
YEREVAN WARNED TO PAY CSTO MEMBERSHIP FEES

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Armenia could face consequences if it fails to pay its membership fees owed to the Russian-led Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), a senior Russian diplomat warned on Friday.

Armenia has not paid those fees ever since Prime Minister Nikol Pashinian announced in early 2024 an effective suspension of its membership in the military alliance. It began boycotting high-level meetings, military exercises and other activities of the CSTO even before that announcement.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Pankin told the RIA Novosti news agency that Russia and other ex-Soviet countries making up the CSTO could consider various scenarios if Yerevan does not pay up by the end of this year. Pankin did not speculate about their possible response, saying only that they probably won't kick anyone out of the alliance.

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