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Russia Suspends Natural Gas Exports to Armenia for Repair Work

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Gazprom Armenia

Russia's state-controlled energy giant Gazprom will suspend natural gas deliveries to Armenia for planned maintenance on its pipeline infrastructure, the company's regional subsidiary announced Monday.

The North Caucasus-Transcaucasia Gas Pipeline, which runs from southern Russia through Georgia to supply Armenia, will halt operations on Tuesday. The repair work is scheduled to last until Sept. 25.

Gazprom Armenia said energy customers will receive gas supplies from domestic reserves and additional imports from Iran during the maintenance.

Similar repair work took place last September.

Russia supplied 2.7 billion cubic meters of gas to Armenia in 2025, accounting for 82% of the South Caucasus nation's total imports, according to the Interfax news agency. Moscow

charges Yerevan a discounted rate of $177.5 per 1,000 cubic meters under a bilateral agreement that expires at the end of the year.

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The pipeline shutdown also comes amid worsening relations between the two countries. Armenia is formally allied with Russia but has been building ties with the European Union in recent years, much to the chagrin of the Kremlin.

President Vladimir Putin has demanded that Armenia hold a national referendum on whether to pursue deeper European integration or remain a member of the Moscow-led Eurasian Economic Union.

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said last month that his country could begin the formal EU application process "in the near future." Once the application is submitted, Armenia would hold a referendum on EU membership, he said.

On Friday, Pashinyan said Armenia will move to diversify its energy sources.

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