

Artsakh, or Nagorno-Karabakh

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Map of Armenia and Karabakh



What is this land?

- Added to Armenian kingdom around 180BC
- King Artaxias I during Artaxiad Dynasty
- 10th Province of Artsakh
 - **Aran** Sisakian the first nakharar of that area
 - **Tsakh**
- “Nagorno:” Russian for “highland/mountain”
- Karabakh:” Persian/Turkic for “Black Garden”

Ancient Armenia ~ Artaxiad Dynasty

Orontid (Yervandouni) Armenia, 4th-2nd Centuries B.C.



Mountain-Garden I



Mountain-Garden II



But what about today? I

- End of Ottoman Empire: Russia gave land to Azerbaijan SSR → “Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Oblast. 94% Armenian
 - Divide Armenians in Soviet Russia
 - Keep good relations with Turkey
- 1988-1990
 - Feb 20th 1988: Karabakh leaders vote to be part of Armenia

But what about today? II

- Protests in Yerevan in support of fellow Armenians
- Violence against Armenians in Sumgait and Baku.
 - Sparked memories of Genocide
- War from 1991 – 1994
 - 20K: Armenia & 20K: Karabakh vs. 42K Azerbaijan

But what about today? III

- End of War: May 12, 1994
- Results: Karabakh people govern themselves



Armenians in the lands



Capital: Stepanakert I



Capital: Stepanakert II



President: Bako Sahakyan



Archbishop Barkev Martirosyan Primate of the Artsakh Diocese



Sites: St. Ghazanchetsots Church in Shushi



Sites: Amaras Monastery

- Sos, Martuni county. First ever Armenian School!
- Destroyed in 14th century; rebuilt 1858

