
AZERBAIJAN INCREASES 2025 DEFENSE BUDGET AMID ARMENIA'S MILITARY BUILD-UP

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Azerbaijan increased its defense and national security budget for 2025 amid the extensive military buildup in neighboring Armenia.

The two nations were locked in one of the worlds most protracted conflicts from 1991 to 2020, when an open war broke out resulting in Azerbaijan reclaiming its territorial integrity and marking an end to the conflict.

Azerbaijans Finance Minister Samir Sharifov announced that around AZN 8.4 billion or USD 4.9 billion is projected for the next years defense and national security spending, surpassing this years forecast by AZN 1.27 billion (USD 0.75 billion).

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