
PASHINIAN VAGUE ON TIME FRAMES FOR CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION OF ARMENIA

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Prime Minister Nikol Pashinian has signaled that he is in no rush to try to enact a new Armenian constitution demanded by Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijani President İlham Aliyev said in early February that Armenia should remove that reference and amend other documents infringing on Azerbaijan's territorial integrity if it wants to make peace with his country. Armenian opposition leaders portrayed Aliyev's statement as further proof that Pashinian wants to change the constitution under pressure from Azerbaijan as well as Turkey. The premier and his allies denied that.

Amid a mounting opposition outcry, one of those allies, parliament speaker Alen Simonian, insisted on February 27 that Armenia's leadership has not made a final decision on the issue. He claimed that it simply wanted to trigger a public debate and gauge Armenians' reaction to the idea.

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