



## Promoting a Lasting Partnership Between Azerbaijan and America

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## Khojaly Campaign Brings Attention to Nagorno-Karabakh Refugees

Washington, D.C. – February 25, 2013 – A national public awareness campaign commemorating the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the 1992 massacre of nearly 1000 Azerbaijani civilians in the village of Khojaly by Armenian and Russian military forces is bringing important attention to the status of refugees within Azerbaijan. Through Armenian military aggression during the conflict in the Nagorno-Karabakh region, over 1 million Azeris have had to flee their homes in western Azerbaijan in order to avoid further suffering.

The campaign, led by the American Azerbaijan Alliance, is currently underway in Washington, D.C. and New York City where hundreds of Khojaly posters are located at subways and at bus stops, and on buses, mobile projections on buildings throughout both cities, and mobile billboards that tour Washington and New York with messages commemorating the human tragedy against Azerbaijan.



President Aliyev and the government of Azerbaijan continue to go to great lengths to provide financial, healthcare, employment, and educational assistance to displaced Azerbaijanis. Government leaders are working with the United Nations and other international refugee organizations to make certain that refugees from the Nagorno-Karabakh region receive needed support. By highlighting the millions of Azeris affected by Armenian and Russian military incursions into Nagorno-Karabakh, the Azerbaijan America Alliance is raising awareness towards tragedies related to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. “This tragedy needs to be remembered by international dignitaries,” stated former U.S. Ambassador to Azerbaijan Matthew Bryza.

Founded in 2011 by Azerbaijan businessman Mr. Anar Mammadov, the Azerbaijan America Alliance is a non-partisan, non-profit organization providing critical information about the people, culture, society, industry, history, and current events of the Azeri people. Its mission is to foster and strengthen relations between the people of Azerbaijan and the United States. Through academic discussion, cultural programming, and political discourse, the Alliance aims to promote and advance a lasting partnership between the two nations’ citizens.