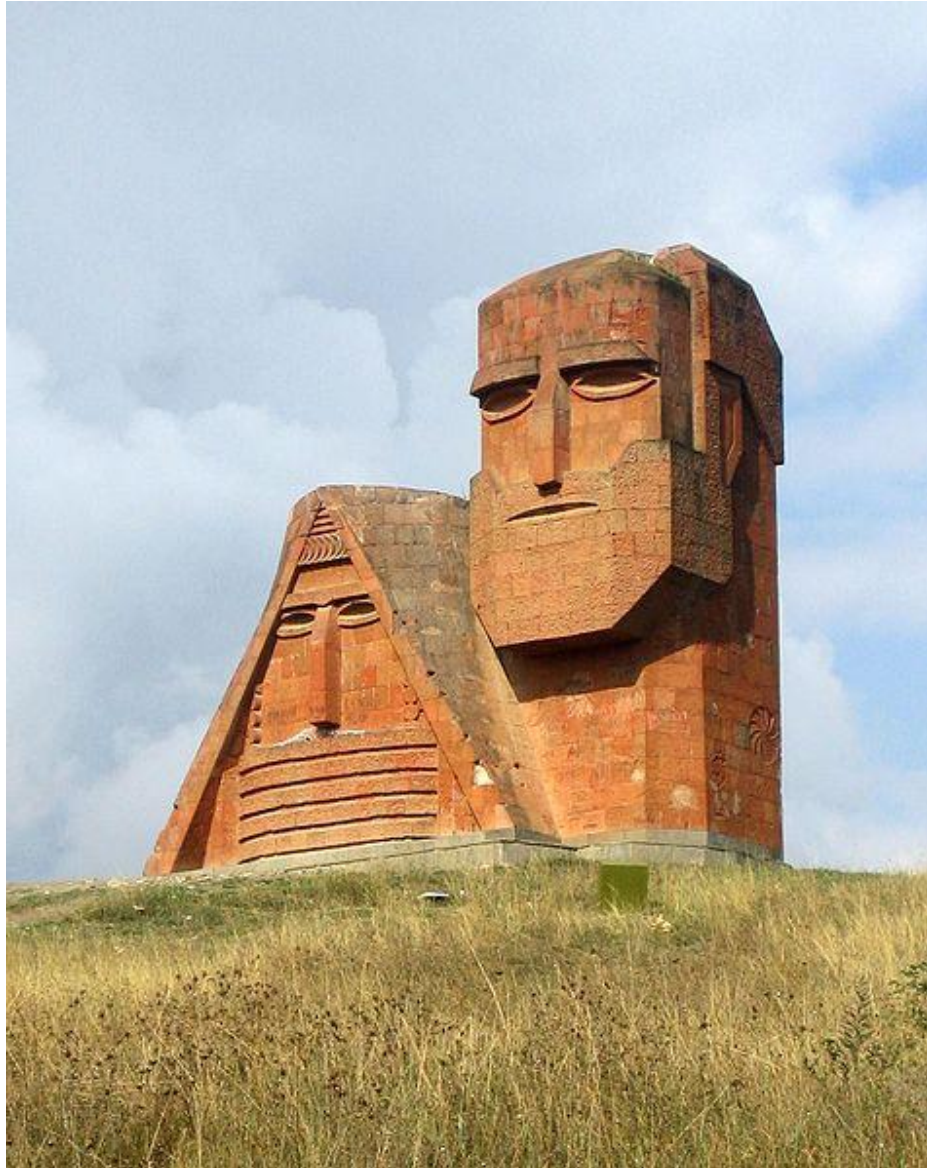


Sites: Tigranakert

- Former fortress found during King Tigranes



Sites: Tatik yev Papik I



Sites: Tatik yev Papik II

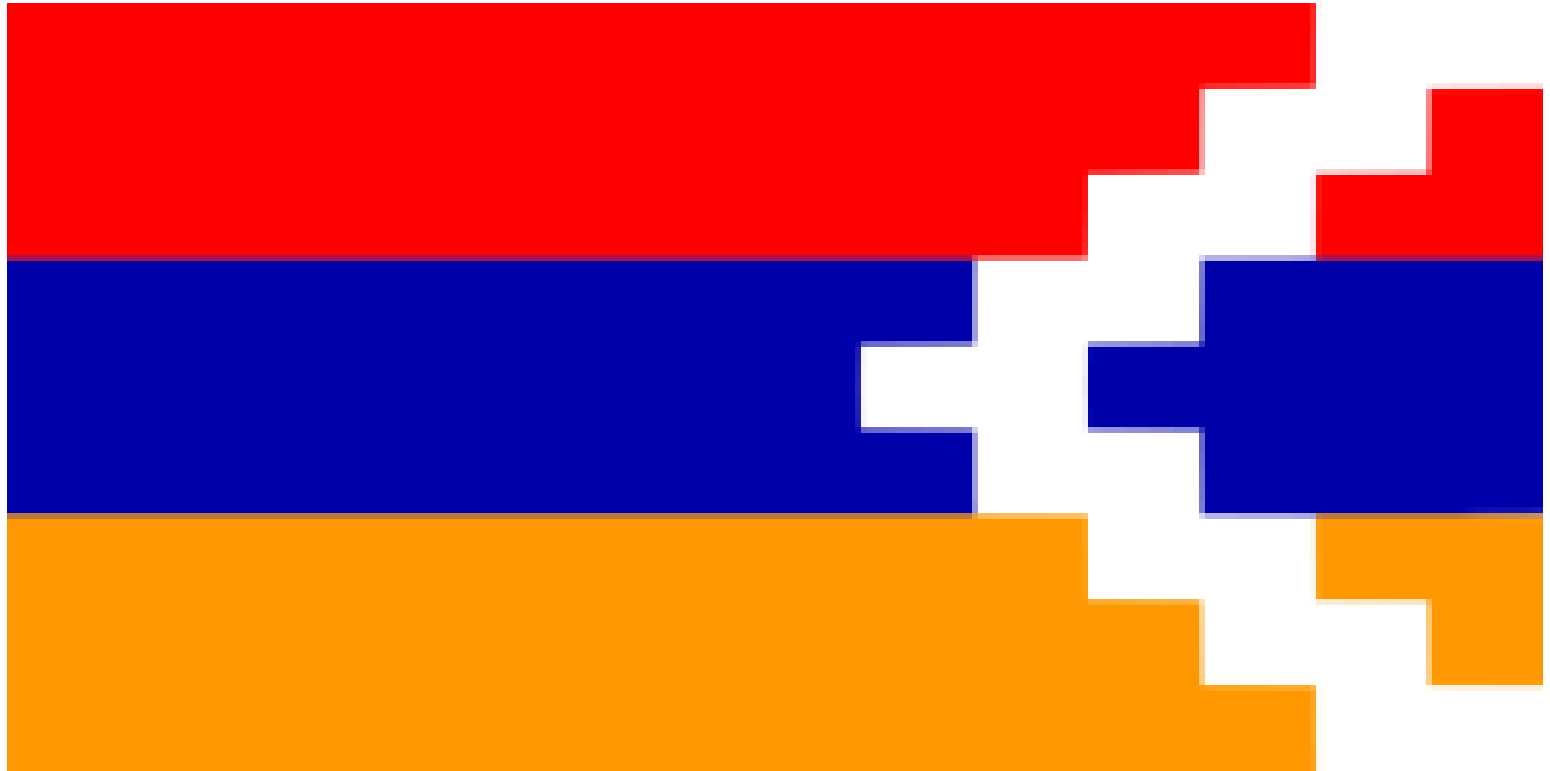
- We Are Our Mountains - Stepanakert
- Sargis Baghdasaryan 1967
- Symbol of Artsagh
- Made from tufa
- [Inga & Anoush: "Menk Enk Mer Sarer"](#)

Coat of Arms

- Lernayin Gharabaghi Artsakh Hanrapetoutioun
- Artsakh Republic of Mountainous Karabakh
- Wheat and grapes



Flag



Karabakh Flag

- Look familiar?
- Westward pointing arrow: to be reunited

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..Finally...

- May 9th flights to Stepanakert now ON HOLD
- Guess where my family and I will be in three weeks?