

## Armenian PM visits the frontline

On a working visit to the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Armenian Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan visited the frontline military positions of the Artsakh Defense Army accompanied by NKR Prime Minister Ara Harutyunyan, NKR Defense Minister, Lieutenant General Movses Hakobyan, members of the NKR Government.

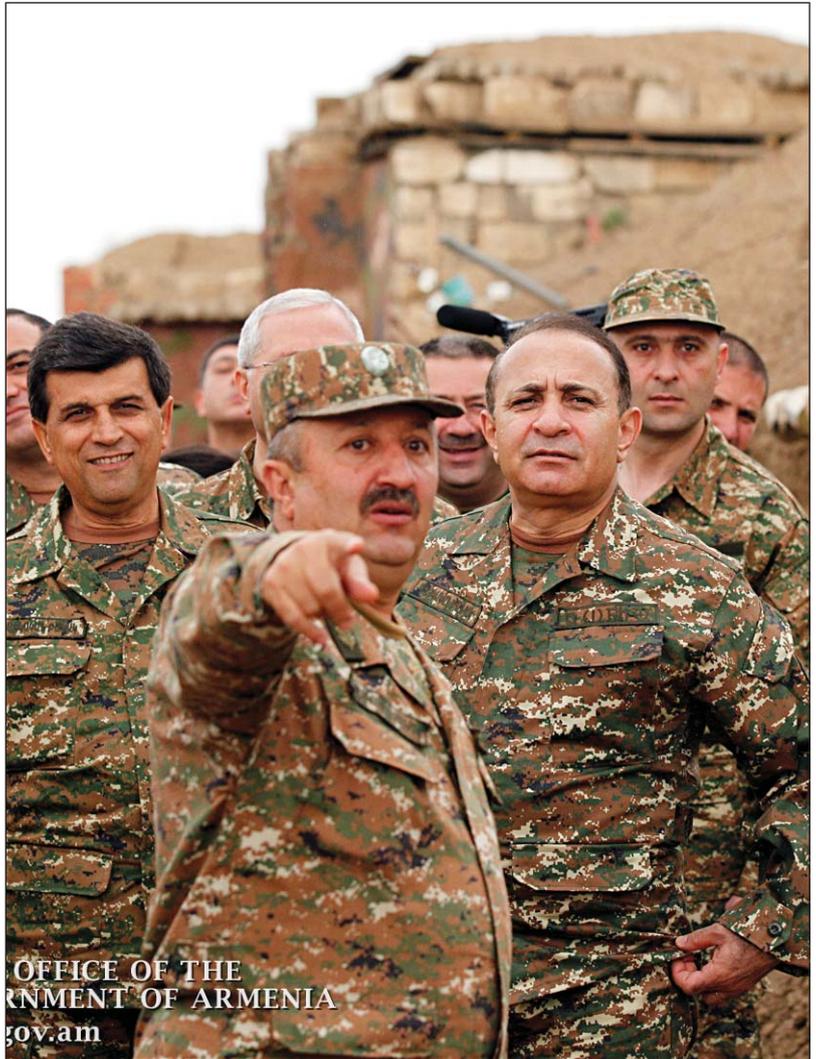
The Armenian PM met with the soldiers and commanders, familiarized with the conditions, dined with the servicemen and handed gifts to all soldiers on duty.

Speaking to reporters, PM Abrahamyan highly appreciated the combat readiness of the servicemen and their psychological condition. "It's very important to be next to the soldiers, to listen to them and see their problems on the ground," he said.

"As a state we are obliged to create good conditions for the service of soldiers. The service in this dangerous military position, located some hundred meters away from the enemy's snipers, requires great caution and alertness on the part of the soldiers. Be assured that the constant attention towards the defenders of our Motherland will be continuous," the Prime Minister said.

Hovik Abrahamyan underlined that ensuring the security is a priority for the state and attached importance to the periodic visits of high-ranking officials to military positions.

"The soldier should know he's supported by the government, the people, who appreciate his service and devoted activity," Hovik Abrahamyan said.



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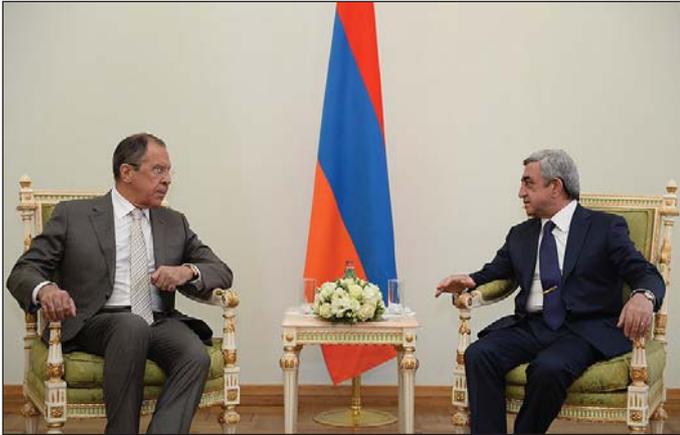
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## Armenian President, Russian FM discuss bilateral, international issues



President Serzh Sargsyan received today Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who has arrived in Armenia for a two-day official visit.

Greeting the guest, President Sargsyan voiced hope that the visit would become an important step on the path of reinforcement of allied relations between the two countries.

Serzh Sargsyan underlined that the agreements reached

within the framework of the Russian President's state visit to Armenia and the meeting in Moscow on May 8 have enriched the bilateral agenda and the implementation of those agreements will inevitably serve as a serious impetus for the development of relations in all spheres – from coordination of activity on the foreign policy field to humanitarian cooperation.

Sergey Lavrov conveyed the greetings of Russian President Vladimir Putin and assured that his President was committed to all agreements reached with Serzh Sargsyan.

The Russian Foreign Minister briefed President Sargsyan on the results of his meeting with his Armenian counterpart Edward Nalbandian. He said they referred to a wide range of issues related to Armenian-Russian cooperation within the framework of international organizations – the UN, the OSCE, the Council of Europe, the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and others.

The Armenian President and the Russian Foreign Minister discussed the process of implementation of high-level agreements in all directions and outlined the future steps targeted at reinforcement of multifaceted cooperation.

## Sergey Lavrov: Russia interested in soonest settlement of the Karabakh conflict

Russia is interested in the soonest resolution of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said at a joint press conference with Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian in Yerevan.

“All bases exist for the resolution of this conflict. I mean the principles incorporated in the statements of the Presidents of Russia, the United States and France. Now it is important to coordinate the parameters of practical realization of these principles and the sequence of steps that should be taken in that direction. Russia, as one of the Minsk Group Co-Chairing countries, will seek to maintain the dialogue between the Armenian and Azerbaijani Presidents re-launched at the end of 2013 and contribute to the settlement of the remaining unsolved issues,” Lavrov said.

French President Francois Hollande declared in Yerevan about his intention to host a presidential meeting in Paris. Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov stated in response that Baku was waiting for “concreteness.”

“Within the framework of the visit to Armenia, the President of France made a concrete proposal to organize a summit of the Presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan. Perhaps, Baku is waiting for something

different,” the Armenian Foreign Minister said.

“Azerbaijan constantly dislikes the proposals made by the co-chairing countries on behalf of the international community, including the suggestions on the reinforcement of the ceasefire regime, withdrawal of snipers, creation of mechanisms for investigation of border incidents. There is simply no alternative to the proposal of the co-chairing countries targeted at the resolution of the Karabakh conflict exceptionally in a peaceful way,” Minister Nalbandian added.

