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The launch of Recognize1915.am website of "Recognize 1915" initiative and the presentation of "99" book published within the project and dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide took place at Yerevan Komitas Chamber Music Hall at 17 April.

Ahead of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide all national organizations, patriotic groups, Armenian entrepreneurs and employees, patriotic citizens and Armenian people should come together for the global recognition and condemnation of the unprecedented crime against humanity as only in this case the world will recognize and condemn the Armenian Genocide, Ucom CEO Hayk Yesayan said adding that they will not content themselves with only paying tribute at the eternal fire but will make every effort to make the world lend an ear to the voice of the Armenian people.

The official website - www.recognize1915.am - of "Recognize 1915" initiative was launched today; it allows all people to change their e-mail signatures in order to remind the world of the Armenian Genocide once again.

Head of "Pan Photo" agency Vahan Stepanyan spoke about the story of the "99" book published along with Ucom and presented the brief summary of the book's plot.

Those present were urged to not only post pictures condemning Armenian genocide social websites but also to disseminate more official and personal information. "There are numerous people who



do not use social websites, and thus, remain outside of the information field. They can have the information through the attaching signature to the private or corporate e-mail. People who have gmail, yahoo, yandex or outlook e-mails can add the banner to their e-mail signature. After getting the letter and seeing the signature the receiver can click on the link and appear on the website, read about the Armenian Genocide as well as learn about the project and join it if they want", reads the statement of disseminated by Ucom, which also notes that several providers like mail.ru, rambler.ru and hotmail.com (outlook) do not allow adding pictures to the e-mail's signature. In this case, the presented pictures are recommended to use on the personal pages on the social websites.

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Nalbandian, Lavrov discuss urgent international issues

Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian left for Moscow on April 19, where he had a working meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

The Foreign Ministers of the two countries discussed the process of implementation of the agreements reached between the leaders of the two countries and referred to a wide framework of issues on bilateral agenda.

Edward Nalbandian and Sergei Lavrov exchanged views on a number of urgent international issues.

The parties discussed the process of peaceful settlement of the Karabakh issue. They stressed the importance of the joint efforts of the parties and the Minsk Group CoChairs to solve the conflict exclusively in a peaceful way.



Memorial to the Armenian Genocide unveiled in Tbilisi



A memorial to the Armenian genocide was unveiled in Tbilisi on Monday. The memorial is made of stone and stands in the yard of one of the Armenian churches in the capital, Press Service of the Armenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs reports.

The unveiling of the new stone memorial was held in connection with the April 24 commemoration of the Armenian Genocide and was attended by representatives of different churches.

"It is a very important day for the history of the Armenian community in Georgia. This is a day when Khachkari was erected for the first time, dedicated to the victims of the Armenian genocide," Vazgen Mirzakhani, head of the Armenian Diocese in Georgia said at the unveiling ceremony.

"We appreciate the attitude of Georgians to this day and we want Khachkari to also become a symbol for Armenian-Georgian relations, which go back centuries."

Armenia not to be blamed for the absence of relations with Turkey: President

It's not the Armenian side to be blamed for the absence of relations between Armenia and Turkey, Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan said during the consultations at the Ministry of Defense.

"We should note that all our partners and supporters have come to understand that it's not the Armenian party to be blamed for the absence of Armenian-Turkish relations. This is important, because even our friends have on several occasions accused us of being non-constructive, for trying to talk to Turkey in the language of preconditions and have our share of guilt in the absence of these relations. I think no one has such doubts today," President Sargsyan said.

The President said the initiative to normalize the relations with Turkey laid the ground for new culture. "We started to put such complex issues on discussion and proved once again that we are ready to discuss the most complex issues with different layers of our society, our compatriots," he added.

The President reminded about the criticism of the two protocols. "Many were insisting that the protocols had at least two negative aspects. First, they feared it would suspend the process of recognition of the Armenian Genocide in the long-term perspective," Serzh Sargsyan said, adding that "now the Turks have concentrated all their efforts to fight against the Armenian Genocide resolution that passed



the Senate Foreign Relations Committee."

"Secondly, can anyone say today that the protocols have caused harm to the settlement of the Nagorno Karabakh issue and that with these protocols we created bases for concessions?" the President said.

"We have a strong position on the issue," he said. Speaking about the tension at the line of contact, the President said had the rival's position been strong, they would not escalate the tension.

President Sargsyan stressed another important factor. "If, as many were insisting, the protocols were anti-Armenian and derived from Turkey's interests, why haven't the Turks ratified them so far?"

"It's obvious that had the documents been pro-Turkish, they would not stop before anything, would not listen to Azerbaijan's opinion and would ratify the protocols," President Sargsyan said. "Besides, had the documents been pro-Turkish, they would not create tension inside Turkey," he added.

Employers In Armenia not to be penalized over non-payment of pension contributions

The Armenian government has announced plans to seek legislative changes that will suspend the accrual of penalties over employers' failure to make controversial mandatory pension contributions on behalf of their staffs until the law is amended in line with the requirements laid down in a recent Constitutional Court ruling.

Armenia's newly appointed Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan held consultations late on Thursday, reportedly instructing "the state bodies concerned" to draft amendments to the law to that effect. The government said the bill is likely to be submitted to the parliament for approval by April 28 when the 131-member body is due to gather for its next four-day session.

In its April 2 ruling the Constitutional Court of Armenia found a number of provisions of the Law on Funded Pensions to be unconstitutional and ordered that necessary amendments be made in it by September 30. Until then, it said, the provisions in question will remain valid.

This gave Armenia's tax authorities



the grounds to demand that employers make contributions on behalf of their workers until the end of September as mandated by the law that requires all citizens of Armenia born after 1973 to join the mandatory pension system and pay an additional five percent of their salaries to private funds before they retire at 63.

On the one hand, many employers in Armenia have found it hard to comply with the obligation considering opposition from their staffs who have cited another part of the Court ruling that admittedly allows them to choose

whether to make such contributions or not. On the other hand, they have been worried by the prospect of incurring fines and penalties over their failure to make deductions and transfer the pension contributions of their employees to special accounts.

A local pressure group embracing mostly young professionals in high-paying jobs has opposed the enforcement of controversial provisions of the law, including the mandatory nature of pension contributions. Holding street protests and threatening to resort to "civil disobedience" members and supporters of the civic movement called Dem.am (I'm Against) have demanded that government agencies honor the Constitutional Court ruling and stop requiring that citizens make the payments.

The group intends to hold its next protest on Friday evening, gathering near the Presidential Palace in Yerevan and demanding that President Serzh Sargsyan act as guarantor of the Constitution and ensure that the executive complies with the Constitutional Court's decision.

PM discusses funded pension reforms with parliamentary factions



Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan held a consultation on the funded pension reform, attended by representatives from the National Assembly's "Prosperous Armenia," "Rule of Law" and "Heritage" factions. Stressing the importance of political consultations in this format, the

participants emphasized the need for continuity.

The representatives of political parties deemed it necessary to outline ways of open and unconstrained dialogue between the government and parliamentary factions covering various problematic issues that will promote an atmosphere of mutual trust in the country. Appreciating the cooperation with the parliamentary factions on different issues, Hovik Abrahamyan said to be ready to carry on the dialogue in a variety of formats.

During a constructive debate, the representatives of political parties expressed

their respective positions on the government's pension reform and made a number of proposals.

The head of government reminded that a draft law will soon be out to halt the accrual of fines associated with the funded pension law pending the passage by the National Assembly of a legislative package in accordance with the Constitutional Court's ruling of April 2, 2014.

The Prime Minister expressed willingness to continue discussions with MPs and other stakeholders in order to achieve a comprehensive solution to the problems available in the pension system.

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Armenia's Customs Union Accord In Doubt

Armenia does not expect to sign on April 29 an agreement formalizing its accession to the Customs Union of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan, Economy Minister Vahram Avanesyan said on April 18, correcting his own statement made the day before.

"I answered journalists' questions in haste and did not address the subject in full," Avanesyan said of his announcement on Thursday that the accession treaty will be signed at a summit of the union's three member states slated for April 29.

