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Armenia, Georgia committed to deepening bilateral ties



Georgian President Giorgi Margvelashvili has arrived in Armenia for a two-day official visit at the invitation of Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan. After a meeting at the Presidential Palace, the leaders of the two countries made a statement for the press.

Presidents Sargsyan and Margvelashvili stressed their commitment to continue to work in the spirit of traditional friendship and harmony between the two countries. The Presidents said they held productive talks

on all issues on the bilateral agenda.

"Armenia traditionally attaches great importance to the development of good-neighborly relations with Georgia," President Sargsyan said. According to him, the consistent reinforcement of cooperation is one of the priorities of Armenia's foreign agenda.

"The recent frequent visits are an indicator of high-level political dialogue," the Armenian President said, adding that "high-level political dialogue is the best impulse for the intensification

of economic cooperation."

The two Presidents voiced confidence that the 10th sitting of the Armenia-Georgian Inter-Governmental Commission to be convened in Yerevan will provide an opportunity to discuss the process of implementation of earlier agreements and outline the perspectives of bilateral economic cooperation.

Serzh Sargsyan said they referred to the regional infrastructure projects as an important guarantee for ensuring stability and security in the region.

Both leaders agree that the comprehensive settlement of all conflicts is possible exceptionally in a peaceful way, in compliance with the principles of international law.

Having visited the three neighboring countries, the Georgian President concludes that the neighbors are interested in the development of relations with Georgia, which meets the Georgian objectives and foreign policy priorities.

Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan expressed confidence that the Georgian President's visit would give new impetus to the reinforcement of friendly relations. Margvelashvili said he has invited the Armenian President to Georgia and voiced confidence that it will provide another opportunity for the development and deepening of bilateral ties.

Armenian FM meets President of the Hellenic Parliament

On February 26 Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian received the President of the Hellenic Parliament, Evangelos Meimarakis.

The parties noted that a close cooperation has been established between the Parliaments of the two countries and stressed that the active work of the Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Groups contributes to the development of inter-state relations and the deepening of friendship between the two peoples.

The Speaker of the Hellenic Parliament and the Armenian Foreign Minister discussed the steps taken towards further development of Armenian-Greek friendly relations and attached importance to the promotion of trade-economic and decentralized cooperation.

The parties referred to Armenia-EU

relations. In view of the recent progress in Cyprus talks, Evangelos Meimarakis presented the Greek approaches on the issue.

Minister Nalbandian presented the efforts of Armenia and the international

community towards the peaceful settlement of the Karabakh conflict.

Edward Nalbandian and Evangelos Meimarakis exchanged views on regional issues and the ways of their resolution.



NKR National Assembly adopts statement on Sumgayit anniversary



The factions and groups of the National Assembly of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic adopted a joint statement on the 26th anniversary of Armenian massacres in the Azerbaijani city of Sumgayit. The statement notes that the decision of the Regional Council of People's Deputies of February 20, 1988, was a "justified legal step targeted at restoring justice, which derived from the spirit of the policy of reconstruction that started in the USSR from 1985."

On February 20, 1988, the People's Deputies made a decision at extraordinary session of the Nagorno Karabakh Autonomous Republic Council to appeal to the Supreme Soviet of Azerbaijani SSR for secession, to the Supreme Soviet of Armenian SSR for unification, and to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR to approve this act based upon the existing legal norms and the precedence of resolving similar disputes in the USSR.

"In response to the righteous aspirations of the Artsakh Armenians, the Azerbaijani authorities organized and perpetrated the severe massacre and deportation of the Armenian population of Sumgayit from February 27 to 29," the statement reads.

Condemning the Sumgayit crimes, the political forces represented in the NKR National Assembly draw the attention of the international community to the ongoing anti-Armenian policy of Azerbaijan, which hinders the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group co-chairmanship to establish lasting peace in the region.

Serzh Sargsyan: Nothing has changed in Armenia-EU relations

On February 26, President Serzh Sargsyan received the Speaker of the Parliament of the Hellenic Republic Vangelis Meimarakis, President's Press Office reported.

Serzh Sargsyan welcomed the high-ranking guest and expressed hope that his visit to Armenia will give new life to the development and consolidation of the Armenian-Greek relations. The President of Armenia underscored that Armenia stresses the importance of the Armenian-Greek multiform relations based on an age-old friendship and historical connections. According to the President, those relations have sufficient potential which should be realized by bilateral efforts.

The Speaker of the Hellenic Parliament also underscored with certainty that the centuries-old friendship of the Armenian and Greek people based on common values has a great future.

The interlocutors attached special importance to the role of the parliamentary diplomacy in the improvement of a bilateral political dialogue positively assessing the activities of the friendship groups formed at the Armenian and Greek Parliaments. The parties agreed

that the close collaboration between the legislative bodies can be highly advantageous for the development and advancement of the mutually beneficial cooperation between the governments of the two countries.

At the meeting, the Armenia-European Union (EU) relations were also touched upon. Speaking about their prospects, President Serzh Sargsyan underscored that nothing has changed in those relations: in November of last year, at the Vilnius summit Armenia confirmed its commitment to develop close cooperation with the EU, yesterday, at the meeting of the RA National Security Council the draft of the "2014-2015 List of Measures of the Implementation of the European Neighborhood Policy's RA-EU Action Plan" was approved and the joint efforts to advance the subsequent collaboration continue.

The speaker of the Parliament of Greece, the country at present being in the chair of the EU, assured that in addition to the reinforcement of the bilateral ties, his country will do all its best to trigger the development of the RA-EU relations.



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Government Denies Crackdown On Tsarukyan

The Armenian authorities categorically denied on February 27 any political motives behind a recent inspection conducted at a cement plant belonging to Gagik Tsarukyan, the leader of the Prosperous Armenia Party (BHK) increasingly critical of the government.

Senior government and law-enforcement officials insisted that the plant located in the southern town of Ararat was raided by police and temporarily disconnected from water supplies as part of a broader criminal investigation into misuse of water resources in the surrounding province also called Ararat.

Those inspections came just days after Tsarukyan stepped up his criticism of the government's economic policies in a speech at a BHK congress held on February 15. Senior BHK representatives claim that the authorities are trying to hold the tycoon in check by targeting one of his largest compa-



nies.

Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan mentioned those allegations and asked Environment Protection Minister Aram Harutiunyan to disprove them as he opened a weekly cabinet meeting in Yerevan. Harutiunyan said that the authorities shut down for several days a pumping station supplying water to the cement plant and

nearby villages only with the aim of detecting businesses illegally using that water.

"As a result of that, we identified a number of illegal water users, including fish farms," he told fellow cabinet members. He insisted that the "test shutdown" was therefore not politically motivated.

Prosecutor-General Gevorg Kostanyan likewise dismissed the BHK claims. He said that the Tsarukyan-owned plant is one of over 100 local businesses inspected by police and environment protection officials as part of the ongoing investigation.

"The criminal case was opened more than two months ago," Kostanyan argued at a news conference. "There have been media reports about that ... The inspections began immediately after the opening of the criminal case."

"We are only talking about investigative actions," he said. "Nobody has been charged or identified as a suspect yet."

More Armenian Soldiers Trained By U.S. Instructors

A team of U.S. military instructors will finish on Saturday a weeklong training course for dozens of new sergeants recruited by Armenia's armed forces, highlighting NATO's growing role in the selection of Armenian non-commissioned officers.

The Defense Ministry in Yerevan announced on February 27 that the course is part of four-month training which the recruits will undergo before serving in the Armenian army on a contractual basis.

The Armenian military has been increasing the number of contract sergeants as part of ongoing defense reforms supported by NATO. The United States and another key NATO member state, Britain, have been particularly active in helping it train non-commissioned officers.

"The course that began on February 24 is part of a training program for American sergeants," the Defense Ministry said in a statement. "Within its framework, contract sergeants of the Armenian Armed Forces are trained to become junior commanders and acquire leadership skills by acquainting themselves with the basics of U.S. sergeants' physical preparation, terrain orientation, and combat tactics of small units."

Photographs of the course released by the ministry showed several U.S. military officers teaching lessons to around 40 Armenian servicemen seated in a classroom at an Armenian military school for warrant officers.

U.S. support for Armenian defense

reforms has also taken the form of joint exercises held by U.S. Marines and Armenian army units. U.S. Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus praised such drills when he visited Yerevan in October 2012. He said one of their goals is to help Armenia develop a "highly capable and highly professional non-commissioned officer corps."



