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Summary:

A letter from Bagirov to Stalin and Molotov about Qavam delaying talks with the Iranian Azerbaijani government and the presence of offensive Iranian troops.

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ПМШЕВАРИ и наши люди из Тавриза сообщают, что до сих пор почему то КАВАМ оттягивает обещанные переговоры с руководителями Национального правительства Иранского Азербайджана. В то же время продолжается усиленное с обредоточение крупных войсковых частей, жандармерии и специальных карательных отрядов в районах Казвина, Тикаба, Саккыза и Сердешта.

Больше того, с утра 17-го апреля началось наступление крупных отрядов и ранских войск из района Тикаба на Шахиндедж и из района Саккыза на Бокан.

Четвертые сутки и ранские войска, применяя артиллерию, мнометы и тяжелые пулеметы, ведут бой против отрядов федай. Федай, неся большие потери, оказывают упорное сопротивление, в силу чего иранские войска, не имеют продвижения по территории Азербайджана.

Нам кажется, что этими действиями КАВАМ, с одной стороны, хочет проверить обороноспос обность Национального правительства, а с другой стороны, во одущевить реакционные силы и вызвать беспорядки внутри Азербанджана.

ПМШЕВАРИ просит через нашего посла в Тегеране поставить вопрос перед правительством Ирана о прекращении начатых им военных цеиствий и об ускорении переговоров по решению вопроса об Иранском Азербайджане.

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To Cde. Stalin
To Cde. Molotov

Pishevari and our people from Tabriz report that for some reason Qavam has delayed his promised talks with the leaders of the national government of Iranian Azerbaijan. At the same time an intensified concentration of large military units, gendarmerie, and special punitive detachments continues in the areas of Qazvin, Takab, Saqqez, and Serdesht.

Moreover, since morning of the 17th of April an offensive of large detachments of Iranian troops began from the area of Takab to Sha'in Dezh and from the area of Saggez to Bokan.

For four days Iranian troops, using artillery, mortars, and heavy machine guns, have been waging battles against fedai detachments. The fedai, suffering large losses, are offering stubborn resistance, and as a result Iranian troops have not been able to move forward into Azerbaijani territory.

It seems to us that with these actions Qavam on the one hand wants to check the defensive ability of the national government and on the other hand is inspiring the reactionary forces and causing disorders inside Azerbaijan.

Pishevari requests that our ambassador in Tehran raise the question to the Iranian government about stopping the military operations which it has begun and accelerate talks to resolve the question of Iranian Azerbaijan.

At the same time, Pishevari requests he be permitted, if the situation requires, to continue organized resistance to the Iranian troops with popular militia battalions.

For our part we request your instructions to Cde. Sadchikov about influencing Qavam in order that he cease military operations and immediately begin talks for a peaceful resolution of Azerbaijani question.

M. D. Bagirov [signature]

I. I. Maslennikov [signature]

20 April 1946

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