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# West Will Exert Pressure On Armenia If The Gas Pipeline Is Sold.

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"Iran-Armenia gas pipeline provides Armenia with alternative source of gas supply. But the gas pipeline must be made transitional. Azerbaijan and Turkey do their utmost to prevent Armenia's integration into other regional programs", says Stepan Grigoryan, director of the Center for Globalization and Regional Cooperation

"The Iran-Armenia gas pipeline is the only outcome, but unfortunately, the RA acting authorities are too passive on this score. The developments show that our region is retiring from Russia; the policy of Georgia and Azerbaijan as well as the rough stance of Russia testify to this fact. Thus, we must think of ourselves without spoiling the country's relations with Russia".

"In case the pipeline doesn't become transitional we shall be left out of the monopoly that Russia has in our region and in Armenia".

Reminder, 80% of the Armenian energy powers are in the hands of Russia. "ArmRusgasArd" didn't conceal its intention to acquire the Armenian section of the Iran-Armenia gas pipeline.

"It is impermissible to give the Armenian section to Russia. This is not accounted for the fact that Russia possesses most Armenia's energy powers. We know quite well that Russia takes this or that object which latter stops working. All the objects taken under the program "Property in Return of Debt" testify to this".

Such actions put the energetic security of Armenia into peril. Besides, they arouse indignation among the Western counties.

The rough stance of the USA towards Armenia is also determined by this very fact. In this view let's consider the row over the Armenian mineral water and the report of the U.S. State Department in which Karabakh was introduced as an "occupied territory" by Armenia.

Mr. Grigoryan assumes that first of all it is the fault of the RA authorities. In his words, Armenia must display more active policy towards Iran.

"We cannot justify and protect Iran for its steps and initiatives which arouse anger and passion world-wide.

Nevertheless, we can persuade the USA and the West that our energetic agreements with Iran are obligatory and we have no other alternative".

We must explain to the universal community that in case the relations with Iran deteriorate, the region will appear in jeopardy", Stepan Grigoryan claims. He is convinced that the powerful countries will exert more pressure on Armenia in case we display passive attitude.

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