Later in 2012 a team of U.S. and British military officials visited Yerevan to brief their Armenian colleagues on the recruitment, training and role of non-commissioned officers in the U.S. and British militaries as well as rules and procedures regulating their service.

An Armenian military delegation headed by First Deputy Defense Minister Davit Tonoyan underscored the significance of the British assistance with a two-day visit earli-

er this week to the British Military Advisory Training Team (BMATT) deployed in the Czech Republic. The team specializes in multinational training courses for peace-keeping operations. The commander of an Armenian army unit providing troops for such missions was among officials who accompanied Tonoyan.

A Defense Ministry statement said Tonoyan and BMATT officials agreed to increase the number of Armenian servicemen studying there each year and to organize similar courses in Armenia. According to the statement, around 170 Armenian officers and sergeants have been trained at the center since 2002.

BMATT is located at the premises of a Czech military academy in the town of Vyskov.

Gazprom Chief Inspects Armenia Subsidiary

Alexei Miller, the chief executive of Gazprom, visited Armenia and set "ambitious" goals for the country's natural gas distribution company on February 26 just weeks after the Russian gas monopoly gained full control over the network.

Accompanied by two of his deputies and other top Gazprom executives, Miller met with the management of the ARG network for the first time since the recent signing of controversial agreements that solidified Russia's strong presence in the Armenian energy sector. He also held separate talks with President Serzh Sargsyan.

The Armenian government ceded its remaining 20 percent share in ARG as part of those agreements. The transfer was completed by Miller and Energy Minister Armen Movsisyan in Moscow on January 16. Gazprom previously owned 80 percent of the company which will now be called Gazprom Armenia.

A statement released by the company quoted Miller as saying at the meeting in Yerevan that the Russian giant plans to "substantially increase the effectiveness of Gazprom Armenia's activities." "The goals and tasks set for the company will be ambitious," said the statement.

Miller was reported to praise "colossal progress" made by the company in restoring centralized gas supplies to Armenian households, which had collapsed shortly after the breakup of the

Soviet Union. He argued that 96 percent of homes in Armenia are currently connected to the network, up from 21 percent in 2002.

"I can say that many regions of the Russian Federation would envy such a high degree of gasification," said the Gazprom chief widely regarded as an influential Kremlin insider.

According to the statement, the meeting chaired by Miller focused on the Armenian network's "integration into the Gazprom Group" and its activities over the next few years. No further details were reported.

According to official data, the total volume of Russian gas supplies to Armenia was virtually unchanged last year, at almost 2 billion cubic meters. It was mainly consumed by households, thermal power plants and hundreds of thousands of vehicles running on liquefied gas.

By comparison, Armenia imported roughly 500 million cubic meters of gas from neighboring Iran. The entire Armenian section of a pipeline carrying Iranian gas is managed by the Gazprom subsidiary.

Gazprom Armenia also owns a recently completed thermal power plant located in the central Armenian town of Hrazdan. Miller personally inaugurated it during Russian President Vladimir Putin's state visit to the country in December.



European 15th Individual Chess Championship opens in Yerevan



President of the Republic of Armenia and the Chairman of the Armenian Chess Federation Serzh Sargsyan attended the opening ceremony of the European 15th Individual Chess Championship at Alexander Spendiaryan Opera and Ballet National Academic Theatre.

15th European Individual Chess Championship will be held on March 2-15, 2014 in Yerevan, Armenia. The Championship is dedicated to the memory of the World 9th Champion Tigran Petrosian, whose 85th birthday is celebrated this year.

The championship is a 11-round Swiss system tournament.

About 270 chess players from 27 countries take part in the championship. Among them there are about 130 grandmasters and more than 200 chess players with international titles.

The greatest delegations are those of Armenia (about 80 participants), Russia (53), Georgia (17), Israel (17), Ukraine (13), Turkey (10).

According to the regulation chess players taken the first 23 places are entitled to participate in the World Cup.

The prize fund is 160.000 Euros; 25 main and 15 special prizes are included. The first prize holder will be awarded 20.000 Euros. The money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score.

The chief arbiter is IA Ashot Vardapetyan (Armenia). The chairman of the Appeals Committee is GM Smbat Lputian (Armenia), members are GM Giorgi Giorgadze (Georgia) and IA Gennadij Nesis (Russia).

Developments in Ukraine have grown into a competition between the West and Russia

The developments in Ukraine have grown from a conflict between the opposition and the authorities into a competition between the West and Russia, Director of the Regional Research Center Richard Giragosian told a press conference on February 26.

The analyst believes that the victory of the opposition and the demonstrators in Ukraine may actually save the Association Agreements with the EU. "That means Georgia and Moldova will no longer be isolated and alone," he said.

According to Giragosyan, the events in Ukraine could give new energy to the Eastern Partnership. Besides, the victory of the demonstrators in Ukraine was an example of how they defended, defined and vindicated the European values.

Speaking about the events in Ukraine on the Russian Federation, Giragosian said: "There are many negative impacts, but there are also some positive impacts for Moscow. "The first negative impact is that it will build the limits of Russian influence," he said, adding that the second negative impact was losing Ukraine as a potential Customs Union or Eurasian Union member.

According to Giragosian, the third negative impact was the personal embarrassment for President Vladimir Putin. "It revealed Putin's position of weakness, showing to other Soviet states that they could say 'no' to Moscow like Ukraine.

The future of new Ukraine is threatening the Russian interests in terms of

the Russian base in Crimea at Sevastopol and in term of Russian natural gas going to Europe through Ukrainian pipelines, the analyst said.

As for the positive outcomes for Russia, Giragosian pointed to the fact that Ukraine lost the leader Russia had never trusted and never liked. Another interesting aspect, according to him, is that even the West admits that the future of Ukraine depends on the behavior of Russia. "The short-term loss of the Russian influence may be transformed into a longer-term victory for Russian significance."

There are three important challenges to the next Ukrainian government - the danger of breakup or collapse the weakness of the new government and the possible economic collapse.

As for the implications for Armenia, Richard Giragosian said "Ukraine is very different than Armenia, although there are some similarities like economic inequality or public discontent."

He considers there are many lessons for both the Armenian government and the opposition. "The first lesson for the Armenian government is that Ukraine reveals it's very dangerous to underestimate the street power or the people in the streets, and dangerous to overestimate the use of force."

"The second clear lesson for the Armenian government is that it's dangerous to ignore popular demands for change and expectations of reform," Giragosian said.

The benefits of EU-Armenia Agreements on Visa Facilitation and Readmission

On 27 February 2014, the EU Delegation to Armenia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the EU Advisory Group jointly organised public awareness event on the EU - Armenia Visa Facilitation Agreement (VFA) for media and interested civil society representatives. Mr Dirk Lorenz, Head of political, economic, press and information section of EU Delegation and Mr Sergey Manassarian, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs presented the EU and Armenia expectations of the implementation of the Visa Facilitation Agreement.

The purpose of the public awareness event was to provide journalists and selected civil society organisations with enhanced knowledge of the VFA that entered into force on 1 January 2014. A special emphasis was placed on benefits for Armenian citizens. The event also discussed the role of the EU Schengen Consulates in the implementation of the Visa Facilitation Agreement and the link with the Readmission Agreement, which also entered into force on 1 January 2014.

EU-Armenia Visa Facilitation Agreement covers simplified procedures for processing short-stay visas i.e. for intended stays of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period for the Schengen area.

The main benefits of the new rules for Armenian citizens are:

"Decision procedure on the visa application is quicker - a decision is taken within 10 calendar days from the date of the receipt of the admissible visa application and the supporting documents. This period may be extended up to 30 days when further scrutiny is needed.

"The visa fee is lower - 35 euro for all Armenian citizens (instead of 60 euro).

"The application process is easier for many categories of citizens who have to present less documents to justify their purpose of travel.



The U.S. Embassy showcases the Talent of disabled youth in Armenia through "Lives Without Limits" campaign



The U.S. Embassy has organized a series of events during the month of February as part of the "Lives Without Limits" campaign of the U.S. State Department, which highlights the American core values of diversity and inclusiveness.

From February 24 through 26th, the U.S. Embassy will host Candace Cable, a nine-time Paralympian with eight gold medals and the winner of six Boston marathons. After suffering a spinal cord injury at the age of 21, Ms. Cable transformed her relationship with athletics. Through her own struggle she became an outstanding advocate and educator for disability issues. During her stay, Ms. Cable will meet with Armenian officials, community leaders, educators, and disability activists.

