

We Stand with you Hrant Dink

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Hrant Dink, my friend, you should have received the Nobel Peace Prize, but Turkish extremist took your life in 2007 at the age of 57. You were assassinated in broad daylight, violently, right in front of your office.

You were the beacon for cooperation, as you educated us through *Agos* - The Armenian Turkish newspaper. You were visionary, using your peaceful leadership to actualize your dreams for peace.

You had a dream, that Turks and Armenians will live in harmony. While Turkish extremists tried to kill your dream. But we continue to uphold your freight of peace & harmony, to live side by side with compassion & empathy.

While Turks resisted your peaceful approach, your funeral actualized your dreams. As Turks and Armenians stood side by side, holding banners and chanting in unison "We are all Hrant Dink, we are all Armenians."

Yes, Armenian lives matter in Turkey, as well as around the world in diaspora. You motivated thousands to continue to stand with you, in peace and justice, with faith and love despite your assassination!

Rest in peace my dear friend,
Rest In Peace Hrant Dink,
We continue to live up to your dreams
for Peace, Justice, and Inclusivity in Turkey and around the world.