

# Presidents of Armenia, Azerbaijan Meet In Paris

Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan and his Azerbaijani counterpart Ilham Aliyev on October 27 held their third meeting in less than three months to discuss ways of settling the protracted conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh.

The negotiations between the two South Caucasus leaders took place in Paris upon the initiative of French President Francois Hollande.

The United States, Russian and French co-chairs of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's (OSCE) Minsk Group, Ambassadors James Warlick, Igor Popov and Pierre Andrieu, were also in the French capital to meet with Sargsyan and Aliyev.

The international mediators joined the two presidents after their eye-to-eye meeting, reports said.

Summarizing the results of the talks, a statement issued by the Armenian president's press office said that the participants of the meeting "placed importance on the continuation of dialogue within the framework of the OSCE Minsk Group and efforts to strengthen confidence" in order to achieve progress in the peace talks.

"The absence of an alternative to a peaceful settlement of the conflict was emphasized. Agreement was reached between the parties to continue negotiations at the high level," it added.

Serzh Sargsyan and Aliyev held separate meetings with Hollande earlier on October 27.



At his meeting with the French president, the Armenian head of state, as quoted by his press service, said that Yerevan remained committed to finding a negotiated peace to the Karabakh conflict and

highly appreciated the efforts of the international mediators aimed at "promoting the negotiation process, establishing permanent peace and stability in the region."

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## Germany hopes for Armenian-Turkish reconciliation: Foreign Minister

"We respect Armenia's decision to join the Eurasian Economic Union and hope that it will not hinder the development of relations with the EU," German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said at a joint press conference with Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian.

Touching upon the forthcoming Sargsyan-Aliyev meeting scheduled for October 27 the German FM voiced hope it would mark progress in the process of settlement of the Karabakh conflict.

Edward Nalbandian said, in turn, Armenia is doing its best to achieve a peaceful resolution of the issue, and is ready to move forward on the basis of the statements adopted by the leaders of the co-chairing countries. He added, however, that Azerbaijan has not demonstrated such willingness so far.

As for the Armenian Turkish relations, Minister Steinmeier said Germany hopes for certain signs of reconciliation.

Frank-Walter Steinmeier said Germany's long road to partnership with France after two world wars could serve as an example following the 1915 slaughter and exile of Armenians during World War I.

"When it comes to the bloody history of the 20th century, in which Germany started two world wars, we should not present ourselves as the schoolmasters," he told reporters after talks with his Armenian counterpart Edward Nalbandian in Yerevan. "But we can offer our experience."

He noted that he had also told Turkish leaders earlier this year that Germany and France had worked hard to overcome the



hatred of previous generations.

"After a difficult century, we have reconciled by not keeping silent about our historical responsibility" but by "working through the horrific things that happened," he said.

"If our experience can be helpful, we are ready to offer it," he said, citing youth exchange programs as one initiative that had helped to build bridges. "But that must be decided here."

Nalbandian said Armenia was ready to reduce tensions with Turkey but insisted the ball was in Ankara's court.

"Five years ago, on Armenia's initiative, we started a process that led to the signature of the Zurich protocols - to make the normalization of our relations possible," he said. "But Turkey is not respecting these agreements."

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Hollande also held a meeting with both presidents in the evening.

France, along with the United States and Russia, has for two decades spearheaded international efforts on brokering a peaceful solution to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

Hollande initiated the Paris talks still during his May tour of the South Caucasus that included stops in Baku and Yerevan.

In August, Armenia and Azerbaijan again appeared to be teetering on the edge of renewed hostilities after an unprecedented escalation of violence at the line of contact in Nagorno-Karabakh and along the Armenian-Azerbaijani border proper.

The sides blamed each other for skirmishes and commando raids in which at least two dozen servicemen were killed. The ethnic Armenian military authorities in Karabakh and the Defense Ministry of

Armenia claimed they had managed to give a due rebuttal to Azerbaijani forces.

De-escalation did not happen, however, until the Armenian and Azerbaijani presidents were summoned for a tripartite meeting hosted by their Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, in Sochi on August 10.

Sargsyan and Aliyev met also a month later on the margins of a NATO summit in Newport, Wales, UK. That meeting was organized by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.



## Armenian-French high-level talks in Paris



Armenian and French Presidents Serzh Sargsyan and Francois Hollande held a meeting at the Elysee Palace on October 27. The two Presidents discussed a wide range of issues on the agenda of Armenian-French cooperation, as well as a number of regional and international issues and challenges.

Serzh Sargsyan thanked President Hollande for France's role in the Minsk Group co-chairmanship and for the initiative to host Karabakh talks in Paris.

The interlocutors reiterated that the special Armenian-French relations are an evidence of centuries-old friendship between the Armenian and French peo-

ples based on common values.

Serzh Sargsyan and Francois Hollande hailed the fact that economic ties are actively developing and reinforcing parallel to the high-level political dialogue: the volume of French investments in the Armenian economy makes about \$1 billion.

President Hollande expressed gratitude to Serzh Sargsyan for Armenia's participation in international peacekeeping missions, as well as the willingness of the Armenian side to participate in the actions under the auspices of the UN.

Referring to the process of settlement

of the Karabakh issue, President Sargsyan stressed that Armenia has always stood for the resolution of the conflict exceptionally through peace talks, and expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group and the leaders of co-chairing countries aimed at furthering the negotiation process and establishing peace and stability in the region.

The meeting of the Armenian and French Presidents was followed by negotiations between the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan with the participation of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs.



## Armenia calls Sargsyan-Aliyev meeting 'useful'



Official Yerevan has described the Monday talks on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict settlement between the presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan as "constructive, useful and sincere".

In a statement issued on October 28 Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian also expressed the gratitude of the Armenian side to French President Francois Hollande for hosting the summit in Paris.

"During the past three months it is the third meeting of the presidents on the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh issue,

which shows that the [OSCE Minsk Group] co-chair countries steadfastly continue to make joint efforts on the settlement of the conflict," Nalbandian said, as quoted by the Armenian Foreign Ministry's press office.

The minister also said that President Serzh Sargsyan and his Azerbaijani counterpart Ilham Aliyev discussed a variety of issues on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict settlement and confidence-building measures proposed by Hollande during his tour of the South Caucasus last May.

The French leader reportedly called on the visiting Armenian and Azerbaijani leaders to show "political will" to overcome the differences and prepare their peoples for peace as he hosted their talks in Paris on October 27.

The face-to-face talks between

Sargsyan and Aliyev were followed by discussions in an extended format that also included the French, American and Russian co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group.

The U.S. co-head of the group, James Warlick, positively evaluated the talks afterwards. "I think the presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan agree the Paris summit was a positive step. Thanks to Francois Hollande," he wrote on his Twitter account on October 28.

The new round of Armenian-Azerbaijani negotiations follows an unprecedented escalation of violence in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone observed in early August. At least 20 troops were reportedly killed in ceasefire violations that the parties to the conflict blamed on each other.

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## Tsarukyan signals caution in anti-government campaign

Gagik Tsarukyan avoided demanding President Serzh Sargsyan's resignation or snap elections on October 24 as his Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP) and two other major opposition groups again rallied tens of thousands of supporters in Yerevan.

Tsarukyan made clear that their ongoing anti-government campaign will not turn into nonstop street protests for the time being. "I'm declaring today that there will be no sit-ins until our trio reaches an agreement," he told a large crowd that gathered in the city's Liberty Square. "If there is a need for that there will be a sit-in. We will discuss that issue at the next rally."

The tycoon stressed that "haste won't lead to success." He argued that Serzh Sargsyan has already made a concession to the opposition by deciding to "delay" controversial plans to amend the Armenian constitution.

Neither Tsarukyan nor the other speakers announced dates for the next rally to be held by the PAP and its more radical opposition allies, the Armenian National Congress (ANC) and the Zharangutyun (Heritage) party.