On February 25, Ambassador Heffern will open "Lives Without Limits," an art exhibition that features the work of Armenian artists, including artists with disabilities. A Paros Choir performance will be part of the opening event. The exhibit is organized in partnership with the Center for Contemporary and Experimental Art, which promotes a life without limits -

the triumph over perceptions often imposed by society. The exhibit demonstrates how people with disabilities can be fully integrated into everyday activities that many of us take for granted. The exhibition will continue for two weeks and is open to the public.

On February 26, Ambassador Heffern will open the premiere of "Girl on the Moon," an original dance per-

formance that demonstrates how the disabled can be fully integrated into everyday activities that many of us take for granted. The work of Arina Araratyan, a talented Armenian choreographer, the performance blends professional dancers and disabled amateurs on the stage at the Sundukyan National Academic Theater in Yerevan. "Girl on the Moon" will be shown on February 27 as well. The performances are open to the public and free of charge.

On February 12, Ambassador Heffern visited the Children's Rehabilitation Center and Resource Center in Gavar. Through the support of USAID and the Peace Corps, the resource center trains and supports parents whose children are mentally or physically disabled. "Armenian children are able to stay at home instead of live in institutions, because of services like this," said the Ambassador.

The aforementioned activities have been organized with the hope that subsequent discussion and reflection will help lead to a more inclusive, diverse and, therefore, stronger society that not only values the contributions of citizens with disabilities, but embraces their unique abilities.





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- ♦667.**Nalbandyan str.**, 7/5, 48 sq.m., 1 bedroom, excellent state, euro repaired, AC, lift. Price: 86.000USD.
- ♦701.**Vardanants str.**, 9/2, 42 sq.m., 1 bedroom, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished. Price: 59.000 USD.
- ♦1698.**Aram str.**, newly built, 14/5, 62 sq.m, 1bedroom, capitally repaired, heating system, security system, parking. Price: 120.000 USD
- ♦1696.**Tumanyan str.**, 5/4, stone bld, 1 bedroom, h-3m, capitally repaired, heating system. Price: 160.000 USD.
- ♦1726.**Khorenatsi str.**, 4/4, 35sq.m.,1bedroom, capitally repaired,heating system. Price: 55.000 USD.

2 ROOMS

- ♦1560.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built,10/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired,climate control, parking, windows looking to the Northern Avenue. Price: 400.000 USD.
- ♦1467.**Mashtoc Ave.**, 8/5, 81 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, stone building, special project, old repaired, gas,permanent hot and cold water. Price: 125.000 USD.
- ♦1440.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 3th floor, 110 sq.m., 1 bedroom, h-3m,euro repaired, heating system, ,furnished,parking,. Price: 350.000 USD.
- ♦1459.**Baghramyan Ave.**, 5/3, 55 sq.m., 1 bedroom, capitally repaired, h-3.8m, furnished, equipped. Price: 85.000 USD.
- ♦1715.**Sayat Nova Ave.**, 5/4, 70sq.m, stone bld, h-4m, 1 bedroom, capitally repaired, heating system, . Price: 110.000 USD
- ♦1698.**Aram str.**, Newly built, 14/5, 62sq.m, 1 bedroom, capitally repaired, AC, security system, parking. Price: 120.000 USD
- ♦1680.**Mashtots Ave**, 5/4, 68sq.m, 1 bedroom, old repaired, possibility of gas. Price: 86.000 USD.

3 ROOMS

- ♦2682.**Aram Str.**, Newly built,13/6 187sq.m., 3 bedrooms,not repaired/zero state/,2 open balconies, 2 garages, view to garden. Price: 1400 USD per sq.m.
- ♦2747.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built,9/8,150 sq.m.,2 bedrooms,2 bathrooms,one with a jacuzzi,open balcony, furnished, parking. Preliminary Price: 520000 USD.
- ♦2958.**Pushkin str.**, 5/2, 140 sq.m., stone building,4 bedrooms,capitally repaired,heating system. Price: Negotiable.
- ♦2964.**Abovyan str.** 5/4, 86sq.m,2 bedrooms, old repaired, gas. Price 130.000USD
- ♦2895.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 300sq.m,3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms,capitally repaired, climat control, AC. Price: negotiable
- ♦2818.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 120sq.m, 2 bedrooms,2 bathrooms,capitally repaired, heating system, Ac, furnished. Price:400.000USD
- ♦2802.**Amiryan str.**, Newly built,8/4, 166 sq. m,3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms,capitally repaired, central heating, AC,security system. Price: 320.000 USD.
- ♦1156.**Komitas Ave.**, Hambardzumyan str. 5/3, 110sq.m, 2 bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, kitchen is furnished. Price: 160.000 USD negotiable..

- ♦1104.**Komitas Ave.**, Aram Khachatryan str., 5/2, 125sq.m.,stone bld, h-2.75m.,3 bedrooms, office, 2 bathrooms, old repaired, gas, garage. Price: 140.000 USD
- ♦2964.**Abovyan str.** 5/4, 86sq.m,stone bld, old repaired. Price: 130.000 USD
- ♦2949.**Aram str.**, Newly built, 1st floor, 143 sq.m, 2 bedrooms, zero state, Price: 2000 USD per sq.m.
- ♦2950.**Aram str.**, Newly built, 5th floor, 176 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, office, zero state, Price: 310.000 USD
- ♦2836.**Pushkin str.**, 4/4,5, 400sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC. Price: 440.000 USD.

PREMISES

- ♦1710. **Sayat-Nova str.**, Ground floor of the building, 420 sq.m., 2 halls, 2 lavatories, entrance from street. Price: 1.000.000 USD.
- ♦1727.**Baghramyan str.**, 2 storied bld., 230 sq.m., capitally repaired, entrance from street, parking. Price: 350.000 USD.
- ♦1725.**Hanrapetutyun str.**, 1storied bld., 171sq. m., 2 entrances, capitally repaired, . Price: 500.000 USD.
- ♦1703.**Northern Ave.**, 9/7, 66sqm, capitally repaired, heating system, lavatory, view to Teryan street. Price: 220.000 USD.
- ♦1553.**Kasyan str.** 170 sq.m., working fashion saloon, facade -15m, window glasses, 1room+foye, h=2.80 m, cellar 30 sq.m. Price: 500 000 USD preliminary.
- ♦1598.**Nairy Zaryan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 180 sq.m., working restaurant,1st line, hall-100 sq.m. repaired. Price: negotiable.
- ♦1383.**Nalbandian str.** Ground floor of the building,working bar,several degrees above zero level, 90sq.m, + cellar-30sq.m., capitally repaired,gas, . Price: 512.000 USD.
- ♦1603.**Northern Ave.**, Ground floor of the building, 160 sq.m.,zero level, suitable for a shop. Price: 2.600.000 USD.
- ♦2036.**Amiryan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 24 sq.m.,1st line, zero level, h-2.70m., capitally repaired. Price: 270.000 USD
- ♦2035.**Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m.,1st line, facade-55m.,capitally repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: Negotiable
- ♦2013.**Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m.,1st line, capitally repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 1.300.000\$
- ♦2012.**Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1,2, 140sq.m.,window glasses, capitally repaired, AC. Price: 1.200.000\$
- ♦2011.**Teryan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 177sq.m.,1st line, window glasses, capitally repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 650.000\$

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.
- ♦1869.**Cascade**. 720 sq.m., 1st line, building permits, suitable for a new building or a business. Price: negotiable.
- ♦2121.**Centre**, 1338 sq.m.,building permits. Price: 2million USD.
- ♦2107.**Monument**, 2400 sq.m.,building permits, 2 projects for building 3 storied building, water, gas, electricity possibilities, beautiful view of city and mount Ararat. Price: 500 USD

per sq.m.

