
KOCHARIAN'S SON FREED AFTER TAKING UP PARLIAMENT SEAT

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Former President Robert Kocharians younger son arrested during recent anti-government protests in Yerevan was released from custody on Monday after taking up a vacant parliament seat reserved for the main opposition Hayastan alliance.

Levon Kocharian was dragged away by riot police on September 22 as thousands of protesters demanded Prime Minister Nikol Pashinians resignation following the Azerbaijani military offensive that restored Bakus control over Nagorno-Karabakh and forced its ethnic Armenian residents to flee to Armenia.

He is among the more than four dozen Armenians accused of assaulting police officers or throwing various objects at them during the largely peaceful demonstrations. Most of them remain in custody, facing what they and the Armenian opposition call politically motivated charges.

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