
Joining NATO Not On Armenia Agenda - Foreign Minister.

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Armenia does not have on its foreign policy agenda the accession to NATO, Armenian Foreign Minister Vartan Oskanyan said.

"The main regulating document - the plan of individual partnership with NATO is so voluminous and substantive that the implementation of it will take a lot of time," Oskanyan said at a ceremony of opening NATO's information centre in Yerevan that he attended together with NATO Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy Jean Fourne.

The setting up of the Western alliance's information centre in Yerevan is one of provisions of the partnership plan.

"Perception of NATO by a part of the public does not correspond to the new, altered realities - the present-day NATO has succeeded to adapt, go away from the Cold War times," Oskanyan said.

He said that the opening of the information centre was needed by Armenia, as Yerevan pursues a multi-vector foreign policy.

"We have large-scale relations with Russia in the security sphere, we are in the CSTO (the Collective Security Treaty Organisation) and simultaneously developing the cooperation with NATO within the framework of the individual partnership plan. The many-year cooperation has shown that there is no contradiction in that. By means of this cooperation we shall be able to make a contribution to consolidation of security in the region," Oskanyan said.
