



'SHOCKING BUT EXPECTED VERDICT': RUBEN VARDANYAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN BAKU

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A military court in Baku has sentenced Ruben Vardanyan, the former state minister of the unrecognised Nagorno-Karabakh Republic, to 20 years in prison. The court handled his case separately from those of the former Karabakh leadership.

Azerbaijani media say the court found Vardanyan guilty of serious crimes, including waging an aggressive war, financing terrorism and deporting people.

Vardanyan has long described the trial in Azerbaijan as a farce and an imitation of justice. For that reason, he instructed his lawyer not to present any arguments about his innocence in court.

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