Baku - A 44-year-old man was killed and three others injured in Azerbaijan when a farm tractor set off an unexploded mine left over from a decade-old conflict with neighbouring Armenia, the private ANS television station reported Wednesday.

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The incident happened Tuesday in the Agdam region of southwest Azerbaijan, which was the site of fighting during the 1989-1994 war between Azerbaijan and Armenia over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

A spokesman for Azerbaijan's ministry of defence confirmed the details of the incident.

Large numbers of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines, as well as unexploded ordnance, are scattered on farmland around the former battlefields in Azerbaijan, and in Armenian-controlled Nagorno-Karabakh.

Last year, 14 people in Azerbaijan were killed, and the same number injured, in accidents involving mines and unexploded ordnance, according to ANAMA, Azerbaijan's mine-clearing agency.

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