

Armenia: Averting a Catastrophe and Re-Joining the Family of Western Nations

About the National Democratic Alliance (NDA)...

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is the largest pro-Western political movement in Armenia, uniting political parties, groups, and individuals. NDA believes that Armenia should be a sovereign, democratic, and viable nation-state able to withstand global and regional challenges.

With an ideology built on strong national identity, NDA is the only political movement in Armenia that can revive the country economically and demographically and prevent Armenia from becoming a failed state divided between Russia and its Turkic allies.

Russia has facilitated Armenia's defeat and maintains full control...

Unfortunately, Armenia remains under a total control of Russia, which includes the government, parliamentary parties, armed forces, intelligence apparatus, police, and much of the economy. Having engineered the capitulation of Armenia on November 9, 2020, Putin is rushing to complete the handover of the remainder of Artsakh and parts of Armenia to Azerbaijan, with whom Russia signed a strategic partnership treaty two days prior to the invasion of Ukraine.

NDA insists that the conflict is not resolved and that the final status of Artsakh should be addressed as part of a broader settlement using the internationally-recognized borders between Armenia and Azerbaijan laid out by the League of Nations in February 1920.

Shift toward the West is key to Armenia's survival... NDA is the only force that can do it.

Armenia needs to start from a clean slate just as it did in 1988 when its independence movement helped catalyze the dissolution of the Soviet Union. To most people in Armenia, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan is tainted by his ties with Moscow and by his direct role in Armenia's November 2020 capitulation.

The war in Ukraine has given Armenia a historic opportunity to break away from the Russian and Turkish claws. People of Armenia are longing to restore country's sovereignty and reclaim its place in the family of Western nations. This will also result in pushing Russia out of the Caucasus and curtailing Turkey's neo-Ottoman ambitions.

Pashinyan is highly unpopular in Armenia and any attempts by the US and its allies to prop him up and entice him to change his allegiances will undoubtedly backfire. He needs to be replaced by a truly pro-Western and reformist government with capacity to carry reform. NDA is the political movement that has the potential and credibility to make this happen. With the help of Armenia's Western partners, NDA will spearhead this shift and prevent the further takeover of Armenian territory by Azerbaijan and Turkey, along with launching a massive economic reform effort capitalizing on the financial and human capital of the Diaspora.