

HISTORIC CONCERT BY DERSIM ARMENIANS AND ZAZAS

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DACUE President Miran Pirgiç Gültekin, an Armenian convert, opened a new page in the modern history of Dersim, where thousands of Armenian orphans were saved from the 1915 Genocide by the courageous Zaza leader Seyid Riza. Ataturk's criminal regime never forgave him; he was arrested and hanged in 1938, after a heroic resistance to Turkish Army tanks and airplanes, which massacred more than 200,000 Dersimis, and changed the name of the ancient region to "Tunjeli!"



