

# In Photos: Refugees Fleeing Nagorno-Karabakh Arrive in Armenia

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Nagorno-Karabakh's ethnic Armenians have embarked on a mass exodus after Azerbaijan claimed full control of the breakaway region in a lightning offensive last week. Yerevan said close to 7,000 refugees had already arrived in Armenia as of Monday afternoon. Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said the day before that his country would welcome the arrival of 120,000 ethnic Armenians displaced from the disputed territory. But Pashinyan also blamed strategic ally Russia, whose peacekeepers are helping escort the Armenian refugees, for the swift defeat of Nagorno-Karabakh's defense forces. Here's a selection of photos of the mass exodus:



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