

Azeris Accuse Armenia

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Azerbaijan's Defense Ministry said Saturday that Azeri troops would eventually be sent to seize back Armenian-backed rebel Nagorno-Karabakh.

"Eventually, Azeri soldiers will meet the expectations of the people, the government, and the supreme commander-in-chief and will liberate the occupied land from the enemy," ministry spokesman Eldar Sabiroglu told a news conference, Interfax reported.

He accused Armenia of repeatedly obstructing talks to resolve the dispute, which in the past two years has seen the worst skirmishes since a 1994 cease-fire.

The comments came weeks before the presidents of Russia, Armenia and Azerbaijan were to meet in Kazan.

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