



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Third Session

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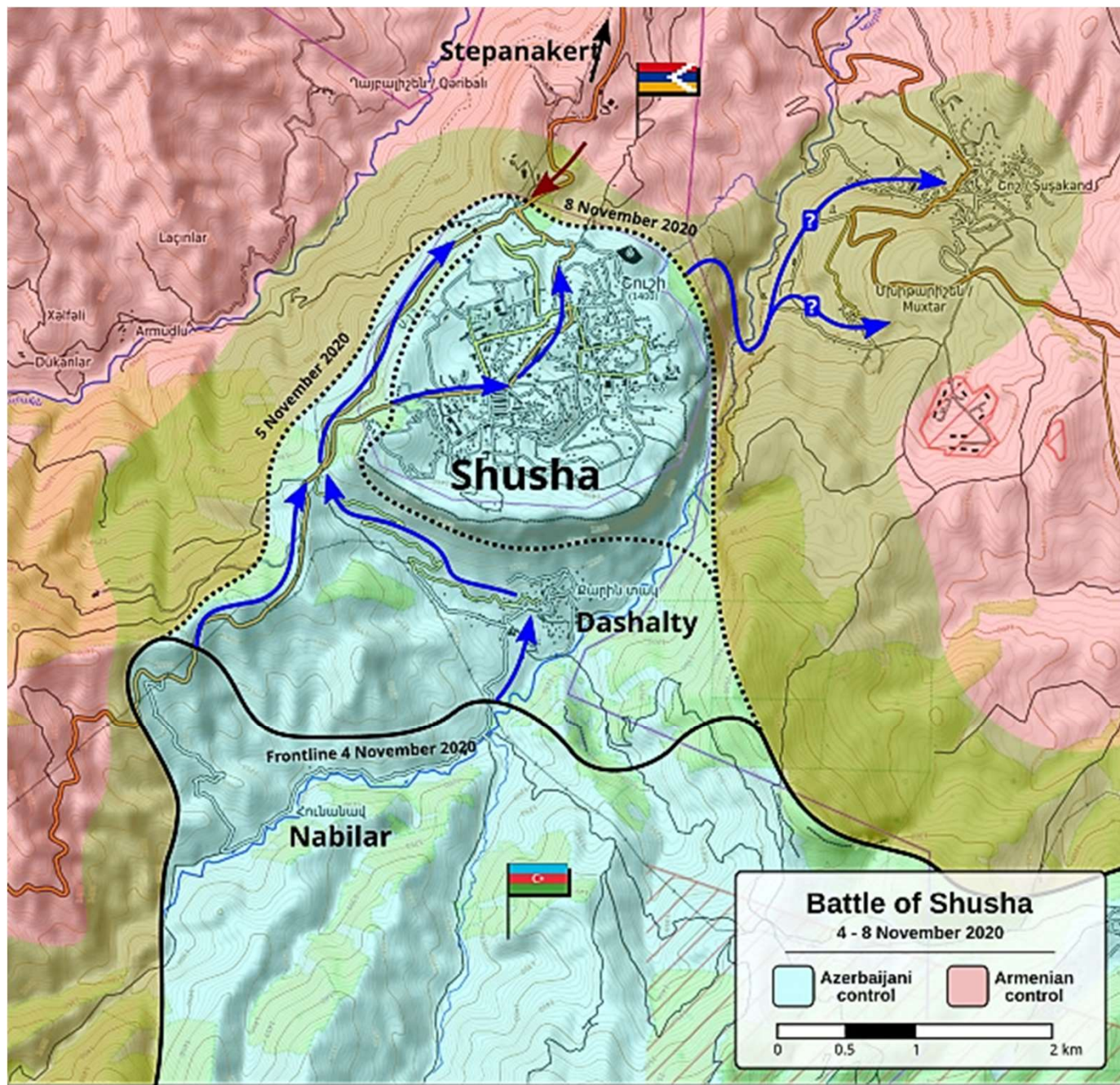
Armenian National Security

- Geopolitical context
- Redefining national security
- Policy, process and product
- Reform and modernization

Armenian Defense Reform

- Strategy and tactics
- Transformation
- Lessons learned from 2020
- Threat assessment & capabilities

Battle for Shushi 8 November 2020



Ceasefire December 2020



- Nagorno-Karabakh region
- Lachin corridor
- Meghri corridor
- Line of contact between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces, 1994-2020
- Areas recaptured by Azerbaijani forces
- Areas returned to Azerbaijan per the cease-fire agreement

Armenia-Azerbaijan peace deal

- Armenian forces to withdraw by 15 Nov
- Armenian forces to withdraw by 20 Nov
- Armenian forces to withdraw by 1 Dec
- Areas regained by Azerbaijan in the war
- Area of deployment for Russian peacekeepers



Source: BBC Research, 10 November 2020.