- ♦2011.**Proshyan str.**, 400 sq.m. building permits,2nd line/ near the park/. Price: 700 USD per sq.m.
- ♦2013.**Cascade**. 1000 sq.m. building permits, first line, gas, water and electricity possibilities. Price 580 USD per sq.m.
- ♦1402.**Hr. Kochar Str.**, 1100 sq. m.,facade - 25 m. Price negotiable.
- ♦1351.**Monument**, 2000 sq. m.,facade - 17 m, APZ permission, for social purposes: suitable for a restaurant, hotel. Price: negotiable.
- ♦2090.**Lori region**, Stepanavan, 6 hectare, 2 hectare has building permits, 3 water source, electricity. Price: 100.000USD.
- ♦2406.**Avan**, Mher Mkrtchyan block, 1000sq.m.,building permits, electricity, gas, water, the district is inhabited. Price: 30USD per sq.m

PRIVATE HOUSES

- ♦2725.**Nork-Marash**, Land-620sqm,2storied bld+basement- 733.25sqm,basement is a sport room,ground floor- a sitting room, 1 bedroom, cabinet, kitchen, lavatory, 2nd floor - 4 bedrooms, euro repaired,heating system, 2 AC, sauna,swimming pool, fireplace, Price:500.000 USD
- ♦3348.**Blur**, Barbyus str. Land - 800 sq.m, 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m, capitally repaired, climate control. Price: 1.5 million USD
- ♦3059.**Vahagni** community, Newly built, Land-1200 sq.m., 2 storied bld.-280 sq.m.,ground floor-living room, kitchen,cabinet, 1st floor-3bedrooms, 3 lavatories,capitally repaired,heating system, garage for 2 cars, cellar, security system, possible to sell with furniture. Price: 490.000 USD.
- ♦3146.**Aygestan**, Land-500 sq.m., 5 storied bld-765 sq.m.,each floor-180 sq.m, 4 bedrooms, a cabinet, 5 bathrooms,elevator. Price: 2.300.000 USD.
- ♦3313.**Blur**, H. Emin, Land - 550 sq.m,3 storied bld.- 450 sq.m., capitally repaired,6 bedrooms, furnished. Price: 1 600 000 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.

NEWLY BUILT

- ♦74.**Cascade**, Verin Antarayin. 136-315 sq m.,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 UDS preliminary.
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NA President Attends the Closing Ceremony of the First Pan-Armenian Winter Games

On March 2 the solemn closing ceremony of the First Pan-Armenian Winter Games was held in the yard of Kecharis Monastery Complex of Tsakhkadzor, which attended the President of the National Assembly Hovik Abrahamyan, high ranking officials and sport fans. Let us remind that the First Pan-Armenian Winter Games started on February 24. About 400 participants of 22 cities of 11 states have taken part in the First Winter Games. Three kinds of sports included in the Games, skiing, alpine skiing and snow-board were held in Tsakhkadzor, and the ice-hockey competition was held in Yerevan. The participants have fought for 39 medals and one cup for 7 days.

The President of the National Assembly Hovik Abrahamyan handed over medals to the winners. Welcoming the attendees and the participants the Head of the Parliament has highlighted the conduct of the Pan-Armenian Games and has noted that this sport event unites the Armenians of different corners of the world, strengthening Armenia, Artsakh and Diaspora tri-unity.

The President of the National Assembly Hovik Abrahamyan thanked the Chairman of the World Committee of the Pan-Armenian Games Ishkhan Zakaryan, the Organizational Committee of the Pan-Armenian Games, all participants and organizers. Once again congratulating the winners of the competitions Hovik Abrahamyan announced the First Pan-Armenian Winter Games closed.



Counting down the days until Brazil welcomes the world



Only 100 days. It's hard to believe it's so close. It seems like only yesterday that Brazil was confirmed as the 2014 FIFA World Cup host nation. I remember the excitement I felt once I realised that my country was going to stage the most important football event on the planet. Even though I won't be out there on the field, I'm starting to get the same butterflies in the stomach as I used to do when a big game was coming up. After all, the World Cup will be a kind of "final" for Brazil, in terms of the country establishing itself on the global stage. The spotlight will be on us, and it's a great chance to show the world just what's so special about Brazil and the Brazilian people.

With the World Cup and the 2016 Olympics taking place here in Brazil, we have the chance to prove to the world not just how much we love sport, but also how strong we are economically. Brazil is a world leader in biotechnology and one of the biggest meat, mineral and soya producers on the planet. Very soon thousands of tourists and foreign journalists will arrive on our

doorstep, anxious to discover the real Brazil. Although Brazil is a country of great social

contrasts, we have made significant progress in tackling this problem in recent years. We are a

diverse but unified society, a land of talented, determined, creative and innovative people -

characteristics that are captured perfectly by Neymar's dizzying, magical dribbles, the music of Tom Jobim, and the scientific achievements of Miguel Nicolelis, whose exoskeleton research has given paraplegics hope that they may one day walk again.

Brazil is such a colourful country, blessed with breathtaking natural beauty. Tourists that come here for the World Cup should prepare themselves for an unforgettable experience. Whether it's from visiting the beaches of the northeast, witnessing the vastness of the Amazon River, or taking in the dazzling blend of ocean and mountains that makes Rio de Janeiro such

a special place, every visitor will take home a treasured personal memory.

Brazil is a place of great happiness and joy, and we will welcome World Cup visitors with open arms. But until then, we must keep working. As a 2014 FIFA World Cup Local Organising Committee Management Board member, I have been

lucky enough to observe up close the dedication and skill of the workers who are helping to construct this unique event. In all 12 host cities I've witnessed the commitment of the thousands of people who are striving to create the best World Cup possible. We faced some tough tests during the preparations.

Last year, we hosted the best FIFA Confederations Cup in history. That's not just my opinion, but also that of fans, journalists, and even FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter.

Less than six months later, we successfully organized another challenging event: the Final Draw at the Costado Sauípe in Bahia. And after we discovered in which cities the games would be played, the 32 national teams that will dispute the tournament discussed their operational plans with members of the LOC, FIFA, and the Brazilian government. This exchange of ideas and opinions between organisers and national teams is an ongoing process, and another key event, the National Teams Workshop at the Costado Santinho in Florianópolis, took place last month.

Subjects such as safety, transport, and how the teams are to be looked after were discussed in detail. Now we're really on the home straight. Since the beginning of the year two new stadiums have opened: the Arena das Dunas, in Natal, and the new Estádio Beira-Rio in Porto Alegre. They're beautiful, just like the Arena Amazonas, the Arena da Baixada, the Arena Pantanal and the Arena Corinthians, which are also almost ready. By the time the World Cup begins, all the stadiums will have carried out test events. These are of vital importance so that the tournament organisers can make final adjustments to their plans. There is not much time left now until the tournament begins and the greatest players on the planet go head to head. Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, Iniesta, Neymar...

I can't wait. I'll be expecting you in Brazil. See you at the World Cup!

Ronaldo Luís Nazário de Lima



French legislators call for Karabakh recognition

Three members of the French Parliament in an opinion piece published in *Le Monde* urged the international recognition for the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic, calling on sides to be realistic and pragmatic in their approach to peace in the South Caucasus.

peace process.

"Neither military rhetoric nor military incursions will persuade Karabakh to return to the 'bosom' of Azerbaijan," said the legislators.

"20 years after the signing of the cease-fire agreement, attacks are repeat-

the murders were premeditated, was also ignored," explained the article.

"The power of democracy means to be confident in your abilities and to establish the necessary commissions, which will expose and convict the real culprits, softening the pain and promot-



The article, signed by François Rochebloine, René Rouquet and Guy Teissier stressed that to support the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic is to help establish a lasting peace in the South Caucasus, Asbarez reorts.

The authors draw attention to the upcoming 20th anniversary of the cease-fire agreement signed on May 12, 1994 between Karabakh and Azerbaijan saying: "As a result of this war for independence a new state was born, located between Armenia and Azerbaijan-on Armenian territories-at the crossroads of Russian, Turkish and Iranian cultures."

The legislators argue that in the 20 years since the cease-fire agreement, an entire generation Karabakh Armenians and Azeris have been deprived of the opportunity to live in peace.

"Peace is extremely fragile in the absence of a document of mutual recognition and even direct dialogue between the parties," said the parliament members, emphasizing that the current existing facts-the independence of Karabakh-must be recognized and transparent should be initiated.

The three French legislators urged a "realistic and pragmatic approach" to the

edly launched almost every month, which lead to the deaths of soldiers and civilians in Karabakh from the fire of Azerbaijani soldiers, whose attacks aren't prevented," the lawmakers pointed out.

"For us, recognition of Karabakh does not mean becoming an enemy to Azerbaijan. We, like other people who visited Karabakh, are recognized as personae non grata by the Azerbaijani regime. This is ridiculous and destructive behavior," added the French lawmakers.

The French parliamentarians stated that achieving peace, will require "healing the wounds of the past."

