

Azerbaijan 'Photoshops' Armenia Flag from Moscow Victory Parade Photo

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The Armenian flag appears to have been removed from this photo on the Azeri Defense Ministry's website.

The Azeri Defense Ministry has published a doctored image of the Victory Day celebrations in Moscow that took place over the weekend after appearing to remove the Armenian flag from a photo, a report said.

The original image, published by the BBC on Monday, shows troops from Azerbaijan holding up their country's flag while the red, yellow and blue Armenian flag is visible in the background.

But in a similar photo published on the Azeri Defense Ministry website, the Armenian flag is no longer visible. The two countries are currently engaged in a frozen conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh — a landlocked region in Azerbaijan with an ethnic Armenian majority.

"This is an obvious Photoshop. Moreover, it seems as if a lot of work went into it. If you look closely, they even had to make adjustments to the architecture of the building in the

background of the photo," Azeri military specialist Uzeir Dzhafarov was cited as saying by the BBC.

The Azeri Defense Ministry is yet to comment on reports that it doctored the photo, the BBC said.

Troops from Azerbaijan, Armenia and eight other foreign countries marched in the Victory Day celebrations on Red Square on Saturday, when Russian President Vladimir Putin hosted a huge parade in honor of the 70th anniversary of Allied victory over Nazi Germany.

In addition, 14,000 Russian troops marched on the city's central square, where they were joined by about 200 military vehicles. An impressive flyover involving almost 150 aircraft took place overhead.

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