
'ARMENIA SEES RUSSIA-LED CSTO BLOC AS THREAT TO ITS SECURITY'

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Armenia sees the Russian-led military bloc Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) as a threat to Armenia's existence, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said Wednesday.

"We have frozen our membership of the CSTO not only because the CSTO is not fulfilling its obligations to ensure Armenia's security, but also because the CSTO is creating threats to Armenia's security, continued existence and statehood," Pashinyan told Armenian news agency Armenpress.

Armenia put its membership in the Moscow-dominated CSTO on hold in February after Azerbaijan gained complete control of the Karabakh region last year and amid growing tensions with Moscow.

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