
IN NAGORNO-KARABAKH, RUSSIA FACES AN UNENVIABLE TASK

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Whichever way you look at it, the menu of Russias options ranges from bad to worse.

On Oct. 14, after almost three weeks of war in Nagorno-Karabakh, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan called his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin to discuss the situation.

After almost thirty years of smoldering conflict Turkey fanned the flames by inserting itself as a de-facto party on the side of Azerbaijan. The Russian position on the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh issue and the dispute over the seven Armenia-occupied areas hasnt changed in principle since the early 1990s. But the Turkish factor is now pushing Moscow to deal with yet another layer to the conflict.

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