The ANC leader Levon Ter-Petrosian insisted that the ultimate aim of the three parties is to force Armenia's current leadership to resign and call fresh presidential and parliamentary elections. His right-hand man, Levon Zurabyan, declared earlier this month that Serzh Sargsyan should negotiate his exit from power or face a "wave of civil disobedience."

Tsarukyan, whose party is larger than the ANC and Heritage, spoke more ambiguously about the trio's goals, however. "We must break up the political monopoly established in the country," he said. "The path to [achieving] that is clear: seek to ensure, within a very short period of time, amendments to the Electoral Code abolishing the single-mandate system [of electing parliament deputies] and contest elections. This would allow us to spare the country upheavals, avoid [Ukrainian-style] Maydans and start jointly solving extremely serious problems facing the country."

"But if the authorities continue to ignore and reject the legitimate demands of the popular movement then we, the three political forces, will force regime change and fresh elections together with like-minded forces and ... with hundreds of thousands of people taking to the streets," warned Tsarukyan. He set no specific deadlines for the Sargsyan administration.



Vartan Oskanian, a senior PAP figure, said Tsarukyan's party stands for "regime change through elections." However, Oskanian too stopped short of explicitly demanding that Sargsyan quit before completing his second and final term in 2018.

This ambiguity could draw more criticism from other opposition groups that are not involved in the trio's campaign. One of them is the Civil Contract movement led by Nikol Pashinyan, a prominent opposition figure. Pashinyan claimed on October 13 that Ter-Petrosian and Tsarukyan are keen to cut power-sharing deals with Sargsyan, rather than force him to step down before 2018.

Ter-Petrosian appeared to respond to such claims when he hit out at "certain marginal forces that consider themselves to be in opposition" and branded them the ruling regime's "staunchest allies." In his speech, Ter-Petrosian also defended the fact that the ANC, the PAP and the Heritage have still not publicized a plan of joint actions aimed at achieving their stated objections. He said the trio's tactic "cannot be a subject of public discussion" because that would only help Sargsyan cling to power.

Ter-Petrosian further stood by his view that Armenia's accession to the Russian-led Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) is "irreversible." Armenia will remain part of the EEU "in the foreseeable future" and its citizens must come to terms with that, he said. He insisted that the country will not lose its sovereignty as a result.

The Heritage leader Raffi Hovannisian publicly disagreed with Ter-Petrosian on this issue, reaffirming his party's strong opposition to EEU membership.

## Armenian PM rules out early elections

Armenian Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan has dismissed opposition calls for an immediate change of government, saying that if such a change is to take place, it will not be through early elections.

All processes, according to Abrahamyan, should be "within the framework of the Constitution" and "through the next general elections".

The next parliamentary elections in Armenia will not be held until 2017.

Addressing tens of thousands of supporters in Yerevan's Liberty Square on October 24, leader of the non-governing Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP) Gagik Tsarukyan urged the current leadership to comply with their demand for amending the election laws by abolishing parliamentary ballots held in single-mandate constituencies and leaving only party-list elections. He warned that otherwise the opposition "will force the government to resign and hold early elections with street

protests attended by hundreds of thousands of people".

Armenian opposition groups have long argued that the so-called "majoritarian" votes through which 41 out of 131 members of the Armenian National Assembly are elected are an impediment to the true political process as campaigns in single-mandate constituencies rarely follow political patterns. They also regard

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## Almost no opposition to EEU membership in Armenia, says Russian Envoy

Russian Ambassador Ivan Volynkin expects the current internal political developments in Armenia to have no major impact on the country's foreign policy, including its decision to join the Moscow-led Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) beginning next year.

In an interview with RFE/RL's Armenian Service the diplomat substantiated his view by the absence of any strong opposition to the move even on the opposition side of the political fence in Armenia.

"Judging from the speeches of opposition leaders at the Friday rally practically no force in the country, except one, is against Armenia's membership in the EEU," Volynkin said.

Some speakers at the October 24 rally of the opposition trio, including the Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP) of tycoon Gagik Tsarukyan, the Armenian National Congress (ANC) led by first president Levon Ter-Petrosian, and Heritage led by United States-born former foreign minister of Armenia Raffi Hovannisian, did not bypass in their speeches Armenia's signing a treaty earlier this month to become a member of the EEU that currently consists of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan and is likely to have Kyrgyzstan as a member in the near future.

"[President] Serzh Sargsyan, as an illegitimate official, with his invalid signature is leading Armenia in a wrong direction," Heritage leader Hovannisian stated at the rally, reaffirming his party's

strong opposition to the move.

The HAK's Ter-Petrosian, meanwhile, further stood by his view that Armenia's accession to the Russian-led Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) is "irreversible." Armenia will remain part of the EEU "in the foreseeable future" and its citizens must come to terms with that, he said. Ter-Petrosian insisted that the country will not lose its sovereignty as a result.

Tsarukyan did not address the issue of EEU membership in his speech, but neither he nor other members of the PAP are known to be critical of the policy.

In a recent interview with The New York Times President Serzh Sargsyan also addressed Armenia's decision to join the EEU, stressing that it meets the South Caucasus nation's economic and geopolitical interests. He further emphasized that the decision had not been made at the expense of relations with the West and that Armenia could serve as a bridge between Russia and the West.

The Russian ambassador to Armenia also described Yerevan's choice as a "correct strategic decision", adding that it did not mean that opportunities for cooperation with other states, including European Union members, would be closed for the country.

"Russia has its own relations with the EU, and it is absolutely normal when countries try to develop multilateral relations. It is important, however, that these relations are not developed at the expense of the EEU," Volynkin concluded.

## Russia-West Standoff 'Affects Armenian Economy'

Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan has expressed his concerns about the negative effect of the Russia-West standoff on the Armenian economy, assuming that if sanctions against Moscow continue, the negative impact will be even greater.

During a news briefing on October 27, Abrahamyan did not mention figures, but, in fact, did not rule out that the government may fail to live up to its promise to ensure a 4-percent economic growth this year.

"We are doing everything to ensure our economic growth amidst all these processes taking place in the region. But you all know that we also have a negative impact on our economy in conditions of the Russia-West standoff," he said, adding that a 4-percent expansion of the Armenian economy in such conditions in 2014 would be an "achievement".

Abrahamyan said that the longer the Western sanctions against the Russian economy last, the longer will be the impact of the situation on the Armenian economy.

According to the National Statistical Service of Armenia, in January-September the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Armenia has increased by 4.3 percent. But the Central Bank of Armenia does not expect the growth to

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them as a tool for the ruling party to ensure its majority even if it fails to win one through party-list elections. Besides, opposition members believe that administrative resources and vote buying are used more heavily in single-seat constituencies.

Answering a question from RFE/RL's Armenian Service (Azatutyun.am) on October 27, Prime Minister Abrahamyan still emphasized that the ruling



Republican Party of Armenia (RPA), of which he is a senior member, is ready to discuss issues "raised by any political party."

"We are ready to discuss any issue. We will discuss it, come to a common denominator; we should express the position of the party, and they should formulate their proposals," he said.

The RPA spokesman Eduard Sharmazanov, meanwhile, also spoke dismissively about the demands of the PAP and its more radical opposition allies - the Armenian National Congress and Heritage - for a transition of power through preterm elections.

## Armenian PM describes 2015 draft budget as 'socially oriented'

Armenian Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan believes the draft state budget for next year submitted to the parliament has a "social orientation" and aims to combat tax evasion by large businesses.

Speaking at the National Assembly at the start of budget discussions on Tuesday, Abrahamian emphasized that nearly half of the 2015 budget's spending pattern is envisaged for social and cultural spheres.

The draft budget calls for an equivalent of nearly \$2.9 billion in revenues, with expenditures standing at over \$3.1 billion. According to the head of the government, the gap is manageable.

