

HIGH-LEVEL ARMENIAN-ARGENTINE NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE

President Serzh Sargsyan who has arrived in Argentina on an official visit on 7 July held a meeting with the Vice President of the Argentine Republic and the President of the Argentine National Senate Amado Boudou.

Taking into account that President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner of Argentina has postponed all the official events due to health problems, including the events to be held on the occasion of the country's public holiday on June 9, the negotiations were conducted with an Argentine high-ranking delegation led by the Vice President of the Argentine Republic and the President of the Senate Amado Boudou. Particularly, the Chief of the Cabinet of Minister of Argentina Jorge Capitanich, the President of the Argentine Chamber of Deputies Julian Andres Dominguez, the Minster of Social Development Alicia Kirchner, the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovative Production Lino Baranao, the Head of the State Revenue Department Ricardo Daniel Echegaray and other officials took part in the meeting.

Amado Boudou welcomed President Serzh Sargsyan and the delegation led by him and noted that he is glad the Armenian President's visit is kicking off in Argentina which is not only the testimony to the Armenian-Argentine friendship but also to the mutual determination and commitment to bringing that friendship to a practical level into which President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner of Argentina has put a lot of efforts. Amado Boudou emphasized the ceremony of signing bilateral documents as a result of the visit



which will further strengthen the Armenian-Argentine ties in a number of spheres.

Argentine Vice President and the President of the Senate Amado Boudou praised the Armenian community of Argentina which is not only a big but also an influential community and plays a great role in reinforcing the Armenian-Argentine ties. He stressed that despite the geographical distance of the two countries and the fact that Armenia has a centuries-old history while Argentina is a relatively young country; the two peoples have established close friendship ties and the interstate rela-

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Russia wants to see Armenia in the Eurasian Economic Union: EurAsEC Institute Director

"Russia wants to see Armenia in the Eurasian Economic Union," Director General of the EurAsEC Institute Vladimir Lepyekhin told reporters in Yerevan. He said the opinion that Belarus and Kazakhstan do not see an economic interest in Armenia's membership or that Russia is still trying to clarify relations with Azerbaijan are groundless.

Vladimir Lepyekhin is confident Russia would like to see Armenia as a founding member of the Union, but because of certain reasons it was established earlier, he said.

"The document was not signed firstly because the Armenian government was quite strict about Armenian interests. But this is no tragedy, it would have been worse if Armenia agreed and signed the document against its interests, now Armenia has time to negotiate," Lepyekhin said, adding that the further process of negotiations will be decided upon after the Armenian and Russian presidents' meeting or telephone conversation, which, he thinks, will happen soon.

Although Armenia is said to join the Eurasian Economic Union by the end of the year, Vladimir Lepyekhin does not rule out anything.

He said three countries – the United States, Russia and Ukraine have launched a real war on post-Soviet space and presented an analysis on the direction



Armenia should move in. Ruling out all other "dangerous ways," Lepyekhin said the only right direction is Russia, which is Armenia's only true partner. He hinted that under the given circumstances neutrality is impossible.

Armenian FM: Turkey has lied for 99 years

Turkey is to blame for the failure to advance in the normalization of ties with Armenia because the government of Recep Erdogan demands "impossible" pre-conditions, the Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian said yesterday during a visit to Buenos Aires.

"Our president attempted to normalize relations between our two countries. We agreed on two protocols to normalize our relations, including the establishof diplomatic relations. Unfortunately, after the signing ceremony — which took place in Zurich in October, 2009 — the Turkish Parliament hasn't been able to ratify and implement agreements and Turkey is now coming with new pre-conditions," up Nalbandian told the Herald yesterday, during an interview at the Alvear Hotel.

Nalbandian is part of the delegation that accompanied President Serzh Sargsyan to Argentina, where the two participated in the inauguration of the Museum of Armenian Genocide yesterday, the first of its kind outside Armenian borders. According to Nalbandian, the opening of the museum "is a very important step and we appreciated it very much, as well as the recognition of the genocide (by the Argentine government) through a special law."

The recognition of the Armenian genocide is an extremely thorny issue between the two countries. Turkey

acknowledges that atrocities were committed against Armenians starting in 1915 but says that, at most, the killings were just another chapter of a messy war that spelled the end of the Ottoman empire. Most mainstream historians, however, agree with Armenia that the massacres constituted genocide.

Why is it so important for Armenians that the international community acknowledges the genocide? "It was the first genocide of the 20th century. And unfortunately, the fact that it was not recognized by the international community at the time made it possible for other genocides to take place. So we feel a responsibility as a people who suffered the first genocide in the 20th century not to allow new crimes against humanity in the future," Nalbandian said yesterday.

Regarding Turkey's refusal to acknowledge the scale of the killings, the Foreign Minister said that "it has less to do with the reparations that the Turkish state would have to pay to Armenian families (of victims), than with the fact that it is difficult to look at your own people in the eye and say: 'we've been lying to you for 99 years'."

Armenians around the world will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the massacre next year and Nalbandian said he was confident "that many countries in the world will express their solidarity to the Armenian people."

Azerbaijan wants to empty Armenian bordering villages – expert



Taking into consideration the balance and the human potential of the Armenian army the goal of the Azerbaijani side is not to resume wide-scale military activities but to empty the Armenian bordering villages, political analyst Levon Shirinyan told the reporters on Monday.

He called on the Armenian authorities to rename the Diaspora Ministry into Emigration Ministry, work out an immigration concept to bring the Diaspora Armenian businessmen and young people with good education to Armenia for them to settle here and in bordering villages.

"The four political forces too have work here and put aside the minor things and make the authorities seriously work toward prevention of immigration," he said, adding though that the authorities do not want clever people who know the European civilization, people who have tasted the real elections.

