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**PRO-ARMENIAN SENATOR MENENDEZ CHARGED WITH RECEIVING GIFTS FROM QATAR IN  
NEW ALLEGATIONS IN CORRUPTION SCHEME**

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*Federal prosecutors allege pro-Armenian Sen. Bob Menendez accepted race car tickets and other gifts from Qatar as part of a yearslong corruption scheme, with the Gulf nation joining Egypt as another foreign country the New Jersey Democrat is accused of helping while in office, News.Az reports citing CNN.*

Prosecutors allege in the superseding indictment that Menendezs bribery and extortion scheme continued into 2023, a year longer than initially alleged. The new indictment, made public Tuesday, amends and replaces the original indictment, listing the formal charges against a defendant.

Among the new allegations, according to the indictment, is that Menendez accepted payments from one of his co-conspirators, New Jersey real estate developer Fred Daibes, in exchange for using his influence to help Daibes obtain millions of dollars from an investment fund tied to Qatar. The senator, prosecutors allege, additionally took steps to help Qatar.

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