
RUSSIA SLAMS EU 'HYBRID RESPONSE' PLAN FOR ARMENIA ELECTIONS, OFFERS ITS OWN TEAM

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Russia on Wednesday criticized the European Unions reported plans to deploy a hybrid rapid response team to Armenia ahead of the countrys June 7 parliamentary elections, while signaling that Moscow would be prepared to send a comparable group if invited.

According to reporting on recent diplomatic exchanges, the proposed EU team would focus on helping Armenian institutions address hybrid risks around the vote, including disinformation and other forms of interference attributed by EU officials to Russia and affiliated networks.

Speaking at a briefing, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova argued that the EU was effectively projecting a repeat of what she called the Moldovan scenario, warning that deeper EU involvement during an election season could undermine Armenias sovereignty rather than strengthen it. She added that Russia had noted Armenian justice officials public insistence that any EU assistance would not be directed against Russia, and said Moscow is ready to quickly organize a similar mission to Armenia if Yerevan extends an invitation.

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