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PUTIN WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO PREVENT ARMENIA FROM LEAVING ITS MILITARY ALLIANCE WITH RUSSIA

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On 12 June, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan announced Armenia would leave its military alliance with Russia under the Collective Security Treaty Organization. Taras Kuzio argues it would be naïve for the West to encourage Armenias exit while ignoring the potential severity of Russias response.

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan has announced that Armenia will formally withdraw from the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), the Russian-led military alliance that is often described as the Kremlins equivalent to NATO. He has also indicated he supports European integration, though without giving any specifics.

Pashinyan blames Russia for not intervening militarily in support of Armenia in the 2020 Second Karabakh War with Azerbaijan. He has also condemned Russias so-called peacekeepers for not protecting the Karabakh separatist enclave in 2023.

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