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Azerbaijan has strongly condemned Russian state news agency TASS for referring to the city of Khankendi by its Armenian name Stepanakert, calling it an act of disrespect and insult to the countrys territorial integrity.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Aykhan Hajizada issued a statement Thursday criticizing the use of toponyms associated with the former separatist regime in Karabakh, News.Az reports, citing foreign media.

We expect the Russian side to cease the distortion of Azerbaijani place names, Hajizada said, warning that if the practice continues, Baku may begin using historical names for various locations in Russia as a reciprocal measure.

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