
FRANCE TO BOOST ARMENIA'S AIR DEFENCES WITH RADARS, MISSILES - MINISTER

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France is helping Armenia to improve its air defence capacity with the sale of three radars and an agreement on the future delivery of Mistral anti-air missiles, Defence Minister Sebastien Lecornu said on Monday.

The move comes weeks after Armenia's arch regional foe Azerbaijan retook the breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh in a lightning offensive, prompting the exodus of most of the territory's 120,000 ethnic Armenian residents.

Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev said this month that France's decision to send military aid to Armenia could trigger a new conflict in the South Caucasus.

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