



**Dear Friend,**

As the Founder and Chairman of the Children of Armenia Fund I enjoy the personal liberties that are afforded to us here in the US. However, I've been living with the horrors faced by children and their elders residing in Artsakh and Armenia for the past 10 days. They have been under ruthless attacks by the Turkish-led Azeri forces and terrorist groups acting with no regard for human life.

I kindly ask that you watch **this 60 second video** of the unfolding human crisis in Armenia and Artsakh, which is rapidly amounting to a genocide with the use of modern warfare weaponry. The Turkish and Azeri governments are on a campaign to remove and exterminate the peaceful people of Artsakh, who have been living on these ancestral lands for 2,700 years. This is a clear attempt by

the Turkish government to **initiate a second Armenian genocide.**

The leadership of Turkey and Azerbaijan are perpetrating war crimes by targeting innocent civilians and bombarding hospitals, schools, and high-density population areas with 24/7 missile and air strikes for the past week. In addition, both the Turkish and Azeri governments are engaged in a vicious misinformation campaign, fabricating stories of Armenian provocation and territorial occupation with the aim of diverting attention from their agenda of ethnic cleansing.

I've been in communications with our **COAF team** in Armenia, day and night with the latest updates. The people are in a state of despair. **Three young men** from COAF-sponsored villages, who I've known since they were young children, have perished protecting their people and homeland in the past week. World leaders, including the US President, have thus far failed to intervene while this human tragedy unfolds. This is despite the fact that congress has begun to speak out in condemnation of these attacks. Most recently a compelling statement was made by Congressman Adam Schiff (**link to 3.5 minute video here**). The international community has started to take notice as well; earlier this week scholars from Israel pointed to the recent Azeri aggression and **called for the Israeli government to suspend sales of arms** to Azerbaijan.

I ask that you take a few minutes to call the official White House phone line at 202-456-1111 (9:00-4:00 PM EST) and request that they take a stance against these atrocities in order to save the lives of scores of innocent people. Additionally, you can call the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at 202-224-4651. Please ask the President of the United States and the Senate to:

- Take the lead to prevent a second genocide of Armenians.
- Immediately issue a statement by the US government condemning the Azerbaijani and Turkish governments for their brutal attacks on the innocent citizens of Artsakh and the war crimes they've committed.

If you are not a U.S. citizen, we highly encourage you to connect with your respective political influencers to convey the same message.

Thank you very much for your attention to this!

Standing in human solidarity,

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