Speaking about the normalization of Armenian-Turkish relations, Sergey Lavrov said “Russia is ready to support the process.”

“Both before and after the signing of the Armenian-Turkish protocols we have expressed our willingness to make our contribution to the process in the format that will suit Armenia and Turkey. There were ideas to implement infrastructure projects that could unite the nations, countries and adjacent regions. All this remains in force, but the primary role here belongs to the two counties that have signed the protocols. We are ready to provide every support to their implementation,” Lavrov said.

“Russia upholds Armenia's involve-

ment in Eurasian integration. We discussed cooperation in different international organizations, including within the UN, the Council of Europe, the CIS, the OSCE and the CSTO,” Lavrov said.

“Russia and Armenia maintain strategic partnership that is based on centuries-long friendship, mutual assistance and good-neighborliness. This is an important factor for ensuring stability of our states and maintaining regional stability,” Lavrov said.

“The high-level regular and trust-based dialogue gives an impetus to our multilateral relations. Today we've discussed the implementation of the agreements, reached in the course of Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to Yerevan last year and at the meeting between our presidents in Moscow on May 8,” he said.

“We praise the work of the intergovernmental commission for trade and economic cooperation. The similar commission for military-technical cooperation operates. Recently the inter-parliamentary commission has met. We expect the Armenian speaker to arrive in Moscow in early July,” he said.

“We believe that the strengthening of inter-parliamentary relations will facilitate further development of cooperation,” Lavrov said.

## Armenian soldier killed in Azeri firing

Armenian soldier Armen Avetisyan, born in 1995, was killed by the enemy's bullet in one of the military units located in the eastern direction of the line of contact between the armed forces of Nagorno Karabakh and Azerbaijan.

The Ministry of Defense of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic shares the sorrow of this heavy loss and expresses its condolences to Armen Avetisyan's family and friends.

Probe into the details of the incident is under way.

## NKR President meets delegates of the European Free Alliance

Artsakh Republic President Bako Sahakyan received delegation of the European Free Alliance (EFA) headed by its Vice-President Miguel Martinez Tomey.

Issues related to the Artsakh-Europe relations, Azerbaijani-Karabakh conflict settlement and regional processes were discussed during the meeting.

President Sahakyan noted that Artsakh was interested in establishing and maintaining sustainable ties with the forces representing Europe's political arena, emphasizing their geopolitical and civiliza-



tional significance.

NKR foreign minister Karen Mirzoyan, head of the "European friends of Armenia" organization Eduardo Lorenzo Ochoa and other officials participated in the meeting.

## Vladimir Kazimirov: The Karabakh conflict should be solved exceptionally in a peaceful way



Baku is doing its best to make us forget how the ceasefire agreement was reached. Ilham Aliyev is glorifying his father, at the same time forgetting to implement the documents adopted with the latter's consent, one of which clearly states that "The Karabakh conflict should be solved exceptionally in a peaceful way," former Russian Co-Chair of the OSCE Minsk Group Vladimir Kazimirov told a press conference today.

In an article published by Moscow-based "Regnum" agency on the 20th anniversary of the ceasefire Kazimirov presented an interesting statistics, which

he introduced to reporters today. "During the war the Azerbaijani side frustrated 20 peace initiatives, while the Armenian parties denied only four," he said.

According to Kazimirov, Azerbaijan's axe-policy only harms the process. However, the former co-chair congratulated Armenia, Artsakh and Azerbaijan on the 20th anniversary of the ceasefire, since it has at least managed to prevent mass bloodshed.

Kazimirov said everything should be done to resolve the conflict in a peaceful way. "We must work towards reinforcement of peace," he said. The ex-mediator is confident that "we are closer to peace than war," despite Azerbaijan's bellicose rhetoric and the tension at the line of contact.

To what extent will Armenia's membership in the Eurasian Economic Union affect the Artsakh conflict? According to Kazimirov, these are two different processes.

As for the deployment of peacekeepers at the Artsakh conflict zone, Kazimirov said the issue is not on the agenda today.

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## Alexander Iskandaryan doubts Armenia will join the Eurasian Union on July 1



Armenia will hardly sign the document on joining the Eurasian Economic Union on July 1, although Armenia has agreed on the provisions envisaged by the roadmap, political scientist Alexander Iskandaryan said.

“Armenia is in the process of adjusting to the Customs Union and the Eurasian Economic Union, the legal format of relations is being shaped. There are few questions remaining, but they need to be solved,” he said.

“I may be mistaken, but I doubt that that the document will

be signed on July 1,” Iskandaryan said. He has added that there are questions of technical character, namely disagreements between the member states that could block the signing of the document.

There are no perspectives for the opening of the Abkhazian railway, political scientist Alexander Iskandaryan told a press conference at Noyan Tapan News Agency. According to him, there are so many problems in the sphere that the opening of the railway is impossible at least in the foreseeable future.

The Armenian-Russian link through the Abkhazian railway is impossible now, Alexander Iskandaryan said, refraining from any predictions. His confidence is based on the analysis of the current situation and political processes. . “Technically, it is nearly impossible. There are thousands of problems,” he added.

Referring to Armenia’s foreign policy, Alexander Iskandaryan has noted that it fully suits the logic of complementary policy. “Armenia is a member of the CIS and aspires to join the Customs Union, at the same time Europe is our best partner. Armenia has built interesting and deep relations with the United States and has maintained good relations with Georgia.”

## Seiran Ohanyan visited new positions at Nakhijevan border



The Minister of Defense Seiran Ohanyan visited a military unit located southwest of the border area.

Artsakhpress.am reported referring to Razm.info that the minister visited the military bases where he got acquainted with the tactical line equipment and improvement works.

Seiran Ohanyan got acquainted with sentry duty arrangements, which is taking place in severe climatic conditions, 3000 meters above the sea.

Note that the message disseminated

by the MoD states that during the visit Seiran Ohanyan got acquainted with engineering activities in the military unit.

The website informs that recently the army unit located southwest has occupied new defense lines along the border with Nakhijevan, controlling another 100 square kilometers and it is possible that Seiran Ohanyan’s visit intended to get acquainted with the existing situation and give instructions on the creation of the infrastructures of the new defense line.

## Putin, Aliyev talk Karabakh settlement

Russian President Vladimir Putin had a telephone conversation with President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev, Kremlin’s Press Service reports.

The two leaders noted the high level of bilateral cooperation and stated their resolve to develop these ties further.

The two Presidents also exchanged views on regional issues, including settlement in Nagorno-Karabakh. Mr Putin reiterated Russia’s readiness to do everything it can to facilitate a peaceful solution to the problem.



## Parliament of Spanish autonomous community of Navarre recognizes Armenian Genocide

As a result of several study visits organised by EuFoA to Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh with different parliamentarians, the Parliament of Navarre has adopted on 23 June, 2014 a declaration recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

The declaration, adopted by the unicameral Parliament on 23 June 2014, reads that “in accordance with the resolution of the European Parliament of June 1987, reaffirmed by subsequent resolutions (February 28, 2002 and April 1, 2004), the events suffered by the Armenian people are an authentic genocide”.

“As we are nearing the centenary of the Armenian Genocide, such declarations clearly show European solidarity with Armenian people and their suffering” comments EuFoA Director Eduardo Lorenzo Ochoa. “EuFoA is proud that thanks to its extensive network, more and more key European stake-

holders are aware of the importance of this issue”, he added.

