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Fleeing Repression, Russians Rebuild Their Lives in Armenia

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Russians seeking to leave their country amid the war in Ukraine have limited options. Many have flocked to Armenia, where they don't need a visa to enter, creating a small, makeshift community in the capital Yerevan in a matter of weeks. Some members of this new diaspora have left in protest against the war, some are seeking security as Russia's economy falters, and some have fled ongoing repression against anti-war journalists, activists and protesters. As they struggle to find work and accommodation — particularly as housing costs have begun to rise — many have found support and solidarity with other émigrés and a rapidly growing informal network of events and meeting spots.



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