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## **PASHINYAN PROPOSES THIRD-COUNTRY TAKEOVER OF ARMENIAN RAILWAYS FROM RUSSIA**

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*Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan has said that a country with friendly relations with both Russia and Armenia could purchase the concession management rights of Armenias railways, which are currently under Russian management. He suggested this as a solution to Armenia losing its competitive advantage by having international routes pass through the country.*

Pashinyan offered the proposal during a press briefing on 13 February.

When asked which countries could fit the role, Pashinyan named Kazakhstan, the UAE, Qatar, but added that it was not an exhaustive list.

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