

ORDER of the President of the Azerbaijan Republic on improvement of living conditions and employment promotion of the internally displaced persons from Agdam and other regions evicted from their native lands as a result of occupation of the Azerbaijani territories by the Armenian armed forces and temporarily settled in the tent camps of Barda and Agjabedi regions and in the railway carriages in Barda region

As a result of socio-political stability created in the country by the National Leader of the Azerbaijan people Heydar Aliyev in recent years, and thanks to the carried out reforms and purposeful development strategy, the significant changes in the direction of constant growth of economy and increasing the welfare of population have been achieved. To strengthen the achieved success and increasing the economic potential of the country, to reduce the poverty severely by opening new work places and to improve the welfare of population even more are the essential obligations to be fulfilled by the state in the near future. The main question among them is to create favorable living conditions for citizens internally displaced and evicted from their native lands as a result of aggressive and expansionist policy of Armenia.

The state took great attention to the problems of refugees and internally displaced persons during this period, the amount of funds allocated from the state budget for ensuring the social protection of them was increased year by year, the first funds of the State Oil Fund were precisely directed to improving the social conditions of the refugees and internally displaced persons. In accordance with Decree No.562 of the President of the Azerbaijan Republic, dated August 22, 2001 "On settlement of the problems of location of the Azerbaijanis internally displaced from their historical lands in the Armenian territory as a result of ethnic cleaning carried out by the Armenian chauvinists", Decree No.577 of the President of the Azerbaijan Republic, dated September 7, 2001 "On some actions related to settlement of some internally displaced persons evicted from Agdam and Fuzuli regions and temporarily settled in the tent camps as a result of ethnic cleaning carried out by the Armenian chauvinists", Decree No.700 of the President of the Azerbaijan Republic, dated May 13, 2002 "On some actions related to improvement of social and living conditions of internally displaced persons settled in the 5 tent camps located in the territory of Bilasuvar region" in general 559 billion manats were allocated from the State Oil Fund for funding the actions related to the problems of improvement of social conditions of the refugees and internally displaced persons and their settlement. On account of those funds 5 tent camps were abolished, and new residential settlements, as well as 6076 apartments, 18 school buildings, 18 medical establishments and other essential infrastructure were constructed in the territories liberated from occupation and in other regions for thousands of refugees and internally displaced families, and unfinished 320 houses have been completed, 5000 internally displaced families were granted lump-sum, non-repayable allowances to be engaged in agriculture.

Though the lives of some refugees and internally displaced persons have improved as a result of such actions, still thousands of families live in the tents and railway carriages in very poor conditions without any normal living standards. For ensuring the improvement of social and living conditions and employment promotion of 3860 internally displaced families from Agdam and other regions settled in the tent camps of Barda and Agjabedi regions, as well as in railway carriages located in Barda region until liberation of the occupied Azerbaijani lands and returning of the internally displaced persons to their native lands I hereby decide:

1. To construct new settlements with energy, water supply, educational, health and other necessary socio-technical infrastructure for 3674 internally displaced families

from Agdam region temporarily settled in the tent camps of Barda and Agjabedi regions in the territory of that region, and railway carriages in the territory of Barda region, for 149 internally displaced families from Kalbajar region in the territory of Ashagi and Yukhari Agjakend settlements of Goranboy region, for 37 internally displaced families from Lachin region in Lachin winter pasture of Agjabedi region.

2. The State Committee ensures the management of work related to designing and construction of new settlements with necessary living infrastructure. Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic appoints the customer-organization.
3. To establish the State Commission composed the following persons for ensuring the execution of this Order.

Chairman of the State Commission:

Ali Hasanov Deputy-Prime Minister of the Azerbaijan Republic, Chairman of the State Committee on Deals of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons

Members of the State Commission:

Farhad Aliyev	Minister of Economic Development of the Azerbaijan Republic
Misir Mardanov	Minister of Education of the Azerbaijan Republic
Ali Insanov	Minister of Health of the Azerbaijan Republic
Irshad Aliyev	Acting Minister of Agriculture of the Azerbaijan Republic
Samir Sharifov	Chairman of the State Oil Fund of the Azerbaijan Republic
Garib Mammadov	Acting Chairman of the State Committee on Land and Cartography of the Azerbaijan Republic
Shair Hasanov	Acting Chairman of the State Construction and Architecture Committee of the Azerbaijan Republic
Hasan Sariyev	Head of the Executive Power of Agdam region

4. To take into account that the State Commission carries out the control over execution of the contract concluded with the tender winner in relation to designing and construction of new settlements with all necessary infrastructure for internally displaced families in accordance with applicable legislation, as well as acceptance of the carried out work by the State Committee as per legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic on public procurement and other issues related to construction of new settlements.

5. State Commission:

- should take into account the existing practice in construction of the settlements in case of defining the assessment criteria of the proposals, involvement of the internally displaced

persons to be resettled to new settlements in construction work and provision of them with work places after resettlement;

- to take necessary actions in organization of tender (bid) according to legislation and for implementation of other issues connected with construction of new settlements, to report regularly the President of the Azerbaijan Republic on work carried out and the results of tender (bid).

6. To ensure the allocation of plot of lands, as well as small holdings, sowing and pasture areas for construction of the settlements on the basis of the State Commission's presentation in collaboration with the State Committee of the Azerbaijan Republic on Deals of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons, State Committee on Land and Cartography of the Azerbaijan Republic and Executive Power of Agdam region.
7. To oblige the State Committee of the Azerbaijan Republic on Deals of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons to ensure the resettlement of 3860 internally displaced families temporarily settled in the tent camps of Barda and Agjabedi regions, as well as in railway carriages of Barda region to the residential houses of the settlements stated in this Order. Upon completion of these actions to abolish the tent camps in Barda and Agjabedi regions.
8. To oblige the State Oil Fund of the Azerbaijan Republic to ensure the funding of the actions on designing and construction of the settlements considered in this Order, preparation and con-duction of tender (bid), resettlement of the internally displaced persons to new settlements, their engagement in agricultural activity, granting lump-sum non-repayable allowances, recruitment of the relevant personnel of the customer-organization, banking and other expenditures within the framework of budget approved for 2004 by the Fund in the amount and manner defined by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic.
9. To oblige the Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic to settle the issues arisen from this Order.
10. This Order comes into force from the day of signing.

Ilham Aliyev

President of the Azerbaijan Republic

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