
ARMENIA CONTINUES TO VIOLATE CEASEFIRE WITH AZERBAIJAN

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Armenian armed forces have nine times violated the ceasefire on the line of contact of the Azerbaijani and Armenian troops over the past 24 hours, said Azerbaijan's Defense Ministry July 20.

Armenian armed forces, stationed in the village of Barekamavan of Armenias Noyemberyan district, Aygepar village of Berd district opened fire at Azerbaijani positions located in the village of Bala Jafarli of the Qazakh district and the village of Alibayli of the Tovuz district.

Moreover, Azerbaijani positions underwent fire from the positions located near Qarakhanbayli village of the Fizuli district and nameless heights of the Goranboy district.

The conflict between the two South Caucasus countries began in 1988 when Armenia made territorial claims against Azerbaijan. As a result of the ensuing war, in 1992 Armenian armed forces occupied 20 percent of Azerbaijan, including the Nagorno-Karabakh region and seven surrounding districts.

The 1994 ceasefire agreement was followed by peace negotiations. Armenia has not yet implemented four UN Security Council resolutions on withdrawal of its armed forces from the Nagorno-Karabakh and the surrounding districts.