Groundbreaking ceremony for the Armenian Genocide Museum held in Buenos Aires



On July 8, on the second day of his official visit to the Argentine Republic President Serzh Sargsyan, accompanied by Chief of Staff of the Government of City of Buenos Aires Horacio Larreta and the representatives of local self-government bodies and the Armenian community of Argentina, attended the groundbreaking ceremony of an Armenian Genocide museum at the neighborhood of Palermo in Buenos Aires. After the consecration of the memorial plaque, Chief of Staff of the Government of City of Buenos Aires Horacio Larreta and Chief of the RAPresidential Administration Vigen Sargsyan opened it. On the occasion of the groundbreaking ceremony the president made a speech before the participants.



Speech by President Serzh Sargsyan at Armenian Genocide museum groundbreaking ceremony in Buenos Aires

Dear compatriots, Honorable Chief of Staff of the Government of City of Buenos Aires, Your Eminencies, Ladies and gentlemen.

I consider it a great honor to be present here today, at the heart of Buenos Aires, and lay the first brick on the foundation of the Armenian Genocide museum together with you.

This museum is being built in order to fill up the ranks of the numerous monuments dedicated to the Armenian Genocide which extend from East to West and from North to South as a vivid testimony to the fact that no matter how much time has passed we will keep on remembering and demanding. Human memory is a sort of a historical sieve which with special gratitude keeps those names and place names, which always sow seeds of justice and push forward the noblest universal values.

One of these bright place names is Argentina who gave a helping hand to our people in hard times, saved not only hundreds of thousands of Armenians, but also restored our people's broken belief in the

Ahead of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, on May 6 of 2014 the government of the city of Buenos Aires decided to allocate a free area for construction of an Armenian Genocide museum in capital's Palermo district. On June 10, with the participation of the RA embassy in Argentina and under the patronage of Hay center and the Armenian diocese of Argentina the official ceremony of handing the legal documents of the area allocated by the city authorities of Buenos Aires for the purpose of building an Armenian Genocide museum took place.

fact that man was created to resemble God and that the human being can't die in man keeping the barbarian alive.

Honorable colleagues,

Next year is the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. However, it is a well-known fact that the statutory limitation can't be applied to the crimes against humanity. The 100th anniversary of Mets Yeghern is not an endpoint; it is just a unique destination. The centenary will sum up a historical period and will herald a new phase of fighting for the restoration of justice which will be supplemented with new methods of fighting against denialism. We are going to be more powerful, powerful together with the international community since the secret of power and the victory of justice is unity.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The history of the Armenian-Argentine ages-old friendship stores pages without which it is impossible to imagine our bilateral cooperation. Not only will this day be written in gold letters in the register of the Armenian-Argentine history, but will also leave its indelible imprint on condemning and preventing the gravest crime against humanity – the genocide.

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No need in snap elections - Arthur Baghdasaryan

Rule of Law party is going to conduct a big rally on July 18, party's leader Arthur Baghdasaryan told the reporters at a news conference today.

"We do not consider it to be the RoL's rally, it is a pan-national rally as it is of social nature. We have called on all concerned with the social injustice, groundless raise of prices of gas and electricity to join us. I am sure we will have a great rally," he said. Baghdasaryan said political assessments will also be voiced at the rally.

"Snap presidential elections are serious blow, I think there is no need of it as Serzh Sargsyan has already stated that he is leaving the big politics. A situation has been created in the country where people are not able to tolerate. I consider the snap parliamentary elections possible as five parties are on one side, while one on the other," Baghdasaryan said, uniting him to the



four forces. Baghdasaryan said that hence there should not be rigged elections in Armenia.

The response of the four political forces to their rally the party's leader described as proper and admissible as his party has not invited any of them to participate in the rally.

"We are cooperating with the four forces in the NA. They periodically

apply to the RoL for the joint solution of some issues. But the party as well has not discussed the issue on joining the four forces, though in some issues they are together," the party's leader said.

Baghdasaryan has not excluded his participation in snap or regular presidential elections as he in his words has political experience.

Turkey succeeds in winning big dividends making small concessions – expert

Few days ago Turkish Taraf has written an article saying that Turkish presidential hopeful Recep Tayyip Erdogan intends to regulate relations with Armenia and even open the border. Later, the Turkish Foreign Ministry rejected the information.

Head of Modus Vivendi think tank Ara Papyan voiced opinion that Turkey's steps are agreed with the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, thus these statements may be described as a message to the international community to show that Turkey wants to improve relations with Armenia but some circumstances impede it.

"We will hear many such like statements by Turkey but this country continues tying normalization of relations with Armenia with relations with Azerbaijan," Papyan said.

Director of the ARF-D Bureau Armenian Cause and Political Affairs Office Kiro Manoyan said that ahead of 2015 we will see different tricks by Turkey that will create an illusion as if this country wants to start process in relations with Armenia. "In reality it will not happen with a simple reason: Turkey has always been stating that it



will not normalize relations with Armenia until the Karabakh conflict is settled. Recently Davutoglu [Turkey's FM] has spoken about it in his scientific article in one of Turkish papers," Manoyan said.

Head of news program of Turkish IMC TV Aris Nalc who joined the speakers through skype said that if Taraf published the information about the opening of the border five years ago the response would have been tougher, while today the Turkish public responded to this information calmly.

Speaking about the role of the superpowers in this process, Ara Papyan said that Russia may be interested in the opening of the border and railway. Kiro Manoyan though opposed this viewpoint saying that in reality Russia is not interested in the opening of the border, just vice versa the West is interested in weakening Russia's and Iran's influence in the region by opening the border.

"Our issue is not in opening or not opening the border, but the agenda is being dictated by Turkey which succeeds in winning big dividends with small concessions," Papyan said.

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tions continue to develop successfully.

President Serzh Sargsyan presented his appreciation for the invitation and the warm reception and expressed regret that President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner is not able to take part in the negotiations due to health problems. Serzh Sargsyan wished the Argentine President a speedy recovery and good health.