Post-War South Caucasus



September 2022

Escalation: greater intensity & duration

- Heavy weapons: artillery, mortars, high-caliber weapons (posture)
- Sustained attack: reckless & indiscriminate barrage (preparation)

September 2022

Expansion: broadening of battlespace

- Armenian border areas
- Penetration in depth
- Tactical objective: “buffer zone”

September 2022

Results for Azerbaijan

- Failed to meet tactical objective
- International reaction raises the stakes, imposes a cost
- Higher than expected casualties

GEORGIA

RUSSIA

ARMENIA

▣ Yerevan

AZERBAIJAN

TURKEY

AZER.

IRAN





ARMENIA

AZERBAIJAN

**NAKHCHIVAN
(AZER.)**

IRAN

1994-2020
Line of Contact

Borders of the former Nagorno
Karabakh Autonomous Oblast

Russian-Turkish Joint
Monitoring Centre

Lake Sevan

Aras Dam

Khudafarin
Reservoir

Sarsang
Reservoir

Murovdagh
Peak

Chaylagala

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Taghavard

Amaras

Yukhari Veysalli

Fuzuli

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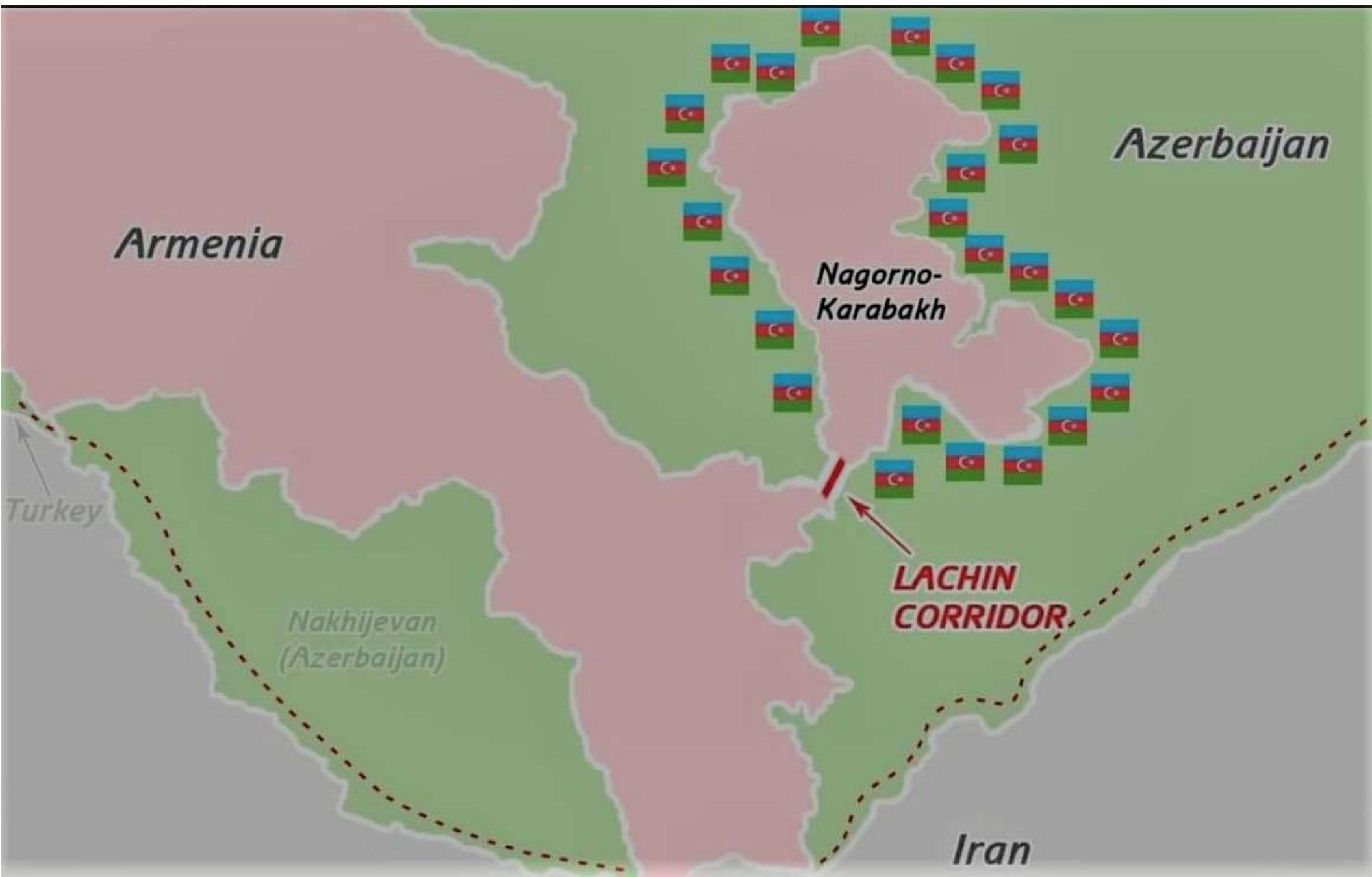
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Closure of the Lachin Corridor



Siege of Nagorno Karabakh



Developments to Watch



- Dangerous spike in recent deaths & casualties within the armed forces due to hazing, command failure and collapse of unit discipline

Next Session

- 25 October 2024: Mapping Power Centers in Armenia & Azerbaijan, utilizing an analytical model to assess national stability and regime security