Avanesyan said a working group of officials from the Armenian government and the Russian-led trade alliance will meet on April 25 to take stock of membership talks held so far and submit relevant recommendations to the summit. The Russian, Belarusian and Kazakh presidents will then "decide what kind of an agreement should be prepared and possibly set a date for its signing," he told a news conference.

Avanesyan's first deputy, Karine Minasyan, clarified that the document could be signed after the three ex-Soviet states formally agree to turn their Russian-led trade bloc into a Eurasian



Economic Union. They are expected to sign a corresponding treaty in late May.

Minasyan said Armenia may thus join the Eurasian Union without getting to be a member of the Customs Union. "That depends on when that [May] agreement will be scheduled to take effect. It is very important for us not to find ourselves in a [legal] vacuum," she told journalists.

The uncertainty over the signing date appears to reflect Yerevan's failure so far to secure vital concessions for Armenia's membership in the union. The Armenian side wants to exempt hundreds of import-

ed goods, including foodstuffs, drugs, cars and construction materials, from considerably higher uniform customs duties enforced by Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan. Analysts believe the cost of living in Armenia would rise significantly without these trade preferences.

Avanesyan expressed hope that a list of such goods will be agreed upon by the working group on April 25. "I can say that we are very happy with the course of our negotiations," he said. "Our partners are showing understanding, even though there are certainly conflicts of interest."

Armenian Inflation Down In 2014

Inflation in Armenia continued to fall in the first quarter of this year, allowing the authorities in Yerevan to further ease their monetary policies that were tightened after last summer's surge in key consumer prices.

The National Statistical Service (NSS) recorded an annual inflation rate of 3.8 percent last month, down from 5.6 percent in December. NSS data shows that an 8.6 percent year-on-year rise in utility fees and the cost of other services was the main factor behind the March 2014 figure.

It reflects double-digit increases in electricity and natural gas tariffs for Armenian households, which went into effect in July 2013 following the official announcement of Russia's decision to raise the price of its gas delivered to Armenia. This, coupled with the increased cost of domestic agricultural produce resulting from bad weather, caused inflation to spike up to 9.2 percent in August, well above the authorities' target band of 2.5-5.5 percent.

The Central Bank of Armenia (CBA) responded by raising its benchmark refinancing rate by 0.5 percent to 8.5 percent. Inflationary pressures on the Armenian economy eased in the following months, leading the CBA to cut the rate to 8 percent. With inflation continuing to fall, according to government statistics, the minimum cost of borrowing was lowered further afterwards. It currently stands at 7.5 percent, the lowest level in



three years.

The World Bank praised the CBA's monetary policy in a report on Armenia's macroeconomic performance released earlier this month. "In the absence of major price shocks, inflation will return to the target by mid-2014 when the effects of the utility tariff adjustment will have been absorbed," said the report.

Dashnaks To Stay Out Of New Government, For Now



The Armenian Revolutionary Federation (Dashnaktsutyun) said on April 17 that it will not join a new governing coalition which President Serzh Sargsyan is trying to form following the recent resignation of his current cabinet.

A leader of the opposition party, Armen Rustamyan, made clear, however, that it may still become part of the government later on if Sargsyan accepts a set of mainly political conditions set by Dashnaktsutyun.

In a statement, Dashnaktsutyun's governing body in Armenia said it has decided to "continue to operate in the opposition field" while trying to "spare our country upheavals and instability." "As a consequence of the socioeconomic policy pursued by the authorities, the overwhelming majority of our citizens has lost faith in the future and is demanding radical reforms," it said.

Dashnaktsutyun leaders have previously not ruled out the possibility of joining the new government which is currently being formed by Sargsyan and his newly appointed prime minister, Hovik Abrahamyan. They said that is contingent on the president accepting seven mostly political changes demanded by them.

Those demands include Armenia's transformation into a parliamentary republic and the formal annulment of controversial Turkish-Armenian normalization agreements signed in 2009. The Dashnaktsutyun statement insisted on their full acceptance by Sarkisian.

Rustamyan said that he and other Dashnaktsutyun leaders have discussed those conditions with Sarkisian and other top representatives of the ruling Republican Party during their recent

political consultations. "Their answers are ambiguous," he told RFE/RL's Armenian service (Azatutyun.am) "They neither reject nor accept our approaches. We need guarantees that the course pointed by us will be chosen."

"If we see a real will to embrace those 7 points, we can adopt a corresponding attitude," Rustamyan said, confirming that his party remains ready to join the new government.

The Dashnaktsutyun statement did not clarify whether or not the nationalist party, which is particularly influential Armenian Diaspora communities around the world, will back Abrahamyan's cabinet when it seeks a parliamentary vote of confidence later this month. The Armenian National Congress (HAK), a more radical opposition party led by former President Levon Ter-Petrosian, hopes that the opposition forces represented in the National Assembly will not only vote against but also hold joint anti-government allies.

The HAK, Dashnaktsutyun as well as the Prosperous Armenia and Zharangutyun (Heritage) parties planned such protests before former Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan's surprise resignation on April 3. The four opposition parties have increasingly cooperated with each other in the past several months.

Rustamyan stressed that the Dashnaktsutyun demands must also be accepted by its opposition allies. "We will not push for regime change unless it is clear what the new government would do," he said. "For us it is essential that the new government guarantee that it would be different from the one which we are trying to get rid of."

President Sargsyan Appoints Harutyunyan as Chief of Government Staff



Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan today signed a decree appointing Davit Harutyunyan (photo) as Minister - Chief of Government Staff and reappointing Armen Yeritzyan as Minister of Emergency Situations.

Harutyunyan served as Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia from 1998-2007.

Francois Hollande will attend Armenian Genocide commemoration on April 24

French President Francois Hollande has confirmed he will attend the commemoration of the 99th anniversary of the Armenian genocide. The President will make a speech to honor the memory of the 1.5 million victims of genocide at the statue of the Reverend Father Komitas, freelance journalist Jean Eckian reports from France.

The presence of the President reaffirms the commitment of the French Republic to the core values of democracy, the defense of truth and justice.

40 French cities will honor the victims of the genocide in 1915 perpetrated by the Ottoman government.

On 19 and 21 April, the French TV (Toute l'Histoire and LCP Public Senat) aired documentaries on the reality of the Armenian genocide.

France recognized the Armenian genocide on January 19, 2001.

Atom Egoyan's call to the Turkish people

In an open letter published by Armenian-Turkish Agos weekly, Canadian Armenian Film director Atom Egoyan tells the Turkish people he's exhausted by their government's vehement denial of the Armenian genocide, exhausted by his inability to move on.

The text of the letter is presented below:

"To the people of Turkey

I'm exhausted by my anger.

I have always thought that if you understood all the things I know, you'd feel the same way. You would think that it's enough, that it's time to move on.

Yet it's impossible to move on.

I have made a promise – like so many other Armenians – and it would haunt me to break this vow.

I've kept this vow as I've seen populations exterminated in Cambodia, in the former Yugoslavia, in Rwanda...in too many places after we said we would learn, where we swore we would never see Genocide happen again.



I've also seen members of your civil society stand up bravely to speak the truth. I have seen Hrant Dink murdered for remembering a legacy that every Armenian has a duty to guard.

Without some acknowledgment of the monstrous nature of the crime that continues to be perpetrated through denial

and apathy we shall not rest.

We have committed ourselves to remember, and yet the crime remains a raw wound on the very land it was committed upon.

I'm exhausted by your government's vehement denial, exhausted by my inability to move on. Yet there is little choice but to accept this exhaustion in the face of its alternative.

Your government has imposed the denial of this crime upon your shoulders for a century. There will never be a commission to 'reveal the truth' and we are not interested in seeing your open archives. We have the truth from too many witnesses, seen the archives of your closest wartime collaborators and heard the wise counsel of Genocide and Holocaust scholars from around the world.

Today, I simply ask you to do your work, to question your government's motivations, and to rise to this extraordinary challenge.

Armenian Bar Association urges Suffolk University to disinvite Genocide denier

The Armenian Bar Association on April 15 addressed a letter to James McCarthy, President of Suffolk University, expressing the organization's opposition to the scheduled appearance as the commencement speaker Proceedings of Suffolk's Law School, and the bestowing of an honorary Juris Doctor onto Abraham Foxman, an Armenian Genocide denier revisionist, Asbarez reported.