Speaking about the Armenian-Argentine relations, the Armenian President noted that this is the third time Armenian President has conducted an official visit to Argentina which testifies to the fact that Armenian Presidents have always attached great importance to promoting relations with Argentina and have considered it their duty to visit the friendly country. The president also took the occasion to express his gratitude for the sincere attitude toward the Armenian people and especially toward the Armenian community of Argentina.

"My official visit to Argentina is taking place on the eve of your country's Independence Day on the occasion of which I would like to cordially congratulate the Argentine authorities and the Argentine people and wish them success. We attach great importance to our relations with Argentina, and I am happy that we periodically hold high-level meetings and our relations continue to develop in a multilateral format as well. We are committed to enhancing the Armenian-Argentine relations in political, cultural and other spheres. I am pleased that the documents to be concluded today will give us that opportunity," said President Serzh Sargsyan.

The RA President also emphasized the role of the Armenian community of



Argentina in the friendly bilateral relations, including in strengthening the trade and economic ties. According to President Serzh Sargsyan, it is no accident that Argentina is one of the largest investors in the Armenian economy. He added that those around 400 million dollar investments are gradually influencing the Armenian-Argentine relations.

At the meeting President Serzh Sargsyan also expressed his gratitude for the Law on the Recognition of the Armenian Genocide passed with the direct involvement of the previous President of Argentina Nestor Kirchner. The president stressed that next year is the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, and events are to take place not only in Armenia but also in different countries of the world, including Argentina.

On behalf of our people and on his own behalf Serzh Sargsyan expressed his gratitude to the Argentine authorities and the Argentine people for recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

At the end of the negotiations a number

of documents aimed at promoting and enhancing the cooperation between the two countries were concluded. Particularly, the Agreement on Working Holiday Program between the RA government and the AR government, the Economic Cooperation Agreement between the RA government and the AR government, the Memorandum of Mutual Understanding between the RA Ministry of Education and Science and the AR Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovative Production and the Agreement on Exchange of Information on Tax Matters between the RA government and the AR government were concluded.

On July 6, within the framework of his official visit President Serzh Sargsyan held a meeting with Argentine Foreign Affairs Minister Hector Marcos Timerman. At the meeting a wide range of issues regarding the promotion of the Armenian-Argentine bilateral and multilateral relations was discussed. On the same day, President Serzh Sargsyan also held a meeting with the eminent Argentine Armenian businessman Eduardo Eurnekian.

On 7 July, the Armenian President also visited San Martin Square and laid a wreath at the monument of the champion of the Argentine independence San Martin and paid tribute to his memory. Afterwards, Serzh Sargsyan visited the municipality of Buenos Aires and held a meeting with the Head of the Government of the City of Buenos Aires (mayor) Mauricio Macri. Moreover, within the framework of the official visit today a meeting was held with the President of the Argentine Chamber of Deputies Julian Andres Dominguez. This evening, the president will also meet the representatives of the Armenian community of Argentina.



We do not have much to discuss with Turkey: Armenian President



"We do not have much to discuss with Turkey today," Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan said in an interview with Argentine media. "We have long discussed the two protocols, but the Turkish Parliament has not yet ratified them. So, what should we talk about?," he said.

Sargsyan received Telam and two other Argentine media in a Buenos Aires hotel after a long day that included a ceremony at the Palacio San Martí n with Vice President Amado Boudou, and several government ministers, and a meeting with the mayor of Buenos Aires, Mauricio Macri.

Relaxed, no suit and tie and with a gen-

tle and unalterable tone of voice, the Armenian President does not reflect the image of the "military hero" many of his countrymen know. More than two decades ago, Sargsyan was one of the military leaders in the war against Azerbaijan. That conflict ended with the creation of a pro-Armenian internationally unrecognized republic, which, according to Sargsyan, was a springboard for raising the defense and security level of Armenia.

"Away from the drama of war and categorical forms of military life, the 60-yearold leader, who has been holding presidency of his country for six years, avoids resonant statements," the article reads.

The President argues again and again that they do not choose either Russia or Europe. "We chose the two," he said. Sargsyan said that he would not "reduce or sever the relationship with the European Union," but made ??a decision to join the Customs Union "by simple economic calculation."

"For decades we have had a strong rela-

tionship with Russia and we can not drop it," the President said.

He explained that it is impossible for Armenia to export agricultural and other products to the EU it now exports to Russia at a competitive price.

He added, his country is dependent on Russia and Iran in energy and gas, and Moscow offers a 30% discount to members of the Customs Union.

The article notes that Armenia's shared border with Turkey in the west has been closed for more than two decades, and the same is with the Azerbaijani border.

The country has open borders with Iran and Georgia, a country that has already bid to join the NATO military alliance, which recently signed a Free Trade Agreement with the European bloc and proceeds to enter the EU as a full member.

"We'll continue the negotiations with the EU in a way that will not interfere with our integration with the Customs Union," the President said, reaffirming his moderate spirit.

The Role of Russians In Armenian Genocide 1915

By Haikazn Ghahriyan

The spokesman for the National Assembly Galust Sahakyan has invited the leadership of the two chambers of the Russian parliament to attend the conference on 24 April 2014. Galust Sahakyan has also called his Russian counterparts to activate work towards issues relating to the Armenian Genocide.

The problem is rather sensitive. The Russian Duma recognized the Armenian genocide in 1995 but immediately assured to Turkey that it will not have any implications. And in 2011 the Russian president Dmitry Medvedev demonstratively gave the original of the Treaty of Moscow of 1921 to Turkey according to which the Armenian territories were divided between Turkey and Russia.

Russia thereby assured that no step will be made in respect to the Armenian issue which will somehow contradict the Turkish interests and Russian-Turkish arrangements.

The present Russian policy does not differ from the Russian policy of the early 20th century. Russia saved Turkey from

fragmentation and collapse twice, providing weapons and army who fought on the side of the Turkish government. It took place at the expense of Armenian interests and territories. Later in 1921 Ankara and Moscow confirmed the division of Armenia between themselves, thereby thwarting the Treaty of Sevres.

