

## Today's Martyrs – July 1916

Saturday July 1, 1916

July 1916, date unknown



### Turkey: Baghche

Bishop Grigoris Balakian (aged 41, arrested in [Constantinople](#) on [April 24, 1915](#), later deported to Cankiri and then Deir ez-Zor, on the way was told of the plans for the Armenian genocide; escaped from the death march in [Islahiye](#) on [April 2, 1916](#), later that day passed a railroad construction site where hundreds of Armenian women and children in rags manually crushed stones for starvation rations, infants were denied milk while their mothers worked, hid in the home of Mrs. Soghomonian in [Ayrar](#) despite risk of death to her family; left the Soghomonian home on [April 7, 1916](#) and began employment with the railroad; witnesses the deportation of nearly all Armenian railroad workers from [Baghche](#) in [June 1916](#), over 11,000 were later killed, the German and Austrian civilian workers on-site and in Constantinople attempted to stop the deportation but were overruled by the German military; **UPDATE**: escaped with the help of German railroad employees and a German army major, arrived in Kushjlar via Adana, Yenije and Dorak, later became ill and was hospitalized in Belededik , became a hospital employee after recovery, made his way to Paris)

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