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To: Foreign Affairs Legislative Assistant  
From: Kate Nahapetian, Government Affairs Director  
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Re: **European Parliament Calls on Azerbaijan to  
Stop Demolition of Ancient Armenian Cemetery**

I wanted to share with you the news that the European Parliament adopted a resolution on January 19th:

- **Asking “Azerbaijani authorities to stop the ongoing destruction of medieval Armenian cemeteries and historic carved stone crosses in Southern Nakhichevan.”**
- **“Exhorting Turkey to open its frontier with Armenia.”**

If you have not already, please watch the shocking video of roughly 200 Azerbaijani soldiers using sledgehammers to destroy intricately carved stone-crosses (khatchkars) marking the graves of Armenians dating back to the 7th Century.

**[http://www.hairenik.com/Haireniktv/HA\\_TV\\_Clip04.htm](http://www.hairenik.com/Haireniktv/HA_TV_Clip04.htm)**

The State Department, sadly, has remained officially silent - despite having a track record of publicly protesting similar desecrations, such as the Taliban’s destruction of the Bamiyan Buddha statue in 2001.

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