"Crimes have been committed during the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, which need to be uncovered. Armenians were victims in Sumgait, Kirovabad and Maragha, and Meskhetians in Khojaly," said the parliament members.

"Sumgait pogroms organized on the February 27, 1988, where hundreds of people became victim, served as the cause for the conflict. This, led to the arrests and judicial indictment by Soviet authorities, however only the executors were punished. The real organizers were not brought to justice, and the fact that

ing the reconciliation," stressed the authors of the article.

The three legislators praised a recent report by Freedom House that elevated its ranking of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic in its advancements in protecting human rights and freedoms.

"We are in full agreement with the former Nagorno-Karabakh Republic President Arkady Ghukasyan, who recently said that 'the purpose of conflict resolution is not only in the official rejection of hostility, but also it is the establishment of historic reconciliation between the two peoples ... for preventing further conflicts' and that contacts between civil societies can pave the way for that," said the *Le Monde* article.

The authors expressed hope that their appeal will resonate with "new forces that are created there [in Azerbaijan], which will reject [the Azeri] propaganda of hatred and will look toward the future."

"If these forces materialize, if initiatives to establish dialogue and contacts are created, then we can ensure that our humble group will become supporters and comrades-in-arms with them," concluded the French lawmakers.

Ter-Petrosian Urges Regime Change, Backs Customs Union Entry



Opposition leader Levon Ter-Petrosian demanded President Serzh Sargsyan's resignation but stopped short of announcing a new campaign of non-stop anti-government protests as he rallied thousands of supporters in Yerevan for the first time in almost a year on March 1.

Ter-Petrosian made clear that his Armenian National Congress (HAK) needs the support of other major opposition forces, including Gagik Tsarukyan's Prosperous Armenia Party (BHK), to take advantage of what he described as an "extremely favorable moment" for regime change.

Addressing his supporters on the sixth anniversary of a deadly post-election unrest, the former president also voiced support for Armenia's accession to the Russian-led Customs Union. "Clearly, Armenia's membership of the Customs Union is irreversible and European integration impossible in the foreseeable future," he declared in what looked like a fresh overture to Moscow.

"Accordingly, the HAK and any other political force must base their political calculations on this undeniable reality because neglecting it ... could lead to serious mistakes and dangerous consequences," he said.

Armenia should join the union of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan with a new and "dignified" government that would be able to make the most of its benefits, added Ter-Petrosian. It will be a

"voiceless vassal" in the Russian-led bloc if Sarkisian holds on to power, he claimed.

In his earlier public statements, Ter-Petrosian poured scorn on Sargsyan for unexpectedly ditching last August a planned Association Agreement with the EU in favor of Customs Union membership. At the same time he sought to rationalize strong Russian pressure on Sargsyan that was instrumental in the foreign policy U-turn. He said that the EU itself provoked that pressure with its "reckless policy."

Ter-Petrosian and his party were widely expected to use Saturday's rally for launching their first offensive against Sargsyan since he secured reelection in a disputed presidential election held in February 2013. Some HAK supporters expected to see the kind of street protests that nearly brought the charismatic ex-president back to power in 2008. They were buoyed by the success of the recent anti-government uprising in Ukraine.

"I am deeply convinced that the time is ripe for regime change in Armenia because all prerequisites for that exist right now," Ter-Petrosian told the crowd that gathered in Yerevan's Liberty Square. He said that public discontent with the current authorities has reached an all-time high over the past year due to sizable price hikes and unpopular government measures such as an ongoing pension reform. He also pointed to growing cooperation among the HAK and the three

other opposition parties represented in parliament as well as Sargsyan's perceived loss of international support.

"Serzh Sargsyan's regime has never been so weak," claimed Levon Zurabyan, Ter-Petrosian's right-hand man leading the HAK's parliamentary faction. "One or two more such rallies and we will thrust Serzh Sargsyan into the annals of history," Zurabyan said in his speech.

Ter-Petrosian stated, however, that he is not yet launching a campaign of sustained street protests because he believes that the HAK cannot topple Sarkisian without the backing of the three other parties, among them Tsarukyan's BHK. He said he respects their preference of a "gradual solution" starting from the resignation of Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan and his cabinet.

Therefore, continued Ter-Petrosian, the HAK will likely hold its next rally only after the four opposition forces agree to jointly propose a parliamentary vote of no confidence in the government. They have already held a series of talks on the matter but reached no agreement so far.

Ter-Petrosian further made clear that he does not favor the kind of violent actions that brought down the ruling regimes in countries like Ukraine and Egypt. Armenia cannot afford "the luxury of civil war" because of its small size and the unresolved conflict with Azerbaijan, he explained.

"Therefore, nobody has the right to drive us into adventurism ... Regime change is a serious process that requires not a frantic outburst but cold calculation, wisdom and discipline," said Ter-Petrosian.



Corruption Scandal May End Erdogan's Political Career

By Harut Sassounian

Publisher, *The California Courier*

In a series of secretly recorded phone conversations revealed last week, Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan was heard instructing his son to hide from police tens of millions of dollars of cash stashed in his Istanbul house.

This shocking revelation generated widespread calls for Erdogan's resignation who claimed that the phone recordings are fake or edited. It appears, however, that the wiretapped conversations between the Prime Minister and his son are authentic, according to Guarded Risk, an American cyber company that conducted a comprehensive forensic analysis of the phone calls.

It is ironic that Erdogan who came to power as an Islamist with the declared aim of eliminating corruption from Turkish politics, has fallen victim to the dictum: "power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely!"

The phone calls were secretly recorded on the day police raided the homes of several cabinet members, prominent businessmen, and the head of the state bank. They were all accused of involvement in bribery and other corrupt practices.

Here is the English translation of excerpts from Erdogan's five wiretapped conversations with his son, Bilal:

First phone call at 8:02 am on Dec. 17, 2013:

Erdogan: ...Take everything you have out of your house, OK?

Bilal: What would I have, dad? Your money is in the safe.

Erdogan: That's what I am talking about....

Bilal: What shall we do with it, daddy? Where shall we put it?

Erdogan: In specific places, in some specific places.... Do it!

Second call at 11:17 am:

Bilal: ...My brother [in-law] Berat has another idea. He says we should give some of it to Faruk [Kalyoncu, president of a construction company] for the other job, so he can process them like the previous ones. Shall we do that? We can sort out a big amount of money that way.

Erdogan: Possibly.

Bilal: OK. For the other part, because we started a business partnership with Mehmet Gur [managing director of a construction group], we thought of giving it to him saying, 'keep it, you can use it as projects come up.' This way, we can reduce it and move the rest to somewhere else.

Erdogan: OK, fine, as long as you do



it.... It would be good if you do... If you can liquidate them all.

Bilal: Yes, we will liquidate them all today, God willing!

Third call at 3:39 pm:

Erdogan: Did you complete the tasks I gave you?

Bilal: We will finish them by this evening. We sorted some out; We sorted the Berat part, now we will first handle the part with Mehmet Gur, and the rest, we will do after dark....

Erdogan: What did Sumeyye [daughter] do?

Bilal: She took them out, brought them over, we spoke, etc.

Erdogan: Do not speak on the phone with each other.

Fourth call at 11:15 pm:

Bilal: Hi daddy, I am calling to... we did [it] mostly. Did you call me just now, daddy?

Erdogan: No I did not, you called me.

Bilal: I was called from a secret number.

Erdogan: When you say 'mostly,' did you fully liquidate it?

Bilal: It's not zero yet, daddy. Let me explain. We still have 30 million euros that we could not yet liquidate. Berat has an idea. There was an additional 25 million dollars Ahmet Calik [businessman] should receive. They say let's give this [to him]. When the money comes, we do [something], they say. And with the remaining money we can buy an apartment from Sehrizar, he says. What do you say, father?

Erdogan: Whatever, we will sort it out.

Bilal: Should we do it like this?

Erdogan: OK, do it.

Bilal: Do you want them all liquidated, father, or do you want some money for yourself?

Erdogan: No, it can't be left over, son. You could transfer it to the other, with Mehmet you could transfer it there.

Bilal: Yes, we gave it to them. We gave

\$20 [million] to them.

Erdogan: For God's sake, first you should have transferred it. Then you could have done it...

Bilal: We were able to give this much for now. It is hard already; it takes too much space. We are putting part of it somewhere else, we gave part of it to Tunc, and then...

Erdogan: Did you transfer all to Tunc?

Bilal: They asked, I guess he said that he could only take 10 million euros.

