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‘Turkmenistan attacks Azerbaijan offshore oil drilling facilities in Caspian Sea’

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An informal report says Turkmenistan has attacked Azerbaijan's offshore oil drilling facilities in the Caspian Sea.

According to Russian website OSTKRAFT, Turkmenistan's naval forces fired on some of Azerbaijan's offshore oil drilling facilities.

The website said the chances of this being accurate are probably pretty small, it's too intriguing a rumor to not pass on.

The source said after the firing Azerbaijan asked Russia to relocate some of its Caspian Fleet to Baku.

OSTKRAFT said “President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev has appealed to the leadership of Russia to move part of its Caspian Fleet from Astrakhan and Makhachkala to Baku.”

“The goal of such military assistance would be the defense of offshore oil drilling facilities in the Caspian Sea territorial waters of Azerbaijan.”

In 2008, the two nations signed an agreement to halt exploratory or extraction activities in Kyapaz to resolve all disputes over oil exploration by negotiations. But in July 2009, Ashgabat announced that after 16 rounds of talks, Baku had failed to show a positive stance towards settling the disputes, forcing Turkmenistan to postpone its oil exploration and extraction activities.