



Monthly Newsletter
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Exactly one year has passed since Ruben Vardanyan’s illegal arrest...

A year ago, about 120,000 Armenians, driven from their homes, were forced to leave Artsakh under the threat of genocide and ethnic cleansing. This mass exodus marked a tragic page in the centuries-old history of the Armenian people, and their struggle for survival and freedom.

Ruben Vardanyan, who moved to Artsakh during a critical time and dedicated himself to supporting his compatriots, was captured by the Azerbaijani military on September 27 while trying to leave the occupied territory.

The Azerbaijani authorities have kept him in prison for a year, without any legitimate grounds.

Despite his unlawful capture, Ruben does not surrender, demonstrating unbending determination and resilience even in the most difficult circumstances.

The anniversary of Ruben's illegal capture is a reminder of his courage and resilience, the significance of his actions, and the urgency for justice to be served.

Ruben Vardanyan's Legacy

Ruben Vardanyan is a symbol of courage and dedication to his homeland. An internationally recognized philanthropist and respected leader, he made invaluable contributions to the development of education, the preservation of cultural heritage, and the strengthening of the social well-being of his country. His philanthropic work changed the lives of thousands of people, providing opportunities and support where it was needed most.

Ruben's influence extends far beyond his homeland: his efforts to address global humanitarian issues and advance the Gratitude in Action movement have inspired many around the world. His story is an example of the strength and resilience of the Armenian spirit, a reminder that even in the face of immense adversity, hope and the desire for justice must prevail.

A Call for Justice

Ruben Vardanyan's capture is not just a personal tragedy. It is a reflection of a broader struggle for justice. Efforts to free Ruben and other Armenian prisoners, including former leaders of Artsakh, continue worldwide. Human rights organizations, public figures, and activists are working tirelessly to raise awareness of the plight of the Armenian prisoners and secure their release.

A global response, including petitions, diplomatic initiatives, and public campaigns, plays a pivotal role in this fight.

How can you help?

- **Sign petitions.** Add your voice to the demands for the release of Ruben and other Armenian prisoners in Azerbaijan.
- **Support human rights activities.** Contribute to the work of organizations actively working for their release.
- **Spread the word.** Share news and facts on social media to bring attention to this issue.



“The events of 2020 and the continuing threats against Artsakh were a turning point for me, something I have always stated openly and consistently. Since then, all my actions have been driven by concern for the fate of Artsakh and its people.

Now our people are going through one of the most difficult and hardest stages of their history. Despite all the difficulties and disagreements, I believe that we will be able to overcome this period and build a peaceful and bright future.”

Ruben Vardanyan
September 20, 2024

Ruben Vardanyan's example serves as a powerful inspiration for the defense of justice and freedom. Your participation is vital to the restoration of justice and the release of Ruben and the other Armenian prisoners.
