
OSCE TO MONITOR AZERBAIJANI, ARMENIAN TROOPS' CONTACT LINE

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The OSCE is expected to monitor the line of contact between Azerbaijani and Armenian troops Sept. 7, said Azerbaijan's Defense Ministry Sept. 6.

The monitoring will be held under the mandate of the OSCE chairperson-in-office personal representative along the line of contact near the Omar mountain pass of Azerbaijan's Goygol district, said the ministry.

On the Azerbaijani side, the monitoring will be held by field assistants of the OSCE chairperson-in-office personal representative, Jiri Aberle and Peter Svedberg.

On the opposite side, the monitoring will be carried out by field assistants of the OSCE chairperson-in-office personal representative Ghenadii Petrica and Simon Tiller.

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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