

Mr. Nikol Pashinyan
Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia
Government House 1, Republic Square
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Republic of Armenia

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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you in this public letter as the wife of Ruben Vardanyan, an Armenian citizen, in connection with a humanitarian initiative.

I intend to travel to Baku as part of an international women's humanitarian delegation with the purpose of addressing the situation of Armenian citizens unlawfully detained in Azerbaijan.

The initiative is strictly humanitarian in nature. Its purpose is to seek direct access to Armenian detainees in Azerbaijan, improve and create channels for families to contact their loved ones, and deliver basic personal items to those held in detention.

Having informed you of this initiative, I would be grateful to know whether the Government of Armenia has already undertaken, or is considering, any relevant steps concerning humanitarian access, family contact, or international visits to Armenian detainees held in Azerbaijan. If such efforts are already under way, it would be important for us to understand them, so that any humanitarian initiative we pursue is properly aligned with them.

I would be grateful if a relevant person could be designated as a point of contact for coordination on this matter and would appreciate knowing the name and contact details of someone who has already been appointed within the Government of Armenia to work on humanitarian matters related to Armenian detainees in Azerbaijan, if this is the case. It would allow us to share the possible composition of the delegation and the list of items we would hope to deliver.

The visit is currently planned for September 2026.

Kind regards,
Veronika Zonabend