

Armenian-Turkmen High-Level Negotiations Were Conducted In Ashgabat

On 8 April of 2014 the official welcoming ceremony of President Serzh Sargsyan having arrived in Turkmenistan on an official visit took place at the Presidential Palace followed by President Serzh Sargsyan's and Turkmenistan's President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow's bilateral, as well as broadened negotiations of the two countries' official delegations. As a result of the Armenian-Turkmen high-level negotiations a number of documents regarding the development and advancement of cooperation between Armenia and Turkmenistan were signed. These documents include: a Cooperation Agreement between the Union of Manufacturers and Businessmen of Armenia and the Union of Manufacturers and Businessmen of Turkmenistan; a Cooperation Agreement between Armenian State Institute of Physical Culture and the National Institute of Sports and Tourism of Turkmenistan; a Friendship and Cooperation Agreement between Yerevan and Ashgabat cities; a Memorandum of Mutual Understanding between the General Department of Civil Aviation of the Republic of Armenia and the State National Service Turkmenhovyayollary; a 2014-2015 Cooperation Agreement between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, an Agreement on the Establishment of Reciprocal Trade Missions between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of Turkmenistan. The



Presidents Serzh Sargsyan and Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow signed an Armenian-Turkemen Joint Statement recapitulating the negotiation results.

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Co-Chairs, FM's discuss a possible meeting between Armenian, Azeri Presidents

Following their briefing of Minsk Group members in Vienna on April 3, the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group (Ambassadors Igor Popov of the Russian Federation, Jacques Faure of France, and James Warlick of the United States of America) met on April 4 with the Foreign Ministers of Azerbaijan, Elmar Mammadyarov, and Armenia, Edward Nalbandian. The Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Ambassador Andrzej Kasprzyk, also participated in the meeting.

The Co-Chairs reiterated to the Ministers their commitment to working toward a just and peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. They discussed a possible summit meeting between the Presidents in the near future, and acknowledged the urgency of further progress on the substantive issues. The Co-Chairs again emphasized the need to take concrete steps to reduce tensions in the region and advance the peace process.



Rouhani: Iran ready to contribute to Karabakh settlement

Iran's President Hassan Rouhani has stressed the Islamic Republic's readiness to contribute to the settlement of the decades-old Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, Press TV reports.

"We are fully ready to help so that all problems in the region including the Karabakh issue can be resolved fairly and within the framework of international conventions," Rouhani said in a joint press conference with visiting Azeri President Ilham Aliyev in Tehran on Wednesday.

The Iranian President noted that no change in "geographical boundaries" in the region is acceptable, adding, "We must all try to settle differences in the political field and in a peaceful manner."



Armenian FM sends a letter to UN Secretary General on Kessab

Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian has sent a letter to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the situation in Armenian-populated Kessab, Syria. The full text of the letter is provided below:

"Armenia expresses its grave concern over the recent escalation of the situation in North-Western Syria, around the ancient town of Kessab and surrounding twelve villages predominantly populated by Armenians. All the available evidence and geographic location of Kessab, beyond reasonable doubt suggest that the late attacks were carried out by Al-Qaeda affiliated terrorist groups across the border from the territory of neighboring Turkey. The brutal actions, which targeted largely the civilian population, resulted in the forced displacement of local population. The extremist groups have desecrated Kessab's Armenian churches, caused significant damage to the property of the inhabitants, registering a dark picture of egregious violations of human rights. There are only a few elderly people staying in the town who were not able to leave. Those deplorable attacks greatly undermine the implementation of unanimously adopted UNSC Resolutions 2139 and 2118, aimed at paving ways for the settlement of the Syrian crisis.

Armenia has on many occasions raised the issue of the urgent need for the



protection of ethnic and religious minorities, including Armenians in conditions of armed conflict in Syria, who have found themselves in extremely vulnerable situation and have become primary targets. Therefore, as the humanitarian crisis continues to linger, it is very important to strongly urge the Turkish authorities to take immediate measures to prevent further use of its territory by the extremist groups.

The use of force against civilian population, regardless of their ethnic and religious identity, must be unequivocally condemned. The international community should undertake resolute efforts to ensure the safety and security of displaced peoples, including the Armenians, facilitate conditions for their early, safe and dignified return to their places of residence and provide indispensable humanitarian assistance to address their urgent needs."

Armenian PM Resigns



After six years in office, Armenia's Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan unexpectedly stepped down on Thursday for reasons that were not immediately clear.

The ruling Republican Party of Armenia (RPA) said that Sargsyan announced his resignation at a meeting of its governing body chaired by President Serzh Sargsyan.

"The prime minister said that it is his personal decision," the RPA spokesman Eduard Sharmazanov told a news conference after the meeting. "He thanked all of his colleagues, all government members, and all RPA representatives for the joint work and asked us to grant his request."

The premier confirmed his resignation on his Facebook page. He too gave no reasons for the move. "I wish the new government productive work for the good of the country," he wrote.

According to Sharmazanov, Sargsyan first tendered his resignation a month ago but was asked by the president to continue performing his duties until a Constitutional Court ruling on a controversial pension reform implemented by the government.

The ruling party representative refused to be drawn on reasons for the move. He insisted only that it has nothing to do with a vote of no confidence in Sargsyan's cabinet which Armenia's four main opposition parties planned to propose in the parliament on April 28.

Under the Armenian constitution, all government ministers must also step down if the prime minister is dismissed or decides to quit.

Sharmazanov said that the RPA leadership did not discuss any candidacies for the post of prime minister. "The appointment of the government and the prime minister is the prerogative of the president of the republic and the [RPA-led] parliamentary majority," he said. "In accordance with the constitution, the prime minister will discuss the composition of the government with the majority and all factions of the National Assembly."

Tigran Sargsyan, 54, was appointed prime minister shortly after Serzh Sargsyan took over as Armenia's president in April 2008. He was the governor of the country's Central Bank until then.

Serzh Sargsyan vows sweeping cabinet changes



President Serzh Sargsyan on April 4 insisted that he did not force Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan to resign and pledged to significantly change the composition of Armenia's government.

In his first public remarks on the unexpected resignation, he exposed his dissatisfaction with Tigran Sargsyan and members of the current cabinet, who must also step down in accordance with the Armenian constitution.

"The new government must be able to restore our citizens' trust in reforms and its activities," Sargsyan said at a meeting with senior officials from the Central Bank of Armenia. "I think there will be substantial changes in the new government. There is a need to take a fresh look at existing problems and areas."

"I want to once again stress that the prime minister's resignation was really a resignation, rather than [the result of] coercion," added the president. Echoing statements by the ruling Republican Party of Armenia (RPA), he also said that Tigran Sargsyan first tendered his resignation a month ago but that he asked the premier to stay on for now.

The RPA spokesman Eduard Sharmazanov insisted as recently as on March 27 that a change of the prime minister or the government is "not on our agenda."

The resignation was announced late on Thursday following a meeting of the RPA leadership chaired by the head of state. Neither the ruling party nor Tigran Sargsyan gave any clear reason for the move. Serzh Sargsyan also did not shed light on it, implying only that it is not connected with a parliamentary vote of no confidence in the government sought by the Armenian opposition.

Two members of the outgoing cabinet, Education Minister Armen Ashotyan and Economy Minister Vahram Avanesyan, admitted on Friday that Tigran Sargsyan's exit took them by surprise.

Speaking at the Central Bank, President Sargsyan also paid tribute to the man who has headed his government for the past six years. "Six years is a long time for a prime minister," he said. "It is the most difficult, grueling and, maybe I'm not using the right word, thankless work. I occupied that position for a very short time [from 2007-2008,] but even that was enough for me to feel the strain. Unfortunately, this is the situation we are in."

Under the Constitution, Sargsyan has to appoint the next prime minister by April 14. The latter will have three weeks to form his cabinet and seek its endorsement by the parliament. The president gave no indications as to who Tigran Sargsyan's successor will be.

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'No decision yet' on new Armenian PM

President Serzh Sargsyan and his ruling Republican Party (RPA) have not yet decided who Armenia's next prime minister will be, a leading RPA member said on April 7.

Galust Sahakyan, the party's deputy chairman and parliamentary leader, did not confirm reports that parliament speaker Hovik Abrahamyan is the favorite to succeed Tigran Sargsyan, who unexpectedly resigned last week. He did say, though, that he would welcome Abrahamyan's appointment to the vacant post.

"Of course I would," Sahakyan told RFE/RL's Armenian service (Azatutyun.am). "I would love to see any of my teammates become prime minister."

Citing unnamed government sources, some media outlets claimed over the weekend that Abrahamyan's appointment is all but a forgone conclusion. The influential speaker did not comment on those reports.

"There is no final decision yet," insisted Sahakyan. "I think that we will again meet on Thursday and discuss this issue as well," he said in reference to the RPA's governing body headed by President Sargsyan.