"We do not have a magic wand that can instantaneously do away with the corrupt practices that have been formed over years. But we have the will and determination to do that step by step, sector by sector," he emphasized.

A quarter of the budget is to be spent on the defense sphere, on maintaining public order and national security. A sum equivalent to about \$110 million will be allocated to Nagorno-Karabakh as an intergovernmental loan.

Next year's budget revenues are projected to be 4.3 percent higher than this year's. Abrahamian said that the modest rise reflected the possibilities of the government and called on the lawmakers to refrain from "populism" during the upcoming discussions.

"My request is that we stay away from unnecessary politicization during the budget debate. I don't want you to bring the street passions into this chamber," the prime minister said, apparently addressing his words to opposition lawmakers, many of whom are currently involved in a new wave of anti-government rallies.



Abrahamyan emphasized that next year the government will focus on combating tax evasion by large businesses. Government-proposed amendments aimed at alleviating the tax burden of small and medium-sized enterprises that were introduced in the sales tax law earlier this year sparked large-scale street protests by small traders, who complained about a number of new related regulations that would make them more accountable in regards to purchases from larger companies. The government later decided to postpone the changes until next February, in the meantime settling all the disputes connected with the legislation and introducing relevant amendments.

"If our separate steps aimed at making large businesses more accountable are taken by small and medium-sized enterprises as attempts of pressure, we ask for your patience and support. I am sure that time will put everything in its place," Abrahamyan said. "We consider small businesses to be a source of employment and will create favorable conditions for their work. Our target is big business where we are going to reduce untaxed revenues. We will be consistent, patient, but also determined in doing that."

## Russia-West standoff 'affects Armenian economy'

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be sustained till the end of the year, forecasting that annual economic growth will stand at 3.6 percent at best.

International financial institutions are even more pessimistic in their forecasts. About a month ago local representatives of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank estimated that Armenia's economic growth in 2014 may not exceed 2.6-2.7 percent, and again, as the main reason they cited the deteriorating economic situation in Russia.

Russia is Armenia's second largest trading partner after the European Union, but about 85 percent of remittances (data for 2012 and 2013) that are vital for the Armenian economy come from Russia. The Central Bank's data shows that these transfers are gradually



falling. In August, for example, the annual decline made 9 percent (nearly \$167 million were wired to Armenia in August 2014 against more than \$184 million transferred during August 2013).

## The trial of two Azeri saboteurs under way in Stepanakert



The trial of two Azerbaijani saboteurs Dilham Aliyev and Shahbaz Guliyev began in Stepanakert on October 27.

The two are accused of illegally crossing the NKR border, illegally carrying weapons, kidnapping, killing a juvenile and attempting a murder on the national basis.

Strong security measures were taken, considering the importance of the case. However, everything went calm inside and outside the court building. The only difference from other court hearings was the presence of a great number of journalists and several human rights defenders.

What's interesting, however, is that international structured

did not show much interest in the case. Larisa Alaverdyan, Executive Director of the Foundation Against the Violation of Law (FAVL), said she did not expect international interference in the case.

"If not the case of Ramil Safarov, that simply disgraced Azerbaijan, they could possibly persuade some international organization to interfere. They have applied to different countries and international NGOs in five languages, but no response has followed. This silence is even more speaking," Larisa Alaverdyan told reporters.

The trial proceeds in line with the NKR laws, the defendants have lawyers in the face of Erik Beglaryan and Arkady Israyelyan, both members of the NKR Chamber of Advocates. An interpreter is also available for them during the trial.

"The only shortcoming is that no observers from international human rights organizations have been invited. The organization of this trial is a step forward in the process of international recognition of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic," she said.

The aggrieved party in the trial is represented by Mekhak Tsakanyan, the father of the killed teenager, and Vrezh Balayan, who sustained material loss as a result of the actions of the Azeri saboteurs.

The defendants admit their guilt only partially. Shahbaz Guliyev pleads not guilty in the death of Smbat Tsakanyan, but does not refute the boy was killed by their group.

## Turkish intellectual pays tribute to Armenian Genocide victims, receives memorial medal



The National Council of Western Armenians NGO has decided to convene the 4th congress of Western Armenians before April 24, 2015, where the participants will approve the legal-political demands that will be presented to the state and public circles of Turkey.

Before that at a meeting on October 12 the Council established a memorial medal named after Catholicos George V of Armenia, which will be awarded to

Turkish intellectuals, who have revealed important theories and proofs of the Armenian Genocide.

Writer, historian and sociologist Ismail Beshikchi became the first recipient of the medal. He has authored tens of scientific works, which contradict the Turkish official policy of distorting history. He started writing about the Armenian Genocide from 1970s and spent over 15 years in jail for expressing his opinion. In all his works Beshikchi stresses that the

massacre of Armenians in 1915 was the first genocide.

"In the course of my research I've come to understand that the Kurdish and Syrian issues are the logical continuation of the Armenian Genocide. Had the Armenian Genocide been punished, there would be no Kurdish issue," he said.

The Turkish writer visited the Tsitsernakaberd Memorial on October 28 to pay tribute to the memory of the Armenian Genocide victims.





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- 2406.**Avan**, Mher Mkrtyan block, 1000 sq.m., electricity, gas, water, the district is inhabited. Price: 30USD per sq.m
- 2310.**Monument, Babayan str**, 1000 sq. m, facade-25m, privatized, Price:350 USD negotiable
- 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, hjeating 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.
- 3401.**Antarayin str**, Newly built, land-700sq.m, 3 storied bld-690sq.m, 5 bedrooms, capitally repaired. Price: 1.300.000 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 sevice-car wash, cleaning service, garbage removal service, parking. Price: Negotiable
- 131.**Busand str.**, commercial, office and residential areas, penthouse, available sevice-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, 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.

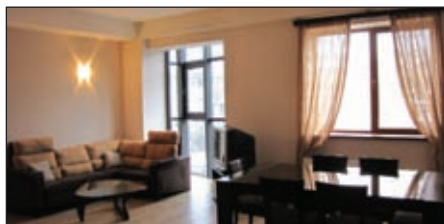
## 2 ROOMS

- ♦1780. **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, /13th floor, 82 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 1700 USD negotiable.
- ♦942. **Teryan str.** 4/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capially repaired, heating system, furnished, 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, furnished, 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.
- ♦2243. **Buzand str.**, Newly built, 17/4, 125sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD
- ♦ **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 14/5, 120sqm, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, partly furnished. Price 2000 USD
- ♦2267. **North Avenue** Newly built, 7th floor, 170sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, furnished equipped. Price: 2500 USD

## 3 ROOMS AND MORE

- ♦2286. **Sose str.**, Newly built, 12/2, 154sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 1700 USD

- ♦2257. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 17/16, 160 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: Negotiable
- ♦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, climate 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
- ♦2195. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 300sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capially repaired, climate control, AC, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- ♦2261. **Hin Yerevantsi**, /North Avenue/, Newly built, 10/3, 124sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 1700 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

- ♦1323. **Monument, Babayan str.**, Land-400sq.m, 3 storied bld-300sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capially repaired. Price: Negotiable
- ♦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.
- ♦1323. **Monument, Babayan str.**, Land - 400 sq.m, 3 storied bld-300sq.m, each floor-100sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable

## PREMISES

- ♦2049. **Teryan str.**, ground floor+basement, 1st line, 200sq.m, repaired. Price: 6.000 USD
- ♦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.
- ♦2033. **Abovyan str.**, 388sq.m, Ground floor of the building, 3 degrees above zero level, window glasses, h-3m., basement-235sq.m, capially repaired, heating system, AC. Price: 15.000 USD
- ♦2031. **Vardanants str.**, 500sq.m, ground floor of the building, 2 entrances, facade-20m, window glasses, without divisions, ,basement-250sq.m, Price: 8000 USD
- ♦2027. **Sayat Nova str.**, 95sq.m, ground floor of the building, 2 entrances, 7 degrees above zero level, 4 window glasses, capially repaired. Price: 4.000 USD