Foxman, who is the president of the Anti-Defamation League, has gone on record numerous times to deny the Armenian Genocide and has actively lobbied against Congressional resolution calling for the recognition of the Genocide.

Below is the text of the Letter:

"Dear President McCarthy:

The Armenian Bar Association has learned that Suffolk University Law School has decided to honor Abraham Foxman by selecting him as the keynote speaker at the university's May 17, 2014 commencement proceedings, and by conferring upon him an honorary Juris Doctorate degree.

While undoubtedly well-meaning, we ask that you reconsider those decisions and

we respectfully request that Mr. Foxman's name be withdrawn from such commendable positions of stature which would as a foundation, at a minimum require his unimpeached and unassailable integrity. Unfortunately, the historical record and Mr. Foxman's own portfolio show that he falls woefully short on both counts. This, because one cannot be festooned with ribbons on one hand, for being a champion of the memory and meaning of the Jewish Holocaust, while also being a deft and dangerous denier of the Armenian Genocide.

It is widely known that after using his Anti-Defamation League leadership, access, and institutional muscle to work against the recognition, study, and education of the Armenian Genocide, Mr. Foxman begrudgingly and resentfully conceded that the slaughter of 1.5 million Armenians from 1915-1923 may have been "tantamount" to genocide. We submit that the heinous acts of the SS and Adolph Hitler, more than being merely "tantamount" to a holocaust, were actually Holocaust. Had Mr. Foxman made a similar play-of-words denigrating the Holocaust, we trust that you would not have

even considered him as your honoree.

The Armenian Bar Association is the largest organization of judges, law professors, attorneys and law students outside of the Republic of Armenia. For the past twenty-five years, we have had at our core mission, the protection of human rights, the development of the rule of law, and as descendants of survivors of the Armenian Genocide, an unbridled commitment to public education and recognition of the Armenian Genocide.

For a university whose motto is "Honestas et Diligentia," the selection of Mr. Foxman shows a painful disregard for an honest assessment of one of the darkest chapters of human history and a blatant failure of diligence, in considering whether the selection of Mr. Foxman would offend a large portion of Suffolk's student body, its distinguished alumni, and a large segment of Boston's citizenry.

In his capacity as National Director of the Anti-Defamation League, Mr. Foxman has repeatedly opposed legislative resolutions commemorating the Armenian

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AGMI presents plans ahead of Genocide centenary

The temporary exhibition of the Armenian Genocide Museum Institute (AGMI) will open on April 21, AGMI Director Hayk Demoyan told reporters on April 18. He added that the permanent exhibition will open in a year.

Demoyan said the exhibition will be unprecedented with the scope and the scientific value. The area of the exhibition will be enlarged through innovative technologies and designing solutions.

"One visit will not be enough to see the whole exhibition," he said, adding that every visitor will find new information during the second, third visits.

Hayk Demoyan said the exhibition is



a result of "collective work." Last year famous genocide scholar Israel Charney donated whole his library to the Genocide Museum.

"The Armenian Genocide Museum Institute will grow into a research center of international significance," Hayk Demoyan said. He noted that AGMI

seeks to expand the geography of cooperating countries. He reminded that the Museum has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and the Russian "Holocaust" Center and has established cooperation with the Paris-based Shoah center.

The Genocide Museum Institute is preparing to present 20 temporary exhibitions in different countries.

Hayk Demoyan said rapid changes are taking place in Turkey and stressed the importance of raising the awareness about the Armenian Genocide among the Turkish youth.

Tankian to Turks: Truly find yourself

Armenian-American musician Serj Tankian, in an open letter published in the Turkish-Armenian weekly *Agos*, urged the people of Turkey to face history and "truly find yourself," enlightening the Turkish public to their government's rabid efforts to deny the Armenian Genocide.

The text of the letter is presented below:

"Dear People Of Turkey,

My name is Serj Tankian. I'm a Lebanese born Armenian American New Zealander. All four of my grandparents come from the area known as modern day Turkey. My grandfather Stepan hailed from Efkere in Kayseri, while my grandmother Varsenig came from Tokat.

My other grandparents were from Dörtiöl and Ourfa. None of them left on their own free will.

They were all survivors of the horrible Genocide committed by the Ittihad government during the last days of the Ottoman Empire.

They were all small children at the time. My grandfather Stepan was saved and spent time in an American orphanage as well as a Greek one before arriving in Lebanon as a refugee. My grandmother Varsenig and her grandmother were saved from slaughter by a Turkish mayor who risked his own life to do the right thing.

These are not some stories in the archives of Turkey or other nations. These are the true stories of my family.

Over 600 years ago the areas where



my grandparents came from were known as historic Armenia. When anthropologists dig in Turkey, they find the remains of our civilization along with Hellenic/Greek and others.

Turkey is very important to me not just because my grandparents came from there but because my whole race came from those lands that were forcefully taken from them, not by war, or in the changing of borders but by the brutal orders of the Ittihad Government. What does this all mean to us today? It's quite

simple. Armenians don't want to hassle Turkey, or create racial divisions, we just want justice so we can all move on from this historical pain that strains our relationship. This is not just about Armenian history but also the history of Turkey.

Will Erdogan's government do the right thing by coming to terms with all of this? I don't think so. Neither will the military juntas that have ruled Turkey throughout modern history.

Do you know that your government spends millions of dollars every year to deny this truth in foreign capitals by hiring all sorts of lobbying firms and setting up chairs at universities to re-create the truth to its liking? Do you know how that feels as an Armenian? What a painful experience this is? Is it not enough that I am the grandson of survivors of a horrible tragedy of history? Must I fight propaganda and corruption internationally to regain justice?

Turkey's modern turmoil to find itself has a lot to do with us Armenians. Our histories, geographies, and blood are too close not to resolve these issues.

Both Armenians and Turks deserve leaders and governments that are truly egalitarian, democratic, and non-corrupt to start with. In closing, I just want to say thank you to all of the amazing people I've met from Turkey who have shared their stories with me while on tour and online and have given me hope of a rapprochement based on truth and justice.

My wish, Dear People of Turkey, is for you to truly find yourself".



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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.**Kievyan str.**, Given to the operation in October 2011, 16 floors, walls plastered, windows, exterior doors, h -3, 15 m, gas, parking. Price: 1500-1600USD 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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1 ROOM

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

2 ROOMS

- ♦942. **Teryan str.** 4/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: 1500 USD.
- ♦1950. **Buzand/Mashtots area.** Newly built, 8th floor, 163 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, furnished, open balcony. Price: 2500 USD.
- ♦1681. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 6/2, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- ♦1535. **Busand str.**, Newly built, 7/4, 82sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable.
- ♦2089. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 8/6, 120sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, furnished, equipped. Price: 2500 USD
- ♦1738. **Amiryan str.**, 8/8, 159sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable
- ♦1951. **Busand str.**, Newly built, 13th floor, 122sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control. Price: 2500 USD
- ♦1406. **Sayat Nova ave.**, 7/3, 110sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable
- ♦2187. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 9/5, 120 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 2.200 USD
- ♦2109. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 10/4, 137sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, central heating, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD.

3 ROOMS AND MORE

- ♦2257. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 17/16, 160 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: Negotiable
- ♦2253. **Abovyan str.**, Newly built, 11th floor, 260sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price: 3500 USD
- ♦2021. **Teryan Str.**, Newly built, 9/8, 9, 245 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished. Preliminary price: 3500 USD.
- ♦2005. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/8, 130 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished, parking.

Price: 2200 USD.

- ♦1723. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/4., 170 sq.m 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, open kitchen, capitally repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD.
- ♦1981. **Vardanants Str.**, Newly built, 14/14, 140 sq m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally repaired, climate control, AC, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- ♦2084. **Tumanyan str.**, 4th floor, 200sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- ♦2252. **Northern ave**, 7th floor, 350 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, open balconies, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price Negotiable.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- ♦1191. **Aygestan**, Land-400 sqm, 2 storied bld.- 270 sqm, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathroom, study, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally 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,

4bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, sauna, gym, furnished, swimming-pool, garden. Price: 4.000 USD negotiable.

