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## **RUSSIA SENDS DIPLOMATIC PROTEST TO ARMENIA**

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Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said that Moscow has lodged an official note of protest to Armenia following the vandalism of a Soviet-era war memorial in the Armenian city of Gyumri, AzerNEWS reports, citing TASS.

According to the Russian Embassy in Armenia, Moscow is outraged by the desecration of the "Mother Armenia" memorial, which is dedicated to the heroes of the Great Patriotic War.

In a statement, the embassy stressed that the incident cannot be viewed as an ordinary act of vandalism, describing it as a deliberate and offensive act against the memory of those who fought during the war.

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