



Fragile fronts. For generations Armenian communities have lived among Azeris and vice versa, but there has often been a certain amount of tension between the two ethnic groups. To complicate the situation there are enclaves within enclaves. Fighting broke out about four years ago and today there are three main conflict areas: the Nagorny-Karabakh enclave of Armenians in Azerbaijan; the border between the two countries; and Nakhichevan, an autonomous repub-

lic of Azerbaijan which is bordered by Armenia, Iran and Turkey.

Hundreds of thousands of people have been driven from their homes. The ICRC brings relief assistance to the most vulnerable among the displaced groups in conflict areas. Hospitals treating the war-wounded and displaced are supplied with ICRC medical material.

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Barter with bodies. One of the most insidious aspects of the conflicts is the bargaining with hostages and dead bodies. The ICRC has denounced this practice, as well as indiscriminate attacks on unarmed civilians in populated areas, hostage-taking and the execution of captured prisoners. All of these acts violate the Geneva Conventions. Making combatants aware of the rules of war is the ICRC's priority in Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Home from home. This family found shelter in a boxcar in Nakhichevan. Some of those who fled the fighting were housed with relatives or friends, others made do with plastic sheeting and cardboard. By the end of 1992 most of the displaced people in Nakhichevan were able to return home.