- ♦1142. **Djrevej**, Bagrevand community. Land-1000 sq.m., 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, pantry, playing room, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally 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, 4bathrooms, a kitchen, office, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable
- ♦1317. **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-900sq.m., 5 storied building-800sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally 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. **Zarobyanyan str.**, /parallel to Baghramyan str./, 2 storied building, 600 sqm. ground floor- hall and kitchen, 1st floor 5 rooms, bathroom, open balcony, capitally repaired, gas, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable.
- ♦1462. **Teryan str.**, 3 storied building, 800 sq.m., capitally repaired, AC, parking, Price: 10.000 USD.
- ♦1945. **Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1, 2, 140sq.m., window glasses, capitally repaired, AC. Price: 8000 USD
- ♦1943. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m., 1st line, capitally repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 7000 USD
- ♦1868. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m., 1st line, facade-55m., capitally repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: 15.000 USD.
- ♦2087. **Northern ave.**, Ground floor of the building, 100sq.m, 1st line, zero level, capitally repaired, window glasses. Price: Negotiable.

Turkey Still Haunted by Genocide A Hundred Years Later



*By Harut
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Every time that the Armenian Genocide is mentioned anywhere in the world, Turkish officials protest hysterically like children caught with the hand in the cookie jar!

The Turkish leaders' psychotic behavior could be explained by their guilty conscience, despite public protestations of innocence, knowing full well that their ancestors did indeed commit one of the most heinous crimes in the annals of history -- genocide!

Last week, the world witnessed yet another manifestation of Turkish temper tantrums when the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, despite heavy-handed pressure from the Ankara regime and its highly compensated lobbying firms, adopted Resolution 410 on the Armenian Genocide with a 12 to 5 vote. This is the first time in a quarter century that this body has approved such a Resolution.

Even though the Turkish government is amid all sorts of turmoil at home and abroad, officials in Ankara made the Senate Genocide Resolution their top priority. For a few days, Prime Minister Erdogan set aside his despotic moves against facebook, YouTube, and Twitter to hide his and several ministers' multi-million dollar money laundering and bribery schemes. He also ignored revelations of secretly taped conversations during which Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu and other high ranking officials were plotting to orchestrate attacks on Turkey from across the border, which would then be used as a pretext to attack Syria in support of jihadist terrorists who are unsuccessfully battling the Assad regime.

The Turkish diatribe against the Senate action included Davutoglu's warning that "Turkey would not remain silent" if the Armenian Genocide Resolution goes from Committee to the full Senate. The

Turkish Foreign Ministry issued an even harsher reaction, accusing the Committee of "exceeding its authority and responsibility." Davutoglu rushed to call Secretary of State John Kerry urging him to prevent passage of the Resolution.

Also getting into the act was Parliament Speaker Cemil Cicek, calling the Armenian issue a "burden" in American-Turkish relations. A commentator for the widely circulated Hurriyet newspaper noted that the Genocide Resolution would raise the blood pressure in Ankara! Former Turkish Ambassador Omer Engin Lutem chimed in acknowledging that Turkey is "forced to expand a great deal of effort in order to prevent the passing of such Resolutions," not to mention the millions of dollars spent on lobbying firms each year!

Pro-Erdogan newspapers even resorted to publishing falsehoods about the Genocide Resolution by claiming that the measure is no longer valid since it was not adopted by the full Senate before April 24 or that the Resolution was meaningless because House Speaker John Boehner announced in Ankara that he would not allow the House version to come to the floor. Of course, both these claims are false, as the House and Senate versions are not part of a joint Resolution and can be adopted separately by either chamber later in the year.

Armenian-American voters should do everything possible to prevent the re-election of Cong. Boehner in November. Similarly, the Armenian community should oppose those Senators who shamefully voted against this Resolution, even after Sen. Menendez removed several clauses to accommodate the opponents. The five Republican Senators who voted against are: John Barrasso (WY), Bob Corker (TN), Jeff Flake (AZ), Ron Johnson (WI), and James Risch (ID). On the other hand, Armenian-Americans should strongly support the 12 Senators who voted in favor of the Armenian Genocide Resolution:

Chairman Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Benjamin Cardin (D-MD), Christopher Coons (D-DE), Richard Durbin (D-IL), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Edward Markey (D-MA), John McCain (R-AZ), Chris Murphy (D-CT), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), and Tom Udall (D-NM).

One of the unexpected consequences of the Resolution was the deepening rift between two formidable forces in Turkey -- Prime Minister Erdogan and the influential Islamic cleric Fethullah Gulen. Erdogan accused Gulen supporters of siding with "the Armenian lobby" by contributing close to \$10,000 to Sen. Menendez's campaign. The Turkic American Alliance (TAA) refuted Erdogan's accusations, stating that the group has "always expressed its displeasure to Menendez over resolutions that upset Turks and Azerbaijanis." TAA officials promised to sue Turkish journalists for claiming that their organization supported the Armenian Resolution.

A final thought: contrary to public impression, the primary objective of introducing Armenian Genocide resolutions is not to attain genocide recognition which has already been accomplished several times: US government's official report to the World Court in 1951, Pres. Reagan's 1981 Proclamation, and House Resolutions in 1975 and 1984. These Resolutions simply serve as a convenient tool to keep the Armenian Genocide a burning issue and focus media attention on the Armenian Cause. Furthermore, the Resolutions routinely create total panic in Ankara due to Turkish officials' hysterical reaction. The Turkish government also wastes tens of millions of dollars each year to counter Resolutions which merely express the "sense of Congress."

Armenian efforts to pass such Resolutions are a form of retribution against successive Turkish governments for not coming to terms with the skeletons in their closet.

Several News from Armenia's Leading Telecom Operator: Non-Stop Support to Art, Students, the Elderly, Border Villages and the National Identity Preservation

VivaCell-MTS continues supporting the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia

The long road of formation always seems easier when it is accompanied by faithful, supporting partners. Since 2010 such kind of friend for the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia (SYOA) headed by the artistic director and principal conductor Sergey Smbatyan, has been the General Partner of the orchestra, Armenia's Leading Telecommunications Operator VivaCell-MTS.

At a joint press conference presided by VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian** and the Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the SYOA **Sergey Smbatyan**, the orchestra's achievements, implemented projects, as well as plans for the current year were introduced.

"In the face of the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia today our country has an established ensemble with a constant wide audience. These musicians have participated in various festivals and have accumulated significant experience; they have created a large repertoire which incorporates works from different periods and styles. VivaCell-MTS is going to continue supporting the orchestra in the process of succession of generations and transmission of rich musical traditions", VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian** said.

"We are extremely happy to see that our work is appreciated: young musicians constantly feel the so much-needed support. We are going to continue working hard with the same enthusiasm; honorably presenting the traditions of the Armenian performing school abroad ...", mentioned the Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia **Sergey Smbatyan**.

The conference began with a surprise flash mob: the Orchestra performed the VivaCell-MTS jingle.

Thanks to the support of VivaCell-MTS, the orchestra has been given the opportunity of cooperation with world-renowned masters of modern music world and presentation of the achievements of the Armenian performing arts' school both in Armenia and far beyond its borders. Due to this collaboration numerous innovative projects have been born. Particularly, a series of concerts entitled Hollywood Non-Stop was implemented. Within the framework of this project the audience was presented sound tracks of well-known Hollywood movies.

As The Highlights has already informed its readers, March 17 through 24, VivaCell-MTS sponsored another foreign tour of the orchestra. Thanks to the partner, the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia performed in Lebanon as the official orchestra of the Al Bustan International Festival. It is noteworthy that for the first time in the 20-year history of the festival its official representative was an Armenian orchestra. During the festival together with world-renowned

to cover the entire tuition fee to 200 more students from different universities. This project that supports first and second year students with special needs, orphans and/or those from needy families was launched 4 years ago. During this period VivaCell-MTS has allocated more than AMD 349 million with 500 students having already benefited from the project.