"We want the next prime minister to be able to work with everyone and continue processes that took place during Tigran Sargsyan's tenure," he added. Sahakyan has said that Abrahamyan is qualified to do this but has stressed that so are other, unspecified RPA figures.



Tigran Sargsyan's resignation followed the announcement of plans by Armenia's four main opposition parties to hold joint rallies in support of their parliamentary motion of censure against the government. The largest of them, the Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP), is led by Gagik Tsarukyan, a wealthy businessman thought to have a warm rapport with Abrahamyan. The latter's son is married to one of Tsarukyan's daughters.

Abrahamyan met with Tsarukyan on April 4, the day after the surprise resignation. No details of the meeting were made public.

Tigran Sargsyan Met Demonstrators

Acting Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan met with the members of Dem.am Initiative. Note that the participants of the initiative sat down on the ground in Nalbandyan Street, near the government building, blocking the street to traffic.

"We invite you for a dialogue," Tigran Sargsyan stated. He said that the working group is ready to listen to their recommendations and answer their questions. Tigran Sargsyan asked the members of the initiative to go up to the conference hall of the ministry of finance which can admit 100 people.

"We can't discuss the legislative changes drafted by the working group on the square. There are answers to all your questions so you need to form a working group and we will discuss all the issues with you. The legislative package covers all your questions," he said.

The demonstrators did not welcome his proposal.

"What do you want then?" Tigran Sargsyan asked.

The members of the initiative said the authorities refer to Point 7 of the decision of the Constitutional Court but there is also Point 6 which entered into force from its

publication which states that the right to property of a person cannot be limited in any way without the person's will.

They demand that the State Revenue Committee change the electronic reports. "Will this issue be addressed in the meeting of government tomorrow?" they asked.

In answer to them Tigran Sargsyan said this is an issue that should be discussed by

the competent authorities.

"You are given an exceptional chance to attend the discussion. Otherwise, you will have to be patient to wait until the competent authorities discuss this issue."

Tigran Sargsyan announced that as soon as the working group of the initiative forms, they will be ready for a dialogue and left. -



Kurdish leaders condemn attack on Kessab

The Kurdistan People's Congress (KONGRA-GEL), in a statement released on Monday, strongly condemned the terror attacks against the Armenian community in Kessab, Syria, and declared full support to the Armenian people, Ararat News reports.

Beginning on March 21, the Armenian and Alawite population in Kessab was attacked by jihadist terror organizations linked to Al-Qaida, who forced the local inhabitants to flee the city.

"We are deeply concerned by the terror attacks against Armenian civilians in Kessab region in Syria. We have always shared their pain, suffering and the sensitive situation they are inside. We declare full solidarity with Armenian people and all the targeted communities, including Alawites," says the Kurdish organization KONGRA-GEL, which is a congress assembly for nearly all Kurdish organizations from the northern part of Kurdistan Region (Turkey) and in the Kurdish diaspora. KONGRA-GEL and Union of Communities in Kurdistan (KCK) have millions of supporters, several military wings and control 103 municipalities in Kurdistan, including 36 members of parliament in the Turkish parliament. KON-



GRA-GEL also has sister organizations in other parts of Kurdistan, like PYD in Rojava (Syrian Kurdistan), which is today in daily confrontation with jihadist terror organizations.

The Kurdistan People's Congress (KONGRA-GEL) underlined in its statement that up to the present moment there has not been any violence between the people in the region. "The recent attacks are committed by foreign terrorist elements which benefit from the essential logistic and moral support of the Turkish authorities."

In this regard, Kessab, which has been populated by Armenians before and

after the Armenian genocide of 1915, is seen as a symbol of the tragic Armenian history of deportations and massacres. "It preserves the freshness of still painful memories," says the statement.

The recent attacks in Kessab are made by the terrorist organizations under the name of "Anfal campaign," as in cleansing of non-Muslim population. The same term and methods of "Anfal" has been used by Saddam Hussein against the Kurdish population in today's Federal Kurdistan (Iraq). According to the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG), 182 thousands civilians lost their lives as victims of that campaign.

Putin submits Russian-Armenian military deal for ratification by State Duma



Russian President Vladimir Putin submitted to the State Duma for ratification the Agreement between the

Russian Federation and the Republic of Armenia on Developing Military-Technical Cooperation, Kremlin's

Press Service reports.

The Agreement was signed in Yerevan on June 25, 2013.

The Agreement addresses procedures for the sides to supply military products with the aim of equipping the sides' national armed forces, military formations, law enforcement agencies and special services.

The agreement envisages establishment of favorable conditions for the cooperation of the parties in the development, production, exploitation, repairing and modernization, as well as recycling of weapons and military equipment.

The Armenian National Assembly voted to ratify the agreement in December 2013.

Edward Nalbandian: Impunity a solid ground for recurrence of genocides

Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian participated in the international conference on the prevention of genocide titled "The Responsibility to Defend." The event was organized by the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the 20th anniversary of the genocide of Tutsis in Rwanda.

The conference was attended by the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary General of the Council of Europe Thorbjorn Jagland, heads of a number of other international organizations, Foreign Ministers from about 30 countries, other high-level delegations, prominent scholars.

Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian's speech is provided below:

"Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to thank Deputy Prime Minister Didier Reynders for organizing this important conference dedicated to Genocide Prevention on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda. I would also like to thank Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, as well as Secretary General of the Council of Europe Thorbjorn Jagland, the High Representative Cathy Ashton, for their personal engagement in supporting this event.

As Rwanda Genocide survivor Esther Mujawayo mentioned at the Human Rights Council High Level Panel Discussion dedicated to the Genocide Convention in Geneva four weeks ago, "Today is the fourth generation of Armenians who are still waiting". Not only Armenians, for almost a 100 years the whole international community has been waiting for Turkey to recognize the Armenian Genocide. In fact, next year it would be the Centenary of this tragedy. As a nation that survived the first genocide of the 20th century, we feel a strong moral responsibility to bring our contribution to international efforts in prevention of crimes against humanity.

Since the adoption of the 1948 Genocide Convention efforts were put for the elimination of the consequences of the Holocaust. The ensuing history of 60 years, Cambodia, Rwanda, Darfur and other tragedies demonstrated that all good-will is not enough to exclude crimes against humanity from happening again

and again.

When we talk about impunity and absence of condemnation as a solid ground for recurrence of genocides, many refer to Hitler's quotation from 1939 August when he rhetorically asked "Who today still speaks of the massacre of Armenians?" But even before coming to power, in one of his interviews to a German newspaper in June, 1931 Hitler contemptuously referred to the massacres of Armenians as a possible option for repetition with other peoples. Understandably, one of the core causes of genocide recurrence or new attempts to crimes against humanity is the absence of an adequate united international response to it. Genocide prevention is a burden that should be shared. This requires political commitments by governments to stop genocide from happening anywhere in the world without subordinating that noble humanitarian cause to any geopolitical calculations.

I share the opinion that an important dimension of the prevention of genocide is the prevention of maturing genocidal atmosphere. It is necessary not to ignore and root out such genocidal expressions, as hatred and hostility propagated on national, ethnic, racial and religious grounds. It is true that exact prediction seems not always possible but it is possible to identify danger zones and cases approaching the brink of genocide. The international community should evaluate the origins of genocidal atmosphere leading to this heinous crime and prevent it before it becomes too late. Genocide is an unthinkable crime for a society which is founded on tolerance and protection of fundamental human rights and freedoms.

The right of people to their memory, their right to knowledge of the history of past tragedies through education and remembrance has pivotal roles on the way to preventing and condemning genocide.

Such knowledge is extremely useful because grave experience shows that perpetrators of genocide in different geographical areas and different historical periods have been quick to identify the tactics of their murderous predecessors and learn from them. The Young Turk's Committee of Union and Progress in



Turkey, the National Socialist German Workers' Party in Germany, the Hutu National Revolutionary Movement for Democracy in Rwanda all used special paramilitary organizations as the main perpetrators of mass killings. These were Teskilat Mahsusa, the Schutzstaffel, Interahamwe. There were several similarities in the genocidal processes as treatment of victims, expropriation of their properties, ways of extermination in these as well as other crimes against humanity.

The remembrance days of the victims of genocides, Mets Yeghern, Shoah, remembrance days in Cambodia, Rwanda, Darfur and other genocides should be approached with willingness to move towards recognition and reconciliation. True reconciliation does not mean forgetting the past or feeding younger generations with tales of denial. The civilized world resolutely rejects the incitement of hatred, racism, dissemination of intolerance, the denial of genocide, crimes against humanity under the guise of freedom of expression. The denial is a continuation of genocide.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

To conclude, I would like to mention the resolution on Prevention of Genocide initiated by Armenia and adopted by consensus by the Human Rights Council last year, which aims at the prevention of the future repetition of genocides through joint efforts of the international community. The key mechanisms envisaged in this resolution are the further development of the international capacities in early prevention. It is encouraging that the international bodies specialized in human rights protection have made the early warning and genocide prevention one of their priority tasks."