## Self-determination not a mere phrase, but an imperative principle of action, Armenian President tells the New York Times

*In an interview with the New York Times Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan discussed the dynamic and vibrant young nation he leads, its history, economy and international relations. As Armenia asserts itself on the international stage and seeks to continue its development, the president explains his country's identity and outlines the wide range of opportunities that this investor-friendly nation presents to the wider world*

### How would you appraise the relationship between Armenia and the United States?

Relations with the USA comprise an important part of our foreign policy agenda on both bilateral and multilateral dimensions. Historical close interactions as well as the common ideas of independence, democracy and freedom have contributed greatly to the deepening and widening of the relations between the two nations. We have reached a qualitatively new level

of partnership with the USA thanks to joint efforts. The continuous assistance provided to Armenia and Artsakh has played and continues to play an essential role in the democratization of the two Armenian republics. Our interests coincide with those of the United States in a variety of spheres: the establishment and enforcement of regional security and stability and, within this context, the peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; the democratization of our country; the liberalization of the economy and the rule of law. From this perspective we attach great importance to the open government partnership (OGP) initiative in cooperation with the US that Armenia is actively engaged in.

At the same time, within the framework of the "Millennium Challenges," the United States has made a substantial contribution to the regional development of our country through the implementation of a number of regional infrastructure projects. We attach great importance to the activity of the US-Armenia Task Force, to the growing American presence in the Armenian economy and to the close cooperation with the USA in the energy sector, for example the support we have received from the US to extend the life of the operating reactor of Metsamor nuclear power plant. This is also important from the perspective of balanced regional development. We firmly believe that the trade and investment framework agreement (TIFA) signed between Armenia and the United States will boost economic ties. Another essential achievement is the launch of the visa liberalization process.

The United States is our largest donor state. Since Armenia's independence, the United States has provided about US\$2 billion of humanitarian and technical assis-

tance. Our two nations also cooperate to fight challenges to global security, such as terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

### What issues does Armenia face today?

Armenia has been illegally blockaded by Turkey for decades. Our other neighbor, Azerbaijan, demonstrates a hostile attitude toward Armenia and the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic. For a long period of time we have been living in "a no war, no peace" situation.

Armenophobia, militant rhetoric and armed provocations along the border have become an inseparable part of our daily life for 20 years. Today, the fragile peace in Nagorno-Karabakh is the lynchpin of peace in our entire region, and we defend the very peace of the region from the trespasses of our neighbor dictatorship, which is blinded by petrodollars. In my opinion, our number one priority has been and will remain the security of the Republic of Armenia and the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic.

Fragile peace is better than victorious war. The maintenance of peace is our greatest achievement, and in the upcoming years we will continue to prioritize security along with economic development, the promotion of democracy, education and health.

*We seek a peaceful settlement to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict based on international law, particularly on the arrangements achieved within the framework of the format of OSCE Minsk Group co-chairs. To this end we continue our active cooperation with the co-chair countries - the USA, Russia and France.*

I regret to say that so far we have not achieved tangible results because of the maximalist and often provocative stance of Azerbaijan at odds with both the spirit of the entire process and our joint efforts with the international community.

### What role can the Armenian-American diaspora play in the country's development?

In the 21st century, public diplomacy plays a major role in the development of bilateral relations. In this regard, Armenians worldwide, many of whom are descendants

of survivors of the Armenian genocide, are an inalienable and important component of Armenian public diplomacy. A vivid example thereof is the Armenian community in the US. Indeed, the current level of Armenian-American relations is also conditioned by this factor.

At the same time, this community contributes to the development and prosperity of both the USA and Armenia. The Armenian-American community regularly makes its voice heard in issues of pan-Armenian importance, such as the peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, the recognition and condemnation of the Armenian genocide and the lifting of blockades.

### What support do you expect from the US in the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict?

As an OSCE Minsk Group co-chair, the US has exerted consistent efforts toward the peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the strengthening of stability in our region. Unfortunately, the efforts made in the past 20 years by the international community toward the peaceful resolution of the conflict are being undermined, endangering the peace and stability in the region due to the constant provocations and ceasefire violations by Azerbaijan.

I have announced on many occasions that there is no alternative to the negotiated settlement of the conflict. A proof to this is the constant willingness of Armenia to maintain dialogue in the framework of the formats proposed by the OSCE Minsk Group co-chair states, as opposed to Azerbaijan. In this regard we attach great importance to its continuous engagement and balanced position on the issue, based upon the principles of international law and in line with the co-chair statements.

Despite the fact that each conflict is unique in its historical, legal and political context, recent dynamics of international conflict resolution prove that fundamental human rights and freedoms, including free expression of will and self-determination of peoples, are a priority. In the words of former US President Woodrow Wilson: "National aspirations must be respected;

people may now be dominated and governed only by their own consent.

*'Self-determination' is not a mere phrase; it is an imperative principle of action."*

It is no coincidence that fundamental elements of the right to self-determination are rooted in the formation and development of the American nation. Today, we see that the right to self-determination is the civilized and legal solution to current ethno-political conflicts.

**2015 marks the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide. What would you like the US public to understand about the event?**

Even today, mankind still witnesses similar horrific crimes. History will continue to repeat itself until the crimes of the past have been unambiguously evaluated. Today, as a nation that survived genocide, we feel obliged to a certain extent, since we carry a unique mission to ensure no further recurrence of genocides. To this end, we seek the recognition and condemnation of past crimes.

We believe that the whole of mankind should be consistent in the recognition, condemnation and exclusion of denialism of this crime of crimes. This is our message to the international community, including the government and society of the United States, on the eve of the centenary of the Armenian genocide.

*The Armenian genocide is an indisputable fact, documented by the international community when it provided refuge to the hundreds of thousands of Armenians that fled the massacres carried out by the Ottoman Empire.*

Today, even educated circles of Turkish society have reconciled with their own past, opposing the official denialist position of their state. As human rights and fundamental freedoms have become of absolute value for the international community, subordinating the recognition of the Armenian genocide to political interests contradicts the moral and legal norms of the current world order. The strength of the US is also conditioned by its commitment to these absolute values.

The US legislative body has adopted eight decisions recognizing the Armenian genocide. It has been officially recognized in 40 US States. In the 1980s, the Reagan administration recognized and condemned the Armenian genocide. Sooner or later, Turkey will have to come to terms with its own past and free itself by restoring justice.

**How can Armenia act as a bridge between the West and Russia as well as the CIS countries?**

Since its independence, Armenia's foreign policy has been balanced between the different systems and interests of the powerful stakeholders of the region, as opposed to drawing divisive lines. While it is a member of the CSTO (Collective Security Treaty Organization), Armenia has simultaneously developed enhanced cooperation with NATO and participates in peacekeeping missions which contribute to international peace and security.

Our country has developed and continues to develop strategic allied relations with the Russian Federation at the same time as consistently promoting a European agenda. Today we remain committed to that principle. Armenia has made a decision to join the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) taking into account our national, economic and geopolitical interests. However, as I have stated in my speeches and interviews on several occasions, this has not been done at the expense of our relations with the West.

This is expressed through our active efforts to consistently advance our relations with separate European countries and the EU as a whole, as well as with the west in general; these relations form some of the essential components of our country's prosperity. The Armenia-EU joint declaration from November 2013 reaffirmed our mutual commitment to develop and strengthen comprehensive cooperation.

We have agreed upon and applied visa facilitation mechanisms that are among the tangible outcomes of our partnership. We are committed to continuing our efforts toward seeking effective cooperation mechanisms with the EU.

