OPEN LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU

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On Israel's Hypocritical Stance Toward the Armenian Genocide

Dear Prime Minister Netanyahu,

Edmund Burke once wrote, '*Hypocrisy can afford to be magnificent in its promises, for never intending to go beyond promise, it costs nothing.*' Your recent declaration on a podcast that you recognize the Armenian Genocide of 1915 exemplifies this observation.

Your cavalier statement neither made significant news nor resonated with the pan-Armenian community—and for good reason. Those who understand the generational trauma of genocide, the unhealed wounds, and the ultimate atrocity of denial do not speak of it casually on an inconsequential platform. Your statement would be laughable if it were not so tragic, particularly in the context of the ongoing suffering in your own backyard.

This half-hearted recognition is not only poorly timed and poorly delivered—it is emblematic of longstanding hypocrisy. For decades, your government has engaged in actions hostile to Armenians, while simultaneously avoiding meaningful acknowledgment of the genocide.

GENOCIDE DENIAL

Official state recognition of the Armenian Genocide requires legislation passed by the Knesset, not a statement by the Prime Minister. While you acknowledged the genocide during your August 2025 podcast, you did not pursue the necessary steps to advance this acknowledgment into official policy. Your claim that a Knesset resolution had passed is inaccurate. Despite committee-level discussions, no official legislation has been adopted by the full parliament.

Israel has historically avoided recognizing the Armenian Genocide due to political considerations regarding Turkey, a nation that continues to categorically deny the atrocities committed against Armenians, Assyrians, and Greeks during World War I. For decades, Israel even assisted Turkey in blocking recognition legislation in Western countries. Attempts to pass recognition in the Knesset—including bills in 2018 and 2021—have been repeatedly obstructed by your government.

Recognition in Israel has too often been treated as a political tool: when relations with Turkey sour, rhetoric of recognition emerges; when relations improve, it vanishes. This cynical manipulation transforms the recognition of genocide into a bargaining chip rather than a moral imperative. Using genocide as leverage while your government faces accusations of committing atrocities in Gaza is morally indefensible.

Israel must recognize the Armenian Genocide not because it is politically convenient, but because it is an established historical fact. Anything less is hypocrisy—and complicity in denial.

JERUSALEM AND THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY

The Armenian presence in Jerusalem dates back over two millennia, with an established quarter and a patriarchate that has contributed profoundly to the city's culture and history. Yet your government's policies have endangered this community. Systematic harassment, ethnic cleansing, and encroachments on Armenian property, alongside a surge in anti-Christian violence in the Armenian Quarter, exemplify a failure to protect these historic communities.

Recent reports indicate that 50% of documented attacks in Jerusalem's Old City between April and June 2025 targeted Armenian Christians, including clergy and civilians. These attacks included spitting, verbal abuse, physical assaults, and desecration of holy sites. Meanwhile, enforcement and accountability by Israeli authorities remain minimal. Such neglect not only endangers a historic community but reflects broader patterns of discrimination and intolerance.

ARTSAKH GENOCIDE AND ARMS EXPORTS

Israel's military support for Azerbaijan, particularly during the invasion of Artsakh in 2020, directly enabled the ethnic cleansing of Armenians in Artsakh. Advanced drones, loitering munitions, air defense systems, and intelligence assistance were critical to Azerbaijan's military advantage. Supplying weapons to a state accused of committing atrocities while avoiding acknowledgment of the Armenian Genocide further underscores the contradiction between Israel's rhetoric and actions.

CONCLUSION

Your statement on the Armenian Genocide was not an act of moral clarity—it was an empty gesture. Hypocrisy has a cost: it erodes Israel's credibility and amplifies historical injustices. Recognition of the Armenian Genocide must be accompanied by action: legislative approval in the Knesset, protection of Armenian communities in Jerusalem, and a reevaluation of arms exports to states engaged in ethnic cleansing.

Recognition cannot remain a political token—it must reflect truth, justice, and the moral responsibilities of a state that proclaims, *'Never Again.'* Anything less is betrayal, both of history and of the Armenian people.

Sincerely,
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Picture: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (L), delivers his speech next to Israeli President Reuven Rivlin (R), at the opening of the winter session of the Knesset (Parliament) in Jerusalem, Israel, 23 October 2017.

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"Israel's parliament voted down on Wednesday an opposition motion to officially recognize the 1915 Armenian genocide in Ottoman Turkey.

The Knesset rejected the bill introduced by Yair Lapid, the leader of the Yesh Atid party, by 41 votes to 28 after a first-ever debate on the sensitive issue held on the Israeli parliament floor." Azatutyun.

Comments



Keith Garebian – 2025-09-15 08:01:36
When did Netanyahu ever show moral clarity? He is an Israeli Hitler who has turned his nation into a genocidal menace, sanctioned, of course, by the other hypocrite, moral barbarian, and convicted felon Trump. A plague on both.