
RUSSIA-ARMENIA TIES SHOULD NOT BECOME CAPTIVE TO DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONJUNCTURE

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Baku hosts Eternity-2019 exercises with participation of Turkey, Georgia and Azerbaijan. In parallel, Ankara and Baku are holding bilateral TurAz Qartalı - 2019 exercises.

The Turkish-Azerbaijani tandem continues its policy of isolating Armenia and Artsakh in the region, which includes energy-transport, economic and military-political elements.

The Turkey-Georgia-Azerbaijan coalition, based on economic and political interests, is gradually turning into a military alliance aimed at the Republic of Armenia, as a result of active lobbying by Ankara and Baku.

Azerbaijan continues to actively train its armed forces, including with the help of NATO Turkey, in hostilities against Karabakh.

The Turkish-Azerbaijani tandem wants to turn Georgia into an anti-Armenian platform, increasing its Turkic influence in that country, cutting off the paths of life that enter Armenia through Georgia, if necessary.

This strategy involves the formation of a Turkish corridor along the Armenian border, originating in Turkish demographic, economic expansion Ajaria and stretching through Javakheti, which is being actively displaced, up to the Azerbaijani-populated north of Armenia and Kvemo-northern border with Armenia.

Armenia should respond to Turkey-Azerbaijan-Georgia military-political coalition by establishing close ties with Russia and Iran in all spheres. The strengthening of economic, energy-transport, military-political allied relations with Moscow and Tehran, irrespective of the US response and geopolitical conjuncture, derives from the national and state interests of the Republic of Armenia.

Instead, today's Armenian authorities are trying to exacerbate the Armenian-Russian relations under different pretexts - the March 1 case, the persecution of the former authorities, and the Armenian-Iranian economic ties are almost frozen.

At the same time, Azerbaijan is active in the direction of Iran: the Iran-Azerbaijan railway, the Russia-Azerbaijan-Iran energy corridor have been built, as well as growing Azerbaijani-Russian and Azerbaijani-Iranian economic ties and investments.

The internal political developments in the Republic of Armenia, including the trial of former RA President Robert Kocharyan , should not have a direct impact on the Armenian-Russian strategic ties. Russia-Armenia allied relations should be above the domestic political conjuncture and in the interests of maintaining power in Yerevan. Armenia has no right to artificially tighten ties with Moscow in the presence of a Turkish-Azerbaijani tandem.

As for Iran, in the Iranian direction, the Republic of Armenia should work first to enrich the economic component, turning it into an energy-transport corridor for Iran on the Persian Gulf-Black Sea route.

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