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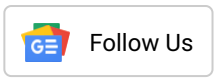
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# The Azerbaijan-Armenia border clashes, and the rising fear of another war

The Azerbaijan-Armenia conflict is decades old with its repercussions potentially engulfing all of the Caucasus. But, what's the reason for the current flare-up?

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Mourners attend the funeral of Azerbaijani Armed Forces serviceman Sabuhi Ahmadov, who was killed in recent border clashes between Azerbaijan and Armenia, in Baku, Azerbaijan September 14, 2022. (Reuters Photo: Aziz Karimov)

Dozens of Armenian and Azerbaijani soldiers **have reportedly been killed** in renewed border clashes between Armenia and Azerbaijan, in the worst round of hostilities since 2020. After several hours of fighting, the Armenian government appealed to world leaders for help, saying that Azerbaijani forces were trying to advance into its territory. The conflict is decades old with its repercussions potentially engulfing all of the Caucasus.

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### Centuries-old conflict

Christian majority Armenia and Muslim majority Azerbaijan have been in a state of near conflict for centuries, initially over religion but more recently concerning territorial disputes. The current crisis draws its roots from the early 1920s when Russia under Joseph Stalin conquered large parts of the Caucasus.



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