and settlements along the way from the enemy, approached the city of Shusha, liberated the village of Dashalti and then liberated Shusha from the occupiers. I am confident that the Shusha operation will be included in the textbooks of leading international military schools. I already know that experts from many developed countries analyze each day of the 44-day war. Because every day of the 44-day war is a day of victory. The liberation of Shusha from occupation was the greatest blow to the enemy." [17] Armenia could not withstand the "iron" will and decisive victory of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev under the slogan "Karabakh is Azerbaijan and shout".

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Supreme Commander-in-Chief Ilham Aliyev reiterated in a historic address to the nation on November 10, 2020 that our people believed in me, so I have

repeatedly said that I know what to do and when. Relying on this belief of the people, President Ilham Aliyev, as the Supreme Commander-in-Chief, declared that day had come and made history as the main architect of our great victory. The inexhaustible energy, determination and strong will of the President, Supreme Commander-in-Chief Ilham Aliyev laid the foundation for the realization of the will, desires and aspirations of the Azerbaijani people. "I said that our territorial integrity must be restored. All these years we have been mobilizing all our forces to strengthen our country, to gather strength - both internationally and domestically, to solve economic problems, to strengthen solidarity and unity in our country, to build an army. and today we have created a new reality. If even a year ago some people told us to reconcile with the existing reality, today I say that everyone must reconcile with the existing reality. [12]

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev said in his address to the nation on October 9: "Karabakh is Azerbaijan. Everyone should know this, including those sitting at the head of Armenia today. I tell them again that if they continue to falsify after the Moscow talks, they will regret it. We will take back our lands - peacefully or through war. Unequivocally! We want to organize it peacefully, let's get it peacefully. We give Armenia one last chance, one last chance! Do not rely on anyone. No one will help them. Armenia is helpless in front of us. Armenia is on its knees before us. We have brought them to their knees before the souls of our martyrs. The blood of our martyrs did not remain on the ground. I have repeatedly said in meetings with representatives of the families of martyrs and parents of martyrs that we will take revenge on them. The blood of our martyrs will not and will not remain on the ground. We do not want blood. We want our nets to be given to us. Let them not prolong the issue. There is no such thing as the status quo, it's over. The status quo should be like this, it should be like that. I changed the status quo, I changed it! Look, there, on the battlefield. There is no status quo. Contact line, no contact line. We split it. They have been building this line of contact for 30 years. The relief of that region is a natural fortification. We are going from the bottom up. In fact, concrete fortifications have been built there for 30 years. We are halfway through. No one can do anything in front of an Azerbaijani soldier. We have destroyed that line of contact today. No line of contact. Now they say there will be a new line of contact. It will not happen! We will take back our lands. Which line of contact can we talk about ?! No, we have destroyed, we have done, we have shown will, we have shown strength, we have relied on the will of our people, and today we are winning. We are playing a historic victory! This victory is the brightest among the victories of the Azerbaijani people. These victories will continue in the future. "[6]

Mr. Ilham Aliyev is the irreplaceable leader of our people, the only address of faith, the savior, the Hero who made the impossible possible, the mighty commander who took revenge on the enemy.

The crushing blows inflicted on the enemy by our glorious Army under the leadership of our Supreme Commander-in-Chief, successful combat operations and victories have ensured the full restoration of the territorial integrity and historical justice of our country.

These words are from President Ilham Aliyev's address to the people: "... I told Armenia before the events of September 27, let's fight alone. Let's see, who ?! But every step is provocation, every step is insulting and he thinks that we will reconcile with it ?! Now we have shown who is who. " After 28 years of occupation, Shusha, the historical capital of Karabakh, was liberated. The Second Karabakh War was truly a Patriotic War for the people of Azerbaijan. We defended our homeland and liberated our lands from occupiers. This is how each of us accepted what happened in 44 days. In Azerbaijan, people turned to military commissariats with the desire to go to war. Azerbaijani soldiers and officers, demonstrating unparalleled courage and heroism, terrified the enemy. [11]

The address of the President of Azerbaijan to the people is a work of its own affirmations, affirmations and appeals - a work of truth and courage!

