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## **AZERBAIJAN MUST RELEASE ALL ARMENIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS, POWs, AND HOSTAGES**

All Armenians on this list were arrested/kidnapped after the trilateral ceasefire agreement that was signed on November 9, 2020. These illegal detentions actively impede a potential future peace in this region. Azerbaijan is holding the prisoners listed in the following pages illegally, some of whom have been tried without adequate representation and convicted also illegally.



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Populated by ethnic Armenians, Nagorno-Karabakh broke (<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/>) away from Soviet Azerbaijan in 1991, shortly before the collapse of the Soviet Union. The disputed territory was self-governed for 30 years but continued to be internationally recognized as part of Azerbaijan. Nagorno-Karabakh has never existed as a part of an independent Azerbaijan. The people of Nagorno-Karabakh enjoyed far more rights and freedoms than those who live under Azerbaijani rule.

On Sept. 19, 2023, an Azerbaijani offensive (<https://www.crisisgroup.org/>), the second in three years, set the stage for the ethnic cleansing of Armenians from their ancestral land of Nagorno-Karabakh. Within 10 days, over 100,000 Armenians fled ([Council of Foreign Relations](#)) Nagorno-Karabakh and found refuge in neighboring Armenia.

During the Sep-Nov 2020 and Sep 2023 wars against Nagorno-Karabakh, the Azerbaijani authorities detained some 200 Armenian civilians and military personnel. Dozens remain in Azerbaijani jails illegally, some awaiting trials and others illegally convicted to lengthy jail terms.

**Political Prisoners:** According to Azerbaijan's prosecutor general, 300 (<https://tvpworld.com/>) former leaders of Nagorno-Karabakh are wanted (<https://www.france24.com>) for alleged war crimes committed during the wars unleashed on the enclave. Eight of these leaders were detained (<https://eurasianet.org/>), humiliated in front of cameras, and transferred to prisons in Baku.

**Hostages:** Moreover, an unknown number of Armenian civilians were taken prisoner since 2020 by Azerbaijani security personnel in and around Nagorno-Karabakh and within the borders of Armenia.

**Prisoners of War:** Additionally, 36 Armenian prisoners of war (POWs) remain in Azerbaijani prisons. (<https://www.cftjustice.org/> - [Mistreatment](#), <https://www.cftjustice.org/> - [Disappearance](#)). The 2020 war POWs should have been released in accordance with the 10 November 2020 ceasefire agreement (<https://www.commonspace.eu/>), article 8. Now that both wars are over, all POWs from must be freed immediately in accordance with the Geneva Conventions (<https://www.ohchr.org/>). The majority of prisoners of war were taken a month after the official ceasefire in 2020, and in the area of Khtsaberd.

These political prisoners, POWs and hostages, some of whom have been convicted illegally to lengthy jail terms in Azerbaijan, must be freed immediately in accordance with international law, and at the very least as a confidence-building measure so that the ongoing negotiations between Armenia and Azerbaijan can produce results. The international community, in particular the U.S., Russia and EU mediators, as well as others, have an obligation to persuade Azerbaijan to free them unconditionally and immediately. ■



**1**

**Babayan, Davit Klim**

- Foreign Minister of Nagorno-Karabakh
- DOB: 4/5/1973
- Voluntarily complied with Azerbaijan's demands of his surrender on 9/28/2023 to mitigate the suffering of Armenians



**5**

**Manukyan, Davit Andranik**

- Defense Army Deputy Commander of Nagorno-Karabakh
- DOB: 9/14/1965
- Detained on 9/27/2023 by Azerbaijani Border Guard Service



**2**

**Ghukasyan, Arkadi Arshavir**

- Second President of Nagorno-Karabakh
- DOB: 6/22/1957
- Arrested on 10/3/2023 at Ivanyan Airport



**6**

**Mnatsakanyan, Levon Henrikh**

- Police Chief and former Defense Minister of Nagorno-Karabakh
- DOB: 9/14/1955
- Arrested on 9/29/2023 while traveling to Armenia via the Lachin Corridor



**3**

**Harutyunyan, Arayik Vladimir**

- Fourth President of Nagorno-Karabakh
- DOB: 12/14/1973
- Arrested on 10/3/2023 at a hotel in Stepanakert, Nagorno-Karabakh



**7**

**Sahakyan, Bako Sahak**

- Third President of Nagorno-Karabakh
- DOB: 8/30/1960
- Arrested on 10/3/2023 at Ivanyan Airport



**4**

**Ishkhanyan, Davit Ruben**

- Speaker of the National Assembly of Nagorno-Karabakh
- DOB: 12/27/1968
- Arrested on 10/3/2023 at Ivanyan Airport