European businessmen willing to invest 50 mln euro in Artsakh

A number of Slovakian and Bulgarian businessmen are going to make investments in Armenia and Artsakh, President of the Forum of Armenian Associations of Europe (FAAE) Ashot Grigoryan told reporters today.

"Although no investment agreement has been signed between Armenia and Slovakia, European businessmen are ready to invest €50 mln for the construction of a hydro power plant in Artsakh.

Ashot Grigoryan says the first steps in this direction have been made, although Azerbaijani reacted to the fact on the highest level and created a number of obstacles for the European businessmen.

Speaking about the Armenian Genocide, Grigoryan said Turkey fears Armenia will unite efforts and apply all measures to further the recognition process ahead of the genocide centenary.

Investments in the real sector of the economy of Armenia continue to decrease

The National Statistics Service has summed up the results of 2013 according to which the total flow of foreign investments (excluding those received through the public administration and banking system) was 597.4 million dollars, which is down by 20.5% compared with 2012. In addition, investments totaled 271.2 million dollars, dropping by 52.2% compared with 2012.

Last year investments in the real sector from Russia, as well as some European countries and the United States decreased.

Investments from France dropped by 57% compared with 2012. Germany 54%, Russia 29.7%, U.S. 35.5%.

Instead, investments from the offshore increased. In 2013, for instance, 76.5 million dollars were invested from Cyprus compared with 6.7 million dollars of 2012 and investments from Virgin Islands increased 71.2 times against 2012.

Note that the latest report of the Human Rights Defender highlighted the shortcomings of the Ministry of Economy, noting that the advantages and achievements of the local market have not been introduced properly to foreign investors.

Armenia selected as one of USAID's twenty lead missions worldwide to champion science and technology

On April 4, 2014 the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Rajiv Shah announced the establishment of the U.S. Global Development Lab at an event in New York City. The launch event featured a keynote address by former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has been a strong supporter of the use of science, innovation, and partnerships to further U.S. development goals. The Lab and its 32 inaugural Cornerstone Partners will advance a science-and technology-based approach to development, creating a new global marketplace of innovations and taking them to scale to help end extreme poverty by 2030.

The U.S. Global Development Lab will support breakthrough solutions in water, health, food security and nutrition, energy, education, and climate change, reaching 200 million people in the next five years. Reflecting the proven impact of science and innovation, the USAID has increased its investments. In 2008, the USAID spent roughly \$127 million to support research and development. Today, the Agency spends \$611 million-not only on research, but innovation and applied solutions in science and technology.

"The Lab will engage a global community of inventors, academics, researchers, entrepreneurs, investors, and corporate leaders in science and technology to invent, test, and scale the most promising and cost effective solutions to end extreme poverty," said Shah.

The Lab's Cornerstone Partners include a large cross-section of corporations: Cargill, Cisco, Citi, Coca-Cola, DuPont, GlaxoSmithKline, Intel, Johnson & Johnson, Microsoft, Nike, Syngenta, Unilever, and Walmart; civil society organizations and foundations: Care, the Bill & Melinda Gates, Catholic Relief Services, Global Impact Investing Network, Plan, Save the Children, the Skoll Foundation, World Vision, the National Academy of Sciences, and the Smithsonian Institution; universities: The University of California at Berkeley, Duke University, Johns Hopkins University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Michigan State University, Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute, Texas A&M University, and the

College of William and Mary; and a bilateral donor: Sweden.

These partners bring cutting-edge technologies, deep expertise, advanced research and development capabilities, extensive networks of customers, suppliers and community organizations, and more than \$30 billion in independent investments in emerging markets through science, technology, innovation and partnerships.

Armenia is selected as one of the USAID's twenty lead missions worldwide that will champion science, technology, innovation and partnership (STIP) initiatives. Administrator Shah's efforts to highlight the role of science and technology in development have an appropriate home in Armenia - once Soviet Union's main hub for software development, industrial computing, electronics, and production of semiconductors. In recent years, the USAID has invested nearly \$45 million in STIP-related projects in Armenia, particularly in the sectors of high technologies, energy and water, governance, and health care.

The Head of the USAID/Armenia, Karen Hilliard, says: "STIP is an integral part of our development approach here in Armenia. Building on the country's comparative advantage and the strong aptitude of its workforce in mathematics and science, the USAID will continue to seek opportunities to apply new technologies to Armenia's development challenges and help Armenia transition to a competitive, knowledge-based economy. Going forward, we intend to emphasize projects in water resource management and clean energy."

The USAID is also furthering technical excellence in Armenia by creating partnerships with the U.S. firms to strengthen scientific and engineering programs. In partnership with the State Engineering University of Armenia, the National Instruments, and the Enterprise Incubator Foundation, the USAID/Armenia established an Armenian National Engineering Lab (ANEL) to offer engineering certification courses, upgrade scientific research and deliver customized engineering solutions to the industry. Another important partnership for innovation is the Microsoft Innovation Center, which provides certification courses and promotes unique software solutions to key challenges in the economy.



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- ♦2107.**Monument**, 2400sq.m, building permits, building project. Price: 400 USD per sq.m.
- ♦2413.**Ashtarak roadway**, 1000sq.m, building permits, building project. Price: Negotiable
- ♦2414.**Demirchyan str.** land-750sq.m., building permits. Price: 750.000 USD.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- ♦3348.**Blur, Barbyus str.** Land - 800 sq.m, 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m, 4bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control. Price: 1.2 million USD
- ♦3146.**Aygestan**, Land-500 sq.m., 5 storied bld-765 sq.m., each floor-180 sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, heating system, elevator. Price: 2.300.000 USD.
- ♦3583.**Nork-Marash**, Land-1100sq.m, 2 storied bld-520sq.m, 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, swimming pool, garden. Price: 1.350.000 USD.
- ♦3432.**Aygedzor**, Land - 1021 sq m, 3 storied bld.- 501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms,

- study, capitally repaired, central heating, AC, boiler room garden, swimming pool, sauna, garage, security system. Price: 1.000.000 USD
- ♦3576.**Avan**, Tsarav Akhbyur /near Botanical garden/, Land-560sq.m., 4 storied building-560sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, a kitchen, office, capitally repaired, heating system, swimming pool, garden, 2 car parking. Price: 850.000 USD
- ♦3606.**Avan**, Tsarav Akhbyur/near Botanical garden/, Land-1000sq.m., 3 storied building-750sq.m., 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capitally repaired, heating system



- swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking. Price-1.500.000 USD
- ♦3574.**Blur**, Land-779sq.m., 2 storied building-720sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, heating system, sauna swimming pool, garden. Price: 2.000.000 USD
- ♦3590 **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-450 sq.m., 4 storied building-470sq.m., 3bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: 680.000 USD
- ♦3651.**Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-900sq.m., 5 storied building-800sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: 1.700.000 USD.

NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

- ♦74.**Cascade**, Verin Antarayin. 136-315 sq m., walls plastered, electricity, water, gas, euro windows, no exploitation fees. Price: 1200 USD per sq.m, parking -15.000 USD.
- ♦107.**Monument**, Verin Antarayin. inhabited, 8 floors, gas, windows, street view -1000 USD per sq.m., city looking -1500 USD per sq.m., parking - 4 million USD preliminary.
- ♦87.**Sayat-Nova str.**, 21 floors, 3 bedrooms - 188 sq.m., 199 sq.m., Price 1900 USD per sq.m., 2 bedrooms have a beautiful sight - 117 sq.m., 120 sq.m., 124 sq.m., Price: 1700 USD per sq.m., climate control, gas.
- ♦93.**Kievan str.**, Given to the operation in October 2011, 16 floors, walls plastered, windows, exterior doors, h -3, 15 m, gas, parking. Price: 1500-1600 USD per sq.m, parking-12 000 USD. Possible with mortgage, for 13 years term.
- ♦94.**Masiv**. 3floors, 8 flats, each flat has 3 bedrooms, 210 sq.m., parking. Price: negotiable.
- ♦130.**Antarayin str.**, 34 flats, 110-275 sq.m., 4 penthouses-200-275sq.m, available services-car wash, cleaning service, garbage removal service, parking. Price: Negotiable
- ♦131.**Busand str.**, commercial, office and residential areas, penthouse, available services-car wash, cleaning service, garbage removal service, parking. Price: Negotiable



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- ♦2037. **Baghramyan str.**, 5/2, 60sqm, 1 bedroom, euro repaired, gas, heating system, AC, modern furnished, equipped. Price: negotiable
- ♦2189. **Vardanants str.**, Newly built, 24/12, 90 sqm, 1 bedroom, capially repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 1000 USD.
- ♦2099. **Sayat-Nova Ave.**, 12/6, 1 bedroom, capially repaired, gas, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 600 USD.
- ♦1972. **Northern ave.**, 8/4, 80sq.m., 1 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, open kitchen, capially repaired, climate control. Price: 1200 USD
- ♦2171. **Tumanyan str.**, Newly built, 5th floor, 94 sq.m., 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, capially repaired, central heating, furnished, equipped. Price: 1000 USD
- ♦2367. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 9th floor, 98 sq.m., capially repaired, heating system, furnished equipped. Price: Negotiable.

