

Putin: America is Rearming Georgia

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Tbilisi: Although Washington has an intention to improve relations with Moscow, the U.S. continues "rearming Georgia", which is not in line with the reset policy, Russia's PM Vladimir Putin said in an interview with Russian daily Kommersant.

"I want to believe in reset [with the U.S.] very much. And I want it [reset] very much," he said in the interview published on August 30. "I see that the intention of the current administration in the United States to improve relations with Russia is clearly traced. But there are other issues as well. For example, further rearmament of Georgia is underway. Why? That's real; we see that. There would have been no aggression and blood if not for the rearmament of Georgia two years ago; we had been telling this to our partners, including to our European friends; and everyone kept silence; and how did it all end? It led up to the war. This rearmament continues today," Putin said.

He also said that a missile defense shield in Europe still remained a problem for the reset policy.

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