Thanks to EU and Western assistance, our country has carried out important reforms in the spheres of democracy, human rights, rule of law and liberalization of the economy. We clearly realize that these reforms are not aimed at integration in this or that institution. First of all, these reforms are carried out for the benefit of our country and our people. I am sure that our Western partners share this view and will continue their efficient support to the democratic reforms in our country.

At the same time I cannot but mention that in the 21st century, when intense globalization is in progress, when the world is moving toward the establishment of common economic zones, when interstate economic borders lose their importance, when free trade areas are established among different continents, to speak about confrontation between different integration structures makes no sense.

*Through joining the EEU, Armenia will be able to become an important link for the business communities of the EEU and Western countries. In this context, we are*

*concerned by the recent tensions between the West and Russia.*

We are interested in the reconciliation of discrepancies between our partners because small countries like Armenia are very sensitive to such ups and downs.

**What is your government doing to challenge misperceptions about the country and the region in general?**

We have always presented the challenges to our country and to the region to different organizations and at bilateral formats. The international community itself has witnessed how the adventurism of Azerbaijan has resulted in violence in the region, marking the deadliest period in the conflict since the ceasefire took effect.

Everyone witnessed the "Twitter diplomacy" of Azerbaijan's president. Years-long continuous threats at the highest level were transformed into real actions, when civilian objects - kindergartens, schools, hospitals, as well as the peaceful population - were under fire. Where I see a misunderstanding by the international community is in the equality accorded to both the aggressor and the victim of aggression.

For more than 20 years, Armenia has warned about the military intentions of Azerbaijan, without proper response. This is either a misunderstanding or indifference. We have constantly presented the objective situation of our region to the international community; the rest is up to the international community.

**What gives you confidence about your country's future?**

Independence itself was a significant event in the history of our nation. Today, Armenians all over the world are provided with an opportunity to build an independent Armenia on part of its historical homeland - a centuries-old dream for our people. Today, Armenia is a country developing according to the rules of the civilized world through effective state building, an open society and a competitive economy.

Mindful of this, I am really confident about the future of my country and this confidence first of all stems from our wonderful young generation. A new generation of Armenian citizens has grown which is even more patriotic than my generation was and with more educational opportunities. Along with being real devotees to their country, they have been brought up as world citizens.

For the last four to five years, approximately 100 young Armenians have graduated every year from the world's top ten universities. We will therefore pass on our modern and secure country to safe hands and I am confident that they will make it much more prosperous.

## Seyran Ohanyan: "Support From Our Guests in Development of the Armenian Military Medicine is Very Important for Us" The first intl conference on the military medicine: part two



*By Gourgen James Khazhakian*

**Chief  
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In *The Highlights* issue # 36 (16 October 2014) we told our readers about the First International Conference entitled "Contemporary Problems of the Military Medicine" and held on 10-12 October in Yerevan.

As we've promised, in this publication we'll give several interesting details of this Forum which seemed us an important one, especially under light of the non-stop provocations by the Azerbaijani side.

On the first day of the Conference which was dedicated to the scientific reports your correspondent talked to the Head of the Frontal Chin and Plastic Surgery branch of Bundeswehr Central Hospital Colonel Professor Dr. Dr. **Richard Werkmeister**.

- I was very happy to be invited to the Conference as I used to have an Armenian colleague, Major Dr. **Karen Severtteryan** at my Dept. in Koblenz who is a very talented surgeon; he participated with us in many operations. So my colleagues and I are here to support him as well as other Armenian military doctors and, indeed, to get know more about Armenia.

**- How do you see prospects of cooperation between Armenian and German military medicine?**

- You know, this Conference is a very good opportunity to reveal, by joint efforts, the current problems of the military medicine both in Germany and Armenia and to try find the ways for their solution.

(According to many, the German guests were featured by their accuracy in terms of time limits for reports, their being all-encompassing and interesting. It seemed they've loved Armenia as one of them asked for postponing his departure from

Yerevan....-**The Author.**)

After military medical exercise held on 11 October due to joint efforts by Defense and Emergency Situations Ministries your author talked to some participants of the Forum.

Major **Roy Danks**, US Air Guard, KS, USA (who visited Armenia for the first time).

- I wanted to experience the Armenian medical community and to see what are their capabilities.



*German delegation, from left to right: Dr Richard Werkmeister, Dr Robert Schwab, Dr Sebastian Hentsch, Dr Martin Beetz*



*From left to right: Dr Viktor Lishakov, Dr Roy Banks, Dr Ioannis Galatas, Dr Anastasios Kougioumtzian, Dr Alexandra Karvounari*

**- Before coming to Armenia, have you contacted the Armenian colleagues, in particular, military doctors?**

- Yes, as some of them was in Kansas for a week-long training in August 2014.

**...And what is your impressions from their professional level?**

- I've got from them very good impressions, really.

**- And what about your impressions from yesterday's scientific reports, the**

*Conference in general?*

- I think this is a great opportunity for everyone to learn the way things have been done with all of the military medicine teams since we all work together in the deployed setting, it is important for all of us to speak the same language from the medical teams' point. Certainly, it is useful for us Americans to travel overseas to see how the teams which have been working together with us in Afghanistan, Iraq, are doing at the home stations. So, what we see at their home stations is good medical care in addition of what we've seen on the fighting site of the war as well.

**-...So you've satisfied with the professional level of the Armenian military doctors?**

- Absolutely.

**- ...But at the same time there is an opinion that we in Armenia need more newest drugs and cutting-edge medical technologies...**

- Indeed, the technologies are important. We've visited a military hospital here, and an equipment we've seen there is almost identique to that we use in the US - the ultra-sound, portable X-ray, the surgery unit - almost the same equipment has been used by us when training the Armenian military doctors in Kansas.

**- Major Banks, many thanks for your interest to our country and its courageous military doctors and the interview indeed.**

...At a lunch reception held just after exercise Brigadier General (retired), M.D., PhD.

**Ioannis Galatas** of Greece, an active participant of the Conference (who had a report entitled "CBRN Preparation of Hospitals") said a toast which, in our opinion, befits well warm century-old Armenian-Greek relations.

He said in particular: "On behalf of myself and all of us I'd like to thank the Armenian side for both the invitation to participate in the Conference as well as fantastic hospitality. And I'd like to assure our

Armenian colleagues that we'll stand by your side in any terms - experience sharing, training, equipment, actually whatever you need. (A round of applause - NT). I want to raise a glass for the Armenian Armed Forces and to wish peace, health and prosperity!"

A bit later, after the Exercise participants' awarding solemn ceremony, in her brief interview with The Highlights Founding President of the Armenian Military Doctors Association (AMDA, [www.amda.am](http://www.amda.am)), a Conference co-organizer NGO **Ruzanna G Khachatryan**, M.D., Ph.D. shared her impressions from the scientific reports.

**- Dr Khachatryan, in your opinion, which country's military medicine model is applicable for Armenia best?**

- You know, there is a big similarity between approaches of the military medicine of Germany and our, the Armenian as we see further development of our military medical system in providing everyday routine life quality of a soldier keeping a foothold in a peacetime close to that of his fellowserving in rear.

In particular, in report by Director of Oncological Tumors Clinic of Bundeswehr Central Hospital Colonel Prof. **Robert Schwab** entitled "Experience of the Bundeswehr's outreach operations and its influences on the development of the military concept" we saw a strong intention to provide for German military personnel serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, etc. the same living conditions that other servicemen of Bundeswehr are enjoying.

So, in this sense, I see very good prospects for our mutually profitable cooperation.

(Ruzanna Khachatryan, M.D., Ph.D., DDS and Implantologist graduated of University of Paris #7 in July 2003. Her post graduate training was Dental Biotechnology with Prof. **Mark Bert**.

Currently, she is Advisor to the Health Minister of Armenia, Candidate to Doctorate of Medical Sciences.

