
ARMENIA TO LEAVE RUSSIAN-LED COLLECTIVE SECURITY TREATY ORGANISATION

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Armenia's prime minister declared his intention on Wednesday to pull out of a Russian-led security alliance of six ex-Soviet states.

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan told parliament that his government will decide later when to leave the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), a grouping that includes Russia, Belarus and the former Soviet Central Asian nations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

Amid the widening rift with Russia, Armenia earlier froze its participation in the alliance, cancelled its involvement in joint military drills and snubbed CSTO summits.

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