"In some cases, the reward of investments is evident. The education sector is not subject to these rules. Moreover, it requires major investments and much patience. Supporting long-term projects is especially important for the prosperity of the country and the success of future generations. We encourage students to develop and fully use their intellectual potential. For VivaCell-MTS caring is integrated into the corporate culture," said VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian**.

This unique scholarship aims at providing these students with a supported access to university education by covering their tuition fees during the whole period of their study without worrying about how to cover the education expenses. It will help boost their educational attainment and improve their social and psychological conditions.

The Elderly Under the Watchful Eye of Orran and VivaCell MTS

From the day it was founded in the year 2000, Orran has embraced hundreds of elderly providing them a safe and warm haven. At Orran, the elderly receive a daily hot meal, enjoy their leisure time and find spiritual enrichment.

Because they share the same vision, for the last seven years, Orran has joined hands with VivaCell-MTS. With this partnership, Orran has been able to successfully carry out its mission of helping families in need and assist hundreds of children who have found themselves or were at the dangerous threshold of finding themselves on the streets. The children have been provided with food, social, medical and psychological services, vocational training and care without which it is difficult to imagine their future.

Orran's friends are all over the world, among them are renowned vocal artist **Serj Tankian** and his wife **Angela Madatyan**. Because of their generous donation Orran in the month of February was able to start an elderly soup kitchen program

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musicians **Mario Stefano Pietrodarchi**, **Gianluca Marciano**, **Antonio Meneses** and many others the Youth orchestra presented a concert program including a selection of the best classical pieces. All the concerts had unprecedented success both among the audience and the music critics. The events were widely covered by the media and received many positive reviews.

Undoubtedly, with the support of its General Partner - VivaCell-MTS, the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia will continue presenting lots of interesting projects to its devoted audience.

VivaCell-MTS covers the tuition fee for already 500 students

Armenia's leading telecommunications operator supports education for students from socially vulnerable groups in Armenia.

VivaCell-MTS continues the "Education Fund" project. This year the Company has allocated AMD 180 million

"The Chaykovsky School Alumni Have Always Been Pride of Armenia Abroad..."

75th anniversary of the Tchaikovsky Specialized Music High School establishment celebrated



By **Gourgen James Khazhakian**
Chief Correspondent

... This author strongly believes it would not be a big exaggeration to say that a solemn event/concert held in the Saturday April 19 evening at the *Aram Khachaturian* Big Hall has become, as it used to say yet a quarter century ago, a real "all-national fete". So they were celebrating 75th anniversary of the establishment of *Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky* Specialized Music High School.

...It is difficult to find in Armenia and among world-spread Armenians more or less known musician who is not a Tchaikovsky School alumnus; among them are People's Artists of Armenia Professors *Edward Tadevosyan, Rouben Aharonyan, Jean Ter-Merkeryan, Medea Abrahamyan* and some others who conquered the most prestigious world stages, their younger followers such as, for instance, gifted composer Hayko. And, most probably, the most important thing here is that today as well Tchaikovsky School remains a real forge of the talents. ...As in his letter dated back 1977 and addressed School Principal Tatyana Hayrapetyan the Great Aram Khachaturyan wrote, "...I am happy that in my native Yerevan there is a such forge of musicians..."

Yours truly (and everybody in the Concert Hall) has got confident on such a statement when heard the School Anthem which opened the Event and written by a mere 16 year old *Alexander Haroutyunyan*, a student at the school. Hopefully, a junior bearing name of the great Armenian composer People's Artist of the Soviet Union Alexander Haroutyunyan of the blessed memory will turn worthy follower of his glorious art.

... For near 50 (!) years the School was headed and led by Merited Teacher of Armenia, Holder of "The Sign of the Honor" Order *Tatyana Bagratovna Hayrapetyan*, or simply - *Tatyana Bagratovna*, who studied in 1940s in Moscow Conservatory being a classmate for Arno *Babajanyan, Edward Mirzoyan, Adam Khudoyan* and a bunch of other future geniuses, and was taught by the Great Aram Ilyich Khachaturian, the founder of the Armenian violin school *Avet Gabrielyan*, famous *Yakov Rabinovich*...

And now, every single day, T.B. Hayrapetyan comes to the School, more exactly - native **Home**, to teach violin play to the next generation - who could count exactly that generation's number?- of the

Armenian gifted kids.

So it was not mere a coincidence that the whole jam-packed Hall including those in the Government box, - the First Lady *Rita A. Sargsyan*, Minister of Defence *Seyran Ohanyan* and his spouse

(IFESCCO) Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary *Armen Smbatyan* (a younger son to T.B.Hayrapetyan) were applauding standing to the Leader and the Driving Force of the Tchaikovsky School, Tatyana Bagratovna Hayrapetyan.



Gorgeous and multilingual Anna Avanesyan



Sergey Smbatyan and the soloist Andranik Aghajanyan, 13



From left to right: Armen Smbatyan, Hasmik Poghosyan, First Lady Rita Sargsyan, Seyran Ohanyan and Rouzanna Ohanyan



Tatyana Bagratovna Hayrapetyan



Rouzanna Khachatryan-Ohanyan, Minister of Culture *Hasmik Poghosyan* and Executive Director of the CIS Interstate Humanitarian Cooperation Foundation

As it was noted in the Congratulatory Remarks by the newly-appointed PM of Armenia *Hovik Abrahamyan* read by Mrs Poghosyan, "...The contribution of the

*Tchaykovsky Music School in the aesthetic education in Armenia as well as in continuing traditions of the millenia-old Armenian culture is huge and really invaluable...75th anniversary of the School has become undoubtedly an important event in the cultural life of the entire country...". As Professor **Shahen Shahinyan**, Rector of the Yerevan State Conservatory after Komitas, a Tchaykovsky School alumnus himself, said in his congratulatory words, most probably, "our School is the only school, world-spread alumni of which, talking to each other, asking first of all: are you vis-*

Under baton of conductor Merited Artist of Armenia **Rouben Asatryan** the Orchestra performed works by **Haydn, Komitas**, a very interesting arrangement of fiery "Lezginka" from "Gayaneh" Ballet by **Khachaturian**, other classics at the amazing level.

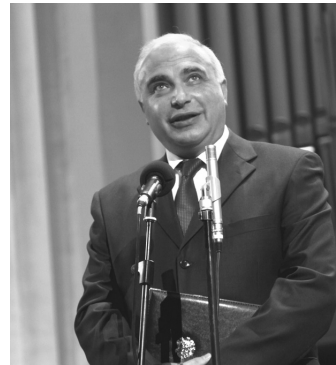
A piece for Xilophone and the Orchestra was received by the listeners with a special interest.

And under baton of the Founding Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the State Youth Orchestra (which, according to some of speakers, "is the only in the world State Youth Orchestra"),

in the years the School has been supported by the state, in particular, via the First Lady of Armenia Rita Sargsyan.

Interestingly, recently a choir has been established in the School with support of the First Lady of Armenia Rita Sargsyan, and that evening the Choir (accompanied by Orchestra led by Sergey Smbatyan) performed "God Angels", - a new song authored by Mrs Sargsyan for the Intl Autism Awareness Day marked in Armenia on April 2. There is no special need to say that this touching song was received by the audience very warmly.

However, not only classical music is



Shahen Shahinyan



"God Angels" performed

iting our School?!"

Mr Shahinyan ensured School today's students, - the Orchestra members and the soloists at the stage as well as those in the Hall that "the doors of the Conservatory are widely open for them", and specifically emphasized that Seyran Ohanyan, in Shahinyan's words, "the Head of the most important for Armenia Ministry" (i.e. of Defence) has also been supporting them, - in particular, by providing yo-ung graduates of the School with an opportunity to fulfill their military duty before the Motherland by serving in military orchestras.

Handing the Armenian Ministry of Culture's Gold Medal to the Tchaykovsky School incumbent Principal **Martoun Kostanyan**, Minister Poghosyan emphasized that the Award belonged (first of all-**G.Kh.**) to the fmr Principals of the School in the person of Tatyana Hayrapetyan. (And that was right here, as yours truly has mentioned above, the entire audience made a standing ovation to Mrs Hayrapetyan).