This scheme has become topical in the current international political situation of Russia and Turkey. These two countries have appeared in international isolation and blockade and are making efforts to cope with this policy.

Armenia and the Armenian issue are an important factor to this policy. Russia and Turkey may resist international pressure if they eliminate the Armenian statehood and the Armenian factor. This circumstance stems from the vital interests of two countries.

Russia has set out to colonize Armenia and eliminate its sovereignty in the presence of scared consent of the majority of the Armenian society and political forces. The Eurasian project is the best way of closing the Armenian issue. And Turkey has to support this policy.

The Armenian genocide is an opportunity to speak about the actions of not only Turkey but also Russia in the period between 1915 and 1923, including in Soviet Armenia. In this sense, the conference in Yerevan is a good opportunity. What was the role of Russia in the developments of those years, what agreements were effective between Russia and Turkey?

Bringing up this issue is first of all necessary for the Armenian society which may thus crush different myths and stereotypes. It will enable avoiding the repetition of genocide which only seems impossible. In the case of the Russian-Turkish arrangements the Armenian genocide occur on a regular basis: West Armenia, Baku, Gandzak, Sumgait, Shahumyan etc. The examples are many, so many that it is time to think about it.

They say there is rich material on this in Russian archives. Will Armenia request declassification?

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Prime Minister Reviews Gyumri Technology Center Projects

As part of his working visit to Shirak Marz of Armenia, Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan visited the Gyumri Technology Center, which was co-founded by the Government of the Republic of the Enterprise Incubator Armenia, German Foundation, the **Technical** Cooperation Association and the World Bank.

The head of government toured the center, calling at the engineering and multimedia laboratories, computer classrooms. Hovik Abrahamyan got familiar with the center's ongoing and upcoming projects.

The Premier was briefed on the SME and start-up business clean technology program, which is administered by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization with the support of the Global Environment Fund. It is the only clean technology project implemented in Armenia in cooperation with Silicon Valley's largest Cleantech Open accelerator.

A tender of best business ideas was announced under the program in the fields



of renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy generation and waste water management. The winner will get the chance to participate in the Cleantech Open-organized Silicon Valley Business Conference.

The head of government next inspected the former building of G. Gulbenkian Surgical Hospital with the purpose of examining the premises from the perspective of rational allocation of government departments and accessibility of public services.

The Prime Minister's daylong journey to Shirak Marz was finalized with a consultation held in the Office of Marz Governor, during which Hovik Abrahamyan summarized his visit and issued relevant instructions to the heads of agencies responsible.

PM Visits Hail-Affected Areas in Shirak Marz

Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan paid a working visit to Shirak Marz of Armenia. The Prime Minister was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Territorial Administration Armen Gevorgyan, Minister of Agriculture Sergo Karapetyan, Governor of Shirak Marz Felix Tsolakyan and other officials.

The Premier first stopped at the hail-affected fields to learn of the damage caused to a number of communities two days ago.

In particular Hovik Abrahamyan visited the wheat fields of



Nor Kyanq, Panic, Spandaryanand Geghanist communities, talked to the farmers, listened to their concerns about the situation and discussed the possible options for provision of State support.

The Head of Government advised that in order to quickly estimate the damage caused by hail, the Government has set up commissions involving representatives from the Ministry of Territorial Administration, Ministry of Agriculture, Shirak Marz Administration and the affected communities.

The commissions will provide information about the actual amount of damage caused to communities, based on which the Government will evaluate and take a decision on the granting of targeted assistance. The heads of responsible agencies were told to submit an estimate of the need in winter wheat seed. Hovik Abrahamyan assured that he will personally watch over the rapid organization of the process and that the Government will possibly help farmers to overcome the consequences of the natural disaster.

The Prime Minister also referred a number of other concerns voiced by the farmers regarding which related to water supply, school construction and other issues. Hovik Abrahamyan noted that the Government will discuss them and possibly tackle the problems. While in Geghanist community, the Prime Minister unexpectedly visited the home of one of the residents of the community, where he attended a farewell ceremony for a conscripted young man and wished successful service to the recruit.

Before visiting the regional center of Gyumri, the Prime Minister will visit several communities in the region.

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

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- •3348.**Blur, Barbyus str.** Land 800 sq.m, 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m, 4bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control. Price: 1.2 million USD
- •3146.**Aygestan,** Land-500 sq.m., 5 storied bld-765 sq.m.,each floor-180 sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, hjeating system, elevator. Price: 2.300.000 USD. •3583.Nork-Marash, Land-1100sq.m,2 storied
- bld-520sq.m,6 bedrooms,5 bathrooms, capitally

repaired, heating system, AC, swimming pool, garden. Price: 1.350.000 USD.

•3432. Aygedzor, Land - 1021 sq m ,3 storied bld.- 501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, central heating, AC, boiler room garden, swimming pool, sauna, garage, security system. Price:1.000.000 USD

•3576.**Avan,** Tsarav Akhbyur /near Botanical garden/, Land-560sq.m., 4 storied building-560sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, a kitchen, office, capitally repaired, heating system, swim-ming pool, garden, 2 car parking. Price: 850.000

•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, capi-

tally repaired, heating system, sauna swimming pool, garden. Price: 2.000.000 USD

•3590 Blur, Barbyus str., Land-450 sq.m., 4 storied building-470sq.m., 3bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: 680.000 USD

•3651.**Blur, Barbyus str.,** Land-900sq.m.,5 storied building-800sq.m.,4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price:1.700.000 USD.

•3401. Antarayin str. Newly built, land-700sq.m, 3 storied bld-690sq.m, 5 bedrooms, capitally repaired. Price: 1.300.000 USD NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

•74.**Cascade,** Verin Antarayin. 136-315 sq m.,walls plastered, electricity, water, gas, euro windows,no exploitation fees. Price:1200 USD per sq.m, parking -15.000 USD.



