

## Karabakh PM: Defense Army is ready to resist any provocation



STEPANAKERT. - The Nagorno-Karabakh Republic (NKR/Artsakh) has never received support from Russia, and doesn't expect such. Neither in the 90s, nor now, and not in the future. Artsakh is mainly supported by Armenia and the Diaspora, PM Arayik Harutyunyan told Armenian News – NEWS.am Thursday.

"What made Azerbaijan carry out military actions? Possibly the domestic and foreign policy situation. There are also assumptions related to the offshore scandal, this being done to distract the public attention. It can also be noted that the war allows to "write off" quite large amounts," the PM noted.

Responding to the question on Russia's sale of weapons to Azerbaijan, Harutyunyan expressed his regret in connection with the transaction, noting that nevertheless he considers it wrong to criticize and exclude such phenomena.

"Each country is governed by its national and military interests. The main aim of each state is its security. It is only necessary to choose the right strategy, assess the external challenges and carry out counteractions. During the four-day war, our Defense Army was able to carry out the task set before it with honor also because it has always been in the center of the authorities' attention. The Defense Army is ready to resist any provocations, including large-scale military actions," Arayik Harutyunyan said.

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