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US EMBASSY CONDEMNS POLICE VIOLENCE

The US Embassy strongly condemns the police violence today against supporters of the Azadliq bloc in Baku. We deplore the unjustified and unprovoked use of force against citizens peacefully exercising their right to freedom of assembly. We urge the Government to investigate and punish those responsible for these incidents. During this tense post-election period, we urge all Azerbaijani citizens and authorities to remain calm and exercise restraint.