
US 'LOPSIDED' IN CLOUT CONTEST WITH RUSSIA

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Members of the US President Joe Biden's administration need to adopt "different attitudes" before the White House can play a mediating role in thorny [] strategically vital [] talks between Azerbaijan and Armenia, a top official has said.

Speaking at a briefing with a small group of journalists in London on Tuesday, Hikmet Hajiyev [] top foreign affairs adviser to Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev [] that a "lopsided" American stance on the decades-long Nagorno-Karabakh dispute has caused "concern" in Baku.

Azerbaijan is becoming as a key battleground for Western, Russian, Iranian, and Chinese competition in the South Caucasus and Caspian Sea regions. The oil- and gas-rich nation is emerging as a key Western energy partner amid Russia's war on Ukraine, but concerns remain about human rights abuses and Baku's close relations with Moscow.

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