
SIPRI: ARMS IMPORTS BY AZERBAIJAN WERE 20 TIMES HIGHER THAN THOSE OF ARMENIA IN 2012-16

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The volume of international transfers of major weapons has grown continuously since 2004 and increased by 8.4 per cent between 2007 [] and 2012 [] according to new data on arms transfers published today by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), APA reports.

The five biggest exporters [] United States, Russia, China, France and Germany [] accounted for 74 per cent of the total volume of arms exports.

Notably, transfers of major weapons in 2012 [] reached their highest volume for any five-year period since the end of the cold war.

The flow of arms increased to Asia and Oceania and the Middle East between 2007 [] and 2012-16, while there was a decrease in the flow to Europe, the Americas and Africa.

Fifty countries purchased military equipment from Russia in this period. Azerbaijan's arms imports from Russia made 4 per cent. The US sold military equipment and weapons to 100 countries.

Imports by Azerbaijan were 20 times higher than those of Armenia in 2012-16.

Algeria was the largest arms importer in Africa with 46 per cent of all imports to the region.

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