
PASHINIAN PRAISES RUSSIAN-LED TRADE BLOC

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Prime Minister Nikol Pashinian praised the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) on Friday, saying that the Russian-led trade bloc has contributed to economic growth in Armenia and its other member states.

Pashinian chaired a meeting of the prime ministers of those states in Moscow at the end of a yearlong Armenian presidency of the EEU. He will travel to another Russian city, Saint Petersburg, later this month for a summit of the leaders of Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

Pashinian said on December 4 that he refused to host the summit in Yerevan because not all of those leaders are welcome in Armenia. It was not clear whether he referred to Russian President Vladimir Putin or Belarusian President Aleksandr Lukashenko. The latter provoked a fresh diplomatic spat between Minsk and Yerevan earlier this year with pro-Azerbaijani comments made during a visit to Azerbaijan.

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