Dr. Khachatryan has written over twenty scientific articles which have been published all over the world. She also has authored the book "Health Problems of the

Military in Armenia".

Dr. Khachatryan is the spouse of the cur-



*Dr H. Yegoryan, Head of the Military Medical Branch of the NKR Defense Army*



*Defense Minister Seyran Ohanyan*

rent Defense Minister of Armenia, Hero of Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh Republic), Colonel - General, Dr. Seyran M. Ohanyan



*Dr Ruzanna Khachatryan*

and they have two children, son **Mushegh**, 8, and daughter **Laura**, 5.)

At a round table meeting with the partic-



ipants of the Conference Minister of Defense of the Republic of Armenia **Seyran Ohanyan** thanked all the guests attaching special importance to the RA Armed Forces intl cooperation. "I am confident that by studying this experience, combination with our own experience as well as the continued enrichment of professional knowledge we can register the development of the Armenian military medicine. Support from our guests during development of the

Armenian military medicine and making important decisions is very important for us", stressed Mr Ohanyan. According to a rep of the German delegation, the exercise demonstrated was "of the excellent standards".

And, in their (German military doctors) opinion, standardization of processes and equipment in both military and civil medicine is important.

In his reply to this comment, speaking on the connection between military and civil medicine, Minister Seyran Ohanyan informed the gathered that 23 civil hospitals in Armenia have mobilization plans and will be subordinated to the Ministry of Defense in the wartime. "It is for several years, I suggest our Government that, taking into account small territory of Armenia, one can set up a joint, integrated facilities where both the civilians and the military could be checked and treated. With the Minister of Health (Prof. Armen Mouradyan - NT) we have developed legislative proposals and a Government decision to start implementation of such a program with formation of such a hospital in Vardenis area. Again, the same structure would provide the military and the civilians. After all, due to the peculiarities of the territory of Armenia, we should be able to be turned fast to the Nation-Army in case of a threat," he said.

According to Dr Seyran Ohanyan, the major direction of the military medicine development in Armenia is its interaction with civil medical system and intl collaboration.

And, importantly..."...The main goal of the military medicine is not the treatment, but creation of the best conditions for our servicemen to have very good health, so prevention of the health problems".

In conclusion Mr Minister said that all the reports and proposals made during Conference will be summarized and published in several languages. "No doubt, this Conference should become a traditional one, to be held at least once in two years, and I am proposing to call thenext conference a practical-scientific one, so the advantage of that conference will be elimination of the problems in practical field, elevation of the practical exercises level," said Defense Minister Seyran Ohanyan.

## Aram Khachaturian Intl Fest: the Autumn Marathon by the Youth Orchestra and the Guest Stars in Full Swing

### Israeli world-known violinist Boris Livshits: "...I have visited Karabakh, and I do not care the Azerbaijani reaction"

By Gourgen James Khazhakian  
Chief Correspondent

#### Armenia-China cultural cooperation broadens

The world-famous violinist **Ning Feng** and conductor, composer **Fu-Tong Wong** (China) arrived in Armenia to perform in the framework of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aram Khachaturian International Festival. The concert is dedicated to the famous American artist of the Armenian origin **Arshile Gorky's** 110<sup>th</sup> and 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outstanding Armenian artist and sculptor **Yervand Kochar**.

The concert will feature Tchaikovsky: The Festive Overture, - with themes of the Danish national anthem, Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto and "Condor Heroes" Symphony (the Armenian premiere) by Fu-Tong Wong. The world-recognized violinist is in Armenia for the third time already. Previously, he was playing here in **Vladimir Spivakov's** concert. "In that time, I've met with Maestro **Sergey Smbatyan**. And today I am in Armenia again which makes me very happy," Ning Feng said at a news conference held on Wednesday 29 October.

Speaking about collaboration with a Chinese composer, Founding Artistic Director and the Principal Conductor of the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia **Sergey Smbatyan** emphasized that the Orchestra has had already two rehearsals with a Chinese composer. "It's very exciting to work with a person who has a different approach to the world and different ideas," said the conductor.

In his turn, Fu-Tong Wong told he had tough debates with members of the orchestra at rehearsals but they never turned into... kung-fu. "In fact, the Symphony contains some kung-fu, but the main theme is love," the Chinese guest composer said.

He qualified the Orchestra young musicians and their Chief as "very talented" ones adding that "it is a happy experience" and calling Armenia "peaceful and beautiful".

Notably, Fu-Tong Wong informed mass media reps that he, as a violin teacher, taught many-many times Aram Khachaturian's Violin Concerto to his student.

And Ning Feng, asked by your author did he know other Armenian composers, mentioned name of **Karen Khachaturian** (a nephew of **Aram Ilyich Khachaturian**).

Aram Satyan mentioning that one of the main objectives of the Festival is the representation and promotion of the Armenian music far beyond the borders of the Republic of Armenia.

"The Fest is highly professional, and we are very excited about our participation. We should work together and gather around the similar projects aimed at promoting the classical art," said **Sergey Smbatyan**. He also talked about the cooperation of the Youth Orchestra with the Yerevan Komitas State Conservatory: for the past two years

the Orchestra has been performing during the final exams of the Conservatory presenting the pieces by the graduates of the Composition Department.

**Tigran Mansourian** characterized the Festival as a "unique test" for the young composers. According to outstanding Armenian composer, the young generation nowadays pays special attention to the world music global trends. "The combination of foreign and Armenian traditions of composition schools creates a fascinating, diverse range of musical interests. The problems of vanguard and innovation find their interesting solutions in the pieces of young composers," - said Maestro **Tigran Mansourian**.

The violinist **Boris Livshits** who will perform with the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia within the framework of the Festival, said: "I am very pleased to perform the Double Concerto for Violin, Piano and Orchestra by **Michael Kokzhayan**; this magnificent piece reveals the whole history of the Universe." The violinist also talked about his visit to Nagorno-Karabakh: "Artsakh is the 59<sup>th</sup> country which I have visited. I am not afraid of the Azerbaijan's blacklist, my name has been included in it far before. I don't really care. I have been living in Israel for some period of my life and I clearly understand that music should be available to absolutely everyone. It is important to bring it to people. This is my mission!"



#### Festival of Contemporary Armenian Music

A press conference dedicated to the Festival of Contemporary Armenian Music was held on October 28 at the Union of Composers (Demirchyan, 25). People's Artist of Armenia, world-recognized composer **Tigran Mansourian**, the Founding Artistic Director and the Principal Conductor of the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia **Sergey Smbatyan**, famous violinist **Boris Livshits** and the Chairman of the Union of Composers and Musicologists of Armenia, Honored Art Worker of Armenia composer **Aram Satyan** were the speakers there.

Mr Satyan said that within the framework of the Festival the audience would be presented the symphonic and chamber pieces written during the 21st century by the Armenian composers. "The leading ensembles and soloists from Armenia, China, Israel, Switzerland are gathered around this unique project. We have already received a number of suggestions of cooperation from various foreign publishing houses," said

## The National Archive seeks to compile the list of Armenian Genocide victims



A century ago the world was caught in the clutches of the World War I, and the Armenians did not stay apart. The Armenian Genocide was also the direct consequence of WWI.

The Armenian National Archive has prepared a Russian book titled "The Participation of Armenians in the First World War," which was published in

Moscow. A three-volume publication titled "The Armenian Genocide in Ottoman Turkey" has also been released. The first volume has already been translated into English and Turkish, Director of the National Archive Amatuni Virabyan told reporters on October 23.

He said the National Archive will compile the list of Armenian Genocide victims.

"Jews have collected names of six million victims of the Holocaust and three million photos. In our case the number is small, as we are too late. Nevertheless, we think it's possible to collect at least 300 thousand names," Virabyan said.

