

Base to Stay in Armenia

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Armenia will allow Russia to extend its lease on a military base in the city of Gyumri because the base contributes to the country's security, Armenian Security Council chief Artur Bagdasaryan said Thursday.

Bagdasaryan said the 25-year lease, which was signed in 1995, might be extended to 49 years or even more, the Novosti-Armenia web site reported.

He did not say when the new agreement might be signed, but an unidentified diplomatic source told Arminfo.info that it might happen during President Dmitry Medvedev's visit to Armenia later this month.

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