The declaration denounces the policy developed by the Turkish regime existing at that time and calls on Turkey “to establish diplomatic relations with Armenia in spirit of good and harmonious neighbourhood, and to resolve their border dispute peacefully.” In addition the text underlines that given Turkey’s status as candidate for EU membership, those two issues (the recognition of the Genocide and the normalisation of diplomatic relations) should be urgently addressed.

Navarre is a Spanish autonomous region in the north, bordering France, roughly the size of Cyprus (10,391 km<sup>2</sup>) and populated by around 650,000 inhabitants (equivalent of Montenegro). It is the fourth region in Spain that has recognized the Armenian Genocide, after the Basque Country, Catalonia and the Balearic Islands.

## House & Senate appropriators adopt U.S. funding measures to Armenia and the region

On June 25 the House Appropriations Committee approved its Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (SFOPS) Appropriations Bill, which covers U.S. economic, humanitarian, and military assistance to the South Caucasus, reported the Armenian Assembly of America (Assembly). Specific funding levels to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Nagorno Karabakh were not delineated in the bill.

The House bill was similar to the Senate version, which was approved last week. Both bills maintained Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act, restating the six customary exemptions for humanitarian and other assistance to Azerbaijan. Section 907 was enacted in 1992 and requires the Government of Azerbaijan to take “demonstrable steps to cease all blockades and other offensive uses of force” against Armenia and Artsakh.

However, the Senate report language, unlike the House, specifically highlighted funding to Nagorno Karabakh as follows: “The Committee recommends assistance for victims of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in amounts consistent with prior years, and for ongoing needs related to the conflict.”

Senator Mark Kirk (R-IL), who serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, told the Assembly that “continued assistance for the people of Nagorno-Karabakh remains an important priority.” Commenting on the House bill, Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA), who sits on the House Appropriations Committee, stated, “I am disappointed that we could not reach agreement on language

underscoring the need for humanitarian assistance in Nagorno Karabakh. We must continue to fight for this assistance as the bill moves through the legislative process to ensure the best possible outcome for our allies Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh. Given the bellicose language and attacks coming from Azerbaijan on a daily basis, this aid is absolutely critical for the freedom, prosperity and self-determination of those in the region,” Schiff told the Assembly.

The House and Senate FY 2015 SFOPS bills each totaled approximately \$48 billion, which is some \$700 million below the enacted FY 2014 level, and roughly \$280 million less than the President’s FY 2015 request.

The Administration’s budget calls for \$1.7 million in Foreign Military Financing (FMF) and \$600,000 in International Military Education Training (IMET) for Armenia and Azerbaijan. This amounts to a reduction of \$1 million for FMF from last year’s budget request, however IMET funding is consistent with past years and military parity is maintained between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

In addition to FMF and IMET assistance, the Administration’s FY 2015 budget also recommended that Armenia receive \$20.7 million in Economic Support Funds (compared to the FY 2014 request of \$24.7 million), and \$1.7 million in International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement (compared to the FY 2014 request of \$2.8 million). The Administration’s budget also zeroed out global health funding for Armenia. In total, the FY 2015 budget provides \$24.7 million in U.S. assistance to Armenia, which is a \$6.143 million reduc-

tion when compared to the Administration’s FY 2014 request of \$30.843 million.

Earlier this year, the Assembly submitted testimony to the House Appropriations Committee, stressing the importance of U.S. assistance to Artsakh as well as Armenia, and the much needed humanitarian assistance for Armenians in, and those fleeing, Syria. Additionally, the Assembly’s testimony highlighted the inexplicable pardon of a convicted Azeri officer who brutally murdered an Armenian officer at a NATO partnership for peace training exercise and urged that the Subcommittee cease military assistance to Azerbaijan.

“Given Turkey’s and Azerbaijan’s ongoing blockade of Armenia and the escalating security threats from Azerbaijan, coupled with the unconscionable pardon by Azerbaijan of a convicted axe murderer, as well as other regional developments, the Assembly urges Congress to ensure robust aid to Armenia and Artsakh,” stated Assembly Executive Director Bryan Ardouny. “Moreover, with the latest developments in Syria and Iraq, the Assembly urges Congress to take immediate action to provide urgent humanitarian relief to the Christian Armenian community there,” Ardouny stated.

After both measures pass their respective chambers, the next step in the legislative process involves the creation of an Appropriations conference committee, whose members will work out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill before sending it to the President for him to sign into law.

## Armenian community of Argentina asks Pope Francis for his intervention in Syria

Armenian community of Argentina sent a letter to Pope Francis asking for his intervention in the Syrian conflict, “convinced that his word could bring peace to the conflict area of Middle East and ensure the return of refugees to their homes,” Agencia Prensa Armenia reports.

The letter warns about “the sad and painful situation of Christian minorities in Syria” and notes that “the civilian population is living in a disturbing critical state.”

“For example, the city of Kessab, a majority Armenian populated town, was attacked by armed groups linked to Al-Qaeda, who crossed the border from Turkey. On March 24, after a weekend of constant attacks, Kessab had to be evacuated to other locations like Basit and Latakia”.

“Since June 2, after the Syrian elections, the target of the attacks has been the city of Aleppo. The same groups attacked with rockets the neighborhood of Nor Kyugh, with also a majority of Armenian population.



Whole buildings were demolished or partially destroyed, and the institutions of the Armenian community were completely or partially destroyed. Authorities have declared the area a disaster zone.”

Given this context, the Armenian community requested the intervention of Pope Francis “to prove once again that men of different creeds, nationalities, languages and ideas can live in harmony and solidarity.”

## #ReturnChurches: ANCA rallies support for Churches Accountability Act

With just days to the vote by the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee on the Turkey Christian Churches Accountability Act (H.R. 4347), the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA) has set Tuesday, June 24th as a day for Congressional calls and social media activism in support of this bipartisan religious freedom measure, Asbarez reports.

“This Tuesday, please call, post, tweet, and share your support for Turkey’s return of stolen Armenian, Greek, Syriac and other Christian churches,” said ANCA Executive Director Aram Hamparian. “Let your legislators know you expect them to work for the passage of H.R.4347, and then take two minutes to tell your friends and family that you’re taking a stand for the bipartisan Turkey Christian Churches Accountability Act.”

The ANCA is asking all supporters of religious freedom to contact their legislators to support H.R.4347, and then to find creative ways to use the hashtag #ReturnChurches in their Facebook, Twitter and other social media posts. A sample phone script and relevant contact information for legislators is available here.

The U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs, under the leadership of Chairman Ed Royce (R-CA), is set to consider H.R. 4347, the Turkey Christian Churches Accountability Act, on Thursday, June 26th at 9:00 am EST. The freedom of faith initiative is stridently opposed by the Turkish Government.

Introduced this March of this year by Chairman Royce along with the panel’s Ranking Democrat Eliot Engel (D-NY), H.R. 4347 would require that the U.S. Department of State formally report to Congress on an annual basis about the status of Turkey’s return of stolen Christian churches and properties in Turkey and occupied Cyprus. H.R. 4347 builds on a measure

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

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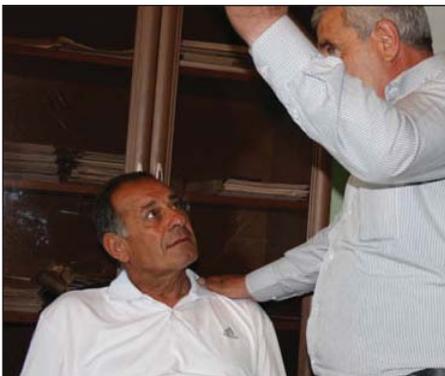
## Tons of crops from Armenian villages ruined because of produce sold at triple the price

Tons of crops grown in Armenia's villages are thrown out every year because the middlemen sell them at double to triple the price in Yerevan's markets, says head of the central Armenian town of Aramus, Hrayr Nikoghosyan (pictured).