2 ROOMS

- ♦942. **Teryan str.** 4/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capially repaired, heating system, furnisred, equipped. Price: 1500 USD.
- ♦1950. **Buzand/Mashtots area.** Newly built, 8th floor, 163 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, climate control, furnished, open balcony. Price: 2500 USD.
- ♦1681. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 6/2, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- ♦1535. **Busand str.**, Newly built, 7/4, 82sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, parking, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable.
- ♦2089. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 8/6, 120sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, climate control, furnished, equipped. Price: 2500 USD

- ♦1738. **Amiryan str.**, 8/8, 159sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable
- ♦1951. **Busand str.**, Newly built, 13th floor, 122sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, climate control. Price: 2500 USD
- ♦1406. **Sayat Nova ave.**, 7/3, 110sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable
- ♦2187. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 9/5, 120 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capially repaired, firmished, equipped. Price: 2.200 USD
- ♦2109. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 10/4, 137sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, central heating, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD.

3 ROOMS AND MORE

- ♦2021. **Teryan Str.**, Newly built, 9/8,9, 245 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, furnished. Preliminary price: 3500 USD.
- ♦2005. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/8, 130 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, furnished, parking. Price: 2200 USD.
- ♦1723. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/4., 170 sq.m 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, open kitchen, capially repaired, furnished, equipped. Price:

2000 USD.

- ♦1981. **Vardanants Str.**, Newly built, 14/14, 140 sq m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, 3 open balconies, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- ♦1793. **Teryan str.**, Newly built, 8th floor, 260 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, study, capially repaired, climat control, parking, unfurnished (possible to furnish), Price: 3500 USD.
- ♦1720. **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 16/10, 179 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, central heating, AC, cellar- 25sq.m, with or without furniture, parking, Price 3000 USD negotiable
- ♦2249. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 9/7, 186sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, one of which in bedroom, open balcony, capially repaired, climat control, furnished, equipped., parking. Price: 3500 USD negotiable.
- ♦2195. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 300sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capially repaired, climate control, AC, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- ♦2084. **Tumanyan str.**, 4th floor, 200sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, climate control, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- ♦2252. **Northern ave.**, 7th floor, 350 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, open balconies, capially repaired, climate control, parking. Price Negotiable.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- ♦1191. **Aygestan**, Land-400 sqm, 2 storied bld.- 270 sqm, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathroom, study, capially repaired, partly furnished, garden, swimming pool, garage. Starting Price: 3500 USD.
- ♦1248. **Aygedzor**, Land - 1021 sq m ,3 storied bld. - 501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, capially repaired, central heating, AC, sauna, boiler room garden, swimming pool, garage, alarming system, security system.



Price: 8000 USD.

- ♦999. **Aygedzor**, Land -1000 sqm, basement + 2 floors- 310 sqm, capially repaired, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, newly furnished, equipped, sauna, swimming-pool. Starting Price: 5000 USD.
- ♦1094. **Noy block**, Land-450sqm, 2 storied building - 220sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden. Price: 2000USD.
- ♦1195. **Nork, Armenakyan str.**, Land - 2000 sq.m, 4 storied bld.-520 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, sauna, gym, furnished, swimming-pool, garden. Price: 4.000 USD negotiable.

- ♦1142. **Djrvej**, Bagrevand community. Land-1000 sq.m., 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, pantry, playing room, capially repaired, no furniture/ can be furnished, if necessary /garage for 2 cars. Price: 4 000 USD.

- ♦1293. **Nork-Marash**, Land-1100sq.m, 2 storied bld-520 sq.m, 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, swimming pool, garden. Price: 7.000 USD
- ♦327. **Nork-Marash**, Land-500sq.m., 4 storied building-600 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking. Price-4000 USD
- ♦1306. **Tsarav Akhbyur** /near Botanical garden/, Land-1000sq.m., 3 storied building-750sq.m., 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capially repaired, heating system swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking, with or without furniture. Price: 6000-8000 USD negotiable
- ♦1288. **Tsarav Akhbyur** /near Botanical garden/, Land-560sq.m., 4 storied building-560 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, a kitchen, office, capially repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden, 2 car parking. Price: 5000 USD
- ♦1197. **Blur**, Land-779sq.m., 2 storied building-720sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, study, capially repaired, heating system, sauna swimming pool, garden. Price: 8000 USD
- ♦1312. **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-450sq.m., 4 storied building-470sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable
- ♦1317. **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-900sq.m., 5 storied building-800sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable.

PREMISES

- ♦1693. **Malatia-Sebastia** 4 storied building, 1200sq.m, each floor-300sq.m, 2 separate entrances, climate control, 2 elevators, basement, parking. Price: 15USD per sq.m.
- ♦1526. **Byuzand str.**, 5/semi-basement, 170 sqm., 4-5 degrees below zero level, window glasses, cellar - 50 sq.m., 6 rooms, the largest is 30 sq.m., 2 entrances, 2 lavatories. Price 2000 USD per month, negotiable.
- ♦1408. **Zarobyan str.**, /parallel to Baghramyan str./, 2 storied building, 600 sqm. ground floor- hall and kitchen, 1st floor 5 rooms, bathroom, open balcony, capially repaired, gas, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable.
- ♦1462. **Teryan str.**, 3 storied building, 800 sq.m., capially repaired, AC, parking, Price: 10.000 USD.
- ♦1945. **Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1,2, 140sq.m., window glasses, capially repaired, AC. Price: 8000 USD
- ♦1943. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m., 1st line, capially repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 7000 USD
- ♦1868. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m., 1st line, facade-55m., capially repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: 15.000 USD.
- ♦2087. **Northern ave.**, Ground floor of the building, 100sq.m, 1st line, zero level, capially repaired, window glasses. Price: Negotiable.

Turkish dissident to keynote Congressional remembrance of Armenian Genocide

Ragip Zarakolu - a world-renowned Turkish dissident who has been persecuted and imprisoned for his principled stand for recognition and reparations for the Armenian Genocide - will be the featured speaker at this year's April 9th Capitol Hill remembrance of the 99th anniversary of this crime against all humanity.

This year's observance, hosted by the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues and supported by the Armenian Embassy, the Nagorno Karabakh Republic's office in Washington, and Armenian American organizations, will take place in the historic Gold Room (2168) of the Rayburn House Office Building - Room 2168 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on the evening of Wednesday, April 9th.

"We welcome Ragip Zarakolu to America and look forward to his remarks on Capitol Hill, at the April 9th Congressional remembrance of the Armenian Genocide," said ANCA Executive Director Aram Hamparian. "Mr. Zarakolu represents the small but growing civil society movement within Turkey that - despite persecution, imprisonment, and even threats of assassination - is working to end their own government's denial of the Armenian Genocide and to help build a better future based upon a truthful and just resolution of this still unpunished crime. It is this courageous message of truth and justice - not the official genocide denials of Turkish government - that should be encouraged and empowered by President Obama.

Zarakolu is the longtime director of the Belge Publishing House, which has, since the early 1970s, courageously chal-



lenged legal restrictions (including Article 301 of the Criminal Code) and violent threats against public discourse about the Armenian Genocide, Kurdish issues, minority rights in Turkey, and other banned topics. Several titles published by Belge deal directly with the Armenian Genocide, a principled stand that has resulted in him being targeted by official prosecution, death threats, and even assassination attempts.

He serves as chair of the Freedom to Publish Committee of the Turkish Publishers Association, is a leader member of the Turkish PEN Center. In 2003 and 2008 he was awarded the PEN Free Expression Award in 2003, and, in 2008, he received the IPA Freedom to Publish Prize.

New House bill calls for U.S. State Department report on Christian Churches stolen by Turkey

House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce (R-CA) has been joined by the panel's Ranking Democrat Eliot Engel (D-NY), in introducing bipartisan religious freedom legislation (H.R.4347) that would require the Obama Administration to submit annual reports on the status of stolen Christian churches and properties in Turkey and occupied Cyprus, a move welcomed by the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA).

"Americans of Armenian heritage - the sons and daughters of the world's first Christian nation - join with friends of all faiths in welcoming Chairman Royce's introduction of the Royce-Engel Turkey Christian Churches Accountability Act," said ANCA Chairman Ken Hachikian.

