

Mayor Quits Over Fight

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YEREVAN, Armenia — The powerful mayor of the Armenian capital, Yerevan, resigned late Wednesday after fighting with an aide to President Serzh Sarksyan over seating at a concert by Spanish tenor Placido Domingo.

Local media said Mayor Gagik Beglaryan beat up presidential protocol aide Aram Kandayan the day after the Dec. 3 concert, because he had asked the mayor's wife to change seats after she sat next to the president.

A brief statement on the mayoral web site confirmed Beglaryan, a senior member of Armenia's ruling Republican Party, had resigned. It gave no reason. A spokesman for Sarksyan declined to give details of the incident. ❏

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