MAKING US PROUD IN RIO

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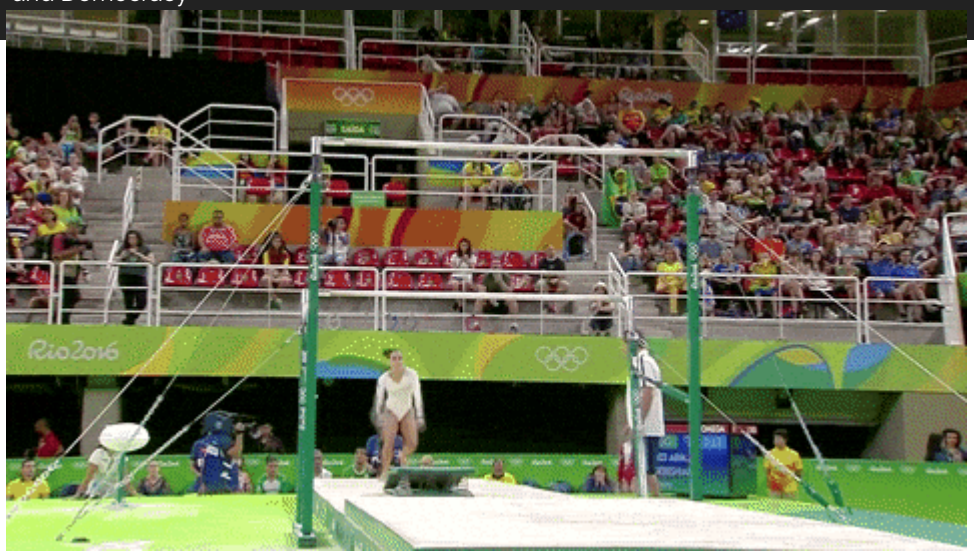
Although gymnast Houry Gabeshian of the United States did not win a medal, she made history twice. She was the first female gymnast representing Armenia and she set a new move ("Gebeshian element") which will be recorded in her name in the annals of the gymnasts – turning 360 degrees around the vertical axis of the body while dashing from the lower bar to the higher in the uneven bars exercise.



Another winner was Adam Krikorian, the coach of the U.S. gold-winning women's water polo team.

Armenia's total medal count equaled that of Norway (pop. 5.2 million), Argentine (pop. 42 million), Slovakia (5.5 million), and Lithuania (3 million). Armenian athletes obviously continue to punch above their weight.

The athletes from Armenia dedicated their victories to the soldiers defending the borders of Armenia/Artsakh and to the martyred heroes who gave their lives for the Armenian nation during the April War.