
**SOLE PURPOSE OF MILITARY IS PROTECTION OF SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY - DEFENSE MINISTER**

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The Armenian military will be used solely for the protection of Armenias territorial integrity and sovereignty, Minister of Defense Suren Papikyan said in parliament on Thursday.

The reasonable re-equipment of the army is among our strategic priorities, he said during debates on the 2026 state budget bill.

The minister noted that one of the main directions of Armenias security architecture is the expansion of military-technical cooperation and the diversification of armaments.

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