

La Russie a le légitime droit de poursuivre les terroristes sur le territoire de l'Artsakh (Karabagh)

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Pushinyan says Russia has legitimate right to conduct anti-terrorist campaign in NK conflict zone

Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan says Russia has legitimate right to carry out anti-terrorist campaigns in Nagorno Karabakh conflict zone, since the militants of Syrian terrorist groups fighting against Nagorno Karabakh from the Azerbaijan side are a direct threat for Russia. ARMENPRESS reports PM Pushinyan said in an interview with TRASS, referring to the question that Russia has raised concerns over the reports of deployment of militants from the Middle East, particularly Syria and Libya.



"Following the outbreak of Nagorno Karabakh war and the reports that those mercenaries participate in the war against Nagorno Karabakh, there have been reports, including from Arabic media, that some of those groups have been crushed in the battlefield and have spread in different directions. For me it's clear that these Syrian militants, those who survived just head to Russia, because I think they consider Russia an enemy like Nagorno Karabakh or Armenia. The issue is how this process will continue. Will Russia wait for all these elements to move to Russia and carry out an anti-terrorist campaign there? I don't know. Maybe the Russian Government or the special services are thinking of the possibility of initiating an anti-terrorist campaign just in the 'hotbeds'?", Pashinyan said.

"Including in Nagorno Karabakh?" asked the reporter.

"Including in Nagorno Karabakh, Russia conducted anti-terrorist campaign in Syria, which is quite far from Russia, because the actions of the Syrian militants and terrorists were a direct threat to the

national security of Russia. Now already the Russian experts say that they are just 80 km away from the Russian border, of course, I cannot assess the correctness of these assessments. This is totally another situation. And I think Russia has legitimate right and grounds to react to this situation", the PM said.

"Azerbaijan, directly backed by Turkey, involved war against Artsakh on September 27. Turkey, in addition to various types of assistance to Azerbaijan, including using its own air force against Artsakh and the Republic of Armenia, deployed thousands of mercenaries and terrorists in Azerbaijan to fight against Artsakh.

"On October 6, President of Artsakh (Nagorno Karabakh) Arayik Harutyunyan had called for an establishment of a new international anti-terrorist coalition.

"Today Artsakh and Armenia have appeared in the frontline of fight against international terrorism in the true sense of the word. But in our case, the difference is also this enemy threatening the global civilization has challenged our liberal-democratic values under the flag of a UN member state, together with the regular army of that country and very often instead of that regular army. In the modern world there is nothing that can be hidden from anyone,

everyone has seen and recorded the infiltration of the international jihadist terrorist network into Azerbaijan. No country in the world has any moral doubts since the target of this monstrous terrorist network are the civilians of Artsakh and Armenia, our cities and villages, our right to live free and decide our fate.

"Turkey, that continuously nourishes and controls this network, with the consent of Azerbaijan's opportunistic leadership, uses Azerbaijan as a tool for creating a new hotbed of international terrorism in the South Caucasus region. I am confident that any participant of the global politics, be it a state or international organization, will understand the dangerous consequences of such developments. We still remember the consequences of the aspiration of the jihadist gangster groups to create a state-like entity in Iraq and Syria. All countries of the world have their share of responsibility of making Turkey's plans to make Azerbaijan a terrorist hotbed in the South Caucasus region a failure.

"Armenia and Artsakh are today in the frontline of the struggle, because they accepted the challenge with dignity, and we will struggle until the final victory. But this is not only the problem of Artsakh and Armenia.

"As a President of a country struggling for its independence, I call on the civilized world to have an active participation in this struggle.

"Creation of an effective coalition against international terrorism is an imperative", Harutyunyan said on October 6.

Trump Praises Armenians On Campaign Trail



BUREAU - Yerevan - U.S. President Donald Trump has lavished praise on Armenians of Armenian descent and said his administration is "working" to address their concerns.

Trump reacted to a supportive chant from an Armenian American woman as he spoke at an election campaign rally in Nevada on Sunday. "We are working on some things," he said without elaborating.

"Armenians, they are good people," Trump went on. "They are great business-people too, you know. ... Where I just left there were some many Armenians with beautiful flags. We're working on some

things."

"People from Armenia, they have a great spirit for their country. Thank you very much," he added.

Trump spoke after being greeted in neighboring California by Armenian American supporters who waved Armenian flags and urged the U.S. administration to recognize Nagorno-Karabakh and help stop Turkey's military support for Azerbaijan.

Trump has still not publicly commented on the hostilities in and around Karabakh that broke out on September 27. But U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has repeatedly called for an end to the fighting.

On Thursday Pompeo also criticized Turkey's involvement in the conflict. "We now have the Turks, who have stepped in and provided resources to Azerbaijan, increasing the risk, increasing the firepower that's taking place in this historic fight," he told broadcaster WISB Atlanta.

"We're hopeful that the Armenians will be

able to defend against what the Azerbaijanis are doing, and that they will all, before that takes place, get the ceasefire right, and then sit down at the table and try and sort through this," Pompeo said in remarks criticized by Azerbaijan.

The United States, Russia and France have long been leading international efforts to end the Karabakh conflict through the Minsk Group of the Organization for Security Organisation in Europe.

Moscow brokered an Armenian-Azerbaijani ceasefire agreement on October 10. Hostilities in the conflict zone have continued since then, however.

Former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, Trump's Democratic rival in the November 3 presidential election, last week expressed deep concern over the "collapse" of the ceasefire and accused the Trump administration of being "largely passive and disengaged."

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