"The need for strong American leadership in defense of minority rights and religious freedom was dramatically underscored this past week by Turkey's role in attacks against Kessab, Syria - the last and only vestige of a pre-Genocide era indige-

nous Armenian town within the territory of the former Ottoman Empire. The timely adoption of this measure will send a strong signal to Ankara that it must stop its anti-Christian conduct and start coming to terms with its moral, material, and legal obligations to Armenians, Syriacs, Cypriots, Pontians, and other victims of Turkey's still unpunished genocidal crimes."

In a statement issued upon introduction, Chairman Royce outlined the need for passage of H.R.4347. "This legislation holds Turkey accountable for its international obligations to protect and promote human rights, and it calls attention to Turkish leaders' broken promises to return church properties to their rightful owners. Over decades, Christian church properties, particularly those belonging to the Armenian, Syriac, and Greek Orthodox communities have been either violently overtaken or illegally confiscated by Turkish authorities under various excuses. These churches under Turkish control

have been looted, converted to mosques, storehouses, casinos, vandalized and often irreparably damaged," stated Chairman Royce. "Vulnerable religious minorities deserve more than just piecemeal returns of their stolen religious properties. It is important that the United States continue to encourage Turkish leaders to uphold their commitments and return all remaining properties without further delay. This bill will make promoting religious freedom and tolerance in Turkey a U.S. diplomatic priority."

Ranking Democrat Engel concurred, noting, "The Republic of Turkey, and indeed all nations, have a responsibility to protect, restore, and return religious properties which have been unlawfully seized from their communities and rightful owners by state authorities. Armenian, Syriac, and Greek Orthodox communities in Turkey have for many years been seeking the return of their confiscated properties.

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Why Turks Were Capable of Exterminating Armenians, but not Jews



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Endless comparisons are made between the Armenian Genocide and the Jewish Holocaust. However, there is yet another comparison that is rarely made: the Turkish ability to carry out the Armenian Genocide and inability to eliminate the Jewish settlers from Palestine during the same period. Such a comparison has not been made because hardly anyone has studied the Turkish deportation plans of Jews during World War I in relationship to the Armenian Genocide.

My preliminary analysis is based on information gleaned from Prof. Yair Auron's book, "Zionism and the Armenian Genocide: The Banality of Indifference," Vartkes Yeghiayan's "Pro Armenia," and other archival materials. I would like to detail the circumstances of deportations of the Jews and how they were mostly spared, while Armenians were not! More importantly, what steps did the Jewish Diaspora and settlers in Palestine take to avoid suffering Armenians' tragic fate?

Armenians and Jews, as minorities in the Ottoman Empire, were convenient scapegoats for the whims of ruthless Turkish leaders. Interestingly, the Young Turks used the same arguments for deporting both Armenians and Jews. The Turks had accused Armenians for cooperating with the advancing Russian Army, while similarly blaming Jews for cooperating with British forces invading Ottoman Palestine. Furthermore, Jews were accused of planning to establish their own homeland in Palestine, just as Armenians were allegedly establishing theirs in Eastern Turkey. In yet another parallel, Jamal Pasha, one of the members of the Young Turk triumvirate, had cynically commented that he was "expelling the Jews for their own good," just as Armenians were forcefully removed "away from the war zone" for their own safety!

In 1914, when Turkey entered World War I on the German side and against the Allied Powers (England, Russia, and France), Palestine became a theater of war. Turkish authorities imposed a war tax on the population, which fell more heavily on the Jewish settlers. Their properties and other possessions were confiscated by the Turkish

military. Some Jewish settlers were used as slave labor to build roads and railways. Alex Aaronsohn, a Jewish settler in Zichron Yaacov, wrote in his diary: "an order had recently come from the Turkish authorities, bidding them surrender whatever firearms or weapons they had in their possession. A sinister command, this: we knew that similar measures had been taken before the terrible Armenian massacres, and we felt that some such fate might be in preparation for our people," as quoted in Yeghiayan's Pro Armenia.

In Fall 1914, the Turkish regime issued an expulsion order for all 'enemy nationals,' including 50,000 Russian Jews who had escaped from Czarist persecutions and settled in Palestine. After repeated intercessions by German Ambassador Hans Wangenheim and American Ambassador Henry Morgenthau, these 'enemy nationals' were allowed to stay in Palestine, if they agreed to acquire Ottoman citizenship.

Nevertheless, on December 17, 1914, Jamal Pasha's subordinate, Bahaeddin, governor of Jaffa, implemented the expulsion order, deporting 500 Jews who were grabbed from the streets and dragged to police headquarters, and from there forced to board ships docked in the harbor. Homes of Jewish settlers were searched for weapons. Hebrew-language signs were removed from shops and the Jewish school of Jaffa was closed down. Zionist organizations were dissolved, and on January 25, 1915, the Turkish authorities issued a declaration against "the dangerous element known as Zionism, which is struggling to create a Jewish government in the Palestinian area of the Ottoman Kingdom...."

In response to protests from Amb. Morgenthau and the German government, Constantinople reversed the deportation order and Bahaeddin was removed from his post. According to Prof. Auron, the condition of the Jewish settlers could have been much worse had it not been for "the influence of world Jewry on Turkish policy.... The American, German, and Austrian Jewish communities succeeded in restraining some of its harsher aspects. Decrees were softened; overly zealous Turkish commanders were replaced and periods of calm followed the times of distress."

Back in 1913, Pres. Wilson had instructed Amb. Morgenthau upon his appointment: "Remember that anything you can do to

improve the lot of your co-religionists is an act that will reflect credit upon America, and you may count on the full power of the Administration to back you up.' Morgenthau followed this advice faithfully," according to Isaiah Friedman's book, "Germany, Turkey and Zionism: 1897-1918." After arranging for the delivery of much needed funds from American Jews to Jaffa, Morgenthau wrote to Arthur Ruppen, director of the Palestine Development Association: "I have been the chosen weapon to take up the defense of my co-religionists...."

In Spring 1917, the Turkish authorities issued a second order to deport 5,000 Jews from Tel Aviv. Aaron Aaronsohn, leader of the Nili group – a small Jewish underground organization in Palestine working for British intelligence – immediately disseminated the news of the deportation to the international media. Aaronsohn secretly met with British diplomat Mark Sykes in Egypt and through him sent an urgent message to London on April 28, 1917: "Tel Aviv has been sacked. 10,000 Jews in Palestine are now without home or food. Whole of Yishuv [Jewish settlements in Palestine] is threatened with destruction. Jamal [Pasha] has publicly stated Armenian policy will now be applied to Jews."

Upon receiving Aaronsohn's reports from Palestine, Chaim Weizmann, a key pro-British Zionist in London, transmitted the following message to Zionist leaders in various European capitals: "Jamal Pasha openly declared that the joy of Jews at the approach of British troops would be short lived as he would them share the fate of the Armenians.... Jamal Pasha is too cunning to order cold-blooded massacres. His method is to drive the population to starvation and death by thirst, epidemics, etc...."

American Jews were outraged hearing of the deportations in Palestine. News reports were issued throughout Western countries on "Turkish intentions to exterminate the Jews in Palestine," according to Prof. Auron. Moreover, influential Jewish businessmen in Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire demanded that their governments pressure Turkish leaders to abandon their plans to deport Jews. Jamal Pasha was finally forced to rescind the expulsion order and provided food and medical assistance to Jewish refugees in Tel Aviv.

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World Autism Awareness Day Marked in Armenia with a March, "Lite It Up Blue" and a New Song by the First Lady Rita Sargsyan's "God's Angels" ' open-air presentation



By **Gourgen James Khazhakian**
Chief Correspondent

As The Highlights readers might see, our Weekly has been covering activities aimed at autism awareness raising in Armenia extensively for a decade already. In spite of this disease, or problem, is an uneasy one, however, we must admit that serious progress has been registered within these years - with the approval of the Armenian Government the Autism National Fund has been instituted, the International Child Development Center has been operating successfully for several years already, etc.

The march dedicated to the World Autism Awareness Day was held on April 2 in Yerevan. It was started from the neighbourhood of the Yerevan Municipality where participants met the Mayor **Taron Margaryan**. The latter welcomed the participants of the awareness-raising event who were mainly pupils of secondary and inclusive schools.

Lilit Atajanyan, Director of the Autism National Fund, said this year the campaign started from the Yerevan Municipality as a sign of gratitude to the Mayor who has provided a special school for children with autism. The march was organized by the Fund with the assistance of Yerevan Municipality with sponsorship of VivaCell-MTS, Grand Candy, others.

The march route included the Republic Square where the buildings of the Armenian Govt. , Foreign Ministry located and finished at the Liberty Square.

There they met the RA First Lady **Rita Sargsyan** who is the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Autism Natl Fund (as well as the Honorary Chairperson of the **Donate Life** Benevolent Fund and of **Armaveni** Benevolent Fund).

