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HMA Yerevan lays a wreath in person at the memorial there every 24 April

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 13 April 2010 12:44

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Armenian Massacres

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"In memory of the suffering inflicted on Armenians, and other minorities, living in the Ottoman Empire in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is important that the victims and their families are not forgotten. And it is important that lessons are learned from the past and that relationships are rebuilt to ensure a peaceful and secure future for everyone"

Grateful if you could let us know what you decide as soon as possible.

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 08 April 2010 10:32

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Armenian Massacres

**Importance:** High

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The First Minister has been asked if he can send a message of support to be read out at an Armenian Genocide Memorial Day Service being held in Cardiff. Please can you ok/comment on it.

Thank you

Message of support from Carwyn Jones First Minister for Wales to be read at the Armenian Genocide Memorial Day

I am sorry that I am unable to be with you today as you remember those who endured the suffering inflicted on Armenians living in the Ottoman Empire in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is important that those who endured that suffering are not forgotten and that this date should take its place in the calendar as a day of recognition and remembrance for those who lost their lives at that fateful time.

It is important that lessons are learned from the past and that relationships are rebuilt to ensure a peaceful and secure future for everyone.

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 10 February 2010 15:32

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Armenian Massacres

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Apologies for the delay in replying to you - we have been moving to a new IT system and my migration didn't go very smoothly. I will send a longer reply tomorrow, but the main issue is Genocide recognition. It is likely that in any meeting the Armenian Community will be pressing for Welsh support for recognition. [redacted] I suggest the best approach would be to say that this is a foreign policy issue on which HMG retains competence.

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 08 February 2010 15:51

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Armenian Massacres

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Attached is a copy of the First Minister's speech which he followed. He did lay a wreath but it was at the Raoul Wallenberg Memorial.

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 29 January 2010 14:42

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Armenian Massacres

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