

Armenian community in Argentina protest visit of Turkey's President Erdogan for the G20

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The Armenian community in Argentina protested in front of the Turkish Embassy in the capital on Monday (November 26) against the visit of Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to the G20 summit, due to take place in the Buenos Aires from Nov. 30 - Dec. 1.

"The presence of Erdogan (Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan) and his visit is - particularly to me and my family, affect our most intimate fibres and I am here because I am convinced of this cause and I'm here due to the memory of my grandparents and by the memory of all the grandparents of our community." Agustin Anarian, a representative of the Armenian community in Argentina, said.

The persecution of minorities in Turkey, especially the Kurds, was also recalled.

Deputies of the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) are systematically harassed by the

Erdogan regime, while their leader, Selahattin Demirtas, is being held prisoner since 2016, protesters argued.

Activists and human rights defenders are also persecuted, they added.

Armenians say 1.5 million people were killed in 1915. Turkey rejects such a high death toll and says more Turks were killed in the chaos of the war and the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.