

Azerbaijan fires at Armenia-Azerbaijan state border



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The Ministry of Defense of Armenia informs that the Azerbaijani armed forces made 9 ceasefire violations in the direction of the Armenia-Azerbaijan state border, "Armenpress" was informed by the Department of Information and Public Relations of the Ministry.

The Defense Ministry statement reads: "9 ceasefire violations were registered during the night of April 17-18 in the northeastern direction of the Armenia-Azerbaijan state border. Azerbaijan fired irregular shots from various caliber weapons and sniper rifles at Armenian positions.

The Armenian Armed Forces exercised restraint and conducted response actions only in case of strict necessity and confidently continue monitoring the border situation.

According to the statement of the Nagorno Karabakh Defense Army the situation in the line of contact of Nagorno Karabakh-Azerbaijani opposing forces remained the same during the night of April 17-18.

Azerbaijan violated the ceasefire agreement more than 50 times along the entire line of contact and fired different caliber weapons. Azerbaijan also fired 82mm (3 shells) mortars in the northeastern direction (Martakert).

Servicemen of the Defense Army, Erik B. Matevosyan (born 1991) and Azat T. Barsamyan (born 1996) were wounded by the Azerbaijani violations in the northern direction. Azerbaijan also attempted a 20-men sabotage reconnaissance infiltration at 01:00 in the eastern direction (Akna). The attempt was thwarted by Nagorno Karabakh forces. The Defense Army forces are in full control of the situation and continue monitoring the line of contact.”