
GOVERNMENT PANEL REJECTS KEY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Armenias government must still be legally required to have a stable majority in the parliament as a result of the next general elections, a government panel working on a new constitution said on Thursday.

The current Armenian constitution stipulates that the prime minister has to be backed by a clear majority of parliament deputies. It envisages a second round of voting in cases where up to three parties or blocs fail to form a majority government following parliamentary elections.

Daniel Ioannisian, a civic activist sitting on the Constitutional Reform Council, proposed recently that the ad hoc body draft a separate amendment abolishing this provision regarded by him as undemocratic. Ioannisian and his Union of Informed Citizens want it to be enacted by the current National Assembly before the next elections due in 2026.

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