



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

Press Release

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The Embassy of Armenia informs, with deep sorrow, of the untimely death of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, H. E. Mr. Andranik Margaryan, who died of heart failure on 25th March 2007, at the age of 56. Mr. Margaryan has been Prime Minister since May 2000 and was the longest-serving Prime Minister of Armenia. From 2003 until his death he headed the Coalition Government formed after the 2003 parliamentary elections. He was the Chairman of the Republican Party of Armenia.

Andranik Margaryan has been involved in politics since 1966. In 1968 he joined the underground United National Party and in 1973 was elected to its Council. In 1974 he was arrested and sentenced to two years of imprisonment for his ideas and activities criticising the totalitarian Soviet system. He saw the future of the Armenian people in a democratic and independent state. He played a significant role in strengthening the institutions of statehood of independent Armenia, and in ensuring a stable and growing economy.

Margaryan is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

March 28th, the day of the funeral, is declared a day of National Mourning in Armenia. A Book of Condolences will be opened at the Embassy of Armenia in London on 27th of March from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on 28th of March, from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.