HOVHANNES KATCHAZNOUNI - THE INTELLECTUAL POLITICIAN AND UNIQUE PATRIOT (A LECTURE IN ARMENIAN)

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This lecture devoted to Hovhannes Katchaznouni, the first Prime Minister of the first Armenian Republic, is one of many that he presented over a very short period of time. In his words it "is against indifference". As it proceeds Mr. Attarian underlines that " The Turkish denialists are the ones who talk most about Katchaznouni and ...use texts and falsified translations that have nothing in common with the originals." "Whatever the Turk denialists present about K is wrong and a lie." "Katchaznouni never denied the Genocide and ..never betrayed his homeland."

Viken stresses that it is our duty to own "our intellectuals and their heritage, Katchaznouni and all intellectuals, political parties, our glorious days, hours and minutes" along with "all our mistakes". He goes on telling his audience, "for as long as we don't own that heritage with all its mistakes, with all its ugliness and its glorious days , we, all of us, will be divided" and "we will not be able to confront reality."

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