Among the events organized in the framework of the march the presentation of the song "God's Angels" dedicated to children with autism and composed by

Rita Sargsyan, a professional musician by trade, took place at the Liberty Square. (To remind, in 2012, during one of the concerts dedicated to the International Childhood Cancer Day, Mrs Sargsyan presented a song authored by her, - "We Are The Sun Together" recorded with participation of a big group of Armenian pop-singers. The lyrics for both songs were written by A.Barseghyan).

As Mrs Sargsyan told in her interview with TV channels, "...autism rather a social problem than a disease...there is a kind of wall between these children and the society. So if we break this wall, the kids would be o.k."

Among the events an open-air art painting exhibition of the alumni of Child Development Center (founded by Dr. **Ira Heilveil** of the U.S.) was also held.

For the first time, following a number of world countries' example, the "Lite It Up Blue" campaign was organized in Armenia in the framework of which the building of Alexander Spendiaryan Opera and Ballet National Academic Theatre was lightened up blue.

The aim of the initiative is to direct society's attention to problems concerning autism through a blue light.



The organizers with Mrs Rita Sargsyan (in the center). Dr Ira Heilveil on the left from Mrs Sargsyan, Lilit Atajanyan far left, Prof. Ara Babloyan with the spouse behind the First Lady,- respectively in the center and left, Henriette Ahrens on the right behind Rita Sargsyan.

Hero of the Day with the Russian Soul and the Armenian Heart: Yerevan Stanislavsky Russian Theater Celebrates its 75th Anniversary

By **Gourgen James Khazhakian**
Chief Correspondent

It's 75 years already, in the capital of Armenia State Russian Drama Theatre after the great Konstantin Stanislavsky has been working...

... For the many of many generations Yerevan Russian Theater became a particle of their spiritual life, their biography. The Theater was founded in 1937 by a special decision of the Soviet Armenian government. It was a big event in the cultural life of the Republic. Theater has always stood in the way of creative pursuit.

Today's workers of the Theater happily aware that the history of the Russian Theater is inseparable from social and cultural life of Armenia.

Outstanding Armenian directors such as People's Artists L.Kalantar, A.Burjalyan, A.Gulakyan, V.Vartanyan, contributed significantly in the creation and development of the Theater.

Invaluable contribution to the creative development of Russian theater Stanislavsky have outstanding actors, People's Artists of Armenia V.Dobrovolsky, Yu.Vanovsky, Z.Gulevich, O.Labunskaya, N.Ter - Semenov, S.Sudbinin, G.Shahnazarov (Gen), Yu.Kolesnichenko, N.Egorova, I.Grikurov, Yu.Frolov and many others. The guest stars at the Yerevan Russian Theatre were prominent masters of the Russian stage such as USSR People's Artists I.Ilyinsky, N.Gribov, Yu.Borisova, V.Samoylov, S.Nemolyaeva, O.Yakovleva, etc.

It is in the Stanislavsky Theater Armen Jigarkhanyan, Gennady Korotkov, V.Babicheva began their glorious "star track". Considering propagation of Russian stage culture as its honorable task, the Theater constantly staged the Russian classics. Names of Nikolai Gogol and Anton Chekhov, Tolstoy and Gorky never left the theater posters, and play of the "Death of Tarelkin" by A.Sukhovo - Kobylin in Moscow won the First Prize of the USSR Ministry of Culture as the best classical performance in 1978.

And there were many prestigious awards there... Performance of the "Lullaby" by the-then young Armenian author Zorayr Khalapyan in 1974 won the First Prize of the Ministry of Culture of the USSR.

The years 1972-1985 could be called the "Golden Age" of the Theater, - they

were three times on tour in Moscow and were recognized as one of the best Russian (language) theaters among the Soviet republics.

...In the hardest early 90s, when the unstable political and economic situation affected dramatically the entire cultural life of Armenia, due to lack of electricity, lack of basic facilities, many theaters were idle, and some even closed, Yerevan Russian Theater continued to work under candlelight and kerosene lamps, educat-

present day has been led by a graduate of the Leningrad Institute of Theatre, Cinema and Music, People's Artist of Armenia, Laureate of the State Prize of Armenia, Honored Artist of Russia, winner of the International Stanislavsky Award and the International Smoktunovsky Award **Alexander S. Grigoryan**. His name is associated with the best performances of the Yerevan Russian Theater, many of which were awarded prizes and certificates.

"There are two important tasks before us - first, to acquaint the audience with the great Russian literature and second, - to familiarize Russian-speaking audience, especially outside Armenia, with the best works of the Armenian literature", - says the Artistic Director of the Russian theater after Stanislavsky Alexander Grigoryan.

...Well, with both tasks the Theatre copes fine. Both in its own country, and at numerous festivals and on tours abroad, it shows a wide variety of works - in Moscow, Minsk, Vladimir, Tula, Kaluga, Saransk, Yoshkar-Ola, as in native Yerevan, Russian theater audience applauds with Armenian temperament, transmitting the mysterious Russian soul through hot Armenian heart.

"...Such a celebration is a proven way to take a look and evaluate everything that is connected with the Hero of the Day. This time it is not a creative person, but a center having rich traditions of culture that for many years played an important role in the cultural life of Armenia. Stanislavsky Theatre is one of those unique art centers where the best samples of the Russian theatrical culture represented in the original language. Moreover, the Theatre performs a large and a grateful mission, -by presenting the best examples of the Armenian national drama in Russian, it is a bridge between Russian and Armenian culture, a symbol of the centuries-old friendship between our two peoples. I am sure that Stanislavsky Russian Drama Theatre would continue to enrich our artistic life, the spiritual life of the Armenian audience. Once again, I congratulate you on the Jubilee and wish always have good mood"- President Serzh Sargsyan said in his congratulatory message.



Alexander Grigoryan (in the center) with the First Lady of Armenia Mrs Rita A. Sargsyan, Minister of Culture Hasmik Poghosyan (second from the left) and the guests.



ing a new generation of theater actors.

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The Stanislavsky Theater has always been trying to find his repertoire, his creative credo, a deeper understanding of modern man, - these are the basic principles of the theater which from 1965 to the

The Noyan Tapan entire staff joins all the congratulations with pleasure!

AFP: Armenia pushes to revive tech sector

Armenia is hoping the launch of its first tablet computer and smartphone that could kickstart a comeback for the country's technology sector.

Designed - and soon set to be constructed - in Armenia, the ArmPhone and ArmTab devices are seen as a key stepping-stone as the landlocked state seeks to overcome crippling trade blockades from its neighbours to become an unlikely industry hub.

"The high-tech sector in Armenia already has a long existence and now we need to take it back to an international level," Vahan Chakarian, president of the joint Armenian-US company Minno, told AFP.

"By building an Armenian tablet computer we'll create a brand that will make Armenia more recognizable on the world market," Chakarian said.

Compared to major international brands, funding and production targets for the start-up are modest.

The firm is spending some \$6.5-million over its first three years and aims to get manufacturing levels up to some 100,000 items annually.

While the devices are designed by Armenian experts, production has been taking place in Hong Kong and the US.

But those behind the project hope that will change soon.

"We've been spending a lot of funds sending our Armenian specialists to China to conduct quality tests where the tablets were being assembled," Chakarian said.

"Given the engineering capabilities in Armenia, we plan in the near future that all the work on the exterior and motherboard design and software implementation will take place exclusively in Armenia."



The company already has a contract with Armenia's education ministry to supply all first graders in the country with a tablet computer by 2015.

Armenia faces considerable challenges if it is to compete on the international level.

Festering disputes with its two neighbours Turkey and Azerbaijan - including over Nagorno Karabakh - mean that much of its borders are sealed off.

Those in the IT sector remain bullish about the prospects for the development and point to steady growth rates of over 20-percent despite Armenia's flagging overall economic performance.

"Our predictions show that by 2018 the IT sphere will become the dominant sector in the country's economy and will bring in around \$1-billion," said Vardanyan.

Some 500 tech firms are now working in the country and international giants such as Microsoft have started getting involved.

Why international mining companies flock to Armenia

A report recently released by two environmental activists in Armenia suggests that international mining companies are flocking to Armenia because the government is incredibly lax when it comes to levying environmental usage fees.

The report, "Environmental and Environment Usage Payments in the Mining Sector" was prepared by Marineh Baghdasaryan, a graduate of the State Institute of Economics, and Bedy BGO President Erik Grigoryan.

Comparing Armenia's mining sector with that of the USA, Great Britain and Germany, the authors found that another probable attraction for international companies is that the royalties for extracting metal ores in Armenia is much less.

In the United States, for example, royalties paid by mining companies to the government stand at 30%, followed by Canada (25%), Great Britain (20%), Great Britain (15.8%) and China (10%).

In Armenia, the royalty rate is 4+%.

Baghdasaryan says that other countries also tax pollution discharges while Armenia does not.

"Our comparative data shows that strict tax mechanisms operate in other countries and that responsible mining is the norm, something that isn't the case in Armenia. Here, it's an open wide sector and creates a favorable business climate for



foreign investors," Baghdasaryan said.