The middlemen in Armenia's produce market purchase carrots from villagers at 100 drams (about \$0.24 USD) per kilo but sell them to consumers for 250–300 drams (\$0.60–0.73), claims Nikoghosyan. Angrily he explains that middlemen in Yerevan don't even know whether carrots are grown on trees or in the ground; however, they're the ones who make the profits.

"No such revenue exists in the world. There is [such a thing as] market value: you buy [it] for 100 drams, sell it for 120 drams [\$0.28]. Brother, have a profit of 20%. In that case, the buyer will buy not half a kilo, but 1–2 kilos. The value of the villager's output will increase automatically," he argues.

Nikoghosyan lists villagers' expenses in growing carrots (land tax, water bills), but the annual income for a single family does not exceed 600,000 AMD (\$1,465) for 6 tons of carrots produced. Middlemen, on the other hand, only have to pay for their market stall, selling the produce they purchased at 100 AMD per kilo for at least 300 AMD/kg.



"Who will allow an Aramus inhabitant to go sell his goods in Yerevan? Will the Yerevan inhabitant sitting there allow you to take carrots and sell them? I always say that jobs were created for people in Yerevan. Yerevan inhabitants have so much income, which the villagers don't have," he says.

At one time, four buses would take people from the village to Yerevan to sell their harvest, but now there are no buses. In Nikoghosyan's opinion, the farmers' markets that, according to Armenia's Minister of Agriculture, shouldn't leave anyone "poor" in the village, are just for show. "[Only] one or two Aramus inhabitants can make use of them," he said. "There was a person in the

village who had 6 tons of harvest, [but] he couldn't sell half of it. It was ruined; he threw it out."

As a result, villagers don't respond to

The community's budget in 2013 was 6 million 735 thousand AMD (\$16,443) from land tax alone. "I am very grateful. There was one guy who came to pay the tax; it was



town council announcements on sales of land. The day Hetq was in town, there was supposed to be an auction sale of three lots of agricultural land; however, only one Aramus inhabitant, Ashot Sargsyan, submitted a bid. According to the rules of procedure, auctions are held only if there are at least two bids submitted; thus, that day's auction was considered not to have taken place.

According to Nikoghosyan, the younger generations don't want to continue harvesting the arable land provided to their families when they gained land ownership in newly independent Armenia. A three-member family was given one plot of 630 square meters of land; a four-member family, 2 plots; six-member family, 3 plots; and so on. However, if the land is not providing income, it's not in demand, he explains.

However, despite this fact, all Aramus residents scrupulously pay their land tax.

just 3,600 dram [\$8.78]; I said, don't worry about it (he really was poor), [but] he said, no, I will pay because I earn income from the land," he said, adding that the only thing left is to return the market to the villager.

"You know when they say, we helped by providing fertilizer? Fertilizer is not assistance. Ok, say, we need two sacks of fertilizer; the difference is about 2,000 dram [\$4.88]; say, you helped with 4,000 dram [\$9.76] — you solved the villager's problem and you're done? And [then] you double the [price of] water. Just calculate one thing: 1.8–2 million cubic meters of water is used in Aramus. The five villages of this region — Nor Gyugh, Akunk, Kotayk, Katnaghbyur, Kamaris — together don't use that much water as much as Aramus uses. This village produces up to 10 tons of carrots. Helping a villager means that I produce it, so I [should] sell it," concludes Nikoghosyan. *hetq.am*





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- 1986.**Cascade**, Land 1000sq.m. 3storied building-1200sq.m., unfinished, parking. Price: 1.000.000 USD.
- 2167.**Sayat Nova str.**, newly built, 38sq. m, capitally repaired. Price: 200.000 USD
- 2175.**Tumanyan str.**, Ground and 1st floor of the building, 600sq.m, ground floor-300sq.m, 1st floor-220sq.m, basement-80sq.m., - 1st line, zero level, 2 entrances, facade-15m, 4 window glasses, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, Price: 3500 USD per sq.m,
- 2172. **Isahakyan str.**, 92sq.m, 1st line, 7 degrees above zero level, facade-9m, 2 window glasses, h-3.20m, 2 halls, cabinet, bathroom, capitally repaired, heating system. Price: 450.000 USD

## LANDS

- 2122.**Davitashen**, 1800 sq.m., water, gas, electricity, possible to sell separately 600 sq.m., and 1200 sq.m. Price: 150 USD per sq.m.
- 2121.**Demirchyan str.**, 1338 sq.m., building permits. Price: 2million USD.
- 2013.**Cascade**, 1000 sq.m. building permits, first line, gas, water and electricity possibilities. Price 460.000USD
- 1402.**Hr. Kochar Str.**, 1100 sq. m., facade -25 m. Price negotiable.
- 2090.**Lori region**, close to Stepanavan, Gyargyar village, 6 hectares, forest 2 hectare has building permits, 3 water source, electricity. Price: 100.000USD.
- 2406.**Avan**, Mher Mkrtchyan 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, 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.

- 3401.**Antarayan 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.**Antarayan str.**, 34 flats, 110-275 sq.m., 4 penthouses-200-275sq.m, available services-car wash, cleaning service, garbage removal service, parking. Price: Negotiable

- 131.**Busand str.**, commercial, office and residential areas, penthouse, available services-car wash, cleaning service, garbage removal service, parking. Price: Negotiable



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

### 2 ROOMS

- ♦942. **Teryan str.** 4/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: 1500 USD.
- ♦1950. **Buzand/Mashtots area.** Newly built, 8th floor, 163 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control, furnished, open balcony. Price: 2500 USD.
- ♦1681. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 6/2, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- ♦1535. **Busand str.**, Newly built, 7/4, 82sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, parking, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable.
- ♦2089. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 8/6, 120sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control, furnished, equipped. Price: 2500 USD
- ♦1738. **Amiryan str.**, 8/8, 159sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable
- ♦1951. **Busand str.**, Newly built, 13th floor, 122sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control. Price: 2500 USD
- ♦1406. **Sayat Nova ave.**, 7/3, 110sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable
- ♦2187. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 9/5, 120 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 2.200 USD
- ♦2109. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 10/4, 137sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, central heating, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- ♦2243. **Buzand str.**, Newly built, 17/4, 125sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD
- ♦ **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 14/5, 120sqm, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, partly furnished. Price 2000 USD
- ♦2267. **North Avenue** Newly built, 7th floor, 170sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished equipped. Price: 2500 USD

### 3 ROOMS AND MORE

- ♦2257. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 17/16, 160 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: Negotiable
- ♦2021. **Teryan Str.**, Newly built, 9/8, 9, 245 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished. Preliminary price: 3500 USD.

- ♦2005. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/8, 130 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, parking. Price: 2200 USD.
- ♦1723. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/4., 170 sq.m 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, open kitchen, capitolly repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD.
- ♦1981. **Vardanants Str.**, Newly built, 14/14, 140 sq m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly 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, capitolly 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, capitolly 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, capitolly repaired, climate control, AC, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- ♦2261. **Hin Yerevantsi**, /North Avenue/, Newly built, 10/3, 124sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 1700 USD
- ♦2084. **Tumanyan str.**, 4th floor, 200sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- ♦2252. **Northern ave**, 7th floor, 350 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, open balconies, capitolly repaired, climate control, parking. Price Negotiable.