One of the most important initiatives

the National Archive plans ahead of the Genocide centennial is called "100 names."

"We'll try to present the names of 100 Armenians, who survived the Armenian Genocide, found refuge in different countries and succeeded in the fields of culture, science, business and others," Director of the National Archive said. One of the examples is Arshile Gorky, who survived the Genocide and became world famous.

"The 100th anniversary is not the end, it's the beginning," Virabyan says. He assures that Armenia has all necessary documents to prove that the massacres of 1915 constituted a well-organized genocide.

## Armenia ranks 103<sup>rd</sup> in Global Gender Gap Report 2014



Armenia is ranked 103<sup>rd</sup> among 142 countries in the Global Gender Gap Report 2014 released by the World Economic Forum on October 28.

The Global Gender Gap Report 2014 benchmarks national gender gaps of 142 countries on economic, political, education- and health-based criteria.

Armenia is the 82<sup>nd</sup> in terms of economic participation and opportunity and 31<sup>st</sup> in education attainment. The country ranks 142<sup>nd</sup> with regard to health and survival and 123<sup>rd</sup> with the level of women's political participation.

The other countries in the region are ranked as follows: Georgia - 85<sup>th</sup>, Azerbaijan - 94<sup>th</sup>, Turkey - 125<sup>th</sup>, Iran - 137<sup>th</sup> and Russia 25<sup>th</sup>.

According to the Global Gender Gap

Report 2014, launched today, the gender gap for economic participation and opportunity now stands at 60% worldwide, having closed by 4% from 56% in 2006.

The gender gap is narrowest in terms of health and survival with a gap standing at 96% globally, with 35 countries having closed the gap entirely. Despite all this, it is the only subindex which declined over the course of the past nine years. The educational attainment gap is the next narrowest, standing at 94% globally. Here, 25 countries have closed the gap entirely. While the gender gap for economic participation and opportunity lags stubbornly behind, the gap for political empowerment, the fourth pillar measured, remains wider still, standing at 21%, although this area has seen the most improvement since 2006.

This year's findings show that Iceland continues to be at the top of the overall rankings in The Global Gender Gap Index for the sixth consecutive year. Finland ranks in second position, and Norway holds the third place in the overall ranking. Sweden remains in fourth position and Denmark gains three places and ranks this year at the fifth position. Northern European countries dominate the top 10 with Ireland in the eighth position and Belgium (10), Nicaragua (6), Rwanda (7) and Philippines (9) complete the top 10.

## ReAnimania International Animation Film Festival kicks off in Yerevan

The Sixth international animation festival ReAnimania (ReAnimania International Animation Film Festival) opened on October 25 in Yerevan. ReAnimania has become the most dynamically developing festival in the country.

As the artistic director of the festival Raffi Movsisyan informed, this year 200 films will be presented in five categories of the competition program, and over 400 feature-length and short animated films and movie-reels will be screened in the frames of the festival.

The festival will open with the premiere of French director Stephen Burley "Mechanics of Heart" and the director will attend the premiere.

In addition, the festival will celebrate the 90th anniversary of the famous Armenian artist and animator Valentine Podpomogov. It is planned to make the retrospective screening of his films.

About 25 guests from India, France, Italy, USA, Russia and elsewhere visited the festival. According to Movsisyan, screenings this year will be held in Yerevan's "Moscow" cinema, Naregatsi Art Institute cultural center and Yerevan State Institute of Theater and Cinema.

# Western Armenian National Congress Statement On the occasion of handing of Kevork V. Sureneants Memorial Medallion to Ismail Beshikchi

Yerevan, 28 October 2014



Western Armenian National Congress International NGO, 16 days before, on October 12th in Yerevan, speaking at the meeting, came up with its statement on the decision to invite the Western Armenian National 4th Congress before April 24, 2015, to vote on the Western legal claim and publicly present it to both state and social circles of Turkey.

On the eve of the fourth congress, Western Armenian National Congress International NGO during the General Assembly again on October 12, 2014 established the Memorial Medallion bearing the name of Kevork V Sureneants (Tpghisetsi). This award will be granted to the Turkish intellectuals who by their scientific, literary or journalistic activities managed to discover the true theory and evidence against the continued denial of the Armenian Genocide.

According to the Western Armenian National Congress General Assembly resolution on October 12, 2014, the first Kevork V Sureneants (Tpghisetsi) Memorial Medallion will be given to a scholar of Turkish origin, a courageous intellectual and public figure Ismail Beshikchi.

During the past 40 years, Mr. Ismail Beshikchi became the author of dozens of scientific works, and all of them, without exception, are controversial to Turkey's official nationalistic point of view to distort the history. In reverse against the Turkish judicial and police pressure against him, starting from 1970 Beshikchi wrote about the Armenian Genocide, in spite of the fact that he spent more than 15 years in Turkish prisons because of free expression of his scientifically proved opinion.

In his various scientific works about the Armenian Genocide Mr. Ismail Beshikchi have proved two main theories:

First, the Kurdish/Turkish political competition aroused on the basis of the Turkish nationalistic program to rob the Armenians' residential territories and possessions, and that is why the Kurdish-

Turkish problem will be possible to solve only when they solve the Armenian problem.

Second, the extermination of the Armenian genocide of indigenous peoples throughout the Middle East was an important part of the Turkish national program.

For these two important points of view, the Western Armenian National Congress today will award the Kevork V. Sureneants (Tpghisetsi) Memorial Medallion to Mr. Beshikchi, which will be presented to him by the authorized representative of the Congress Ararat Akhoyan.

On this occasion, a respectable intellectual has been invited to come to Yerevan, and he was accompanied by the group of Kurdish figures' delegation.

This delegation is headed by the former Mayor of Diyarbakir, a lawyer and political activist Mr. Osman Paytemire, the members of the delegation are: The President of Ismail Beshikchi Foundation, Mr. Rusan Arslan and his colleague, Mr. Kadir Kachan, a well-known woman activist, lawyer, expert of the rights of minorities in Turkey, as well as DTK Assembly representative of Armenian origin, the head of the Armenian community of Diyarbakir Turkay Abdulghafur.

Taking advantage of this opportunity, the Western Armenian National Congress, first of all thanked all Kurdish leaders from Turkey, particularly, Mr. Abdullah Ojalan, Osman Paytemir, Salahettin Temirpash, Abdullah Temirpash and the rest, who raised awareness about the Armenian Genocide in Turkish society. At the same time we will invite BDP Kurdish Peace and Democracy party, HDP Peoples democratic party and DTK Democratic Society Congress delegates to participate in the discussions of the Western Armenian National 4th Congress.

The fact of the Armenian Genocide is irreversible and well known. Now is the time for all to start eliminating the consequences of this crime against humanity and this work has the very important role for Turkish people and the Kurdish people throughout the Middle East.

That is why we truly appreciate a great friend, Mr. Paytemir's and the Kurdish activists delegation's visit to Yerevan. We are hopeful that in the next six months the Kurdish world will have a great contribution for the protection of the violated rights and losses of the Western Armenians.





