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“Armenia's 2008 Presidential Election: Select Issues and Analysis”

with

Professor Asbed Kotchikian

The February 19, 2008 presidential election in Armenia was a highly controversial event, which saw mass mobilization by the whole society to elect the country's third president. What ensued were reports of significant electoral violations followed by demonstrations by opposition parties and civil society movements, killing of protesters, and martial law declared by the government. The **Policy Forum Armenia’s Report** is an attempt to look at the multifaceted aspects of the election and post-election developments with an aim of presenting an independent assessment of what transpired.

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