

The President Donald J. Trump
The White House,
1600 Pennsylvania avenue, N.W.
Washington DC 20500

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REF: Christian Armenian hostage Vicken Euljekjian held in Azerbaijan

Dear Mr. President

I am writing to you as the grieving wife of an Armenian hostage and as a devoted member of the Christian community, begging you for your gracious help for his release.

My husband, civilian hostage Mr. Vicken Euljekjian, Christian Armenian, has been held in detention in Azerbaijan since November 2020. Following his capture, he was subjected to judicial proceedings and sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment. He has now endured nearly five years of this sentence. The release of my husband and 22 other Christian Armenian hostages still in Azerbaijani custody, would constitute an act of profound humanitarian significance. Especially, that the Ceasefire between Armenia and Azerbaijan ended the armed conflict on 10 November 2020, almost five years ago, all hostages should have been released.

Regrettably, the Azerbaijani government does allow families to contact Armenian hostages via a lawyer, priest or humanitarian organisation. Furthermore, the Red Cross office in Baku, the only organisation allowed to visit Armenian hostages, has been shut down by the Azerbaijani authorities, therefore there is no longer communication, calls or letters from Armenian hostages to families.

My husband's last phone call from detention was on 2 September, when he told us that he was on hunger strike for 21 days, and that he was extremely weak and needed medical assistance, which he had been refused. As my husband has been on hunger strike for several weeks, I fear that he would not survive much longer due to his weakening health.

Mr. President, your leadership has long been marked by the courage to act, where others have hesitated. I am begging you to use your power to negotiate with the Azerbaijani government and President Aliyev to secure the release of my husband, Vicken Euljekjian. This act would not only restore a distraught Christian family but would equally stand as a defining contribution to long-lasting peace in the region.

Your Excellency's extraordinary achievements in advancing the peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and your heroic interventions for the release of Ukrainian and Israeli hostages, have given me hope that you could also help my family and negotiate with President Aliyev the urgent release of my husband, Vicken Euljekjian, Christian Armenian hostage, whose life is currently under threat.

Please accept, Mr. President, my prayers for you, your family and United States of America.

Most respectfully,

Mrs. Iman Arous Euljekjian