Their report was made public at an international conference "Responsible Mining in Armenia: Opportunities and Challenges" held in the Armenia Marriott Hotel in Yerevan this past March 25.

At the conference opening, opponents of unbridled and unsupervised mining in Armenia staged a counter-conference outside the hotel.

Baghdasaryan noted that while the largest taxpayer in Armenia is the Zangezur Copper-Molybdenum Combine (paying 37.8 billion AMD in taxes in 2013), only a tiny portion is in the form environmental and natural resource usage fees.

Malbec World Day in Yerevan

On April 3 a reception took place in Royal Tulip Grand Hotel Yerevan dedicated to Malbec Wine World Day. This year in more than 50 cities of the world about 60 events for the honour of Malbec grapes of Argentina are carried out, which were moved to Argentina from France on April 17, 1853. Today, Malbec is the most remarkable symbol of vine-growing of Argentina.

The Embassy of the Republic of Argentina organized the reception, where the officials, members of the diplomatic corps and representatives of restaurants, hotels and mass media too part.

During the event brands of Malbec wine (Fin del Mundo, Doña Paula, Don Cristobal) proposed in the local market were served, which were correspondingly presented by the official /investors/representatives Artexim Ltd, Avers CJSC, Andako Ltd.



Apartment is for rent

A two room apartment is for rent on the M.Baghranyan Avenue. It is situated on the 2nd floor of a 4 storey stone residential building. During the whole period of staying you can use the furniture and technical equipment. It is being heated with central heating system. The kitchen is furnished with classic wooden and functional furniture. There is the Lovers' park one bus stop down. A little far you can find a supermarket, underground station.

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Armenian Genocide commemorative billboards displayed in Boston streets

During the month of April, the 2014 Armenian Genocide commemorative billboards will be displayed at the corner of Arsenal and School Streets in Watertown; on Cambridge Street, at the Lechmere Station in Cambridge; and on Route 1 South, 1/4 mile from the Gillette Stadium, in Foxboro.

Sponsored by Peace of Art, Inc., www.PeaceofArt.org, the 2014 Armenian Genocide commemorative billboards honor the victims and survivors of the Armenian Genocide. In this year's message "Recognize the Crime of the Century, the Armenian Genocide," the word 'genocide' has imbedded the number 100, and handcuffs. The number 100 refers to the approaching 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. The handcuffs refer to a century of victimization and denial by the perpetrators of the Armenian Genocide and their supporters. The Armenian Genocide was the crime of the century because it was the first genocide of the 20th century. Had the genocide been condemned by the world community, the governments that followed most likely would not have used genocide as the means to eliminate unwanted groups of their populations segregated by race, religion or ethnicity.

Millions of people around the world have been killed, victims of genocide, for political motives, and ethnic cleansing. Since the Armenian Genocide took place



in the beginning of the 20th century, genocide has become an effective tool of war, to eliminate unwanted sectors of the population segregated by race, or religion, or ethnicity. As the Armenian people struggle for recognition of the crime of the century, the world remains 'blind' to crimes against humanity perpetrated around the globe. The world community must recognize the Armenian genocide and condemn such crimes against humanity.

Since 2003, through the annual commemorative billboards, Peace of Art, Inc., www.PeaceofArt.org has been calling for the recognition of the Armenian Genocide, and it has urged the community at large, the President of the United States, and the United Nations to recog-

nize the Armenian Genocide. It is time to urge Turkey to recognize the Armenian Genocide, and to make amends.

"To deny the Armenian Genocide is to further victimize those who perished and their descendants, it is an act of blaming the victims. After a century of denial, it is time to place the 'handcuffs' on the criminals. For those who think that after the last survivor dies there will be no more witnesses, and with the passing of time the Armenian Genocide will be forgotten, know that all Armenians are survivors of the genocide, and as long as the Armenian genocide remains unrecognized by Turkey, millions of Armenians around the world will demand recognition and justice." Said the president of Peace of Art, Inc., Daniel Varoujan Hejinian.

Armenian wrestler wins gold at European Championships

Armenia's Greco-Roman wrestler Artur Aleksanyan defeated his Turkish opponent Cenk Ildem in the finals of the 2014 European Wrestling Championships in Vantaa, Finland, to claim the continent's title for the third time in his career. The 22-year-old defeated rivals from Ukraine, Croatia, Germany, Norway and Turkey.

Another Armenian Greco-Roman wrestler Arsen Julfalakyan (75 kg) won a silver medal at the same championship. In the final fight the 26-year-old Armenian lost to Russia's Alexander Chekirski 3-4. On the way to the final Julfalakyan beat representatives of Croatia, Austria, Sweden and Denmark.

Earlier, Armenia's freestyle wrestler Grigor Grigoryan (71 kg) won a silver medal, while Garik Barseghyan (57 kg) and Musa Murtazaliyev (86 kg) won bronze medals.



PHOTOLURE

"Aspects of Armenian Art" exhibition to open at Leventis Municipal Museum of Nicosia

The Leventis Municipal Museum presents the exhibition: "Aspects of Armenian Art - the Kalfayan Collection".

The presence of Armenians in Cyprus since the early 6th century AD is diachronically linked to the history and fate of the island and its inhabitants. These facts, as well as the close ties of the Kalfayan family with Cyprus, since the early 1960s, have led to the decision to host this exhibition at the Leventis Municipal Museum of Nicosia. The exhibition was first presented at the Museum of Byzantine Culture in Thessaloniki, only in a different form and magnitude.

The exhibition showcases aspects of Armenian art, from the late 16th century to the 19th century, with artefacts of unique historical and artistic value from the collection of the Kalfayan family. It also incorporates relics from the Armenian Archbishopric in Cyprus.

The collection includes, among other exhibits, rare ecclesiastical and secular objects such as handwritten manuscripts, fabrics and textiles, excellent quality ceramics of the Kotahyan style, Chinese porcelain objects, and other items that bring to light multidimensional sides and aspects of Armenian culture. As their inscriptions reveal, the objects either belonged to Armenians or they were made by Armenian artists and artisans. Many of the exhibits were donations to churches.

During the Interwar period, the Kalfayan family was urged to conserve the memory and history of the Armenian culture. They began compiling mainly

Armenian objects of all kinds, which gradually led to a significant private collection. Their descendants are now permanent residents of Thessaloniki, Greece. They are active members of the Greek and Armenian society and keep

enriching the collection with love and zeal.

The exhibition will be inaugurated on Monday the 7th of April 2014, at 19:30, at the Leventis Municipal Museum of Nicosia.



Zodiac Weekly Forecast

ARMENIAN POETRY

St. Nerses the Gracious

(1102-1172)

Morning Song

O Day-spring, Sun of righteousness,
shine forth with light for me!
Treasure of mercy, let my soul thy hid-
den riches see!
Thou before whom the thoughts of men
lie open in thy sight,
Unto my soul, now dark and dim, grant
thoughts that shine with light!
O Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Almighty One in Three,
Care-taker of all creatures, have pity
upon me!
Awake O Lord, awake to help, with
grace and power divine;
Awaken those who slumber now, like
heaven's host to shine!
O Lord and Saviour, life-giver, unto the
dead give life,
And raise up those that have grown
weak and stumbled in the strife!
O skilful Pilot! Lamp of light, that
burnest bright and clear!
Strength and assurance grant to me, now
hid away in fear!
O thou that makest old things new,
renew me and adorn;
Rejoice me with salvation, Lord, for
which I inly mourn.
Giver of good, unto my sins be thy for-
giveness given!
Lead thy disciples, heavenly King, unto
the flocks of heaven!
Defeat the evil husbandman that soweth
tares and weeds;
Wither and kill in me the fruits of all his
evil seeds!
O Lord, grant water to my eyes, that
they may shed warm tears
To cleanse and wash away the sin that
in my soul appears!
On me now hid in shadow deep, shine
forth, O glory bright!
Sweet juice, quench thou my soul's keen
thirst! Show me the path of light!
Jesus, whose name is love, with love
crush thou my stony heart;
Bedew my spirit with thy blood, and bid
my griefs depart!
O thou that even in fancy art so sweet,
Lord Jesus Christ,
Grant that with thy reality my soul may
be sufficed!
When thou shalt come again on earth,
and all thy glory see,
Upon that dread and awful day, O
Christ, remember me!
Thou that redeemest men from sin, O
Saviour, I implore,
Redeem him who now praises thee, to
praise thee evermore!

Aries (Mar. 20--Apr. 19) :

Aspects that were with you in the past couple of weeks continue to affect your life and attitude. Watch your temper. Choose your battles with wisdom. The Powers That Be are indeed strong and may not have a sense of humor for very long. Think carefully about the consequences of making demands.

Taurus (Apr. 20--May 19):

Venus, your ruling planet, travels with you into the territory of friendships, community and organizational affairs. Over the next three weeks she will enhance your presence at any activity in this sphere. Romance may brighten. Your romantic side is cooperating well with your nurturing side at this time.