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**WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?****Enjoy your leisure****30 October**

**19:00 Flight.** Drama in 2 acts  
Director: Zhirayr Dadasyan. Play | Yerevan State Pantomime Theater  
**19:00 SYOA & Ning Feng.** Within the framework of Aram Khachaturian 2nd International Festival. Concert | Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall

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**31 October**

**19:00 Shapovalov, Feodorov & Brachman.** Concert Dedicated to the 100th anniversary of Armenian Genocide . Artistic Director and Conductor: Yervand Yerznkyan. Concert | Chamber Music House after Komitas

**19:00 Victims of Love. Author: Vyacheslav Kobyakov.** Staging: Karo Ghulyan. Comedy in 2 acts. Play | State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan

**19:00 The Last Clown. B. Slade** Comedy in 2 acts. Play | Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan  
**19:00 The Shoemaker's Prodigious Wife.** Director: Goharine Trdatyan. Play | Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski

**19:00 Maugli. R. Kipling.** Director: Honoured Artist of Armenia, Davit Hakobyan. Play | Student Theater

**19:00 I Am An Apricot Tree. Drama in 2 acts.** Author: Alvard Petrosyan Staging: Vahe Shahverdyan. Play | National Academic Theater after G. Sundukyan

**01 November**

**10:00 Letters in Plates.** Ruben Angaladian. Exhibition Yerevan Collectors Choice 2. Cafesjian Center for the Arts  
**12:00, 14:00, 16:00 Gnome's Song.** Director and Producer: T. Zahalyan. Play for kids | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

**12:30, 14:00 15:30 Alice in Wonderland.** Staging by Lily Elbakyan. Play for kids | State Marionette Theater

**12:00, 19:00, 14:00, 19:00 44 degree.** Author: Astghik Simonyan Stage director: Zohrap Bek-Gasparyants. Play | Hamazgayin State Theater

**16:00 Golden Chicken.** Author: Vladimir Orlov Director and Producer: Karen Khachatryan. Play for kids | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

**19:00 Royal Concert.** Musical-amusing show Author and director of the play - Ara Yernjakyan. Play | Yerevan State Chamber Theater

**19:00 Romantic Comedy.** B. Slade Tragicomedy in 2 acts. Play | Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan

**02 November**

**10:00 Letters in Plates. Ruben Angaladian.** Exhibition Yerevan Collectors Choice 2. Cafesjian Center for the Arts

**12:00, 14:00 Lazy Huri. A. Aghasaryan.** Play for kids | Hamazgayin State Theater

**12:00, 14:00, 16:00 The Tailless Fox.** Author: Hovhannes Tumanyan Staging: Ruben Marukhyan. Play for kids | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

**12:30, 14:00, 15:30 Little Red Riding Hood.** Charles Perrault Version and Staging: Armen

Elbakyan. Play for kids | State Marionette Theater

**18:00 Ashugh Sazayi - 170. The evening will feature the presentation of Ashugh Sazayi's book, "Unjust World".** Concert | Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall

**19:00 The Prime Minister's Counselor, the Opposition Leader's Secretary and... a Dead Body.** Ray Cooney

Comedy in 2 acts. Play | Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan

**19:00 Blaise. C. Magnier.** Staging: Hrachya Gasparyan. Play | Hamazgayin State Theater

**19:00 To Arms!.** Author and director of the play - Ara Yernjakyan. Tragicomedy, 2 acts, 110 min. Play | Yerevan State Chamber Theater

**04 November**

**11:00 The Little Prince. Play for kids |** State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

**19:00 Hover State Chamber Choir.** Hover State Chamber Choir. Artistic Director: Sona Hovhannisyan. Concert | Chamber Music House after Komitas

**19:00 The Salvation Island.** W. Saroyan. Lyrical Comedy in 1 act. Staging: Nikolay Tsaturyan. Play | Hamazgayin State Theater

**05 November**

**11:00 The Sparrow.** Author: Maxim Gorki. Staging: Vladimir Bilkov. Play for kids | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

**19:00 A Streetcar Named Desire.** Author: Tennessee Williams Drama, 2 acts. Staging and musical compilation: Suren Shahverdyan.

## Zodiac Weekly Forecast

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

There are two themes in your head this week. One of them is a laid back and lazy theme. The other is laced with adrenalin energy. You may go-go-go all day and hit the bed at night, falling asleep instantly. In some way a balance is needed.

### Taurus (Apr. 20--May 19):

Aspects continue to be favorable in the partnership and consultation arenas. You may experience an opportunity to enjoy the arts with your partner in your community. Love and social life are definitely favored. An old emotional pain is soothed.

### Gemini (May 20 -- June 20) :

You have likely been dealing with a decision concerning property or family issues. You have spent a few weeks in this process and now you have arrived at a conclusion. If it is a purchase or a sale, you have the cosmic green light. Whatever the decision, you have made a good choice for everyone concerned.

### Cancer (June 21--Jul y 21) :

Give special attention to unusual messages or to new people who enter your life during this time. A "teacher" crosses your path in the form of a person, a book, or the right message that will steer you in the next favorable direction.

### Leo (July 22 --Aug. 21):

Aspects particularly favor home, hearth and family matters. Another area that brightens your life is work and health. You are in an effective position. Coworkers and employees are supportive to your goals. Others agree with your guidance and leadership. You will find help as you seek improvements in these areas.

### Virgo (Aug 22--Sep. 22) :

You have more or less accidentally made a good decision concerning finances that brings you help this week. Your guardian angel is on your shoulder, smoothing the path ahead. The light is green concerning short trips and educational activities. This is true whether you are the learner or the teacher.

### Libra (Sep. 23--Oct. 22)

This week brings opportunities to increase your income. Property that you own may be upgraded in value. This is a good week to make improvements in your exercise and health routines. You may be adding things of beauty to your daily life.

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

Venus, the goddess of love and beauty, is riding along with you during this period. Multiple aspects suggest you are ready now to give and receive love. Those with children are especially enjoying them now. An old wound may be soothed at this time.

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

Any path related to education, publication, writing and communicating has positive aspects. If you happen to be involved in a legal mission it will be favored by the stars now. Traveling ventures have a green light. Caution! You may be prone to throw good sense to the winds and spend too much money.

### Capricorn ( Dec 21 -- Jan 19) :

Venus is riding along your side. Friends, lovers, and the community around you are ever-supportive to your hopes and plans. New agreements and understandings can be created. This is a very good time to communicate with family members and those very close to you.

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

You are heading for a change of direction in December. Begin now to clear your plate and finish projects so you will be ready. There will be considerable expansion of your life territory as time moves forward.

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

Concentrate carefully on any project requiring calculations and multiple plans. The probability of making an error or accessing inaccurate information is high. However, this is a powerful time to consider your spiritual purposes, seeking to align daily activity with your personal mission.

## Khachaturian Trio to perform in Armenian Genocide commemorative concert at Fresno State

On Friday, November 14, the Khachaturian Trio will perform a Commemorative Concert dedicated to the victims and survivors of the Armenian Genocide, Massis Post reports.

The event will take place at Fresno State Concert Hall located in the University's Music Building. The program will include works by Rachmaninoff, Babadjanian, and Khachaturian. The event is co-sponsored by the Fresno State Armenian Studies Program and the Philip Lorenz Memorial Keyboard Concerts.

Named after the renowned Armenian composer Aram Khachaturian, the trio consists of pianist Armine Grigoryan, violinist Karen Shahgaldyan, and cellist Karen Kocharyan. Educated at prestigious institutions including the Yerevan State Conservatory and the Moscow Conservatory, the three colleagues have toured extensively throughout the Central and South America, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, China, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Australia, Moldova, Georgia, Lithuania, Latvia, Russia and Armenia. They are widely considered as one of Armenia's leading chamber music ensembles and have been praised for their virtuoso performances, subtle sense of style, warmth, and deep musicality.

The Fresno State Armenian Studies Program ([www.fresnostate.edu/armenianstudies](http://www.fresnostate.edu/armenianstudies)) offers courses on Armenian history, Armenian language and literature, art and architecture, film, William Saroyan, the Genocide, and contemporary issues. It supports the Armenian Students Organization, the student and program newspaper Hye Sharzhoom, and the Armenian Studies Program Lecture Series.

The event is one in series of activities promoted by the Armenian Genocide Centennial-Fresno Committee, which includes representatives from the religious, educational, social, and political organizations of the Central Valley. The group's goals are to commemorate the 1.5 million martyrs who perished at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish Government; to educate others about the Armenian Genocide and historical injustice; and to inspire people to overcome adversity through the story of the survivors' of the Armenian Genocide.

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