
ARMENIAN OPPOSITION LEADER KARAPETYAN WARNS ARMENIA COULD BE LEFT 'OWNERLESS' IF RUSSIA LEAVES GYUMRI

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Armenian billionaire and opposition leader Samvel Karapetyan has said Armenia could consider hosting a Turkish or Russian military base if Russia withdraws its forces from the country, as a debate over the future of the Russian military presence in Armenia intensifies.

Speaking to reporters ahead of a court hearing in a criminal case against him, Karapetyan argued that Armenia would be left ownerless in the region if Russia withdrew from its military base in Gyumri, which has hosted Russian forces since the 1940s.

If Russia withdraws its military base from Gyumri, Armenia will be left ownerless in the region, Karapetyan said, according to OC Media.

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