**8**

**Vardanyan, Ruben Karlen**

- State Minister of Nagorno-Karabakh
- DOB: 5/25/1968
- Captured on 7/29/2023 while traveling to Armenia via the Lachin Corridor



**1**

**Babayan Madat, Arakel**

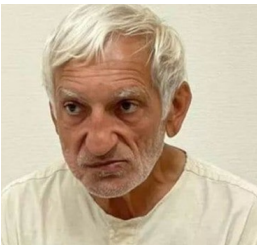
- Civilian- DOB: 9/15/1952
- Kidnapped on 9/19/2023 in Charektar



**5**

**Sujyan, Gevorg Ruben**

- Civilian - DOB: 1/21/1989
- Kidnapped on 9/11/2020 near Lachin, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 15 years in Azerbaijan



**2**

**Beglaryan, Rashid Aramayis**

- Civilian - DOB: 11/2/1962
- Kidnapped on 8/1/2023 in Aghavno, Nagorno-Karabakh



**6**

**Khachatryan, Vagif Cherqez**

- Civilian - DOB: 10/28/1955
- Captured on 7/29/2023 while traveling to Armenia via the Lachin Corridor
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 15 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**3**

**Davtyan, Davit Tigran**

- Civilian - DOB: 2/5/1993
- Kidnapped on 9/11/2020 near Lisagor, Nagorno-Karabakh (road Berdzor-Shushi)
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 15 years in prison in Azerbaijan



**7**

**Petrosyan, Karen Sedraki**

- Civilian - DOB: Unknown
- Kidnapped on 10/27/2020 in Avetaranoc village, Nagorno-Karabakh
- According to his sister's testimony, he is still in Baku. She had received a phone call.
- Azerbaijan still doesn't confirm that he is there.



**4**

**Euljekjian, Vicken Abraham**

- Civilian - DOB: 7/12/1979
- Kidnapped on 11/10/2020, Berdzor (Lachin), Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 20 years of prison
- Tortured



**1**

**Aramyan, Karen Armen**

- Soldier - DOB: 3/21/1995
- Arrested on December 13th, 2020 in Khtsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh



**6**

**Baghdasaryan, Artur Eduard**

- Soldier - DOB: 2/7/1998
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**2**

**Avagyan, Hrachya Arzuman**

- Soldier - DOB: 9/13/1992
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 4 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**7**

**Bahrikyan, Vahagn Edik**

- Soldier - DOB: 5/11/1983
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years in prison in Azerbaijan



**3**

**Avagyan, Serob Suren**

- Soldier - DOB: 5/3/1984
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**8**

**Dilanyan, Arman Vazgen**

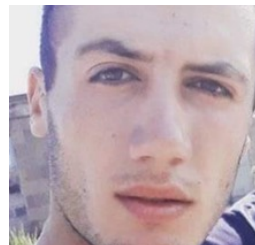
- Soldier - DOB: 5/24/1989
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 year of prison in Azerbaijan



**4**

**Avagyan, Tigran Manuk**

- Soldier - DOB: 12/2/1998
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**9**

**Gevorgyan, Robert Hovik**

- Soldier - DOB: 11/26/1998
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 year of prison in Azerbaijan



**5**

**Avetisyan, Vagharshak Ashot**

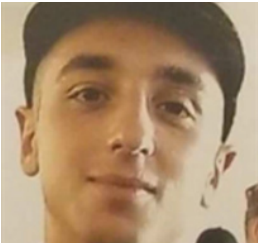
- Soldier - DOB: 3/30/1996
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**10**

**Hakobyan, Volodya Gagik**

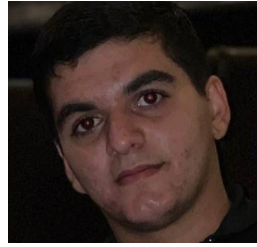
- Soldier - DOB: 10/29/1999
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh



**11**

**Hambartsumyants, Davit Mikayel**

- Soldier - DOB: 2/06/2001
- Arrested on 9/2020 in Mataghis, Nagorno-Karabakh



**16**

**Hovsepian, Hayk Ararat**

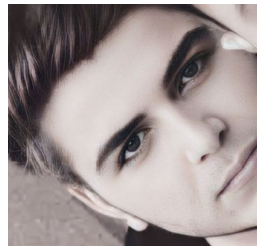
- Soldier - DOB: 11/3/2004
- Arrested on 9/19-20/2023 in the forests of Nagorno-Karabakh, Vank



**12**

**Harutyunyan, Varazdat Seryoja**

- Soldier - DOB: 8/1/1996
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaber, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**17**

