

As atrocities mount in the war over Nagorny Karabakh, the Azeris are compiling a grim inventory of massacre victims

Painful search for 'Armenians' dead

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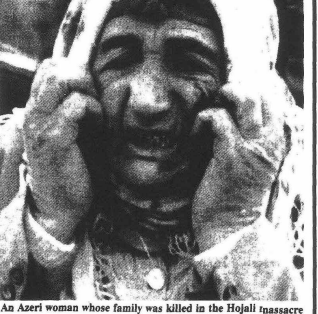
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From Hugh Pope in Baku
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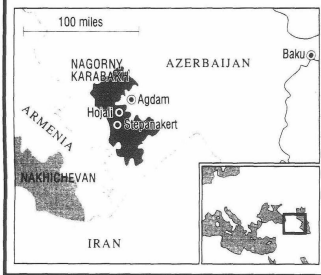
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Heroes of the fight on the mountain bodies

AREF SADIKOV sat quietly in the shade of a cafe bar on the Caspian Sea expanse of Baku when a line of stiches in his trousers, torn by an Armenian bullet as he fled the town of Hjojal over three months ago, were cut by a pair of scissors.

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SCHOOLCHILDREN in some states of India may soon be taught that Ram and other heroic gods from epic Hindu poems written around 1000 BC were real people. Hindu revivalists have recruited more than 100 historians, archeologists, sociologists, and linguists to interpret India's ancient civilisation for school textbooks...

From Tim McGeirk in New Delhi

In the early stages, some scholars are already challenging the long-held assumption that the Aryans, nomadic warriors who swept across the grasslands of Central Asia into India, and also Europe, were responsible for the two pillars of Hinduism: its philosophy and the caste system.

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