
RUSSIA SAYS KARABAKH ARMENIANS NEED TO ACCEPT AZERBAIJANI RULE

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Russia's new Azerbaijan-friendly stance comes just as Baku was seeming to prefer the EU-mediated talks over those brokered by Moscow.

Russia has for the first time explicitly said that the Armenian population of Nagorno-Karabakh should submit to Azerbaijani rule.

"The path [ahead] is not an easy one. A number of complicated and important issues need to be resolved. The most sensitive among them has been and remains the problem of guarantees for the rights and securities of the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh in the context of ensuring Azerbaijan's territorial integrity," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on July 25 after meeting with his Armenian and Azerbaijani counterparts.

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