- 107. Monument, Verin Antarayin. inhabited, 8 floors, gas, windows, street view -1000 USD per sq.m., city looking -1500 USD per sq.m., parking - 4 million USD preliminary.
- 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-12 price: 1500-1600USD per sq.m.,parking-12 000 USD Possible with mortagae, for 13 years term. USD. Possible with mortgage, for 13 years term.
 •94. Masiv. 3floors,8 flats,each flat has 3 bed-
- rooms, 210 sq.m., parking. Price: negotiable.
 •130.Antarayin str., 34 flats, 110-275 sq.m., 4
 penthouses-200-275sq.m, available sevices-car
- wash, cleaning service, garbage removal service, parking. Price: Negotiable
- *131.**Busand str.,** commercial, office and residential areas, penthouse, available sevices-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, capitally repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 1000 USD. *2099.Sayat-Nova Ave., 12/6, 1 bedroom, capitally repaired, gas, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price:600 USD. *1972.Northern ave., 8/4, 80sq.m., 1bedrrom, 2 bathrooms, open kitchen, capitally repaired, climate control. Price: 1200 USD *2171.Tumanyan str., Newly built, 5th floor, 94 sq.m., 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, capitally repaired central heating, furnished, equipped. Price: 1000 USD +2037.Baghramyan str., 5/2, 60sqm, 1 bed

•2367.Northern ave., Newly built, 9th flloor, 98 sq.m., capitally repaired, heating system, furnished equipped. Price: Negotiable.
•2374.V. Sargsyan str, Newly built, /4th floor, 64 sq.m, 1 bedroom, capitally repaired, parking, Price: Negotiable

2 ROOMS

+942.Teryan str. 4/3, 130 sq.m.,2 bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnishred, equipped. Price: 1500 USD.
+1950.Buzand/Mashtots area. Newly built,8th



floor, 163 sq.m.,2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired climate control, furnished, open balcony. Price: 2500 USD.

•1681:Northern Ave., Newly built,6/2,130 sq.m.,2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC,parking. Price:

repaired, neutring system, 2000 USD.
2000 USD.
41535.**Busand str.,** Newly built, 7/4, 82sq.m,2bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking, furnished, equipped. Price:

system, AC, parking, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable. 2089. Northern ave., Newly built,8/6, 120sq.m.,2 bedrooms,2 bathrooms, capitally reapired, climate control, furnished, equipped. Price:2500 USD +1738. Amiryan str., 8/8, 159sq.m.,2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable +1951. Busand str., Newly built, 13th floor, 122sa.m. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally

*1951.Busand str., Newly built, 13th floor, 122sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control. Price: 2500 USD *1406.Sayat Nova ave., 7/3, 110sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally reapired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable *2187.Northern ave., Newly built, 9/5, 120 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally reapired, firnished, equipped. Price: 2.200 USD *2109.Northern ave., Newly built, 10/4, 137sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, central heating, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD. *2243.Buzand str, Newly built, 17/4, 125sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD

 Amiryan str, Newly built, 14/5, 120sqm, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, partly furnished. Price 2000 USD

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3 ROOMS AND MORE

•2257.Northern Ave., Newly built, 17/16, 160 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: Negotiable •2021.Teryan Str., Newly built, 9/8, 9, 245 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, beating system.

heating system, furnished. Preliminary price: 3500 USD.

\$300 USD.
\$42005.Northern Ave., Newly built,8/8, 130 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished, parking.
\$4700 USD.
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capitally repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD.

2000 USD.

*1981. Vardanants Str., Newly built, 14/14, 140 sq m,3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, 3 open baconies, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD.

*1793. Teryan str., Newly built, 8th floor, 260 sq.m.,3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, climat control, parking, unfurnished (possible to furnish), Price: 3500 USD.

*1720. Amiryan str., Newly built, 16/10, 179 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, central heating, AC, cellar- 25sq.m, with or without furniture, parking, Price 3000 USD negotiable

•2195.Northern ave., Newly built, 3rd floor, 300sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capitally repaired, climate control, AC, parking. Price:5000 USD

*2261.Hin Yerevantsi, /North Avenue/, Newly built, 10/3, 124sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 1700 USD *2084.Tumanyan str., 4th floor, 200sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price: 5000 USD *2252.Northern ave, 7th floor, 350 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, open balconies, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price Negotiable. *2270.North Ave, Newly built, /8th floor, 190sq. m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, study, open kitchen, capitally repaired, furnished, equipped Price: 3500 USD *2271.North Ave., Newly built, 9/6, 181sa.m. 2261.Hin Yerevantsi, /North Avenue/,

Price: 3500 USD

•2271.North Ave., Newly built, 9/6, 181sq.m, 3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1 guest toilet, capitally repaired, climate control, furnished, equipped parking. Price: 3.000 USD
•2272.North Ave., Newly built, 9/7, 159sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, open kitchen, capitally repaired, furnished, equipped, parking, Price: 3.000 USD

PRIVATE HOUSES

*1248. Aygedzor, Land - 1021 sq m ,3 storied bld. - 501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, central heating, AC, sauna, boiler room garden, swimming pool, garage, alarming system, security system. Price: 8000 USD.

999. Aygedzor, Land -1000 sqm, basement + *999.Aygedzor, Land -1000 sqm, basement + 2 floors- 310 sqm, capitally repaired, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, newly turnished, equipped, sauna, swimming-pool. Starting Price: 5000 USD.
 *1094.Noy block, Land-450sqm, 2 storied building - 220sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden. Price: 2000USD.

1195.Nork, Armenakyan str., Land - 2000

sq.m, 4 storied bld.-520 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, sauna, gym, furnished, swimming-pool, garden. Price: 4.000 USD negotiable.

Price: 4.000 USD negotiable.

