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ARMENIANS SUE TURKEY OVER GENOCIDE

The Los Angeles Daily Journal published a story on July 30, 2010 about a lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Federal Court by Brian Kabateck behalf of Armenian descendants living in the United States who are suing the Republic of Turkey. The plaintiffs are seeking compensation for property allegedly taken during the Armenian genocide. Davoyan v. Republic of Turkey, CV 10-5636 (C.D. Cal.)

Kabateck told the Daily Journal "It's our continuing effort to try and right past wrongs."

Kabateck's prior Armenian genocide cases include a lawsuit against French insurance company AXA, which settled for \$17.5 million, and a suit against New York Life Insurance Co., which settled for \$20 million.

This most recent lawsuit was brought on behalf of people of Armenian ethnicity or their heirs and assigns who reside in the United States and owned land in Turkey in 1915, were deported or relocated between 1915 and 1923 and whose property was confiscated. The complaint was brought under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, which permits U.S. citizens to sue for damages from international crimes, and was spurred in part because people approached Kabateck's firm with ancestors' old property deeds.