

Measures taken by the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan to improve the social well-being of persons with war-related disabilities in the post-conflict period and their participation in the life of society

As part of the large-scale social support measures for the families of martyrs and war veterans, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter, the Ministry) envisages the following important steps in the direction of improving the welfare of population and increasing social payments aimed at several categories, including families of martyrs and persons with war-related disabilities.

Therefore, according to the Decree № 823 of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 09.09.2008 "On establishment of the Presidential Pension for persons with war-related disabilities and the events of January 20, 1990", starting from January 1, 2023:

Presidential monthly allowance assigned to the persons whose disability was established as a result of fighting for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan, being on the front lines or fulfilling international obligations in countries where military operations are conducted, as well as during the performance of military duties (official duties), as well as in connection with the events of January 20, 1990, based on the bodily dysfunction percentage provides:

- ✓ For 81-100 percent of bodily dysfunction - 500 manat;
- ✓ For 61-80 percent of bodily dysfunction - 400 manat;
- ✓ For 31-60 percent of bodily dysfunction - 330 manat.

In addition, social payments to families of martyrs and veterans with war-related disabilities were increased, the housing program was expanded, veterans with war-related disabilities were provided with cars and extensive social support measures continue.

In the post-war period, the Ministry held regular meetings with members of martyrs' families, the wounded and war participants, including representatives of public organizations representing them. During the meetings, the war participants of the war expressed their appreciation for the measures taken to cover the families of martyrs and war participants with extensive and flexible social support measures after the 44-day war.

At the same time, football competitions are held with the veterans with war-related disabilities who were wounded in the Patriotic War and provided with high-tech prosthetics by the Ministry. The high-tech Genium-type prosthetics presented to the veterans with war-related disabilities are notable for their activity and functionality. Our military servicemen who lost limbs in the Patriotic War are able to return to active life through the latest generation of prostheses. They even have the opportunity to participate in sports competitions.

According to international practice, the reason "related to a terrorist act" was added to the list of causes of disability in "Disability Assessment Rules" approved by Decree No. 11 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated January 16, 2020. In this regard, the decision № 352 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated November 16, 2021 amended the aforementioned document.

According to the decree, the reason for disability of a person whose disability is established due to an act of terrorism is established on the basis of the document confirming the harm caused by the act of terrorism - the decision of the relevant authority conducting the criminal proceedings. It is important to highlight that until now, when

establishing the disability of persons in the abovementioned category, the cause of disability was determined from other general reasons.

Considering the above, in order to strengthen the social protection of victims of terroristic acts and to clarify the causes of disability, the relevant agencies have been instructed to submit information about these individuals to the Ministry.

In the post-war period in order to clarify the cause of disabilities for the civil individuals, the status of disability, the decision to recognize them as victims, as well as the forensic medical examination reports were studied, resulting in the change of the cause of disability of 32 civil persons to "related to a terrorist act" in the "Disability" subsystem of the Ministry. Appropriate work is ongoing to strengthen the social protection of persons in this category and to clarify the causes of disability.