As a result of the hard work of President Ilham Aliyev, our mosques, our religious temples, have been restored. Mr. Supreme Commander-in-Chief Ilham Aliyev said in his speech in front of the Aghdam Mosque: "I donated the Holy Quran I brought from Mecca to the Aghdam Mosque. I am lucky to have visited Mecca four times. Once with my late father, and three times as President. I am happy that I prayed with my family members inside the holy Kaaba. What is in everyone's heart is the same in my heart. The first prayer I prayed was for the liberation of our lands from occupation. " The words of the President

evoke a sense of pride in every citizen of a patriotic country. [13] President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev said at the opening of the Military Loot Park in Baku: "The world media have repeatedly circulated reports that leading countries of the world, including the United States of America, Great Britain, Germany and other developed countries, are studying all aspects of the second Karabakh war. They are trying to bring their armies in line with modern standards and modern requirements. Not only did we wage a war of the 21st century, we also won an unprecedented victory. Across challenging terrain, we assaulted several lines of enemy fortifications with professionalism, skill, power and military science, and achieved our goal by expelling the enemy from our lands. We liberated our lands through development because development is the backbone of our victory." [9]

Our people have once again seen the great determination of its head of state to face the world in the interests of the people and the state. In general, in interviews with Al Jazeera, Al Arabiya, TRT Haber, Perviy Kanal, CNN-Turk, and Euronews, the President of Azerbaijan spoke about the Armenian-Azerbaijani Karabakh conflict, as well as the frontline. Clear, clear and decisive views on the latest military operations are of exceptional importance in terms of conveying the rightful position of our country to the world community. The grand victory parade, the victorious army, the victorious people, the victorious president became a symbol of unity. Each of the young people must listen and study again and again the appeals of Mr. President Ilham Aliyev to the people.

Mr. President Ilham Aliyev stated: ".During the war, I used to say that our iron fist embodied both our unity and strength. This iron fist broke the enemy's back and crushed the enemy's head. Today we celebrate this holiday as a heroic nation. The victorious Army of Azerbaijan fulfilled its historic mission and defeated Armenia. The Armenian army is almost non-existent, destroyed. After that, if Armenian fascism rises again, the result will be the same. Again, Azerbaijan's iron fist will break their backs. In one of the parades, I said that the flag raised in Lalatapa in 2016 will be brought to the parade. I said that the day will come when the Azerbaijani flag raised in the liberated lands will be brought to Freedom Square and arrived today. We, the people of Azerbaijan, are witnesses of this historic day. From now on, we will only move forward. I said that the option of war is never ruled out. Not only that, all these years we have been mobilizing all our forces to strengthen our country, to gather strength - both internationally and domestically, in solving economic problems, strengthening solidarity and unity in our country, building an army. We brought this power into the form of an iron fist, broke the enemy's back, and today we have created a new reality. If even a year ago some people told us to reconcile with the existing reality, today I say that everyone should be reconciled with the existing reality." [4]

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Ceremonial parade on the 15th anniversary of the liberation of Baku on September 15, 2018 - Exactly 100 years ago - on September 15, 1918, for the first time in the history of Baku, the victory of the Caucasus Islamic Army and the Azerbaijani National Army. That day is now repeated. This holiday of victory, which has become a symbol of brotherhood and loyalty, adequately reflects the philosophy of the words of our national leader Heydar Aliyev "One nation, two states" and showed that the Azerbaijani-Turkish unity and brotherhood are unshakable and eternal. [15]

In honor of the glorious victory, a grand Victory Parade will be held on December 10, 2020 in Freedom Square, June 15, 2021 - the signing of the Shusha Declaration on National Salvation Day, the opening of the "Karabakh Air Gate" during Recep Tayyip Erdogan's visit to Karabakh and May 14. The world witnessed once again the triumph of the brotherhood of Azerbaijan and Turkey between two fraternal leaders - Ilham Aliyev and Recep Tayyip Erdogan - during the opening of a magnificent project

implemented by Turkey - the giant Rize-Artvin Airport built on the sea. The fact that Recep Tayyip Erdogan stood shoulder to shoulder with Ilham Aliyev once again demonstrated the brotherhood of our peoples to the whole world. The signing of a joint declaration between Turkey and Azerbaijan in Shusha raised our relations to the level of an alliance: "We are friends, brothers and are already official allies. This policy is the legacy of our ancestors, the will of our ancestors and we are committed to this will." [3]

