

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan Attack on the Armenian Apostolic Church May & June 2025

Armenia's Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan has unleashed an unholy attack on the Armenian Apostolic Church, the country's oldest institution, with roots going back to 301 A.D. This unprecedented assault by the government on the country's moral foundation and stabilizing institution is a calculated attempt to undermine the very foundation of Armenian heritage and unity. *It is eerily reminiscent of Stalin's repressions.*

PM Pashinyan's war is vastly widening the gap between his government and the Armenian people, granting him a 8.2% approval rating. This recent series of attacks started on Friday, May 30, 2025, when he posted a series of abusive and vulgar Facebook statements against Catholicos of Garegin II, the leader of the Armenian church, calling for his forced removal.

Since the attached statement of condemnation addressing the verbal attacks was written, the Prime Minister has vastly ratcheted up his attacks and has arrested and detained two high ranking archbishops and numerous clergy members.

On June 25, 2025, Prime Minister Pashinyan had Archbishop Bagrat Galstanyan arrested alongside 13 others over an alleged coup plot. This act is seen as retaliation against the Armenian Apostolic Church as the Church has been largely outspoken against Pashinyan's concessions of land and lack of demanding justice for the Armenian people. Galstanyan is responsible for organizing and leading protests calling for Pashinyan's resignation in 2023 after 4 border towns had been conceded to Azerbaijan.

On June 28, 2025, Archbishop Mikael Ajapahyan was arrested also over the alleged coup plot. He is now being held in pre-trial detention for two months and his lawyer Ara Zohrabyan calls the decision "obviously illegal and unfounded."

On July 20, 2025, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan called for the resignation of the Catholicos over Facebook, claiming it is time to free Veharan, referring to him as his lay name in an attempt to demoralize the leader of the Church. Pashinyan has planned a gathering in Etchmiadzin, the Mother See, to place pressure on the Catholicos, saying "Be ready."

The same day, The Armenian Apostolic Church released a statement condemning Pashinyan's actions against the Catholicos. They affirm they will not waver in their mission and emphasize the failure of Pashinyan as leader of the country, leaving them vulnerable to external political forces.

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These frightening developments are understood by Armenian experts to be the calculated destruction of the last bastions of resistance to the Turkification of Armenia. They further believe that Armenia and its church are on the brink of extinction – an outcome they view as nothing short of catastrophic.

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