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## **FRANCE'S AMBASSADOR SPARKS OUTRAGE WITH SUPPORT FOR PERSIAN HEGEMONY IN ARMENIA - OPINION**

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Diplomatic posts from French ambassador highlight growing Paris-Tehran ties amid regional tensions.

French Ambassador to Armenia Olivier Decottignies recently published two social media posts about the Blue Mosque in Yerevan, where he wrote the following caption: In the gardens of the Blue Mosque of Yerevan, emblematic of Armenias Persian heritage. The second photo is even more absurd. The diplomat copied an illustration of a map of Iran with the province of West Azerbaijan highlighted in red, proclaiming: One of the 31 provinces of Iran, whose capital and largest city is Urmia.

The Azerbaijanis are outraged by these social media posts, as the Blue Mosque in Yerevan was built by Azerbaijanis, and trying to portray the mosque as Persian demonstrates Frances support for Persian colonialism in the region.

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