### PRIVATE HOUSES

- ♦1248. **Aygedzor**, Land - 1021 sq m ,3 storied bld. - 501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, capitolly 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, capitolly 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, capitolly 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, capitolly 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, capitolly 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, capitolly 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, capitolly 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, capitolly 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, capitolly 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, capitolly repaired, heating system, sauna swimming pool, garden. Price: 8000 USD
- ♦1312. **Blur, Barbysus str.**, Land-450sq.m., 4 storied building-470sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable
- ♦1317. **Blur, Barbysus str.**, Land-900sq.m., 5 storied building-800sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitolly 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, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. 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. **Buzand 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, capitolly repaired, gas, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable.
- ♦1462. **Teryan str.**, 3 storied building, 800 sq.m., capitolly repaired, AC, parking, Price: 10.000 USD.
- ♦1945. **Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1,2, 140sq.m., window glasses, capitolly repaired, AC. Price: 8000 USD
- ♦1943. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m., 1st line, capitolly repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 7000 USD
- ♦1868. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m., 1st line, facade-55m, capitolly repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: 15.000 USD.
- ♦2087. **Northern ave.**, Ground floor of the building, 100sq.m, 1st line, zero level, capitolly 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, capitolly 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, capitolly repaired. Price: 4.000 USD

## Russia ratifies deal on duty-free gas, oil product, diamond exports to Armenia

The Federation Council of Russia has ratified on June 25 an intergovernmental agreement with Armenia on cooperation in commodity supplies to the South Caucasus republic, Itar-Tass reports.

The document signed on December 2, 2013, stipulates Russia's duty-free supplies of petroleum products, natural gas and natural uncut diamonds to Armenia before the latter joins the Eurasian integration space based on the Customs Union of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan.

The agreement has been concluded for an indefinite term and has been temporarily applied 20 days after its signing. The provisions on the duty-free exports of nat-

ural gas, petroleum products and diamonds will be in effect until December 31, 2014, and may be extended upon the parties' consent.

The agreement prohibits Armenia to re-export Russia's oil product, natural gas and diamond supplies to third countries free of export duties. Otherwise, Russia has the right to demand compensation in US dollars equivalent to the value of export customs duties effective in Russia as of the date when such violations are exposed.

Such compensation may be substituted with the lower amount of commodities supplied to Armenia free of customs

duties compared with the amount stipulated in the agreed delivery balance.

Russia has also the right to reduce or suspend duty-free commodity supplies to Armenia. The amount of compensation, which Armenia fails to pay to Russia, will be acknowledged as Armenia's debt to Russia and will carry interest.

Upon termination of the agreement by either party, Armenia's obligations to pay compensation to Russia and/or acknowledge unpaid amounts as its state debt to Russia will stay in effect until they are fully discharged by the South Caucasus republic.

## The World Bank Helps Boosting the Competitiveness of Armenian Agriculture

### *50,000 Pasture Users in Mountainous Villages to Benefit from Livestock Production*

WASHINGTON, June 20, 2014 - The World Bank Board of Executive Directors today approved a US\$ 32.67 million financing for the Second Community Agricultural Resource Management and Competitiveness (CARMAC) Project for Armenia. This Project is designed to improve productivity and sustainability of pasture and livestock systems in up to 100 communities in the eight regions with significant pasture areas and increase the marketed production from selected livestock and high value agri-food value chains.

For the women and men living in Armenia's rural communities, agriculture remains the main source of employment and livelihoods. Thus, developing farmers' productivity, including through cooperatives and associations, and strengthening the links between agricultural producers and the food processing industry are critical. The project will help address key constraints by improving market access, supporting the commercialization process, and enhancing employment opportunities while protecting the natural environment. The second CARMAC expands the scope of the first project, notably its successful pasture-based livestock activities, to include a new value chain component linking livestock and other agriculture production with markets.

"Enhancing productivity and strengthening market access of farmers are key to reducing poverty and boosting shared pros-

perity in rural areas" says Jean-Michel Happi, the World Bank Country Manager for Armenia. "Project activities are devised in such a way as to mainly benefit pasture users, farmer cooperatives, as well as food business operators. At least 50,000 farmers are expected to participate in this project through their membership in Pasture Users' Cooperatives (PUC)."

The proposed project will further implement an efficient and sustainable community managed pasture based livestock production and include new ones exhibiting a strong interest, adding to the already existing 86 communities covered by the on-going CARMAC project. Pasture users cooperatives will be established in about 100 communities, which will be the key players in developing sustainable pasture/livestock management plans and receiving grant resources about US\$ 200,000 per PUC for their implementation. Funding may include financing of infrastructure to access and use remote pastures, milk collection points with cooling equipment, machinery to produce and harvest fodder, and other activities of community importance.

"I would highlight the long-term benefits of value chain development for the efficiency of agricultural output," says Nicolas Ahouissoussi, World Bank Task Team Leader of the project. "The project will support agricultural producers and processors to improve the ability to meet domestic

demand and access international markets, building on the competitive advantages of the Armenian market."

Support programs for women and youth are planned to enhance their participation in the PUCs along with their communal decision-making process around pasture management. Along with other activities, the project pays special attention and will contribute to increasing the capacity of public sector institutions, such as regional-level Veterinary Service Centers and State Service for Food Safety, to facilitate business development and enable market access in the selected value chains.

Total financing of the project is US\$42.67 million, of which US\$10 million will be the Government's and beneficiaries' contribution. The World Bank will provide a US\$9.67 million equivalent credit, of which US\$3.8 million on standard blend IDA terms at a fixed interest rate of 1.25% per annum with a maturity of 25 years and a 5 year grace period; US\$5.87 million on hard IDA terms at a fixed interest rate of 1.40% per annum with a maturity of 25 years and a 5 year grace period; and US\$23 million IBRD loan of variable spread with a 10 year grace period and the total repayment term of 25 years.

Since joining the World Bank in 1992 and IDA in 1993, the commitments to Armenia total approximately US\$ 1,871.73 million.

# Author of UN Report Confirming The Armenian Genocide Passes Away



By Harut Sassounian

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Benjamin Whitaker, author of a United Nations report qualifying the Armenian mass killings as genocide, passed away earlier this month at the age of 79 in London. The world lost a great humanitarian and a staunch supporter of minority rights.

I worked closely with Mr. Whitaker at the UN in Geneva, Switzerland, for several years. He served as the British expert on the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, while I represented the Indigenous World Association, a Native American non-governmental organization (NGO).

Mr. Whitaker was an activist lawyer, elected to the British Parliament from North London in 1966. He became executive director of the Minority Rights Group in 1971, publishing dozens of studies on minority groups around the world, including a trailblazing report on Armenians.

In 1975, Mr. Whitaker was appointed as British representative on the UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, in the midst of a major controversy regarding a reference to the Armenian Genocide in a UN study. Rwandan Special Rapporteur Nicodeme Ruhashyankiko, author of the preliminary study, was pressured by Turkey to delete the reference to the Armenian Genocide.

To counter the Turkish pressures, a handful of Armenian activists, including this writer, successfully lobbied the UN Sub-Commission in 1978 to block the report after the reference to the Armenian Genocide was removed. I then asked Mr. Whitaker if he would be interested in becoming a Special Rapporteur to complete Ruhashyankiko's aborted report. Mr. Whitaker agreed on condition that he would not do seek any votes for his appointment.

Given his impeccable reputation as a human rights activist, the Sub-Commission members overwhelmingly voted for Mr. Whitaker as the new Special Rapporteur with a mandate to prepare a "revised and updated report on the question of the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide." The only unhappy delegate was Turkey's UN representative who knew that his government's intimidating tactics on Mr. Ruhashyankiko would not work on Mr. Whitaker.

