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## HEAD OF ARMENIAN ANTI-GRAFT WATCHDOG REMOVED FROM OFFICE

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*The Armenian parliament effectively fired on Thursday the head of a state anti-corruption body who has investigated many pro-government lawmakers suspected of illicit enrichment, conflict of interest or other corrupt practices.*

Haykuhi Harutiunian was elected by the previous National Assembly as chairwoman of the Commission on Prevention of Corruption for a four-year term in November 2019. Armenias government and ruling Civil Contract party were expected to back her reelection until recently.

However, Armenian media reported last month that during a meeting with Harutiunian held behind the closed doors some parliamentarians affiliated with Prime Minister Nikol Pashinians party complained about the commissions actions taken against them, their relatives or friends.

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