
BRUSSELS IS NOT PULLING ARMENIA AWAY FROM RUSSIA □ IT IS PUSHING YEREVAN INTO AUTOCRACY

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Days before Armenians voted on 7 June, the European Commission declared it was standing firmly behind prime minister Nikol Pashinyan and unveiled a support package of more than €50m.

Weeks after the vote □ widely seen in Armenia as fraudulent □ and after members of the main opposition bloc were arrested for petitioning to annul the results, Brussels expanded its investment commitments toward €2.5bn and advanced visa-liberalisation talks.

Among EU officials, the rationale has hardened into doctrine: He [Pashinyan] is taking Armenia away from Russia.

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