In August 1985, Mr. Whitaker presented to the UN Sub-Commission the revised and updated report, qualifying the Armenian Genocide as an example of genocide in the

20th century. After lengthy debates, Turkey failed in pressuring the Sub-Commission to delete the reference to the Armenian Genocide. By a vote of 14 in favor, one against, and four abstentions, the Sub-Commission adopted the report, thus confirming that the Armenian Genocide met the UN criteria for genocide.

Since then, Turkish denialists have engaged in blatant lies, claiming that there was no such vote and no such UN report! They even alleged that Farhan Haq, spokesman for the UN Secretary General, had told Turkish groups back in 2000 that the UN had "never approved nor supported a report that describes the Armenian experience as 'genocide.'" I contacted Mr. Haq who told me that he was indeed aware of the report adopted by the UN human rights body which referred to the Armenian Genocide. He had simply told the Turkish groups that the UN General Assembly had not adopted a report on the Armenian Genocide.

Unfortunately, there has been very little effort by Armenians to publicize this critical UN report which acknowledges the Armenian Genocide. More surprisingly, in his UN General Assembly address in 2000, Pres. Kocharian called upon the UN to recognize

the Armenian Genocide. The President's aides had not informed him about the UN Sub-Commission report of 1985!

Since our UN days, I had the distinct pleasure of being in the company of Mr. Whitaker on several occasions. In the late 1980's, we were both invited to Argentina by the local Armenian National Committee to deliver a series of lectures on the UN and the Armenian Genocide. In 2009, Mr. Whitaker kindly attended my presentation at the British Parliament on the Armenian Genocide and made gracious remarks about our past collaboration at the UN.

The Armenian Republic and Armenian communities worldwide should organize a fitting tribute to Mr. Whitaker, as 2015 is not only the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide, but also the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the UN genocide report.

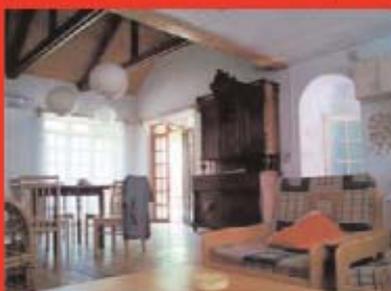
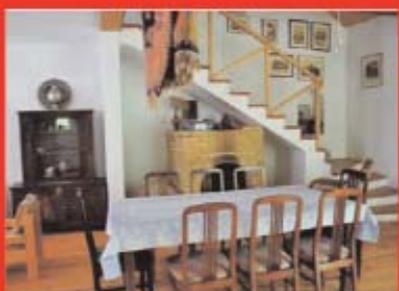
There are three other members of the UN Sub-Commission who were extremely supportive during the adoption of the genocide report and who are still alive: Leandro Despouy of Argentina, Louis Joinet of France, and Mrs. Erica Daes of Greece. Despouy has already been decorated by the President of Armenia. Joinet and Daes deserve similar recognition by Armenia and the Diaspora!



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## Diaspora and its role in national ideology, national economy and strategy of integration into the world market system

By Artashes Mikaelyan



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During the world economic crisis a lot of countries in the world were able to turn negative factors into positive ones by applying advanced methods of management and introducing economically based laws. Armenia with her great historical experience and exceptional authority in commerce could have followed this way meanwhile using great potential of her Diaspora.

According to different estimates, the material, scientific, technological and other means accumulated by Armenian Diaspora, including human resources, in terms of money are many times as much as the resources of RA national wealth. It is a common knowledge that rebuilding of a country's economy so as to reach the level of the world development requires certain amount of means. The experience of the last century proves that a part of Diaspora's capital was invested into Armenia's economy as a charity help or a gift. However, substantial financial investments besides psychological and ideological stimuli require a stable legislative basis and favorable economic conditions that can make the investments attractive.

Investment of capital has two main directions and two purposes: 1) the capital is invested into definite branches of economy (or definite regions) and the profit gained is reinvested into the same branch (or region) with the aim to achieve circulation of the capital; 2) the capital is invested with the aim of taking the profit out of the given economic zone.

Since the first years of Armenia's independence up to now the second direction of the investment is characteristic of Armenia, though the first one is strategically the matter of the first-priority that could make Armenia's political and economic independence stronger.

What are the real investment resources for Armenia's development in the first of the above-mentioned directions? To our mind, Armenian Diaspora is one of the main sources for Armenia's development.

The importance of the Diaspora was emphasized in the RA Strategic Social-Economic Program (SSEP), meanwhile it is stated that "While in the first period of Armenia's independence the investments on the part of the Diaspora showed a tendency for growth, in the last few years the tendency is that of a steady decline."

To our mind, such a situation is a result of lack in the modern policy of economic management of a just and consistent position towards the Diaspora, a position which could be reasonable and

could inspire confidence.

To make the Diaspora's potential a real resource for RA strategic social-economic development it is necessary to take the following measures:

- to create all-Armenian united national ideology;
- to make economically-based coordinated and confirmed by the sides two- or three-sided investment programs with participation of Armenia, Diaspora and Artsakh;
- to create structures whose function would be organizing and managing the realization of the above-mentioned programs;
- to write and coordinate with Diaspora the laws for the regulation of the work of coordinate programs. The state must function as a main warrant in the process of multilevel control over the laws being properly followed and correctly applied.

Are there any favorable conditions and financial resources for Armenia to come out of the crisis?

The positive answer to this question depends on the actual presence of direct foreign investments which may be achieved by attracting international all-Armenian capital, the capital to be formed and invested into regional and economic sector strategic social-economic programs in Armenia and Mountainous Karabakh Republic (MKR).

Man since his birth has two major rights: a right to have his Motherland and a right to worship a religion, the two rights making an axis of a nation's identity. This fact is commonly acknowledged by the world community.

The Armenians were often forced by historic circumstances to live in a foreign country whose religion was different from their own. However, even in such circumstances they managed to preserve their national identity, and love for their Motherland. This was possible due to Armenians' special power of self-consciousness that may be termed "the call of the blood".

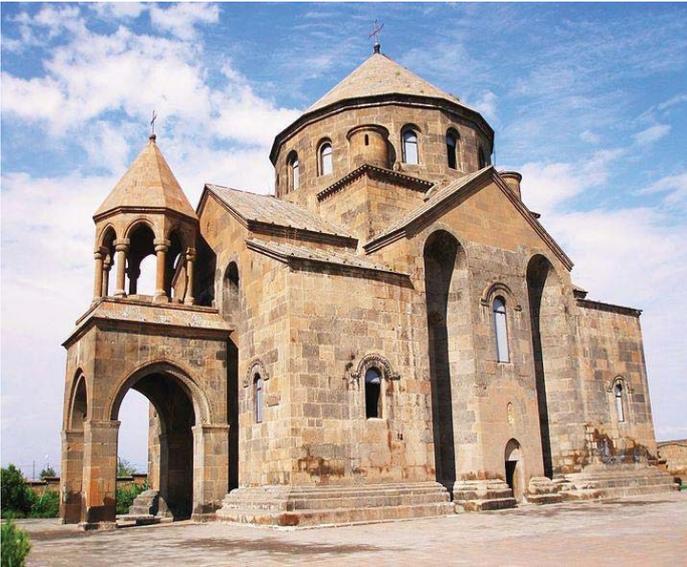
Now that the Motherland is in a deep crisis and as a consequence of it in poverty-stricken state "the call of the blood" becomes a kind of national motto. To ignore this fact would be a fatal error.

