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## **PRESIDENT ALIYEV CALLS FOR RETURN OF AZERBAIJANIS EXPELLED FROM MODERN-DAY ARMENIA**

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Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev expressed optimism about the return of Western Azerbaijanis to their ancestral lands in modern-day Armenia, drawing parallels to the successful resettlement of Azerbaijanis to Karabakh and East Zangezur regions.

The Azerbaijani people were subjected to three waves of deportation in the 20th century, including those from Western Azerbaijan, i.e. modern-day Armenia, President Aliyev said in a recent address.

After a certain period, after the two deportations, the Azerbaijani people returned to their ancestral lands, not all of them but a large part of them did. This gives us legitimate confidence that the Western Azerbaijanis who were subjected to the third wave of ethnic cleansing will also return to their ancestral lands ( \*□ The next generations of Western Azerbaijanis who have not seen those lands are living with a dream for the Motherland, the president stated.

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