
AVIGDOR ESKIN: OPENING OF ARMENIAN EMBASSY IN ISRAEL IS A BREAKTHROUGH

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During the two days of stay in Israel, the Armenian delegation managed not only to agree on the upcoming visit at the highest level, but also to finally agree on the opening of the Armenian Embassy in Israel. This is a breakthrough in relations between the two countries. A similar opinion was expressed to Arminfo by Israeli political scientist, public figure Avigdor Eskin.

Recently, an Armenian delegation headed by Deputy Foreign Minister of Armenia Grigor Hovhannisyan visited Israel. During the visit, the opening of the embassy in Israel was discussed with a view to bringing relations to a new, higher level. During the meetings in Jerusalem, the Armenian delegation also discussed organizational issues related to the upcoming visit of Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Armenian Foreign Minister Zohrab Mnatsakanyan to Israel.

"First of all, I would like to note the high professional level of Armenian Deputy Foreign Minister Grigor Hovhannisyan and Armenian Ambassador to Israel Armen Smbatian. The latter is still working from Yerevan, but will soon settle in Israel. It was they who prepared the ground for the visit of Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Foreign Minister Zohrab Mnatsakanyan to Jerusalem.

Eskin emphasized that the top officials of Azerbaijan continue to evade visiting Israel. Moreover, according to him, a few months ago, the President of this country, Ilham Aliyev, participated in a fierce anti-Israel gathering of several heads of Arab and Muslim countries in Ankara. At the same time, according to a political scientist, the experience of Israel, for example, in repatriation issues, can be very interesting for Armenia.

"Thus, if in 1948 the Jewish population numbered 600 thousand, this year it is about seven million. Armenia can also use the experience of Israel in the successful development of high technologies, agriculture, medicine and tourism. Israel's arms market is also fully open to Yerevan. Of course, these are only the first steps, "he stressed.

At the same time, Eskin reminded that for all the years of the existence of independent Armenia, interaction between the two countries was not observed. Moreover, by the twist of fate, it turned out that Armenia became an ally of Iran, while Azerbaijan systematically bought Israeli weapons and sold oil to Israel.

"However, now the geopolitical situations in the region is changing. And the rapprochement

between Yerevan and Jerusalem becomes a conscious need of both parties. Meanwhile, I spoke about this during my visit to Armenia and to Karabakh one and a half years ago. And today it can be noted that all my theses presented at that time in Yerevan and Stepanakert become a tangible reality in our eyes, "Eskin summed up.

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