
AZERBAIJAN SLAMS ARMENIA'S EU-US TALKS FOR FRESH REGIONAL 'DIVIDES'

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Azerbaijan on Wednesday warned a meeting between Armenia, the European Union and the United States scheduled for next month would create new dividing lines in the South Caucasus region where the archrivals are taking tentative steps for peace.

The conference between Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken "creates so-called spheres of influence in the region, instead of encouraging the Armenian side to negotiate in good faith," Aykhan Hajizada, Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry spokesperson, said in response to a media inquiry.

The actions taken by the EU and U.S. "clearly have a one-sided and biased character" and are based on a "double standard approach," Hajizada noted, saying the conference scheduled to take place in Brussels on April 5 is not fully transparent, lacks regional inclusivity and runs contrary to the "promoted and much needed confidence-building and integrity in the region."

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