

Mines kill 73 in Azerbaijan since the Second Nagorno-Karabakh War in 2020

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Azerbaijan's Prosecutor General's Office has said that 73 Azerbaijanis have been killed and 363 were injured in mine explosions in territories that came under Azerbaijan's control after the Second Nagorno-Karabakh War of 2020.

Azerbaijan claimed that investigations are conducted on every single mine incident and determine all circumstances, including the causes and conditions of the blasts.

The Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry reported on Friday that over two consecutive days, three civilians were injured by two landmine blasts.

Renewed reporting on mine injuries appeared after a 73-year-old man was seriously injured in a mine blast on Friday. The man, who was injured in Kalbajar, lost a foot in the blast.

According to Mine Action Review, an international de-mining watchdog, Azerbaijan's Mine Action Agency (ANAMA) reported in 2024 that it cleared a total of 4,286 mines in an area of 5.3 square kilometres.

However, Mine Action Review noted that of the 134.9 square kilometres ANAMA says it cleared, the 'actual reduction of AP mined area concerned 65 square kilometres'.

Mine Action Review also said that Azerbaijan adopted its law on humanitarian demining in February 2025, but has 'not yet adopted its revised national standards (ANMAR) and a new national mine action strategy'.

In its report, the organisation stressed that the 'precise extent of AP mined area in Azerbaijan is unknown, but is certainly massive', spread across a 254 kilometre-long and 5 kilometre-wide stretch that used to be the line of contact between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

'The full extent of contamination across Azerbaijan will only be better understood after completion of a countrywide survey, focusing on territory that it has regained since 2020', the report read.

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