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## **ARMENIA CONTINUES TO SHOOT AT AZERBAIJANI POSITIONS**

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Armenias armed forces have 11 times violated the ceasefire on the line of contact between Azerbaijani and Armenian troops over the past 24 hours, said Azerbaijan's Defense Ministry Aug. 18.

The Armenian army was using large-caliber machine guns.

The Armenian armed forces stationed in the Shavarshavan village of the Noyemberyan district and Berkaber, Vazashen villages of the Ijevan district of Armenia opened fire at the Azerbaijani positions located on nameless heights and in the Farahli and Ashagi Eskipara villages of the Gazakh district.

Positions of the Azerbaijani army also underwent fire from the Armenian positions located near the Garakhanbayli, Horadiz of the Fizuli district and near the Chilaburt village of the Terter district.

Moreover, Azerbaijani positions also underwent fire from the Armenian positions located on the 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.

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