Erdogan: Whatever! Don't talk on this [phone].

Bilal: OK, then, we will sort it.

Erdogan: OK, do it. I am not able to come tonight. I'm staying in Ankara.

Fifth call at 10:58 am on Dec. 18, 2013:

Erdogan: I decided to call to see if there is anything new.

Bilal: No, nothing. We finished the tasks you gave us, with God's help.

Erdogan: Has it been all liquidated?

Bilal: Completely! How should I put it? I had Samandira and Maltepe's money, 730,000 US Dollars and 300,000 Turkish Liras. I will handle these too. We owe 1 million Turkish Liras to Faruk Isik [parliament member]; I will give it to him and tell him to transfer the rest to the academy.

Erdogan: Do not speak so openly!

Bilal: Shouldn't I?

Erdogan: Don't. OK?

Bilal: OK, daddy

Erdogan: I mean, do not keep anything on your person, whatever it is Samandira or whatever... Send it to where it needs to be, why do you keep it on you?

Bilal: OK, daddy, but I think currently we are under surveillance.

Erdogan: What have I been telling you since the very beginning!

Bilal: But is the security staff following us, father?

Erdogan: Son, you are being wiretapped.

Bilal: But they are also visually monitoring us.

Erdogan: That may be true. Now, we've just done some things at the Istanbul police headquarters.

Additional recordings have since surfaced in which Erdogan and his son talk about rejecting a \$10 million bribe offer from a Turkish businessman for being insufficient.

Erdogan could end up losing not only his current position and the chance of becoming President later this year, but may also face prosecution and a lengthy jail term for his alleged crimes.

Berklee Middle Eastern Festival to celebrate the Music of Armenia

The sixth annual Berklee Middle Eastern Festival: The Music of Armenia will take place at the Berklee Performance Center on Monday, March 3. The festival presents visiting artists from The Middle East, the Balkans, and the Mediterranean along with students to experience the musical traditions of the regions, World Music Central informs.

Berklee Middle Eastern Festival: The Music of Armenia will feature Perspectives Ensemble directed by flutist Sato Moughalian, presenting Dark Eyes/New Eyes with a cappella trio Zulal and live painting by artist Kevork Mourad; and music from neighboring regions, including a Bulgarian performance with Berklee's Pletenitsa Choir, the Ludo Mlado Dance Ensemble, the Sayat Nova Folk Dance Ensemble, and the Berklee World Strings directed by Eugene Friesen.

Festival founder and director Christiane Karam, assistant professor of voice, chose Armenia to be featured this year. "My grandparents were exiled in 1915 and my mother was born in Beirut," said Karam. "It was important to me to go back to my roots and tell the story of the people and the culture through their music."

Perspectives Ensemble was founded in 1993 by Sato Moughalian. The ensemble presents the works of composers in cultural context with thematic programs on subjects that bridge the visual, musical, and literary arts. Dark Eyes/New Eyes had its genesis in the friendship and collaboration that developed between Moughalian, Eve Beglarian, and Kevork Mourad. "These two New York based Armenian artists and I share aspects of our family histories," said Moughalian. "All of us being the descendants of people who were displaced, and then went on to create vibrant new lives."

Dark Eyes/New Eyes incorporates a wide spectrum of Armenian music, from the very old to the very new. The program follows the arc of a life, from beginnings in a mountain-



ous Armenian village, spending youth in a city learning an ancient art form, desolation, recovery, and regenerating in a new place. "Dark Eyes/New Eyes honors our ancestors and our friends—those who have passed into the great beyond but have left with us the gifts of their art and their spirits," added Moughalian.

Syrian-born artist Kevork Mourad will paint live on-stage during Dark Eyes/New Eyes. After getting his master's from Yerevan Institute of Fine Arts in Armenia, Mourad got the idea to combine visual art with his love of music. He has worked with many world-class musicians using his technique of spontaneous painting.

Apartment is for rent

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

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'Rated SR' Film Festival to feature 6 Armenian films



The Rated "SR" Socially Relevant Film Festival New York, a new non-profit film festival that will run March 14-20 at New York's Quad Cinema, will feature a total of six films and documentaries that revolve around Armenian-themed issues, the Armenian Weekly reports.

Founded by award-winning actor, filmmaker, and curator Nora Armani, the festival will showcase films with human interest stories and socially relevant themes as a response to the proliferation of violence and violent forms of storytelling.

The hour-long documentary by Lucine Sahakyan, "Hamshen Community at the Crossroads of Past and Present," traces the past and present lives of today's Hamshen Armenians. The short "Bavakan" by Adrineh Gregorian, which reports on sex-selective abortions in Armenia, will also be screened. Two other Armenian-centric films include "Armenian Activists Now!" by Robert Davidian, a documentary about the current socio-political climate in Armenia, and "Later than Usual," a narrative short by David Hovan. Each of these films sheds light on significant historical events in Armenia's past or controversial issues the country faces today.

"'Orphans of the Genocide' deals with a tragic Armenian experience, but in many ways these experiences were of universal proportions," says Maronian, whose inspiration for the film came from an article by Robert Fisk titled "Living Proof of the Armenian Genocide." He adds, "After all, children of all genocides went through the same horrific experiences that scarred them for life. Orphans of the Rwandan Genocide, orphans of the Holocaust, and orphans of the Armenian Genocide were left parentless and were subjected to all imaginable human indignities."

Director Lusine Sahakyan's research on the Hamshen Armenians, who were forcibly Islamicized over centuries, took

her to Hamshenian territories where she filmed their way of life, and recorded events and conversations. "Both sorrowful and inspiring feelings accompanied me incessantly when I walked in the almost inaccessible pastures and villages, hidden in the dense woodlands of Rize, Ardvin, and Erzurum provinces," says Sahakyan, whose film won the Armin T. Wegner Humanitarian Award at the ARPA International Film Festival in Los Angeles in 2012. "It is painful to see people, estranged from their roots, their history, and national identity," Sahakyan notes, however, that today's Hamshenians have been able to retain their local ethnographic identity within a Turkish atmosphere.

The tragedies resulting from the Karabagh War will also be felt through Belyauskene's "If Only Everyone," which was produced by Michael Pogolian, who also starred in the film. "War, on either side, has suffering and death, and my main aim was to capture the fact that people anywhere experience the same feelings when it happens," says Belyauskene. "If Only Everyone" tells the story of a young woman who goes to Armenia to plant a shrub where her father was killed in combat. "We wanted our movie to make the beautiful land of Karabagh a more peaceful place after all the years since this terrible conflict."

Over 40 narrative and documentary films will screen, including 10 feature films that will compete for the Grand Prize—a week-long theatrical engagement at the Quad Cinema, courtesy of the QuadFlix Select Program—and 8 documentaries that will compete for the documentary prize. The winner will receive a VOD DVD distribution deal courtesy of Cinema Libre Studio, a leader in the distribution of social issue documentaries and independent feature films.

"I am delighted that my film, 'Orphans of the Genocide,' is a part of the official selection of the Rated SR film festival," says Maronian. "I believe that Rated SR is that crucial missing link needed to complete the circle of the many film festivals fulfilling their missions. Rated SR, however, has the noble mission of all, which is promoting socially relevant films."

Henrikh Mkhitaryan voted as Player of the Week

Yet again users of the official website of Bundesliga have voted Henrikh Mkhitaryan as Player of the Week.

The Armenian playmaker's outstanding performance in BVB's 3-0 win over FC Nürnberg, which included both a goal and an assist, earned the 25-year-old a whopping 67 per cent of the vote.

"He's really starting to gather some momentum. The Armenian was on form once again in Dortmund's 3-0 win over FC Nürnberg, scoring a goal and also grabbing an assist," according to the website.

Mkhitaryan was all smiles after his persistence and belief paid off against a defensive Nürnberg side. "I always believed I would get my goal," said the 25-year-old. "In the end, it worked out and I was even able to set one up, so I'm delighted with that."

It was goal number six and assist number eight of the season for the Armenian, who has taken the Bundesliga by storm and proven he has what it takes to fill the boots of Mario Götze, who joined FC Bayern München in the summer. Mkhitaryan insisted he would not be getting carried away, however. "It's still going to be a difficult path ahead," he said.

Mkhitaryan provided the assist for Robert Lewandowski's 64th-minute goal at Signal Iduna Park on Saturday. The Poland international came second in the vote with 14 per cent, three ahead of FC Bayern München's Arjen Robben, who received eleven per cent of the vote following his hat-trick against FC Schalke 04.



