
WHAT IS NEW IN THE LATEST ARMENIAN-AZERBAIJANI CONFLICT ESCALATION?

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The bloodiest of all ongoing post-Soviet conflicts, that between Armenia and Azerbaijan, intensified again on July 12. Over three days, the fighting claimed the lives of 16 people, including an Azerbaijani civilian, making it the deadliest escalation since the April 2016 Four-Day War (Eurasian Times, July 15). The renewed clashes were neither unexpected nor particularly unusual for a conflict that continues to be mistakenly called frozen by many authors. However, certain aspects of the latest round of violence truly stand out from earlier similar incidents involving the two South Caucasus neighbors.

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