"...Overcoming various difficulties, the School students has always been pride of Armenia at the most prestigious world stages", concluded Hasmik Poghosyan.



being performed by the School students - a couple of years ago a jazz band has been established there, and by the nice performances of "Don't Worry, Be Happy" by **Bobby McFerrin**, "Soul Bossa Nova" by **Quincy Jones**, and, indeed, evergreen pieces by Maestro **Konstantin Orbelyan** such as "Dilijan" and especially - "My Yerevan" the band conducted by an alumnus of the School, cuurrently- Head of the State Jazz Orchestra of Armenia Merited Art Worker **Armen Hyusnunts** really blasted the audience.

(Here we believe it is a proper thing to praise frequent anchor of such big events **Anna Avanesyan**, who, besides having good scenic look/behavior, has been distinguished by her high cultural level and language skills - Armenian, Russian, English and French).

...Well, thank you for your being, the Tchaykovsky Music School, a forge of Armenian talents.

an alumnus of the School **Sergey Smbatyan** (who is a grandson of Tatyana Bagratovna and her noble work continuer) the Tchaykovsky School Orchestra performed First Part of Haydn's Concert for Cello with the soloist 13 year old **Andranik Aghajanyan**.

It was specially emphasized that with-

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Several News from Armenia's Leading Telecom Operator: Non-Stop Support to Art, Students, the Elderly, Border Villages and the National Identity Preservation

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for 30 needy elderly in its center in Vanadzor.

On April 14, Orran and -VivaCell-MTS organized a concert, this time with the participation of the elderly of Orran. The concert called Let Springs Come and Not Go took place at the Mher Mkrtchyan Theater. The participants were greeted by Mr **Ralph Yirikian**, General Manager of VivaCell-MTS and Mr **John Heffern**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America. The repertoire for the concert included songs with lyrics by famous poets, folk songs, pop music from the 80s and piano performances.

"There is no present or future without the past. It is you who made today possible. Our parents and grandparents are the blessing that keeps us always believing that "Giving" is a great value. Through the eyes of our elderly people we see our history and achievements as a Nation. We cherish every moment with you as being a valuable lesson for us to grow stronger and wiser." VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian said.

Orran welcomes VivaCell MTS's assistance within its corporate social responsibility policy in helping Orran to realize some of its major projects. The success of this partnership comes to provide a great service to the public at large.

Decent Housing conditions for another 25 families

VivaCell-MTS and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia continue partnership to bring decent housing to 25 more families in need

VivaCell-MTS and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia joined in a home build in the borderline village of Vazashen, Tavush Region to mark the official launch of the new project sponsored by VivaCell-MTS addressed to assisting 25 low income families from bordering villages of Tavush and Armavir regions to build and renovate their homes.

Today Armenia's bordering villages face critical challenges, such as the need for decent housing, the lack of jobs, which, in its turn brings forth emigration, low natural reproduction that threatens the existence of these villages. The problem is vital both for security reasons and for the overall economy of the country. To provide assistance, to lessen critical challenges the bordering villages face and to make the borderline areas of Armenia a place to live and raise a family VivaCell-MTS makes an investment of 55 million AMD and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia undertakes the implementation of a new program through which 10 fami-

lies from bordering villages will be assisted to complete their half-built homes and 15 will be assisted to renovate their homes.

The partnership between VivaCell-MTS and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia team goes back to 2007 and has fruitful outcomes. Already 25 families in Armenia enjoy the happiness of decent housing with the help and dedication of VivaCell-MTS. Through this long and fruitful partnership VivaCell-MTS makes a secure social investment in the protection and development of Armenian communities becoming part of the mission of

selves are a part of. Through the generous support of VivaCell-MTS 25 families from bordering villages will have better housing condition. Instead of thinking of emigrating from Armenia in search of better standards of living they will remain in their homes and foster the security of the country borders", shared the President of the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia Ashot Yeghiazaryan.

Good Friday is a non-working day for VivaCell-MTS employees

VivaCell-MTS informed that traditionally Good Friday is a non-working day in the Company. The Good Friday is celebrated on April 18 this year.

The Palm Sunday was celebrated on April 13 in 2014, starting the Holy week before the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Christ.

The Holy Thursday, devoted to the Last Supper, this year will be celebrated on April 17. This evening starts with a solemn service, which is an introduction to the Good Friday, and symbolizes Jesus Christ's crucifixion.

On the Good Friday, the Service of the Crucifixion is held during the day. Upon the completion of the evening prayer service, a Burial Service is performed, when Jesus Christ's symbolic tomb, decorated with flowers and tree shoots, is processed around the church.

On Sunday, April 20, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with a solemn Divine Liturgy. The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of the Christian faith and symbolizes the victory of life and light over death and darkness. Also called Zatik in Armenian, it means severance, separation, liberation from sins and the return to

God. The Easter is one of the five major feasts of the Armenian Church.

The Holy Saturday, called the Candlelight Easter, symbolizes the destruction of the hell and the liberation of the righteous souls. With the Holy Saturday Liturgy, we start the celebration of Easter welcoming each other with "Christ has risen from the dead" and receiving the answer: "Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ."

Our devotion to the Armenian identity, and Armenia, the cradle of Christianity, makes us strive to preserve, as well as publicly propagate the feasts and commemoration days of our Nation's religion.

VivaCell-MTS Service Centers will be fully operational throughout Friday, at their regular hours. VivaCell-MTS Call Center remained at 24-hour operation.



eliminating poverty housing in Armenia through a striking example of corporate social responsibility.

"Our people on the borders are our country's shield, and it is our duty to give them a helping hand for a better living. Every stone we build here, every roof we enhance is a strong armor for our country. Together with Fuller Center for Housing Armenia, we will help these people realize their dream - finish their homes and raise their children in safe and decent conditions", VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian stated.

"The productivity of the partnership with VivaCell-MTS has been proved through the experience of many years, through the real difference made in the lives of many Armenian families. This is a unique partnership based on corporate social responsibility towards the communities, the families who are living side by side with us in a community that we our-

Armenian Bar Association urges Suffolk University to disinvite Genocide denier

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Genocide and has refused to publicly acknowledge that the acts committed against the Armenians were genocide. When the New England area director of the ADL opposed Mr. Foxman's revisionist position, the truth-talker was promptly fired by Mr. Foxman, sending a chilling message of retaliation to those who dare to oppose his reprehensible position.

By trying to squash and distort both historical facts and the Armenian past, thus trying to crush our right to heal and to recover (as the Holocaust survivors were rightfully allowed to do), Mr. Foxman has not elevated the Jewish mantle of righteousness. He has, instead, besmirched the martyrdom, sacrifice, and ultimate resilience of his own people's remarkable character.

Mr. Foxman's statement and actions fly in the face of Polish-Jewish legal scholar Raphael Lemkin, who coined the word "genocide" for the purpose of describing the systematic annihilation of the Armenian population of the Ottoman Empire between 1915-1923. Mr. Foxman's statements and actions are betrayed by the accounts of Henry Morgenthau, Sr., a Jewish-American and the United States Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, who through his memoirs chronicled the clear intent and motive of the perpetrators of the Armenian Genocide.

Mr. Foxman's statements and actions are an abomination to truth and decency and are the welcome tool of the denialist Turkey's angst and indigestion against the uniform findings of hundreds of genocide scholars who have concluded that what was wrought upon the Armenians was genocide.

Finally, it is a stark contradiction to the United States Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, which just this week passed Senate Foreign Relations Committee Resolution 410 calling on the United States Senate to recognize the Armenian Genocide and make its historical fact an essential part of US foreign policy.

Continued persecution of Armenians continues to occur today.



Within the last several weeks, the international community has witnessed attacks by heavily armed forces who were granted passage and crossed the border from Turkey, attacking the Armenian community of Kessab in Syria, and unleashing a barrage of death and destruction in their path. They drove 2,500 Armenian inhabitants from their homes with only the clothes on their backs. Yet again, Armenians once more are forcibly displaced from the communities where they have lived for millennia.