Film looks at Armenian Genocide



Father-daughter duo Nubar and Abby Alexanian showed scenes from their work-in-progress, "Journey to Armenia: Three Generations from Genocide," Sunday at Cape Ann Community Cinema, gloucester.wickedlocal.com reported.

The producers plan to release the film in 2015 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the 1915 massacre of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians in Turkey. They hope the film will renew the historical conversation.

"Survivors of the 1915 Armenian Genocide were met by a century of denial," says Nubar Alexanian. "Our movie is about the scars of this silence. The year 2015 marks 100 years since the genocide of a million and a half Armenian people by the Ottoman Empire, an event still denied by many countries, including Turkey and the United States," he adds. "We are making a film about being Armenian-about what it means to the soul of a people to be denied this recognition for generations."

The filmmakers traveled to Turkey and Armenia to gather material for the project. They also filmed interviews with their own family in what they call a "search for identity, our place in the world, and how we move forward-together- as a people."

But they insist this is not just a story about Armenia.

"It's an American story about yearning to connect to the memories, the history and the people who created us, whether we knew them or not," says Nubar Alexanian. "It echoes the story of families all over the world- those who suffer tragedies flee; create new lives with old traditions-and of the next generations who search for their place

in a heritage that they only half understand."

The project began when Abby Alexanian surprised her father with a request to go to Armenia. His initial reluctance to embrace his heritage and her enthusiasm for it made it a deeply personal undertaking from the outset, transforming their relationship as well.

"We've seen and experienced the long-term effects of the genocide in our own family, and the more we see the more we realize that these effects are everywhere for Armenians and deeper than we imagined," he says. "With this film we are naming a hidden-in-plain-sight wound, and, in doing so, we are struggling to make personal and cultural meaning of these past 100 years."

Alexanian, who lives in West Gloucester with his wife Rebecca Koch is a documentary photographer and filmmaker who has traveled to more than 30 countries and worked for numerous print and broadcast outlets and other corporate clients in the U.S. and Europe over the past 35 years. His 2001 book "Gloucester Photographs" is a compilation of black-and-white images shot over more than two decades.

A photojournalist, Alexanian's books include "The Professor of Swing," a cinematic portrait of Wynton Marsalis, and "The Clifford Ball" (1994), an MTV documentary on the band PHISH.

Abby Alexanian, his daughter and co-producer, is a graduate of Vassar College and worked on many of her father's still photography and film sets. She is an advocate and program developer in a domestic violence shelter in Ann Arbor, Mich..

Pizza delivery-man shocked to appear on Oscar stage

Edgar Martirosyan, who might now be the world's most famous pizza deliveryman, had no clue he'd be serving Hollywood's biggest stars Sunday night, according to CNN.

He thought the pies were for a group of writers at the Dolby Theater in Hollywood. When he got there, he was told to wait.

Then Ellen DeGeneres, who hosted the Academy Awards, came backstage and asked him to follow her.

"I didn't know," he told CNN's "Piers Morgan Tonight" Monday. "I was just shocked. It was a really great moment."

And there he was, in front millions of TV viewers, delivering pizzas from his store's red and yellow boxes to the likes of Brad Pitt and Jared Leto.

Martirosyan, the owner of the Armenian Big Mama's and Papa's Pizzeria, said he was most excited to see actress Julia Roberts.

Since then, friends from all over the world have called to congratulate him.

"I'm thinking that's when you say American dream, this is really the American dream," Martirosyan said.

The 20-location chain is now doing killer business.

"All of our locations are crazy busy right now," owner Ararat Agakhanyan told the Los Angeles Times. "We had no idea that our pizzas were going to be on TV. We're ordering supplies like mad, stocking up on cheese, pepperoni, sausage and boxes and shipping them out to the different stores."

Earlier Monday, Martirosyan appeared on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show."

She'd passed around a hat at the Oscars to take up a collection for his tip and gave Martirosyan a whopping \$1,000 on her show Monday.

"It was really crazy for me," he said about the whole experience.



Zodiac Weekly Forecast

ARMENIAN POETRY

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

You and another may be in different camps at this time. The situation became apparent in mid-Jan. You could be in conflict over issues of shared resources, which may include the subjects of intimacy and sexuality. The one who plays Venus' role is the one asking for more sharing. Sexual desire is strong at this time but can be thwarted by lack of attention to the communion of hearts.

Taurus (Apr. 20--May 19):

Venus and Mars are square again. The first time was in mid-Jan when the issues were raised between you and another. This is a time of evaluation. If you want hold onto and grow this relationship further, then a new surge of energy and resources are required. So, now is the time to decide. Is it worth the extra effort?

Gemini (May 20 -- June 20) :

Mercury, your ruling planet, has been retrograding in the area that includes publishing, the law, philosophy, and travel. It is possible you have been repeating an activity of the past in one or more of these areas. You have two more weeks to finish and then you will shift into a new direction.

Cancer (June 21--Jul y 21) :

During this period there may be a surprising development that opens a different doorway in the direction you thought you were headed. You are conflicted on the subject of romance versus caretaking, which is your natural instinct. Perhaps you are caught in the middle between the needs of a spouse and your children.

Leo (July 22 --Aug. 21):

Listen with care to the messages coming to you from the world at large, along with dream information, and even psychic perceptions. You are treading a mine field, but you have magicians and helpers all around you, ones who can offer guidance and information. Take strict care of your physical and emotional health.

Virgo (Aug 22--Sep. 22) :

Mercury is turning direct in your house of health. For the past month it may have been difficult to manage your diet and exercise programs. Now the urge to progress forward is nagging at you. Any health problems that have been hard to treat or diagnose, will now begin to show signs strongly enough that you can get help.

Libra (Sep. 23--Oct. 22)

Your love of luxury and fine things may cause a battle with your partner, who prefers to keep the belt tightened. This reflects a genuine inner conflict. A fairly strong part of you also wants to play it safe as well. Look for a way to satisfy your wants a little less expensively.

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

Old issues may rise to the surface and cause you to become angry all over again. Maybe you simply have to replay this scenario, but don't attack, lest you be sorry afterward. Take especially good care of vehicles and use care in driving. Your reflexes are not at their best right now.

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

You continue to be restless and excitable. You want to make changes in your routine and/or home and hearth. Those who are fortunate have travel plans during this period, which can use some of that extra adrenaline you are totting. Your exuberant mood could cause you to overextend your promises. Think before committing.

Capricorn (Dec 21 -- Jan 19) :

Venus has been traversing your sign since December. In mid-Jan it was square to Mars and this week it is so again (rare double square). This is the action of yin and yang at its worst. It represents challenges between pairs and partners, business or personal. The problem concerns values: love and beauty versus practicality.

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

It may be a challenge to stand up straight this week. The planet Mercury which has traveled in your sign for 3 weeks is shifting to direct motion on the 28th. You will be changing your mind about a lot of things. Something new and exciting related to communications and/or the work environment is also shifting.

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

Put on your roller skates. It will require speed and energy to handle all your necessary activities this week. Romance is looking up and may bring some surprises. If you have health issues, now is the time to find the right cure. You could be tempted to purchase an item that is really expensive. Think twice.

Vahan Teryan

(1885 -1920)

Dressed in white

You arrived in my life dressed in white while winter had begun to excavate my tomb out of ice, out of snow, out of night.

You smiled through the dark, shedding light.

There's no sound in the house or street tonight.

All my doors are closed and sealed tight.

You alone can save me from despair from the days of regret and of blight.

My god's name has become Torment and my prayer a poison-bladed knife.

My soul in its weariness grows cold, wounded by deaths not by life.

You came dressed in white. Come again with the sublime light you can bring.

Soothe my sleepless night with your hands

and the clear sweet songs that you sing.

GHOSTS

I am here. You are here, you and I in the magical evening mist.

We're alone, you with me. I too am you.

And perhaps neither of us exists.

Fearful days, tearful days, all are past.

There are no hours for the clocks to toll.

We are spirits, ghosts that last when we stay together and alone.

All complaints are forgotten and past left behind with pain and thirst.

A different light is refracted here, sweeter, with no dark to interfere.

I am here. You are here. You and I in the magic of this evening mist.

We are alone. I too am you and neither of us perhaps exists.

