
TOP COURT DOWNPLAYS ARMENIA'S CONSTITUTIONAL CLAUSE BEING CHALLENGED BY BAKU

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In what critics see as a ruling ordered by the government, the Constitutional Court has played down the legal significance of a preamble to Armenias constitution which Azerbaijan says is the main obstacle to peace between the two nations.

Following a single session that lasted for just a few hours, the court on Thursday gave the green light for parliamentary ratification of a recent agreement with Azerbaijan supposedly laying out the principles of delineating the Armenian-Azerbaijani border. The agreement involves regulations for joint activities of Armenian and Azerbaijani government commissions dealing with the border delimitation process.

The full text of the courts decision was publicized at the weekend. The main focus of the 33-page document is not the regulations but the constitutions preamble that mentions a 1990 declaration of Armenias independence.

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