We are outraged at the thought that a genocide denier or relativizer - which is as offensive as an outright denial - like Mr. Foxman, is being pegged for recognition and honor by your university. In deciding to do so, you have already insulted our ancestors' dignity and memory. Failing to correct this morally-bereft act will only serve to encourage and condone acts of historical revisionism, which have no place in an institute of higher learning, even if, and especially when done so in the misplaced name of academic freedom.

Therefore, we urge you to take the high road and withdraw the conferment of the honorary Juris Doctorate degree on Mr. Foxman, and we call on you to replace him as your commencement speaker on May 17th, 2014, at your university's law school."

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West Hollywood annual resolution commemorates Armenian Genocide



The City Council of the City of West Hollywood at its meeting on Monday, April 7, recognized the victims of the Armenian Genocide and the efforts of the Armenian-American community by adopting an annual Resolution commemorating April 24th as the day of Remembrance. The City of West Hollywood Resolution, adopted annually for over eight years is intended to raise awareness of the Armenian Genocide. The City Council resolved to commemorate victims of the Armenian Genocide and to condemn mass atrocities and human rights violations against Armenians and all people victimized by genocide and other crimes against humanity. On Thursday, April 24, West Hollywood's city flags will be lowered to half-mast at public facilities throughout the city, Asbarez reports.

West Hollywood Councilmember Jeffrey Prang has been instrumental in his leadership, along with the unanimous support of the City Council, in publicly advocating for the Armenian Cause during his long tenure on the City Council. "In acknowledging the 99th anniversary of the genocide of the Armenian people orchestrated by the Ottoman Empire," said Councilmember Jeffrey Prang, "the City of West Hollywood rededicates itself to the prevention of mass atrocities and to the principles of justice and understanding, which are essential for the promotion of human dignity."

At the City Council meeting, the Resolution was presented to the Southern California Armenian Democrats (SCAD), repre-

sented by board member Taron Serobyany; the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA) Western Region, represented by David George Gevorkyan; and Gevork Nazaryan, UCLA Near East Studies Historian. "The City of West Hollywood has always been at the forefront of standing against inequality and violence; the very reasons that result in crimes against humanity and genocides We thank the City of West Hollywood for its strong position on preventing inequality, hate, and denial," said Taron Serobyany. Near East Studies Historian Gevork Nazaryan stated that "The City of West Hollywood serves as a prime example of protecting truth and justice in history and how that benefits society." Representing the Armenian National Committee of America, David George Gevorkyan thanked the City of West Hollywood for "always going above and beyond municipal services, public safety, and community health and wellbeing. West Hollywood shows how small communities can impact the world and protect future generations."

"The legacy of the Armenian Genocide is woven into the fabric of America and is an important point in world history. It must not be forgotten," said Councilmember John J. Duran, a civil rights attorney. "Sharing such tragic events with generations to come will not only help prevent a repeat occurrence in the future, but will also keep alive the memory of those lost." An excerpt of the Resolution states: "Whereas, over one and a half million Armenians suffered mass atrocities and survivors displaced from their homeland of over 3,000 years...the City of West Hollywood is committed to ensuring that justice and equality is attained for all people and that those who die due to human rights atrocities are never forgotten."

The City of West Hollywood publicly issued a statement announcing that "Each year around the world, governments commemorate Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day on April 24. This year will mark the 99th anniversary of the date in 1915 when Turkish Ottoman authorities ordered the rounding up and detention of hundreds of Armenian intellectual leaders, civic leaders, writers, priests, teachers, and doctors. What followed between 1915 and 1923 was an organized campaign of deportation, expropriation, conscription, starvation, and other atrocities that resulted in the deaths of more than 1.5 million Armenians.

Armenian Study Center reopens at Bucharest University



Acting Minister of Education and Science Armen Ashotyan received the

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania to Armenia Sorin Vasile. Mr. Ashotyan attached importance to Armenian-Romanian educational cooperation and stressed that the two enjoy successful cooperation in the field of higher education.

The Armenian Acting Minister hailed the reopening of the Armenian Studies Center at the Bucharest University with the support of the Romanian side. He suggested implementing joint programs within the framework of bilateral cooperation.

Attaching importance to the cooperation between the two countries in the fields of education and culture, Ambassador Vasile stressed the fact of existence of the Armenian community in Romania for over 800 years. The Ambassador stressed he's ready to support any initiative of the Armenian side.

During the meeting the parties discussed the implementation of a joint scientific project to study the Armenian cultural legacy in Romania. Reference was made to inter-university exchange programs.

Zodiac Weekly Forecast

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

Please read the lead paragraph on the "home" page. You will be tap-dancing really fast to stay out of the fray. You know you don't want to get tangled in it, but others may be attempting to reel you in. You know clearly where boundaries should be drawn. The best of verbal warriors is concise and says what is needed, but no more.

Taurus (Apr. 20--May 19):

The sun returns "home" to your sign this week. You likely will find it to be energizing. Now is the time to focus on new plans for this next year of your life. Take a fresh look at where you want to direct your energy. Use this month to let go of past hurts and take a deep breath of healing energy.

Gemini (May 20 -- June 20) :

This looks like a week in which you really want to say your piece, but you have a sense that would be a bad idea. Agreed if you feel so upset that you can't present your case with compassion. But if you give attention to everyone's feelings and present it tactfully, you could accomplish an improvement

Cancer (June 21--July 21) :

It is imperative that you stand in your personal truth during this spring. There are pulls and tugs all around you from powerful voices, demanding your service or attention. When you become fatigued, you must say no and retreat into your shell to recover. Many of you will be campaigning to right a travesty in your personal arenas.

Leo (July 22 --Aug. 21):

Your general attention is shifting for the next month into the arena of your career and overall life direction. Whatever you have created thus far will be noticed and perhaps applauded. As a talented leader, you may attract an invitation to manage an upcoming project.

Virgo (Aug 22--Sep. 22) :

You may be feeling irritable and a little nervous. You can't be sure whether someone significant in your life is really telling you the truth or treating you honestly. The probability is that there is some sort of deception present. Take good care of yourself.

Libra (Sep. 23--Oct. 22)

During this period you will likely find yourself in various time bind situations that demand your attention. If the pressure is too much your body may break down. Mars is retrograding in your sign. You may be harboring a secret that adds to the stress level of everyday life.

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

It is possible that you feel trapped in a situation with no place to go. Keep your nose clean and your mouth shut. You are in a setup that could create explosive circumstances. Do not take the role of the critic, lest you lose something precious. In time you will break free, but you cannot force it now.

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

You have the desire to become the best you can be. You want wisdom, respect, and the good for everyone in your life. However, something drags you backward and hangs upon you like a leaden sack. It is something you would rather not admit that keeps you in an uncomfortable place. For some it could be financial, for others fear of controversy.

Capricorn (Dec 21 -- Jan 19) :

You are prone to overreact to anything that is in your way. Make an effort to stop and really think about it before indicting anyone. Search for compromising point of view that is strong enough to contain both you and your opponent's belief systems. Together you could create something much better than you can apart.

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

This is a great week for a getaway. Do something novel, even if you don't leave home. Your mind is open to whatever seems fresh and unique. A surprise may occur related to a roommate, neighbor or a sibling. If you cannot get out of Dodge this week, then begin plans for a getaway in the near future.

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

You may be feeling vague and unclear about your financial picture this spring. It is possible that an unexpected expense has developed this month and you may be working at plugging that hole. Love and creative life feels good and it is healing an old wound.