(translations by Diana Der Hovanessian)

WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?**Enjoy your leisure****6 March****19:00. Tigran Hamasyan.** Aram

Khachaturian Concert Hall

19:00. Tagharan. Concert of Folk

Instrument Soloists. Tagharan Ancient Music

Ensemble Artistic director and conductor:

Sedrak Yerkanyan. Folk Instrument

Soloists: Tehmine Jerejyan /santour/ Hasmik

Harutyunyan /bloul/ Marianna Gevorgyan

/kanon/ Artak Asatryan /duduk/ Lusine

Davoyan /oud/ Program: - Traditional

music: Kh. Avetisyan, Komitas, Sayat-

Nova-Mavisakalyan, N. Tigranyan-

Medieval songs. Chamber Music House

after Komitas

19:00. Ah, Women, Women. Robert

Lamouret. Staging: Vigen Stepanyan.

Hamazgayin State Theater

19:00. Anush. A. Tigranian Opera in 3 acts

Director: People's Artist of Armenia,

Gegham Grigoryan Artist (Painter):

Honoured Worker of Art of Armenia, Grisha

Sahakyan Choreographer: People's Artist of

Armenia, Vilen Galstyan Choirmasters:

Hrach Boryan Conductor: Atanes Arakelyan

Musical Director and Principal Conductor:

Honoured Artist of Armenia, Karen

Durgaryan

Anush: Artsvik Demurchyan Saro: Perch

Karazyan Mosi: Boghos Beazbekian.

National Academic Theater of Opera and

Ballet after A. Spendiarian

7 March**19:00. Aram Satunts 100th Anniversary**

Concert. Soloists: Tsovinar Hovhannisyany,

qanon Siranush Gasparyan, soprano Sargis

Aghamalyan, tenor Opening address by

Honoured Art Worker of RA, musicologist

Anna Asatryan. The concert narrator

Honoured Artist of RA Sagis Najaryan.

Pieces by Aram Satunts, Ashot Satyan &

Aram Satyan will be performed. Conductor:

Ruben Asatryan. Aram Khachaturian

Concert Hall

19:00. Mriage. Genre: Comedy Author: N.

Gogol Staging: Vahan Khachaturyan Cast:

Samvel Topalyan, Astghik Abajyan, Levon

Meloyan, Vahagn Gasparyan, Levon

Ghazaryan, Georgi Hovakimyan, Ara

Sargsyan, Varduhi Rushanyan, Liza

Azizyan, Kristine Hovakimyan. H. Malyan

Theater of Film Actors

19:00. Ah, Women, Women. Robert

Lamouret. Staging: Vigen Stepanyan.

Hamazgayin State Theater

19:00. A Streetcar Named Desire. Author:

Tennessee Williams Drama, 2 acts Staging

and musical compilation: Suren

Shahverdyan. National Academic Theater

after G. Sundukyan

8 March**19:00. Love Fireworks.** Performers: Vardan

Badalyan, Hasmik Karapetyan, Emmy,

Martin Mkrtchyan, Sirusho. Aram

Khachaturian Concert Hall

19:00. Ah, Women, Women. Robert

Lamouret. Staging: Vigen Stepanyan.

Hamazgayin State Theater

19:00. Woman After The Rain. Drama in 2

acts Author: Karine Khodikyan Staging: Aida

Hovhannisyany. National Academic Theater

after G. Sundukyan

19:00. Russian Man on Rendez-Vous.

Tour of the Moscow Theater "Pyotr

Fomenko Workshop" .. Based on "Spring

Water", a novel by Ivan Turgenev Director of

Production: Evgenij Kamenkovich. Russian

Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski

9 March**19:00. Ah, Women, Women.** Robert

Lamouret. Staging: Vigen Stepanyan.

Hamazgayin State Theater

19:00. A Streetcar Named Desire. Author:

Tennessee Williams Drama, 2 acts Staging

and musical compilation: Suren

Shahverdyan. National Academic Theater

after G. Sundukyan

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Fomenko Workshop"

Based on "Spring Water", a novel by Ivan

Turgenev Director of Production: Evgenij

Kamenkovich.. Russian Drama Theater after

K. Stanislavski

20:00. Patricia Kaas. Kaas chante Piaf

(Kaas Sings Piaf) Sports & Concert Complex

after K. Demirchyan

10 March**19:00. Love Bridge.** "Art Team" and

"Sharm Holding", with support from the

Ministry of Culture, represent:

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Yerevan. Dreams and ambition, personal

interests and real friendship, money and

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Director: Vahan Badalyan Script by: Hakob

Rubinyan, Vahram Sahakyan Composers:

Armen Martirosyan, Emma Asatryan, Krist

Manaryan, Ara Torosian (Murzo) Lyrics:

Anita Hakhverdyan, Emma Asatryan,

Grigor Kyokchyan, Krist Manaryan

Arrangements by: Ara Torosian (Murzo),

Martin Mirzoyan Choreographer: Valery

Arkhipov Stage Design by: David Minasyan

Costume Design by: Inessa Sevunts PR

Manager: Izabella Manasaryan Music

Director: Ara Torosian (Murzo) Musical

Producer: Arthur Asatryan Executive

Producer: Armen Hambardzumyan

Producer: Karen Ghazaryan General

Producer: Ruben Jaghinyan The musical is

dedicated to the 300th birthday anniversary

of Sayat-Nova.

State Theater of Musical Comedy after H.

Paronyan

11 March**19:00. We and Our Sevak.** Presented by

"Zartonk". Poetry reading by: People's Artist

of Armenia Artur Utmazyan, Honoured

Artist of Armenia Silva Yuzbashyan,

Honoured Artist of Armenia Greta

mejlumyan, Arsen Ghazaryan, Hrachuhi

Utmazyan, Hripsime Sargsyan, Armen

Kushkanyan. Performance of songs based on

Sevak's poetry by: Marat Hayrapetyan, Elinar

Avetisyan, State Gusan and Folk Song

Ensemble of Armenia.. Evening hosted by:

Honoured Artist of Armenia Sargis

Najaryan. Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall

19:00. Tales. Author: H. Tumanyan Staging:

Henrik Malyan Cast: Ara Sargsyan, Levon

Ghazaryan, Samvel Topalyan, Levon

Meloyan, Georgi Hovakimyan, Vahagn

Gasparyan, Movses Stepanyan, Gurgen

Sargsyan, Varduhi Rushanyan, Liza

Azizyan, Astghik Abajyan, Kristine

Hovakimyan, Karine Voskanyan.

For 3-93 years old children. Time: H.

Malyan Theater of Film Actors

19:00. Foyer Concert. Zangakner. Opera

and Ballet National Academic Theater pres-

ents: "Foyer Concert" Project

Zangakner: Sona Mirijanyan, Ani

Hovak, Armine Kostanyan, Hasmik

Kocharyan, Ani Mikaelyan, Nvard

Kechejyan, Sona Yengibaryan, Tatev

Poghosyan, Sona Haykazun, Karine

Hovhannisyany. Artistic Director and

Choirmaster: Shahe Keshishian

Music Director: Karen Durgaryan

Project Author: Shmavon Grigoryan

Formal attire is requested. National

Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after

A. Spendiarian

Contest of scripts dedicated to 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

PYUNIK Charity Foundation and the GOLDEN APRICOT Fund for Cinema Development have launched a contest of scripts on the theme of the Armenian Genocide dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the tragedy.

Today the contest was presented to the local media at a press conference by Mr. Levon Sargsyan, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of PYUNIK Foundation and Mr. Harutyun Khachatryan, Director of GOLDEN APRICOT Yerevan IFF.

The contest invites scripts of short fiction and documentary projects and is open for authors of all ages and nationalities.

Monetary awards are designed for the best ten scripts which are to be selected by the Board of Jury. More specifically, the best three projects will be granted a sum of 1000 USD each, and grants at the amount of 700 USD will be awarded to the remaining seven projects.

More importantly, all the winning scripts will be financed for production and distribution with the support of the PYUNIK Foundation via GOLDEN APRICOT Fund later during the year and will have their premieres in the frames of GOLDEN APRICOT Yerevan International Film Festival the following year.

Taking the undeniable potential of cinema to influence the



audience into consideration and thinking of it as one of the most potent tools of cultural diplomacy PYUNIK Charity Foundation and GOLDEN APRICOT Fund for Cinema Development have initiated this potentially influential cultural project being hopeful to facilitate the process of raising international awareness on one of the greatest tragedies of the 20th century and therefore support the process of the Armenian Genocide recognition worldwide.


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