**Isayan, Aren Ara**

- Soldier - DOB: 11/21/2003
- Arrested on 9/19-20/2023 in the forests of Vank, Nagorno-Karabakh



**13**

**Herabyan, Hrayr Hrach**

- Soldier - DOB: 2/25/1995
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaber, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years of prison



**18**

**Khosrovyan, Alyosha Aramays**

- Soldier - DOB: 3/28/1967
- Arrested on 10/3/2020
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 20 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**14**

**Hovakimyan, Harutyun Yurik**

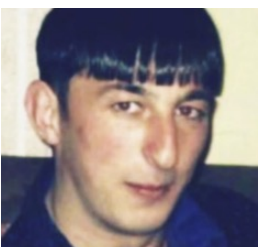
- Soldier - DOB: 7/4/1989
- Arrested on 5/26/2023 in Shikahogh village, Kapan, Armenia
- Illegally convicted on 7/7/23 and sentenced to 11.5 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**19**

**Kirakosyan, Eduard Armen**

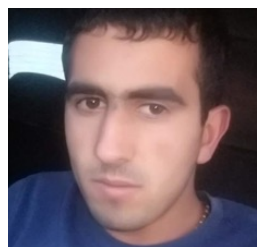
- Soldier - DOB: 10/28/1992
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaber, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**15**

**Hovhannisyanyan, Haykaz Koryun**

- Soldier - DOB: 5/8/1992
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaber, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years of prison



**20**

**Kostanyan, Narek Aghasi**

- Soldier - DOB: 12/21/1996
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaber, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**21**

**Martirosyan, Gevorg Samvel**

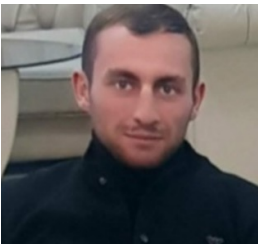
- Soldier - DOB: 7/4/1999
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khatsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**26**

**Saghatelyan, Grigor Seyran**

- Soldier - DOB: 10/16/1992
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khatsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years in Azerbaijan



**22**

**Martoyan, Manuk Hovhannes**

- Soldier - DOB: 4/1/1999
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khatsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**27**

**Sargsyan, Ishkhan Ashot**

- Soldier - DOB: 8/13/1997
- Arrested on 5/27/2021 in Kut Village, Armenia
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 19 years in Azerbaijan



**23**

**Mikayelyan, Andranik Vazgen**

- Soldier - DOB: 4/20/1998
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khatsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**28**

**Serobyan, Gegham Samvel**

- Soldier - DOB: 3/29/1984
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khatsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 4 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**24**

**Mkrtychyan, Lyudvig Mkrtych**

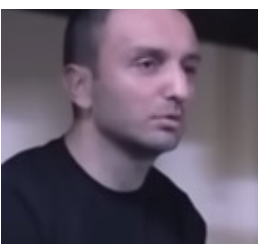
- Soldier - DOB: 12/5/1969
- Arrested on 10/20/2020 in Fizuli, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 20 years of imprisonment on 8/2/2021



**29**

**Stepanyan, Davit Stepan**

- Soldier - DOB: 4/27/1996
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khatsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years in Azerbaijan



**25**

**Rafaelyan, Vladimir Otar**

- Soldier - DOB: 3/23/1987
- Arrested on 5/27/2021 in Gegharkunik, Armenia, Karvachar sector
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 18 years in Azerbaijan



**30**

**Sukiasyan, Andranik Srap**

- Soldier - DOB: 1/6/1997
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khatsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years in Azerbaijan



**31**

**Tadevosyan, Hrayr Vardan**

- Soldier - DOB: 4/16/1996
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years in Azerbaijan



**34**

**Voskanyan, Gagik Ashot**

- Soldier - DOB: 11/4/1983
- Arrested on 8/16/2023 in Karvachar, Nagorno-Karabakh



**32**

**Tosunyan, Levon Ashot**

- Soldier - DOB: 3/2/1991
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years in Azerbaijan



**35**

**Yeghiazaryan, Sasun Seyran**

- Soldier - DOB: 7/22/1991
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years in Azerbaijan



**33**

**Vardanyan, Arsen Arayik**

- Soldier - DOB: 1/30/1998
- Arrested on 12/13/2020 in Khtsaberd, Nagorno-Karabakh
- Illegally convicted & sentenced to 6 years of prison in Azerbaijan



**36**

**Yeghiazaryan, Aleksandr**

- Soldier - DOB: Unknown
- Arrested in Zangelan, Nagorno-Karabakh, 2020
- Returned POW mentioned that they were in the same cell.
- Azerbaijan doesn't confirm that he is in jail