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

*1293.**Nork-Marash**, Land-1100sq.m,2 storied bld-520 sq.m, 6 bedrooms,5 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, swimming pool, garden.Price7.000 USD

*327. **Nork-Marash**, Land-500sq.m.,4 storied building-600 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking. Price-4000 USD

*1306. **Tsarav Akhbyur** /near Botanical garden/, Land-1000sq.m., 3 storied building-750sq.m., 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capitally repaired, heating system swimming pool,

capitally repaired, heating system swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking, with or without furniture. Price:6000-8000 USD negotiable

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1288. **Tsarav Akhbyur** /near Botanical garden/,
Land-560sq.m., 4 storied building-560
sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, a kitchen, office,
capitally repaired, heating system, furnished,
equipped, swimming pool,garden, 2 car parking.
Price: 5000 USD

1197. **Blur**, Land-779sq.m., 2 storied building720sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, heating system, saung swimming

720sq.m.,4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, heating system, sauna swimming pool, garden. Price:8000 USD

*1312. Blur, Barbyus str., Land-450sq.m., 4 storied building-470sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable

*1317. Blur, Barbyus str., Land-900sq.m.,5 storied building-800sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable.

*1323.Monument, Babayan str, Land - 400 sq.m., 3 storied bld-300sq.m, each floor-100sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired,

4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable

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•1693.Malatia-Sebastia 4 storied building, 1200sq.m, each floor-300sq.m, 2 separate entrances, climate control, 2 elevators, basement, parking. Price: 15USD per sq.m.
•1526.Byuzand str., 5/semi-basement, 170 sqm., 4-5 degrees below zero level, window glasses, cellar - 50 sq.m., 6 rooms, the largest is 30 sq.m., 2 entrances, 2 lavatories. Price 2000 USD per month, negotiable

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 floorhall and kitchen,1st floor 5 rooms, bathroom, open balcony, capitally repaired, gas, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable.

1462. Teryan str., 3 storied building, 800 sq.m., capitally repaired, AC, parking, Price: 10.000 USD.

capitally repaired, AC, parking, Price: 10.000 USD.

1945.Mashtots Ave., 5/1,2, 140sq.m., window glasses, capitally repaired, AC. Price: 8000 USD.
1943.Tumanyan str., Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m., 1st line, capitally repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 7000 USD.
1868.Tumanyan str., Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m., 1st line, facade-55m., capitally repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: 15.000 USD.
2087.Northern ave., Ground floor of the building, 100sq.m, 1st line, zero level, capitally repaired, window glasses. Price: Negotiable.
2033.Abovyan str, 388sq.m, Ground floor of the building, 3 degrees above zero level, windog glasses, h-3m., bassement-235sq.m, capitally 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, capitally repaired. Price: 4.000 USD

VivaCell-MTS: Introducing Novelties, Supporting the Rescuers and Following an Ethical Model of Management

"Jan-jan Daily"- unlimited calls within tariff plan for AMD 100

VivaCell-MTS offers the subscribers of the "Dialect" tariff plan a new opportunity to make unlimited calls within their tariff plan.

To use the opportunity, one simply needs to activate the "Jan-jan Daily" service by dialing *707*1#. The activation fee is AMD 100 daily.

Upon the expiration of the activity period, in case there are sufficient funds on the account, the service is automatically prolonged. To deactivate the service the subscriber should send *707*0#.

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Now subscribing to one of VivaCell-MTS' postpaid tariff plans "MTS Connect LTE" one can enjoy unlimited Internet for only a fixed monthly fee. And in case of an 18-month subscription "MTS Connect LTE" USB modem is provided free of charge.

By the way, subscribers of "Internet Medium" and "Internet Large" tariff plans also get a package providing 1500 embedded on-net airtime and an opportunity to send 150 SMS to RA GSM networks per month for the same monthly fee.

Increased airtime and Internet for "City Talks" tariff plan Option 1 subscribers

Now subscribers of the Option 1 of the "City Talks" tariff plan have 3000 on-net minutes instead of 1500 before and 1500 MB of Internet instead of the 300 before, for the same monthly fee

for the same monthly fee.

To remind, the "City Talks" postpaid tariff plan provides individuals and small enterprises with affordable options to control communication expenses. For a fixed monthly fee, the subscriber gets a bundle of embedded services, which can be chosen based on communication preferences.

The personal investment of VivaCell-MTS employees in the fence construction on the territory St.Astvatsatsin church in Vedi

The leading telecommunications operator in Armenia has been following an ethical model of management in the Armenian market for already nine years. The system values adopted in the organization, which implies putting corporate responsibility at the core of its activities, has already become a worldview for VivaCell-MTS employees. Their desire to help the country and the society is realized through numerous projects; employees of different departments of the company make decisions and gather funds for their implementation.

One of these programs has been carried out in the yard of St.Astvatsatsin church, Vedi. This time it was the staff of VivaCell-MTS technical department that made per-

sonal investment in the program. The managerial stuff also took part in the initiative, encouraging the employees. Over AMD 3,5 million was gathered as a result of the joined donation, which served to the realization of the construction program. The territory of the church was separated by a fence and entrance gates.

The construction works were organized and accomplished within a month. The cause was honest, and the means came from the bottom of heart. Cleaning works of the renovated yard were carried out by the program initiators themselves, the



employees of VivaCell-MTS technical department.

"From the first years of its existence VivaCell-MTS has attached great importance to practicing a respectful and thoughtful attitude towards the society. I am glad to state that the value-system formed within the company has taken deep roots in the consciousness of every member of our family. Our most valuable acquisition is the determination and willpower to the today "Hover" choir is with us, showing their appreciation for the cooperation with the company," stated VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian.

"Hover" choir successfully combines national instruments, elements of theatre and academic program and continuously multiplies its achievements. VivaCell-MTS has donated over AMD 69 million to the choir within the last two years of sponsorship.

Direct video connection between firefighter rescuers and MES of RA Crisis Management Center Mobile phones from VivaCell-MTS for video shooting of rescue operations and real time transfer to CMC

The cooperation between Ministry of Emergency Situations of RA and Armenia's leading telecommunications operator VivaCell-MTS was marked by just another joint innovative program. VivaCell-MTS has provided the widest coverage in Armenia for the implementation of the program.

