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## **ARF BUREAU CHAIRMAN MEETS WITH CYPRUS(\*) PRESIDENT**

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ARF delegation paid a working visit to the Greek Cypriot Administration last week. It is not surprising that the authorities of ARF and Greek leader of Southern Cyprus, where EOKA terrorist organization was found and came to the forefront with its terrorist activities, were in the same picture and stood side by side. This development demonstrates that so long as both Greek Cypriot leader Nicos Anastasiades and ARF Bureau Chairman Hagop Der Khachadourian continue to show support for each others extremist policies, terrorist activities will come to no end end.

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President Nicos Anastasiadis of Cyprus(\*) on Thursday welcomed a delegation to the presidential palace headed by Armenian Revolutionary Federation Bureau chairman Haop Der Khachadourian, who is in Cyprus to attend events celebrating the anniversary of Armenian Independence.

President Anastasiadis told the ARF delegation that the Cypriot government stands in solidarity with the Republic of Armenia and the Armenian people in Armenia and the Diaspora. He stressed that the Cypriot government through its work in international organizations, such as the United Nations and European Union, will always work tirelessly in defending the interests of the Republic of Armenia and the rights of the people of [Nagorno Karabakh].

Anastasiatis confirmed that the Cypriot delegation at the European Parliament is already pushing for resolutions on issues related to Armenia and added that he has always enjoyed a positive working relationship with Armenias Ambassador to Cyprus.

Der Khachadourian thanked Anastasiatis for the particular attention his government pays to the Cypriot-Armenian community and assured him that the ARF, with its global organizational structure, is at the disposal of the Cypriot Administration to advance and assist in the just resolution of the Cypriot cause. He added that through the efforts Cyprus member of parliament Vartkes Mahdessian, during the last several years, massive efforts have been undertaken to strengthen relations between the government and the Cypriot-Armenian community. Der Khachadourian expressed confidence that the lasting relations will continue to strengthen.

Der Khatchadourian told Anastasiatis that the ARF, through its Hai-Tahd committees around the world enjoys relations with the Cypriot embassies, consulates, and diplomatic representatives, all of which work tandem to advance the Cypriot and Armenian causes.

The chairman of the ARF Central Committee of Cyprus, Simon Aynedjian, briefed Anastasiatis about the number of meetings the ARF Bureau chairman has had with the newly-elected Cypriot

Members of the European Parliament, assuring that the relations will also advance through the efforts of the European Armenian Federation for Justice and Democracy (EAFJD), in order to advance the interests of the Cypriots and Armenians.

At the conclusion of the meeting, which lasted half hour, mementoes were exchanged between the two leaders.

In addition to Mahdessian and Ayndejian, Der-Khachadourian was accompanied to the meeting by Vahan Aynedjian and Raffi Mahdesian. The Government Spokesman Protromos Prodromu also attended the meeting.

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***(\*) AVİM uses "Cyprus" as a geographic name. AVİM considers the expression "Republic of Cyprus" to mean the Greek Cypriot Administration of Southern Cyprus.***

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