
PUTIN SAYS ARMENIA SHOULD DECIDE ON EU MEMBERSHIP 'SOONER'

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Speaking with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan during a meeting in Bishkek on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Putin said Russia remains Armenia's main trade and economic partner, stressing that bilateral trade has reached \$2.5 billion in 2026.

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