Also VivaCell-MTS has supplied the MES with 100 state-of-the-art mobile phones (Alcatel One Touch C5 smart-



phones, providing high speed data traffic and an opportunity to take videos with high quality), which are used to transfer up-todate information immediately from the scene of the accident to RA MES CMC.

On arriving at the scene of the accident, one of the rescue group members takes a video of the accident which is transferred to MES CMC via VivaCell-MTS 2G and 3G/DC HSDPA networks in real time. The setting of the operative video connection allows the specialists at the CMC to virtually move to the scene of the accident. The opportunity of having the total picture of the situation and rescue operations helps CMC to adequately assess the situation, effectively coordinate the works of the rescue group, and, if necessary, steer the operation and involve additional resources, as well as make other operative decisions.

"VivaCell-MTS supports the Ministry of Emergency in its efforts to improve national capacity of emergency response. It has been proven many times that effective systems of emergency response can considerably reduce the vulnerability of the population. To this end, VivaCell-MTS also renders on free of charge basis its major distinctive capability - the widest in Armenia 2G and 3G/DC HSDPA networks," VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian commented.

Professor Mikayel Kokjayev: "Aram Talalyan is a Genius Cellist, and Sergey Smbatyan Has a Brilliant Ability to Hear the Soloists..."

Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven Concertos performed in the same evening at the Talalyan Bros Fest

By Gourgen James Khazhakian Chief Correspondent

The evening of 8 July saw jam-packed Yerevan Chamber Music Hall after the Great Komitas.

The reason was a next concert within the series of the Talalyan Brothers Festival 2014 dedicated to the "Viennese Classics" - Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven.

In the first half of the concert we enjoyed a brilliant performance of Haydn's Concerto N1 C-dur for cello and orchestra and Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante Es-dur for violin, viola and orchestra performed by the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia (SYOA) conducted by its Founding Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Sergey Smbatyan and the soloists.

The soloist for the Haydn's Concerto was the Founding Artistic Director of the Talalyan Bros Fest, Honored Artist of Armenia Aram Talalyan.

And W.A. Mozart's Concerto was featured *Anna Landauer* (violin, USA) and *Yana Daryan* (viola).

As usual, they were there rounds of applause, flowers, etc.

In the concert intermission your author asked composer and music analyst, Professor at the Yerevan State Conservatory after Komitas *Mikayel Kokjayev* (Kokjayan) to share his impressions with The Highlights readers.

"I'd like to start with saying that Aram Talalyan is a genius cellist; I do not remember such a wonderful performance of Concerto N1 C-dur by Haydn as the soloist and the orchestra played as the one, i.e. in

absolute symbiotic junction, the fullest harmony... Again, I've heard this Concerto performance by various ensembles and the soloists, you know, my wife is a cellist herself, so she played it, but I've never heard such a perfect performance. As to the SYOA Head Sergey Smbatyan, I must point out he has a really brilliant ability to hear the soloists and so make the orchestra to play with them in a perfect harmony...Recently yours truly published an article on the 3rd stage of the Aram khachatourian 10th Competition where I've put my impressions on the above mentioned as a "simple" listener in the audience. And this time Maestro Smbatyan did not break such a wonder-

ful tradition as well, definitely...

His great attention to the soloists lets him to draw the interpretation plan in the best way, and it is noticeable also visually - for me his "view exchange" with the soloists is a real "instrumental theater".

As to the soloists, I've knowing altist Yana Daryan for a pretty long time already - she played my works for many times; she is a really brilliant artist, and this time there was no exception there.

And the violinist Anna Landauer's





play was very good..."

When your correspondent started to talk to Mrs Landauer in English, (absolutely) unexpectedly she turned to Armenian, - as a 100% Yerevan born girl...

So Anna Seyranyan, daughter to violinist L.Seyranyan, has started her musical career in her native Yerevan; she's got her first lessons from her own Dad...21 years ago - we all remember those cold, dark wartime years - she moved to the USA where she's got married Mr Landauer, and at present she is Principal of the 2nd violins section of the Los Angeles Opera Orchestra.

... After 21 year break she returned, for the very first time - to her native city
to participate in Talalyan Bros Festival
due to the Fest Founder Aram Talalyan's
invitation whom she has been knowing
for many years.

And how she has seen Yerevan (which was called "A Beatiful Tufa Stone City" yet a couple of decades ago)?

City" yet a couple of decades ago)?
"Well, it is quite good", Anna
Seyranyan, Mrs Landauer replied.
(Courtesy of "the civilized world" - ?)

As to cultural life in her historical Motherland, she said it was a nice to see here an event, a concert every night and added that, naturally, she was "happy" to play in a City she was born and raised up in.

City she was born and raised up in.

"And such emotions - after returning to the Homeland Armenia, after two decades of a nostalgy (unavoidable even for an "emotionless" Armenian), do not they disturb you anyhow when you play at th ARMENIAN SOIL?" - that was another question from yours truly. The answer was a very clear one: "I do not think about such things when playing".

Aram Talalyan, asked about the program choice, reasoned re to play three Titans of - Mozart, Haydn and n in the same evening.

l if he was satisfied with ists/the orchestra play, Talalyan stated with no loubt: "Yes!"

ro Sergey Smbatyan said d this Haydn Concerto e Moscow Chamber yet in 2010.

to Mozart's Sinfonia nte..., it was a first perboth for your conductor and the SYOA", he said, adding that

though it was not an easy thing to play in such an "uneasy" hall as the Chamber Music Hall was, his Orchestra musicians did not disappoint him.

After intermission they played Beethoven's Triple Concerto C-dur for piano, violin, cello and orchestra with the same soloists plus a gifted pianist *Julietta Vardanyan*.

And rounds of applause there were endless ones...

Photos by the author and Grisha Avagyan

Republic of Armenia as State and Political ormation and a Subject of International Right



By Artashes Mikaelyan

Dr.(Ph) economy, professor of Moscow Institute of Ma-nagement, Economy & Innovation, member of Moscow armenian Diaspora, consulter of Minculture of RF, head of Moscow department of interregional fondation "Evrasian dialog of cultures & civilizations".

