
PASHINYAN CHIDES ALIYEV OVER 'ZANGEZUR CORRIDOR'

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Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan on Monday criticized Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev for describing as Zangezur corridor a special transit route for Azerbaijan which he pledged to open during a recent summit in Washington.

It was announced after Pashinyan's talks with Aliyev hosted by U.S. President Donald Trump on August 8 that Armenia will give the United States exclusive rights to a road, a railway and possibly energy supply lines that would connect Azerbaijan to its Nakhichevan exclave through a key Armenian region. They would be part of a transit corridor named the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP).

Although key practical modalities of this arrangement remain unknown, Pashinyan's domestic critics claim that it would lead to the kind of an extraterritorial Zangezur corridor that has been sought by Azerbaijan ever since the 2020 war in Nagorno-Karabakh. Pashinyan and other Armenian officials have denied this.

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