THE VATICAN VILLAINS AT PLAY

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The villains of the recent conspiracy against Armenians that the late Pope headed are Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, Cardinal Claudio Gugerotti, Apostolic Nuncio Jose Avelino Bettencourt and junior partners Bishop Vladimir Fekete, and Father Mark Lewis. Five manqués right out of the pages of Machiavelli's *The Prince*.

Agog by the aroma of Azerbaijan's petrodollars, the above hoods in hoods and the UnHoly Father toiled for years to legitimize war criminal Aliyev's dictatorship by praising Ill Ham & Family, awarding them high honors, hosting them, and uttering bare-faced lies about the nature of the criminal Turkic dictatorship. It's no secret why they committed these revolting acts: good old lucre, money, petrogold or in Azeri lingo, *manat.* Their efforts were not in vain.

Here is an abridged list of Vatican's sins and crimes against the Armenians and on behalf of Baby Aliyev.

1. Although Azerbaijan's wide-scale bribery campaign, called Laundromat, to corrupt European politicians, was publicized across Europe in the press and as a result European Parliament member Luca Volente was kicked out of the EP, the Vatican persisted with its courtship of Azerbaijan's "First Family." Ditto for the fake election campaigns when somehow no less than 92 percent of Azeri voters keep voting hereditary dictator for the fourth or fifth time. But who is counting?
2. The Vatican gave war criminal Junior Aliyev its highest honor--the "Grand Cross of the Order of Piano"-- in "appreciation and gratitude."
3. Point man Cardinal Gugerotti arranged an unknown sum of donation to the Vatican from the Heydar Aliyev Foundation which is headed by no less than Mehriban Aliyeva, the wife of Ill Ham, and herself Vice-President of Azerbaijan. You see, women are liberated in Ill Ham's dictatorship.

The deep friendship of Mehriban and Gugerotti goes back to 2002. In return for the donation, the Holy See expressed its admiration of Azerbaijan's openness toward different faiths. Has anyone at the Vatican heard of Sumgait massacre or of the Lachin Corridor (Berdzor) where more than 100,000 starving Artsakh Armenians were marooned as they were driven from their homes by Aliyev's goons?

4. Father George Ryssen, an authority on the Armenian Genocide, was fired from his job at the Pontifical Gregorian University because he had criticized higher-ups for refusing to recognize the genocide. "Thou shall not offend the brethren Turks" must be Vatican gang's 11th Commandment.
5. The hoods in hood hid the fact that Baku's Catholic cathedral was built with Aliyev's petrodollars (the land was given by Aliyev's Dad) Heydar, the ex-KGB head. Instead, Vatican

lied that the money was donated by overseas Catholics.

6. Although since 2014 Azerbaijan has violated the Council of Europe's protocols at least 260 times, Vatican's romance with Baku has persisted. Friends in need, etc.
7. When Azerbaijan destroyed Armenian churches, religious monuments, and cultural artifacts, there was not a peep from the Pope and Co. When told about the miserable condition of Artsakh Armenians, the Pope said he had prayed for them. His prayer and one *manat* couldn't buy a bowl of soup to a starving Artsakh child. What stopped him from picking up the phone and calling the Azeri butcher?
8. When Mrs. Aliyev visited Vatican, she was received by the Holy See's top officials. When Armenian Prime Minister Nicol Pashinyan visited Vatican, he was hosted by an apostolic nuncio.
9. In 2013 Azerbaijan awarded the Order of Friendship to the Vatican for "Special contribution to the development of friendship, economic and cultural relations between Azerbaijan and the Vatican." The honor, bestowed for the first time to any person or organization, was, of course, for services rendered.
10. Earlier this month, the Vatican helped organize and promote a mock academic shindig in Rome where Azerbaijani "academics" presented papers which indicated Armenian art and architecture are the creations of the inhabitants of "ancient Azerbaijan." The fact that the land now occupied mostly by Muslim-Turkic-Tatar people was established as Azerbaijan in 1918, was neither here nor there.

Soon, smoke will rise from a famous Vatican pipe indicating that the cardinals had elected the new Pope. The Armenian government, the Catholicos in Echmiadzin, the Catholicos in Antelias and major Armenian organizations around the world should launch a campaign to force the Vatican reconsider its immoral association with the Azeri warmongers. Finally, Armenians owe a big "thank you" to the Armenians of France who exposed the Azeri-Holy See shindig-misappropriation in early April.

Comments

Hovik Chetian – 2025-05-04 18:21:20
Under Bergoglio the church has lived through unclear moments. two popes; because, in essence, Razinger had not "completely resigned" in the opinion of many experts and it would be appropriate to wait for the outcome of the Vatican conclave. Today every comment or attack or denunciation, right or justified, would fall on deaf ears and in any case is counterproductive because we do not know what direction Vatican politics will take. Finally, I did not understand if we should denounce the political choice or the religious choice. I would wait patiently on the river bank.

Garo – 2025-05-01 09:45:59
I agree with Mr Jordan. Nothing will come out of the Armenian complaints. Pope Francis may have had good and moral intentions by visiting Armenia but Money talks. Obviously the 5 Cardinals have enough control of the money.

Robert Jordan – 2025-04-30 01:06:45
Fully agree with your written comment. It is sad though that nothing will eventuate from this. It does not matter who you approach and who you communicate with - Money speaks alot and that is the problem that will continue the reign of "who cares"? sadly.

Vahe H Apelian – 2025-04-30 00:52:00
Masterfully exposed and reported about the hoods in hood in cahoots with the Ill Hams.

Mike Dishakjian – 2025-04-29 23:19:40
Since when Popes followed the True teaching of Christ.....

Davo – 2025-04-29 20:37:21
Many thanks to Jirair Tutunjian for this hard-hitting article.

H – 2025-04-29 14:35:13
Your excellent research on the Vatican operations is worth sending to Italian newspapers. While your current readers may read and forget having read the marriage of the Vatican and Moslem Tatar azerbaijan, Catholic religious Italians may get furious and lash out at Keghart or at the Vatican. The second is the Impact desired for.

Arpi – 2025-04-29 11:44:46
They should all ... hell.

Anouch Amirkhanian – 2025-04-29 11:29:27
As Armenians, we cannot remain silent in the face of such disturbing developments. Regardless of past actions, it is now our responsibility to unite and demand full transparency and accountability from the next elected Pope. The Armenian people — who have long suffered injustice — must insist that the Vatican stand firmly for truth, human rights, and historical honesty.



Keith Garebian – 2025-04-29 10:27:18
Excellent revelations.