
IRAN REBUKES RUSSIA OVER ITS POLICY SHIFT ON ZANGEZUR CORRIDOR

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Iran on Monday criticized Russia for supporting Azerbaijan's demand to get unimpeded access to its Nakhchivan enclave by opening the Zangezur transport corridor through Armenia, which would effectively cut off Iran's direct access to Armenia.

Baku has been demanding the corridor in southern Armenia to connect Azerbaijan to its Nakhchivan enclave separated by Armenian territory. Moscow and Baku want Russia to monitor and control the corridor, but Yerevan and Tehran are opposed to such a scheme and argue that even if a transport route were to be established, Armenia should have control over it.

In a Monday "meeting" with Russia's ambassador to Tehran, the director-general of the Iranian Foreign Ministry's Eurasia Department expressed Iran's opposition to "any geopolitical changes in the Caucasus".

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