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## **MOSCOW SLAMS NATO FOR INVITING ARMENIA AND AZERBAIJAN TO SUMMIT**

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The Russian foreign ministry on Wednesday slammed NATO for attempting to cut off Armenia and Azerbaijan from their alliance and cooperation with Russia.

By inviting Azerbaijan and Armenia to the NATO summit, the West wants to cut them off from cooperation with Russia, Andrey Nastasin, a Russian foreign ministry spokesperson said at a press briefing on Wednesday, saying this is another attempt by the Americans to spread their destructive influence in all regions of the world.

Amid growing tensions between Yerevan and Moscow, it was announced last week that Secretary of State Antony Blinken has invited Armenia and Azerbaijan to a NATO Summit in Washington later this month. Armenias foreign ministry said that Yerevan has accepted the invitation and will attend. Baku thus far has not signaled that it will participate.

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