
ARMENIAN PM CONFIRMS HE KNEW ABOUT CSTO SECRETARY GENERAL'S ARREST

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When I appointed the head of the Special Investigative Service, I came with him to a definite agreement that all issues should be resolved within the law, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said in the National Assembly on Wednesday.

His remark came on RPA MP Shushan Sardaryans question whether he had discussed the arrest with the SIS head or not.

According to him, at that time he was in St. Petersburg, but he knew about the upcoming arrest, as he was personally informed by the head of the National Security Service Arthur Vanetsyan.

Upon learning of the upcoming arrest, the Prime Minister noted that there are no political or other obstacles, and if it is necessary to arrest in the interests of the investigation, if the investigating authorities are convinced of the need to implement these actions, then this must be done.

And I confirm this position from the rostrum of the Armenian National Assembly, I confirmed this earlier, and I will do so in the future, Prime Minister concluded.

As reported earlier, a recording of a phone conversation between the director of Armenias National Security Service Arthur Vanetsyan and head of the Special Investigation Service Sasun Khachatryan appeared on the web.

The authenticity of the record was recognized both by Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and participants of the conversation.

During the conversation, Vanetsyan highlighted the need to imprison Kocharyan. The sides were discussing the arrest of Khachaturov.

On March 1 and 2, 2008, the then authorities used force against the opposition members who were rallying in downtown Yerevan, and against the results of the recent presidential election. Eight demonstrators as well as two servicemen of the internal troops were killed in the clashes. But no one had been brought to account for these deaths, to this day.

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