Strategic Social-Economic Program (SSEP) of the RA as a sovereign state should be based on systemic policy that implies the use of all-Armenian united national ideology and the potential of all the Armenians throughout the world.

The territory of contemporary Armenia and Mountain Karabakh where the Armenian statehood has been preserved makes only 10% of the territory of historic Armenia. Nowadays Armenia and Artsakh make the motherland of the Armenians who live in all parts of the world. Thus, every Armenian needs constant support on the part of the Armenian State.

The independence of our Motherland must be not only de-jure (juridical) but also de-facto, i.e. it must be based on the country's economic power. It is the economic power that will enable Armenia to maintain her state, political and economic independence and to win the competition in the world market in order to become a real protector of interests of Armenians throughout the world.

To build a powerful economy it is necessary to possess a powerful all-Armenian united national ideology whose main principle must be mutual benefit: what is beneficial for every Armenian in



the world must be beneficial for the Armenian statehood and vice versa. This is a real and realizably idea based on the logic, on legislative, economic and communication systems and innovative technologies of the contemporary world.

In the 20th century Diaspora took an active part in Armenia's economic and social life. In 1940-s about 100 thousand Armenians of Diaspora repatriated to their Motherland and a number of settlements and buildings were built with the means of Diaspora's wealthy Armenians. Thus, the buildings of Catholicos' two residences in Holy Etchmiadzin were constructed with Pogos Nubar and Alek Manukian's means.

During the World War II armored tank columns and squadrons named after marshal Bagramyan were made and sent to the front with financial means gathered by Armenian Diaspora. A lot of Armenians who live abroad rendered financial assistance to Armenia's cultural and art centers.

In the first years of independent Armenia's existence the process of active support on the part of Diaspora was resumed. All Armenian Diaspora in different parts of the world were inspired by the fact of Armenia's independence which was looked upon by them as realization of their cherished dream - restoration of Armenian statehood and the building of a national state.

However, gradually a distrust was growing among Armenians who live overseas, especially on the part of business circles, the distrust caused by corruption barriers of Armenia's ruling elite and by impunity of the people who break the law. On top of all this, there was a complete lack of any warrant on the part of the state to protect the foreign investors' interests.

In those years a multi-level and multi-faced corruption was flourishing in Armenia. During the process of unjust privatization numerous buildings, plants and factories, enterprises, land sites and other objects were privatized for prices much lower than average market prices. All this would have been attractive for Diaspora's Armenians who had a much higher purchasing capacity than the citizens of Armenia who were not able to take part in the process of privatization.

However, the process of privatization was as inaccessible for Diaspora Armenians as for the common citizens of Armenia because of the corruption created and enjoyed by the people who happened to be at power wheel at the moment, the so-called managing elite class. In the conditions of mass unemployment and destroyed economy of the country those people looked upon the top executive posi-

tion they occupied as a source of their own well-being.

A lot of investors appeared to be the victims of corruption which was under the protection of the officials. Racketing controlled by state officials, appropriation of other people's right for private ownership, deception, unjust decisions on the part of committed legislative bodies - all these phenomena accompanied the process of privatization.

Similar phenomena in various forms take place now and that process brought to the loss of private capital invested by a number of Armenians from Diaspora. This was a warning signal for other entrepreneurs from Diaspora, as a result, the latter prefer to restrain from investment and entrepreneurship activity in Armenia.

Eventually, distrust and a fear to be deceived formed into a serious psychological barrier which became a powerful deterring factor in the process of making a decision whether any investment into Armenia's economy should be made or not.

Meanwhile, direct Armenian investments have a great advantage over direct foreign investments, the advantage being the fact that Armenian investments are made with the aim to turn Armenia into a flourishing country which actually implies the expression of love to their Motherland, characteristic of any Armenian living in whatever part of the world. A considerable part of Armenian investments was made as a charity or as a partner's investment. Thus, for instance, several hundred million dollars were gathered and invested as a deed of gift into the construction of roads in Armenia, Mountain Karabakh and for other major social-economic programs. This process is still going on, though with the investments' volume gradually declining, is still going on, which makes a considerable contribution into the development of Armenia's economy.

Partners' investments in Armenia and Mountain Karabakh Republic (NOR) have a wide sphere of application and great perspectives, though the programs of this kind which are a sign of trust and cooperation on the part of all-Armenian world community have not been designed yet. Such programs may become a most effective direction on the way to restoration of Armenia's economy and her integration into the world market system.

In Armenia there are no programs that refer to accumulation of capital and turning it into a joint-stock company, the state could become a warrant of investments into such companies and a controller over this process. Meanwhile, it should be mentioned that in the US 70% of the population are share-holders of various investment programs in different branches of economy of the country they live in.

Diaspora's participation both in charitable and partner investments is a matter of the first-priority for Armenia and NOR. In this sphere the role of state as a warrant in the process of financial means realization and control over the process is exceedingly great.

Direct foreign investments are, undoubtedly, the most important source for sanitization, restructuring and re-equipment of economy but the investors' interests are as a rule implied in the financial investment process. Consequently, direct foreign investments are not "gold-bearing rains" but "gold-taking away" rivers. The most important task of economy management is to use these "gold-bearing rains" for watering of one's own land and to ban the flow of gold from the country. The latter process takes place in Armenia when the banks that get credits at low rates lend them at very high rates. Super-profits of these banks flow away from the country without taking part in the social-economic development programs; in fact such super-profits are a kind of "barbarian handcuffs" whose burden lies entirely on the shoulders of Armenia's population.

## GOLDEN APRICOT OUT OF COMPETITION FILM PROGRAMS

### GOLDEN APRICOT

Yerevan 11th International Film Festival has presented the out of competition film program for this year at a press conference on June 20. The conference speakers- Michael Stamboltsyan (GAIFF Programme Director), Susanna Harutyunyan (GAIFF Artistic Director) and Tatevik Manoukyan (Head of International Department) presented the details of Yerevan Premieres, Retrospectives, "Films Across Borders" programmes which can be considered as traditional for the GOLDEN APRICOT. "Armenians: View from Inside and Outside" as well as "Cinema for Social Change" Polish film programme and Ukrainian Poetic Cinema and "New German Cinema" programmes. It should be noted that around 100 films will be presented in the out of competition sections.

### YEREVAN PREMIERES

A number of critically acclaimed films will be presented within the framework of Yerevan Premieres programme. More precisely, Cannes award winning *The Winter Sleep* (Turkey, 2014) by Nuri Bilge Ceylan, Cannes Palmes d'Or nominee *Two Days, One Night* by Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardennes (Belgium/France/Italy, 2014), *Black Coal, Thin Ice* by Yi'nan Diao (China, 2014) will be presented. Two documentaries- *Barbaric Land* by Yervant Gianikian and Angela Eicci Luchhi (France, 2013) and *The Book*, a film telling of Grigor Narekatsy by Vitali Mansky will be screened as well. On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Krzysztof Zanussi *The Constant Factor* (Poland, 1980) a Cannes double award winner will be screened and the "*Let There Be Light*", the special award of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians will be granted to Zanussi.

### RETROSPECTIVES

The Retrospective programmes will present the selected works of five world famous cinematographers: More specifically films by *Sergei Parajanov*, *Kim Ki-duk* (South Korea), *Jia Zhangke* (China), *Otar Ioselliani* (France-Georgia), *Amos Gitai* (Israel) will be presented. Kim Ki-duk, Jia Zhangke, Otar Ioselliani and Amos Gitai will honour the festival with their presence and will be granted with special Parajanov's Thaler awards. The



Retrospective programme of Otar Ioselliani will be held as a Tribute programme on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the celebrated cinematographer.

