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ARMENIAN PM'S SNUB TO JOIN CIS SUMMIT IS WILFUL ANTI-RUSSIAN ACT - DIRECTOR OF CENTER

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The refusal of Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan to participate in the summit of the CIS Council of Heads of State, which was held in Bishkek, is a deliberate anti-Russian step by Yerevan, Director General of the Caspian Institute for Strategic Studies (Russia), Igor Korotchenko told Trend.

"At the moment, we are witnessing a deterioration, in fact, to zero, of Russian-Armenian contacts. This leads to Armenia's rapprochement with the West, integration into Western security structures, and attempts by Yerevan to drag foreign military contingents of countries that are not represented in the region into the territory of the South Caucasus, said Korotchenko.

In particular, we are talking about attempts to attract a military or observation mission of the EU, as well as a military contingent of France under a peacekeeping mandate. Although the events that have taken place in recent weeks have led to the fact that Azerbaijan has fully restored its sovereignty over Karabakh, nevertheless, we see that Armenia's attempts in the global game against Azerbaijan are still continuing," he said.

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