



Circassian National Assembly (CNA)
Адыгэ Лъэпкъ Хасэ (АЛЪХ)

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Dear Mr. Cem Özdemir,

The Circassian National Assembly, established at its first General Assembly meeting held in Istanbul on October 5, 2025, with the participation of 65 delegates representing 26 Circassian civil society organizations from 7 countries, is a global umbrella organization dedicated to preserving Circassian identity and cultural heritage within the diaspora.

As the child of a family that experienced life in the diaspora for a second time -a century after arriving in Turkey following the Great Circassian Exile- we welcome with great pride the historic achievement you have attained by winning the election for Minister-President of the State of Baden-Württemberg in Germany, where you were born, and we congratulate you with our warmest regards.

The principles of democracy, pluralism, and the rule of law, which you have resolutely defended throughout your long political career, are of vital importance for the preservation of Europe's common values. As a compatriot who has so successfully blended his roots and cultural identity with universal values, the new office you hold serves as a promising and inspiring example for all diaspora communities.

We wholeheartedly believe that this new responsibility, assumed following your five-year tenure as a Federal Minister, will contribute significantly to the strengthening of democratic values and the consolidation of social peace in Germany and Europe.

We wish your term as Minister-President to be auspicious and full of success for yourself, for Germany, and for our common future.

Your sincerely,

Dr. Nusret BAŞ
President of the CNA