

What are the expectations from Sochi? - Experts respond

URL:

<https://en.axar.az/news/world/588634.html?fbclid=IwAR0d3StcVQFhTR1qrHhESr2aVd4h3lkMI2kkbRZDxMAJMQOqMTw22927NOo>



[Axar.az](http://axar.az) presents the answers of experts from around the world on the topics and results of the meeting of the leaders of Turkey and Russia, which is scheduled for the end of the month:

Pakistani academic, an expert on international relations and analytics **Yasir Masood**:

In my opinion, it is unlikely that Turkey and Russia will be able to agree on cooperation in the Caucasus. There are no deals between the countries yet because the position of Armenia is a serious obstacle to this. First of all, Ankara might consider coming to an agreement with Yerevan.

Recently, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan announced his intention to meet with Turkish President Recep Erdogan, which caused a huge scandal in Yerevan. Armenian nationalists accused the head of government of treason, and this could threaten the start of a civil war in Armenia.

Russia is unlikely to influence the position of Turkey or Armenia on the Caucasus until the Armenian-Turkish differences are resolved.

Russia also needs to act wisely to avoid triggering any conflict in the Caucasus. To create a balance in the region Russia must play a positive role in the regional cohesion and uplift of the cooperation between Turkey and Russia.

Despite backing opposing sides in both the Syrian and Libyan conflicts, Turkey and Russia have forged close cooperation in the defence, energy and tourism sectors. Areas of convergence like defence, energy and tourism can be discussed at length. Moreover, both the Nagorno-Karabakh issue and the drone sales to Ukraine and Poland by Turkey earlier this year (which angered Russia) would be discussed in Sochi. Further defence cooperation may be discussed and maybe there is an exchange of pleasantries amongst the two leaders as well.