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NO INCIDENT DURING OSCE CONTACT LINE MONITORING

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The OSCE monitoring held along the line of contact between Azerbaijani and Armenian troops passed without incidents, Azerbaijans Defense Ministry told Trend Jan. 12.

The monitoring was held Jan. 12 under the mandate of the OSCE chairperson-in-office personal representative in the direction of the Ashagi Veysalli village of Azerbaijans Fuzuli district.

On the Azerbaijani side, the monitoring was held by field assistants of the OSCE chairperson-inoffice personal representative Hristo Hristov, Simon Tiller and representative of the High Level Planning Group, Major Cavit Elyas.

On the Azerbaijani territories occupied and controlled by Armenian armed forces, the monitoring was held by field assistant of the OSCE chairperson-in-office personal representative Peter Svedberg and head of the High Level Planning Group, Colonel Hans Lampalzer.

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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