ARMENIAN POETRY

SIAMANTO (1878-1915)

PRAYER

THE swans, in discouragement, have migrated
from the poisonous lakes this evening,
And sad sisters dream of brothers under
the prison walls.
Battles have ended on the blossoming
fields of lilies,
And fair women follow coffins from
underground passages,
And sing, with heads bowed down
towards the ground.
Oh, make haste! Our aching bodies are
frozen in these pitiless glooms.
Make haste towards the chapel, where
life will be more merciful,
The chapel of the graveyard where our
brother sleeps!
An orphan swan is suffering within my
soul,
And there, over newly-buried bodies,
It rains blood-it pours from mine eyes.
A crowd of cripples pass along the paths
of my heart,
And with them pass barefooted blind
men,
In the divine hope of meeting some one
in prayer.
And the red dogs of the desert howled
all one night,
After hopelessly moaning over the sands
For some unknown, incomprehensible
grief.
And the storm of my thoughts ceased
with the rain;
The waves were cruelly imprisoned
under the frozen waters;
The leaves of huge oaks, like wounded
birds,
Dropped with cries of anguish.
And the dark night was deserted, like
the vast infinite;
And, with the lonely and bloody moon,
Like a myriad motionless marble statues,
All the dead bodies of our earth arose to
pray for one another.
Translation by Alice Stone Blackwell

WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?**Enjoy your leisure****24 April**

19:00. Mozart: Requiem. Concert in Memory of the Victims of 1915 Armenian Genocide. Anna Segal: Collage to Sergei Paradjanov" for Symphony Orchestra and Narrator World Premiere Dedicated to the Armenian Philharmonic Orchestra. Proceeds from the concert will be directed at the Kesab Armenians' Relief Fund. Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall
 16:00 Armenian Genocide. Commemoration Through The Spirit of Art Naregatsi Art Institute
 19:00. Shekhonts Mihran. Author: M. Kheranyan Hamazgayin Theatre
 19:00. Yearning. Dedicated to Henrik Malyan's memory Henrik Malyan Theatre
 19:00. Operation Nemesis H. Tumanyan State Puppet Theatre
 19:30. The Beauified Project . In Memory of the victims 24 April
 21:00. Jazz Trio (Soloist Aghvan) Malkhas Jazz Club
 21:00. Eduard Zorikyan. Stop Music Club
 21:30. Vostan Hayots. Mezzo Classic House Club

25 April

19:00. A Hundred Years Later. Author: Perch Zeytuntsyan. Drama. Staging: Tigran Gasparyan. National Academic Theater after G. Sundukyan
 16:00. Vocal Music Concert Naregatsi Art Institute
 19:00. Contempt. Alberto Moravia. Psychological drama in one act Educational Theater of State Institute Of Theater And Cinematography
 19:00. A Hundrer Years Later. Author: Perch Zeytuntsyan. Drama G. Sundukian National Academic Theatre
 19:00. Victims of Love. Comedy in 2 acts. Author: Vyacheslav Kobayakov H. Paronyan State Theatre of Musical Comedy
 19:00. Everything for Sale. A. Ostrovsky K. Stanislavski State Russian Drama Theatre
 21:00. Sonet Band Stop Music Club
 21:00. Arabian Night Kami Club
 21:30. Imagine Band Mezzo Classic House Club

26 April

19:00. Spartacus. Aram Khachaturian.

Ballet in 3 acts. Musical Director and Principal Conductor of the Theater: Honoured Artist of Armenia, Karen Durgaryan Chief ballet master: People's Artist of Armenia, Rudolf Kharatian. National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian

19:00. NCOA & Federico Mondelci. National Chamber Orchestra of Armenia Artistic Director and Principal Conductor: Vahan Mardirossian Federico Mondelcii, saxophone /Italy/. Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall

19:00. The Forty Days of Musa Dagh. Author: Franz Werfel Heroic novel, 2 acts Staging: Armen Elbakyan. National Academic Theater after G. Sundukyan
 12:30 14:00 15:30 The Adventures of Buratino. Alexei Tolstoy. Play for kids Yerevan State Marionette Theatre
 13:00. The Wolf and Seven Goatlings. Play for kids K. Stanislavski State Russian Drama Theatre

14:00. Beauty and the Beast. French folk tale. Children's Musical Fun Show The State Musical Chamber Theatre

17:00. Kanon Solo Concert. Tatev Avjyan Naregatsi Art Institute

18:00 Golden Chicken. Author: Vladimir Orlov. Play for kids H. Tumanyan State Puppet Theatre

19:00. A Goat's Tale. Folk Tale. Comedy in one act Educational Theater of State Institute Of Theater And Cinematography

19:00. The Forty Days of Musa Dagh. Author: Franz Werfel. Heroic novel in 2 acts G. Sundukian National Academic Theatre

19:00. The Owner of Our House. Comedy in 2 acts H. Paronyan State Theatre of Musical Comedy

19:00. Like Gods. Yuri Polyakov K. Stanislavski State Russian Drama Theatre

19:00. Memoirs of a Madman. Nikolai Gogol N.C.A. Small Theatre

19:30. Commemoration: Along A Light Path Naregatsi Art Institute

21:00. Group Fiesta (Soloist Sona) Malkhas Jazz Club

21:30. Hayway Band Mezzo Classic House Club

27 April

19:00. Gravity. Gravity Dance show Participants: Jacqueline Sarkhoshyan Rouben Muradyan Artur Gevorgyan Ballet Troupe of Opera and Ballet National

Academic Theater Dream Music: Eduard Hambartsoumyan Libretto and staging: Jacqueline Sarkhoshyan Sand animation: Manana Navasardyan /MagneticArt/ Modern Views Dance performances. National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian

19:00. "Zartonk" presents: Folk Music Evening. With the participation of: Gohar Hovhannisyana Sona Shahgeldyan, Eva Tashchyan, Elinar Avetisyan, Vardan Badalyan, Mavr Mkrtchyan, Armen Davtyan

As well as: State Orchestra of Armenian National Instruments, Artistic Director and Principal Conductor: Honoured Artist of Armenia, Prof. Norayr Davtyan. The evening will be hosted by RA Honored Artist, Sarkis Najaryan. Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall
 19:00. Folk Music Evening Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall
 19:00. Gravity. Dance show Alexander Spendiaryan State Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre

19:00. Physiology of Race. Author: A. Aivazyan. Tragicomedy Henrik Malyan Theatre

19:00. Eastern Dentist. Operette in 2 acts Paronyan State Theatre of Musical Comedy

19:00. Khanuma. A. Tsagareli K. Stanislavski State Russian Drama Theatre

21:00. Vahagn Hayrapetyan Jazz Trio Malkhas Jazz Club

21:00. Armen Yedigaryan and The Cains Stop Music Club

21:00. Chico & Friends Ulikhanyan Club

21:30. Federico Mondelci Mezzo Classic House Club

28 April

19:00 Foyer Concert. Chamber Music Alexander Spendiaryan State Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre

19:00 Love, Jazz and the Devil. Juozas Grusas. Tragicomedy in one act Educational Theater of State Institute Of Theater And Cinematography
 19:00 Sexual Chaos in the Hotel.

Author: Ray Cooney The State Musical Chamber Theatre

21:00 Group Reminor and Forsh Malkhas Jazz Club

21:30 Nuance Ethno-Jazz Band Mezzo Classic House Club

The Syrian crisis was a result of Assad's wrong economic reforms, analyst says



Every conflict has different layers, and suggesting a common explanation would be simply wrong and restricted, Diaspora Armenian political analyst and journalist, Research Associate at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) of the University of London Vicken Cheterian told reporters in Yerevan.

Presenting details from the Syrian history since 1946, when Syria became

an independent state, Vicken Cheterian noted that "the Syrian authorities develop the opinion that the reactionary forces make attacks because of the anti-Western, anti-Israeli stance of the authorities."

Meanwhile, according to him, the Syrian revolt was a result of President Bashar Al-Assad's wrong economic reforms.

Vicken Cheterian reminded that during the presidency of Bashar Al-Assad's father, Syria grew into a stable state and started to interfere in regional affairs. Meanwhile, under Bashar al-Assad Syria's statehood was destroyed and none of the Syrian forces in struggle believes in the survival of the Syrian statehood.

Speaking about the Kessab, Vicken Cheterian said he does not think the events are connected with the developments in Crimea. The analyst sees a

Turkish factor here. Speaking about the informational component, Vicken Cheterian said the awareness campaign about Kessab was conducted very illiterately. "There are rebel districts near the Armenian districts in Syria, where fighting is underway. The Armenian districts may face the threat of destruction because of the incorrect policy of the Armenian side," the analyst said.

According to his prediction, the struggle will still last long, as it has turned into a platform of clash of different international interests. Cheterian noted also that that Kessab was not the first blow to the Armenian communities. He believes all Armenians should unite to lend a helping hand to Syrian Armenians, and the Armenian state should be ready to support and host representatives of its communities.

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