

**DECISION  
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

**No 1586-N of 27 September 2020**

**ON DECLARATION MARTIAL LAW IN THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

Taking into account the military operations launched by the armed sub-divisions of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the direction of the Republic of Artsakh in the morning of 27 September 2020 and the use of artillery, air force, including unmanned aerial vehicles (hereinafter referred to as "UAV"), armoured fighting vehicles, manpower and other sub-divisions, as a result whereof the settlements located far behind, including capital Stepanakert and the peaceful population residing there, were targeted as well;

taking as a basis that that the Republic of Armenia is the guarantor of security of the people of Artsakh;

taking as a basis that, as a result of the operations undertaken by the Republic of Azerbaijan, there is an imminent threat of armed attack against the Republic of Armenia and invasion of the territory of the Republic of Armenia, which threatens the sovereignty, security, territorial integrity of the Republic of Armenia and, as a consequence, the life and safety of citizens and the population, and the elimination of these circumstances is impossible without undertaking emergency measures;

pursuing the aim of preventing the imminent threat of an armed attack against the Republic of Armenia, as well as ensuring the normal functioning of state and local self-government bodies, natural and legal persons, and the protection of the life and safety of people in conditions of martial law through the establishment of most favourable conditions for the Armed Forces of the Republic of Armenia and the mobilisation of the economy thereof;

and guided by part 1 of Article 119, Article 76 of the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia, as well as Articles 3 and 4, part 1 of Article 5, Articles 6, 8, 9 and 11 of the Law "On the legal regime of martial law", the Government of the Republic of Armenia hereby decides to:

1. declare martial law in the entire territory of the Republic of Armenia upon the entry into force of this Decision.
2. define the measures and temporary restrictions on rights and freedoms imposed during martial law, the measures and bodies ensuring the legal regime of martial law, pursuant to the Annex.
3. establish that the measures and temporary restrictions on rights and freedoms imposed within the scope of martial law shall be imposed in the entire territory of the Republic of Armenia. The forces and means of state authorised bodies of defence, emergency situations, the police, the national security that ensure the legal regime of martial law, as well as representatives of staffs of other bodies of the state administration system, territorial administration and local self-government may be engaged to ensure the execution of the imposed measures and the imposing of the temporary restrictions on rights and freedoms within the scope of martial law.
4. This Decision shall enter into force immediately upon its promulgation.

Annex

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