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**THE ROLE OF FORENSIC MEDICAL SERVICES OF AZERBAIJAN
REPUBLIC IN CASES OF NATURAL CALAMITIES, TERRORIST
ACTIONS AND OTHER URGENT SITUATIONS-ORGANIZATIONAL
PRINCIPLES OF JOINT ACTIVITIES OF FORENSIC MEDICAL
SERVICES AND THE LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.**

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Abstract Disastrous natural calamities, large-scale catastrophes and terrorist actions are characterized by a sudden and unexpected character and lead to numerous human victims. As a rule this fact seriously aggravates the work of local medical service and the law-enforcement agencies. Nowadays not a single society can totally guarantee itself from the danger of natural calamities, terrorist actions and emergency situations. Taking into consideration peculiarities of our country and also aware of the international experience a brand new set of preventive measures was elaborated by forensic experts of Azerbaijan in close cooperation with the law-enforcement bodies. The basic purpose of these sets of actions is to relieve the consequences of such kinds of unpredictable cases.

Terrorist actions, natural calamities and large-scale technological catastrophes and accidents are among the unfortunate features of our contemporary epoch. They end up with numerous human casualties, external situations and destruction of material values, cruelly disturbing traditional modes of life of large groups of the population and creating severe ordeals for them.

Each seat of calamity has its own peculiarities in terms of its scale, mechanism of initiation of destructive factor and quantity of victims. These peculiarities determine the scale of urgent relief and assistance to be rendered.

An unexpected appearance of a great mass of victims at a certain given moment inevitably causes great tension in the activities of regional services, frequently disorganizing the general system of the medical service's management and inadequate correlation of acute requirements of medical assistance and limited possibilities available in this field.

Not only regional, but general state resources are needed with the view of timely and efficient combating of the consequences of such kinds of situations involving numerous human victims.