In his speech, Mr. President stated: "When I was elected President in 2003, I signed our Constitution and the Holy Koran and swore to protect the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan. Today, I can say with great pride that Azerbaijan has achieved what it wanted, restored historical justice and international law. Every day of these 44 days is our glorious history, every day Azerbaijan was moving forward. During these 44 days, there was not a single day that we retreated. We have passed through the fortifications built by Armenia for almost 30 years." [19]

The fact that the Azerbaijani society sees Mr. Ilham Aliyev as a worthy successor of the great leader Heydar Aliyev's course of strategic reforms was, in fact, conditioned by a number of realities. President Ilham Aliyev, faithful to Heydar Aliyev's political course, is leading Azerbaijan to new heights. In particular, the historic victory of our glorious army under the leadership of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief Ilham Aliyev, who won the Great Patriotic War, is unparalleled. Our valiant army ensured the territorial integrity and inviolability of Azerbaijan by expelling the invading stateless from its homeland.

The name of President Ilham Aliyev is forever engraved in our history as a great Savior and Hero. Regardless of the current historical and political, geographical conditions, the nature of the political system, the phenomenon of leadership has a decisive role in the formation and development of the nation-state. It is a fact that today the existence of Azerbaijan as an independent state, stable and confident development is directly related to the leadership factor. A leader is a powerful person who, with his or her mind, will, decision-making ability, and ability to guide people, mobilizes and leads people to a common cause.

Increasing the international prestige of the Republic of Azerbaijan, gaining reliable allies and supporters on our planet is also an important event on the road to victory. Important steps such as Azerbaijan's election as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, its chairmanship of the Non-Aligned Movement, the Council of Ministers of the European Union, and the establishment and development of relations with the world, especially in the region, have further strengthened our country's position. During the Great Patriotic War, the countries of the world faced a different leader in the person of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, with high training, extraordinary skills and a broad outlook. [2]

Not only the defeated aggressor Armenia, but the whole world saw the power of Azerbaijan in its homeland. The mighty Azerbaijani Army, under the leadership of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Ilham Aliyev, has written a great history of victory. Let's take a brief look at the work done by Ilham Aliyev for the rise of our country and its positive image in the international arena: he implemented the Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum and Baku-Tbilisi-Kars projects, which are beneficial for the whole world, overcoming obstacles and overcoming difficulties; "East-West", "North-South" transport corridors, turned Azerbaijan into a transit logistics center; provided valuable contributions to Europe's energy supply; managed to give Azerbaijan a say in the development of sports in the world; drove. [14] Today we can say with great pride that Fuzuli is ours, Jabrayil is ours, Zangilan is ours, Gubadli is ours, Aghdam is ours, Lachin is ours, Kalbajar is ours, Shusha is ours, Karabakh is ours, Karabakh is Azerbaijan! Love to the people of Azerbaijan! Long live Azerbaijan! [5]

The Karabakh war, fought by the heroic Azerbaijani Army under the leadership of the victorious Supreme Commander-in-Chief Ilham Aliyev for 44 days, is a different event in world military history. This is an example of a just war for the liberation of our homeland from occupiers in the 21st century. The great historical victory achieved in Karabakh is a proof of being the victorious Supreme Commander-in-Chief in the person of President Ilham Aliyev. The patriotism, courage and bravery shown by the Azerbaijani soldiers who showed extraordinary heroism in the Great Patriotic War are the reality of the epoch of Ilham Aliyev. The aphorism "one nation, two states", which appeared as an

expression of the great foresight of the great leader Heydar Aliyev, gradually developed into a strategy of Azerbaijani-Turkish interstate relations. The Great Return Movement is a Magnificent Creative Movement announced and implemented by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, İlham Aliyev. [1]

Here, the victorious Supreme Commander-in-Chief gave a report to the spirit of the great leader, expressing the confidence of national leader Heydar Aliyev in his address to the people of Azerbaijan on October 1, 2003: " Today, I also visited the grave of great leader Heydar Aliyev and paid my respects. I said in my heart; I am happy to have fulfilled my father's will. We have liberated Shusha! This is a great victory! The souls of our martyrs and the Great Leader are happy today! Congratulations, Azerbaijan! Congratulations, Azerbaijanis of the world!". [8]

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