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## additional information and angles on Nagorno-Karabakh conflict

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Hey Adam!

Aside from the mainstream media reporting on the current escalation in violence between Armenia and Azerbaijan — today's Reuters report is [here](#) — I wanted to share a few angles below that could help you provide broader context in any story, if you choose to pursue one. Should you want to set up a phone interview with the ambassador, please let me know and I'll be happy to arrange it!

While the State Department issued a [neutrally worded statement](#) yesterday on the escalation in Nagorno-Karabakh, EU countries and leaders have recently made statements which directly affirm Azerbaijani territorial integrity in accordance with international law: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1701256/%7B%7B>

Congressional Democrats are coming out forcefully against Israel's West Bank annexation plan, yet they remain silent on an Armenian occupation of Nagorno-Karabakh that violates several U.N. resolutions: [https://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2020/07/democrats\\_west\\_bank\\_rhetoric\\_rings\\_hollow.html](https://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2020/07/democrats_west_bank_rhetoric_rings_hollow.html)

Although Iran — which shares borders with both Armenia and Azerbaijan — claims a neutral position toward this conflict, Iranian trucks in April delivered fuel to Nagorno-Karabakh in what Azerbaijan described as a breach of that neutral stance: <https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/iranian-trucks-in-the-occupied-azerbaijani-territories-and-tehrans-hidden-agenda/>

There is also the matter of the deep ties between Iran and Armenia both economically and diplomatically, including Armenia's role in helping Iran circumvent U.S. and international sanctions: <https://www.jns.org/opinion/beware-of-the-sanctions-busters/>

<https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/138938/a-nation-that-is-faithful-to-iran-is-no-reliable-partner-opinion/>

Thanks and all the best,  
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