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The Editor
THE JERUSALEM POST
Jerusalem

Dear Sir,

A couple of weeks ago you published an op-ed piece by Yitzchak Kerem under the heading, "The Armenian Catastrophe."

The piece reflected Kerem's views on the Armenian genocide. The Armenian community of Jerusalem would like to reply to the arguments raised by Kerem.

We therefore kindly request that you grant us equal time within your pages, in the interest of fair play, to publish our response which appears below.

Best wishes,

Press Office

**THE JERUSALEM
POST**
PUBLISHED DAILY IN JERUSALEM

To: Armenian Patriarchate
Press Information Office
Fax 02 894861

March 5, 1995

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your communication of March 3.

We are looking for an article to rebut the Kerem article, but I am afraid the press release you sent me does not qualify as such. If you wish, we can run one or two sentences to the effect that the patriarchate is protesting the publication of the article. But I believe it would be more effective if a historian with credentials could write a factual, point by point rebuttal.

We have received one article, but it does not meet requirements. I can assure you we are still looking.

Sincerely,
David Bar-Illan
Executive Editor



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Date _____ Ref. 7 March 1995

Mr David Bar-Illan
Executive Editor
THE JERUSALEM POST

Dear David,

Thank you for your prompt reply to our March 3 fax.
We are quite disappointed by your unwillingness to publish our response to Yitzchak Kerem's piece which our community deems an abomination and a perversion of the truth.

You are demanding a "factual" article that would provide a point by point rebuttal of Kerem's piece. Is Kerem's article, with all its distortions, your idea of "factual"?

We believe the "Post" committed an error of judgment in publishing that example of yellow journalism in the first place. Its publication serves no purpose other than to cast aspersions upon a historic Armenian claim recognized by the world community.

Would Israel not feel outraged if someone were to pooh-pooh the Holocaust?

Best wishes,

Press Office

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POST**
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Press Information Office
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March 8, 1995

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your communication of March 7.

You must understand that as much as we would like to give your viewpoint a hearing, we cannot publish something which does not meet our journalistic standards.

We can, however, publish a reasonable-length "letter to the editor" on the subject.

We shall definitely have at least one article to rebut Kerem within the next few days, probably by one of our own reporters.

Sincerely,
David Bar-Illan
Executive Editor