### UKRANIAN POETIC CINEMA

Ukrainian Poetic Cinema will be held for the first time this year and is designed as part of the Parajanov's Jubilee programme as it was Parajanov who made this genre in Ukrainian cinema revive in the 1960s. Ten films will be presented starting from works of Dovzhenko up to our days.

### CINEMA FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

#### Polish film programme

In collaboration with this year's Golden Apricot Festival, culture.pl proudly presents a number of screenings and workshops under the tagline "Cinema for Social Change." What unites the many varied works selected for this programme are the efforts of private citizens, alone or in groups, across many different countries, to attempt to change the social and political conditions of the places in which they live. The programme provides a "global snapshot" of citizen activism – from the former Yugoslavia, Armenia and Poland to Mexico, China and Afghanistan. It will be opened with Poland's 2013 Oscar contender – *80 Million*. Also planned is a panel discussion with Adam Michnik – a leading figure of the Polish anti-communist resistance, Richard Pena - former Director of the New York Film Festival, and Armenian journalist Nouneh Sarkissian. In addition to the discussion, Richard Pena will conduct two workshops during the Festival. Another highlight of the program is an open to the public screening of the documentary *Beats of Freedom*. "Cinema for Social Change" is curated by Richard Pena

and Adam Michnik and has been organized by culture.pl as part of a program aimed at initiating and developing cultural cooperation and cultural exchange with Eastern Partnership countries.

### FILMS ACROSS BORDERS

Films Across Borders programme will traditionally present a selection of recent films created in the Eastern Partnership partners countries. The programme will present 16 films created with the ideology of creating a cultural dialogue and the idea of overcoming borders through art. The film programme is part of Directors Across Borders project which is being financed by the European Union and is implemented by GOLDEN APRICOT Fund for Cinema Development and its partners. More information on this programme will be available soon.

### ARMENIANS. VIEW FROM INSIDE AND OUTSIDE

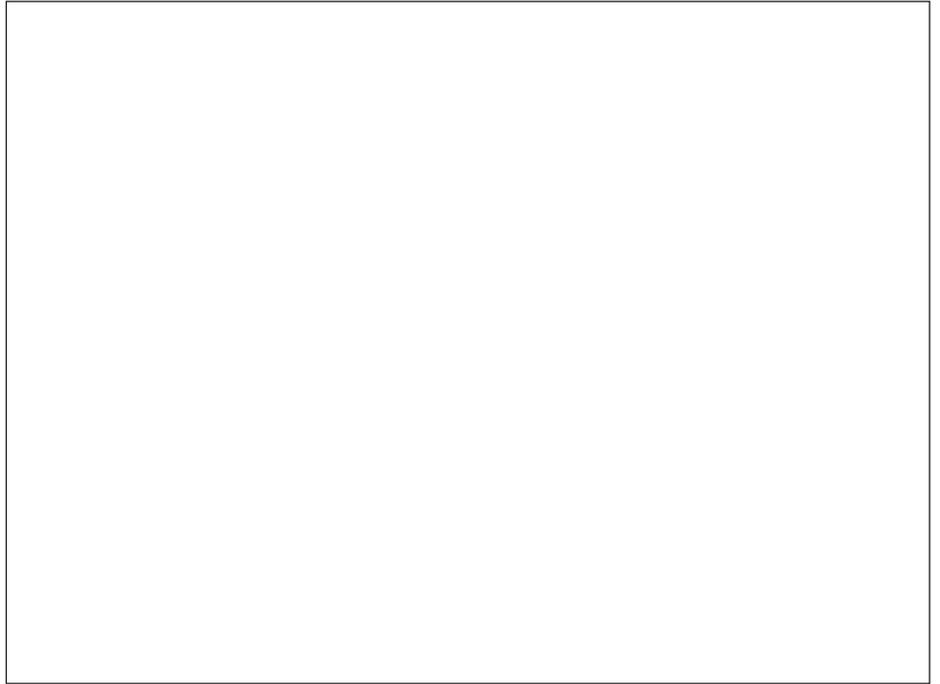
This information programme which is being held for the third time already presents films about Armenia made by Armenian and foreign filmmakers. The programme will present 18 films.

### NEW GERMAN CINEMA

The New German Cinema programme is implemented in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut. Three of the best films of German production of the recent years will be featured.

### OPENING AND CLOSING FILMS

As it has been already announced the festival will be opened with the screening of *The Colour of Pomegranate*, a film by Sergei Parajanov. The festival will be closed with the Yerevan premiere of Cannes award winning *Goodbye to Language*, a film by Jean-Luc Godard.







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**27 June**

19:00 Pier Carlo Orizio (Italy) will Conduct The APO, Hovhannes Ayvazyan, tenor, Irina Zakyan, soprano Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall  
 19:00 Beef-Boui. Daniel Charms Hamazgayin Theatre  
 21:00 Yerevan Bard. Poetry evening Cascade Complex  
 21:30 Chigapo & The Untouchables Mezzo Classic House Club

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**28 June**

The Arts and Crafts Festival, Gyumri, Shirak Region  
 Old Arpeni Village Festival 2014 Arpeni Village Armenia  
 12:00 14:00 Adventures of the Wolf and the Little Goats. Author: Petros Martirosyan H. Tumanyan State Puppet Theatre  
 12:30 14:00 15:30 Hansel and Gretel. Brothers Grimm Yerevan State Marionette Theatre  
 14:00 Cinderella. Author: Charles Perrault The State Musical Chamber Theatre  
 18:00 Golden Chicken. Author: Vladimir Orlov. Play for kids. Small Hall H. Tumanyan State Puppet Theatre  
 19:00 Akmast. Al. Spendiaryan. Opera in 2 acts Alexander Spendiaryan State Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre  
 19:00 George Pehlivanian – 50. National Chamber Orchestra of Armenia Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall  
 19:00 Tales. Author: H. Tumanyan. Play for kids Henrik Malyan Theatre  
 19:00 Romantic Comedy. B. Slide. Tragicomedy in 2 acts H. Ghaplanyan Drama Theatre  
 19:00 Flowers Manuscript. Mime play in one act State Pantomime Theater  
 20:00 Music Cascade: Armenian Jazz Band Cafesjian Center for the Arts

21:00 Group Fiesta (Soloist Sona) Malkhas Jazz Club  
 21:00 Tatevik Hovhannisyan Yans Music Hall  
 21:30 Hayway Band Mezzo Classic House Club

**29 June**

12:00 14:00 The Booted Cat (Puss in Boots) H. Tumanyan State Puppet Theatre  
 12:30 14:00 15:30 The Adventures of Buratino. Alexei Tolstoy Yerevan State Marionette Theatre  
 14:00 Maugli. Children’s Musical Fun Show The State Musical Chamber Theatre  
 19:00 Almast Choir. Concert dedicated to

mothers Arno Babajanyan Concert Hall  
 19:00 Fish Without Water. Tragicomic fantasy without a break H. Ghaplanyan Drama Theatre  
 19:00 Illusions. Author: Viripaev H. Tumanyan State Puppet Theatre  
 19:00 Ophelia's Shadow Theater. Nostalgic picture story based on the same name fairy-tale by Michael Ende Small Theatre  
 21:00 Vahagn Hayrapetyan Jazz Trio Malkhas Jazz Club

**30 June**

19:00 Anush. A. Tigranyan. Opera in 3 acts Alexander Spendiaryan State Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre

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