Gemini (May 20 -- June 20) :

The sector of life related to romance, children and personal creativity is on hold this week. Meanwhile your ability to concentrate upon projects that require management of details is strong. Organizing files, closets and cabinets will clear the clutter from your mind.

Cancer (June 21--July 21) :

You may not be feeling quite comfortable with yourself this week. It appears your mind is in conflict with your feelings. Do the best you can to deal with this issue up front, perhaps by journaling or discussing it with a friend. Keep in mind that settling upon a decision right now is not a mandate.

Leo (July 22 --Aug. 21):

Read the lead paragraph on the home page and think about it in terms of your own life right now. Everything is heating up for you. Sudden changes may occur related to legal, travel, and educational interests. Drive and handle tools cautiously. You may be subject to accidents now. It is possible that this has just happened in recent days.

Virgo (Aug 22--Sep. 22) :

You may be concentrating on giving practical help to your significant other or to someone else of importance to you. This is a good time to contribute your organizing talent to almost anyone who needs it. Now is also a fine time to share thoughts with your partner and negotiate an amicable agreement.

Libra (Sep. 23--Oct. 22)

Examine your motives carefully before taking any initiatives this week. An action may cost you more than it is worth, especially in relationship to other people. The people whose path you cross may have sudden shifts of intention that surprise and confuse you. Or you may be the one who shocks others.

Scorpio (Oct. 23--Nov. 21) :

Gossip or dark tales may be following you around at this time. Absolutely do not directly attack the perpetrator, lest the tales expand and grow like Pinocchio's nose. If you are innocent, the hidden enemy will be proven a liar, sooner or later. Attend to matters that you can effectively handle for best results.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 --Dec. 20):

You want to go everywhere and do everything at once. You feel generous to others and they to you. If money is an issue, then you would be better off to leave credit cards at home. This period may be difficult for those on a diet or other self-improvement program. You are prone to self-indulgence right now.

Capricorn (Dec 21 -- Jan 19) :

There appears to be considerable pressure on you that comes from the arenas of home, hearth and family. Mechanical items may break down, seemingly everywhere in your life. Fortunately you are able to make mindful decisions. If information is needed, you can find it readily. The week favors education in practical skills.

Aquarius (Jan. 20--Feb. 17) :

Your sign is known as an "upside-down" thinker. You are a natural at seeing situations and problems from a different point of view than the pack. This is a gift you always bring to any circumstance. This week your opportunity to share comes from your career or life direction. Your vision of the future is utterly brilliant.

Pisces (Feb. 18--Mar. 19) :

Your reflexes are off kilter. Use caution while driving, exercising, or handling tools. One or more debts may be paid. Someone makes payment to you, you pay off debt, or both. Over the week-end Venus moves into your sign. The goddess of love brings complements, small gifts, romance, or other pleasures.

WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?**Enjoy your leisure****16 April**

19:00. Sayat-Nova. Staging Director: Aram Sukiasyan. National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian.
11:00. The Third. Author: Boris Aprilov. State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.
19:00. Private Danielyan. Author and Staging Director: Sergey Danielyan. Yerevan State Chamber Theater.

17 April

19:00. Richard III. Author: W. Shakespeare. National Academic Theater after G. Sundukyan.
19:00. Memorial Prayer. | Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski
14:30. The Little Prince. State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.
19:00. Karine. Director: Shushanik Gevorgyann. State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan.
19:00. Suzanne, Suzette and Jacqueline + 3 men. Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.
19:00. Royal Concert. Yerevan State Chamber Theater.
19:00. Flight. Director: Zhirayr Dadasyan. Yerevan State Pantomime Theater.

18 April

19:00. APO & Dora Servirian-Kuhn. Conductor: Eduard Topchjan. Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall.
19:00. The Salvation Island. Staging: Nikolay Tsaturyan. Hamazgayin State Theater.
19:00. Like Gods. Yuri Polyakov. Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski.
18:00. A Tale from the Clouds. Z. Antonyan. State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.
19:00. Karine. Director: Shushanik Gevorgyann. State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan.
19:00. Oh Anna, Anna or Passionate Sunday. Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.
19:00. UNDER GROUND. Author: Ara Yernjakyan. Yerevan State Chamber Theater.

19 April

19:00. Ah, Women, Women. Staging: Vigen Stepanyan. Hamazgayin State Theater.

19:00. I Am An Apricot Tree. Author: Alvard Petrosyan. National Academic Theater after G. Sundukyan.
13:00. Cat's House. S. Marshak. Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski
19:00. I'm Marrying an American Woman. A. Shirvanzade. Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski.
12:30, 14:00 15:30. Lamb of God. Staging by Anna Elbakyan. State Marionette Theater.
18:00. A Tale from the Clouds. Z. Antonyan. State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.
12:00, 14:00, 16:00. That Same

16:00, 18:00. Little Red Riding Hood. Author: Charles Perrault. State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.
14:00. Under The Bethlehem Star. R. Babayan. State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.
19:00. Die first, then I'll love you. Authors: Aramashot Papyan. State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan.
16:00. Magic Ball. Author: Ara Yernjakyan. Yerevan State Chamber Theater.
19:00. Gentlemen, Everything is Collapsing but We Can Still Live and Have Fun. Author and Staging Director: Ara Yernjakyan. Yerevan State Chamber Theater.



Huri. Author: Hovhannes Tumanyan. State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.
19:00. How Long Will Be Like This. Author: Gurgen Khanjyan. State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan.
19:00. Jesus of Nazareth and His Second Disciple. P. Zeytuntsyan. Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.
19:00. UNDER GROUND. Author: Ara Yernjakyan. Yerevan State Chamber Theater.

20 April

19:00. Blaise. Staging: Hrachya Gasparyan. Hamazgayin State Theater.
13:00. Tower-Room. Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski.
19:00. Oh, Those French Things. J. Bricker and M. Laseg. Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski.
12:30, 14:00 15:30. Lamb of God. Staging by Anna Elbakyan. State Marionette Theater.
19:00. Mea Culpa. Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski.
14:00. Cinderella. Author: Charles Perrault. State Musical Chamber Theater.

21 April

19:00. Mea Culpa. Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski.

22 April

18:00. Distance Learning of Driving. Staged by Alex Sachyan. Educational Theater of State Institute Of Theater And Cinematography.
19:00. Ardalion. Author of Play` Zhirayr Dadasyan and Naira Yedigaryan. Yerevan State Pantomime Theater.

23 April

19:00. Me and you. Staged by Liana Avetisyan. Educational Theater of State Institute Of Theater And Cinematography.
19:00. Shekhonts Mihran. Author: M. Kheranyan. Hamazgayin State Theater.
16:00. David of Sasun. Author: Hovh. Tumanyan. State Musical Chamber Theater.
19:00. A Man is Required. Director of the play – Lusine Yernjakyan. Yerevan State Chamber Theater

New House bill calls ...

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The claims of these communities must be respected and addressed in a comprehensive and timely manner. This legislation calls on the Republic of Turkey to meet its international obligations, and urges the United States to prioritize the return of unlawfully seized religious properties in order to begin to resolve the legitimate claims of these communities."

H.R. 4347 builds on a measure (H.Res.306), spearheaded by Chairman Royce and then House Foreign Affairs Committee Ranking Democrat Howard Berman (D-CA), which was overwhelmingly adopted by the House of Representatives on December 13, 2011. That resolution called upon the government of Turkey to honor its international obligations to return confiscated Christian church properties and to fully respect the rights of Christians to practice their faiths in freedom.

H.R.4347 specifically requires the Secretary of State to "submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report on the status and return of stolen, confiscated, or otherwise unreturned Christian churches, places of worship, and other properties in or from the Republic of Turkey and in the areas of northern Cyprus occupied by the Turkish military that shall contain the following:

(1) A comprehensive listing of all the Christian churches, places of worship, and other properties, such as monasteries, schools, hospitals, monuments, relics, holy sites, and other religious properties, including movable properties, such as artwork, manuscripts, vestments, vessels, and other artifacts, in or from Turkey and in the territories of the Republic of Cyprus under military occupation by Turkey that are claimed as stolen, confiscated, or other-

wise wrongfully removed from the ownership of their rightful Christian church owners.

(2) Description of all engagement over the previous year on this issue by officials of the Department of State with representatives of the Republic of Turkey regarding the return to their rightful owners of all Christian churches, places of worship, and other properties, such as monasteries, schools, hospitals, monuments, relics, holy sites, and other religious properties, including movable properties, such as artwork, manuscripts, vestments, vessels, and other artifacts, both those located within Turkey's borders and those under control of Turkish military forces in the occupied northern areas of Cyprus."

The resolution goes on to urge that a summary of the report be included in the annual U.S. State Department Human Rights Report and International Religious Freedom Report.

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