

# Azerbaijan Says Soldier Killed Near Disputed Nagorno-Karabakh

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BAKU, Azerbaijan — Azerbaijan accused forces backed by neighboring Armenia on Monday of killing an Azeri soldier near the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, where a war killed about 30,000 people two decades ago.

Azerbaijan's Defense Ministry said in a statement that the soldier had been shot dead on Sunday by a sniper near the line of contact with Nagorno-Karabakh, which is controlled by ethnic Armenians but is inside Azerbaijan.

The ministry described this as a violation of a truce signed in 1994 but a military spokesman in Nagorno-Karabakh said the statement by Azerbaijan "does not correspond with reality" and denied violating the terms of the truce.

Armenia has a policy of not commenting on any such incidents.

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