
'STATEMENT ON THE INDICTMENT OF THE CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS'

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"The Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU) is deeply concerned about the persecution of the leadership of the Armenian Church. The Government of Armenias criminal indictment of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, and six other bishops [REDACTED] from an internal ecclesiastical matter concerning the leadership of a diocese—raises serious questions about religious freedom and respect for the rule of law.

AGBU respectfully calls for the withdrawal of this indictment, which we believe has no basis in law or in our historical traditions. As it has done in the past, AGBU stands ready to play a constructive role in resolving this situation, if called upon.

Under its Constitution and national laws, the Republic of Armenia recognizes the Armenian Apostolic Church as the National Church, acknowledges its right to self-governance, and protects religious freedom. Accordingly, questions concerning the suitability of bishops for ecclesiastical office are appropriately addressed through Canon Law and the established processes of the Church."

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