The history of Armenian state-

hood begins in the 3-rd millennium BC. In ancient times Armenian state enjoyed international fame and was one of most powerful states with developed state management structures, strong army, law institutions including taxation system. Armenia's domestic and foreign economic policy was recognized and highly esteemed by neighboring countries. Armenian fleet and horse cavalry (Airudzi meaning a man and a horse) were powerful factors in the ancient world. Armenia was widely known as a highly-developed country of trade and crafts, the fact that contributed to stable and good-neighbor relations between the countries of the North and South, the East and West. Armenia was the first country to adopt Christianity as a state religion (301 AD). For centuries Armenian Apostolic Church was recognized by international community as a representative of the indigenous people who inhabited the Armenian plateau and a carrier of vernacular language and culture. Armenian Apostolic Church is the founder of Christianity in the world.

Great is the role of the Armenian Apostolic Church in the creation, existence and further development of Armenian statehood. At various periods of her history it was not once that Armenia lost her statehood and independence. However the country did not cease to exist due to its Church that fulfilled the functions of the state and was the sole protector and advocate of its people's interests.

Ancient Armenian state covered the territory of about 400 thousand sq km of the Armenian Plateau (Big Hayk, Small Hayk and Cilicia) and was situated in the strategically important geographic position: at the crossroads of trading roads and, consequently, in the epicenter of neighboring countries' interests. For this reason greatest part of its territory was the object of multiple attacks on the part of the neighbors, the attacks which were often followed by annexing of some Armenian territories to the land of other countries. Nowadays, the greater part of the territory of Armenia is a part of Turkey's territory, the country which had always conducted the policy of genocide of Armenian population. To save themselves and their families from ruthless genocide most of the Armenian population was forced to leave their homeland for other countries of the world. As a result of the loss of territory and the genocide two modern Armenian states (Republic of Armenia and Nagorny Kharabakh) now occupy less than 10 % of the former historic territory of Armenia: Republic of Armenia occupies 29 740 sq. km with the population of 3.02 million people and Nagorny Kharabakh occupies 11.5 thousand sq. km with the population of 146 thousand.

Thus, the world-wide recognition of the genocide of Armenians is vital for Republic of Armenia and for the Armenians all over the world since it is a real possibility to restore Armenian statehood and presupposes the return of the territories taken long ago and material and spiritual values of the people.

The genocide inflicted to the Armenian nation on the part of the Turkey has been recognized on the part of 24 states in the world but Turkey refuses to do so. It is worth mentioning that Ankara - the offi-

cial successor of Osman Turkey - categorically denies the fact of the genocide though this fact had been recognized in due time. Thus, in June 15th 1919 there was published the verdict of the First Extraordinary Military Court of the Osman Turkey that contained a death sentence for 11 criminals - Talyat, Enver, Jamal, Nazim, Said Alim, Bekhaetdin Shakir, Azim and some others. The published verdict says: "The crimes committed in the course of deportation of the Armenians at different times and in different settlements and the analysis of the crimes show that they were not of local or limited character but intentional and deliberately committed at the oral instructions and secret orders of Special Centre." Now it is proved that all disorders and massacres were arranged and instructed by Talyat, Enver and Jamal Bay.

In fact the verdict of the Osman court is a legal recognition of the fact of genocide of Armenians on the legislative level and it remains as such up to now. In the opinion of Nikolay Hovhannisyan, corresponding member of RA National Academy of science, Republic of Armenia and the Armenians scattered all over the world Armenian diasporas should demand from the Turkish government not the recognition of the genocide which had already been condemned in 1919 but the recognition of the historic fact that is reflected in the verdict of the 1919 court trial. The sentence passed at the 1919 court trial is actually the recognition of the genocide by the predecessor of the Turkish government - the government of Osman Turkey.

After the genocide which was followed by a number of agreements between Turkey and Armenia the Western Armenia however remained within the territory of Turkey, and the first Republic of Armenia was founded on a part of Eastern Armenia in 1918. Later, in 1920, the second republic - the Soviet Republic of Armenia - appeared on the same territory, the Republic which later on became part of the Soviet Union.

The history of the third Republic of Armenia began after the decay of the USSR in the end of the 20th century. On the basis of the USSR law adopted in April 3 1990 and the Declaration of Sovereignty of August 23 1990 the Republic of Armenia declared its independence. By this Declaration independent Armenia became subject of international right but left the issue of its legislative succession open.

Thus Armenia, the country with centuries-old history and culture, the country that was the first in the world to adopt Christianity, appeared before the world in the end of the twentieth century as a newly-formed young country, the fact which contradicts historical reality and defies any law of logic. However, at the same time international community admits that since the 4th century AD up to now the Armenian people has been living on the same territory, has been speaking the same language and worshipping the same religion and keeping its culture, customs and traditions. It is also known that in all historic periods when Armenia was deprived of its statehood the functions of the state were fulfilled by Armenian Apostolic Church which was looked upon even on the part of its conquerors as the representative of the Armenian people, as a sole legislative structure and a subject of international right (both political and economic). The Apostolic Church has always been both a tax collector and a tax payer. In contemporary Armenia Armenian Apostolic Church is regarded as the main religious organ of the country.

Republic of Armenia should be regarded on the part of the states - members of the UNO in the framework of historic reality and on the basis of logic. The same logic, in our mind, should lie at the basis of the strategic program of RA social-economic development. The economy policy built on this principles will contribute to proper integration of the Republic of Armenia into the world market economy system.

(to be continued)

The Hill: Nagorno Karabakh is a free and democratic state



Armen Sahakyan, executive director of the Eurasian Research and Analysis (ERA) Institute and an M.A. candidate at the Johns Hopkins University Schjool of Advanced International Studies, has responded to the op/ed by Azerbaijani Consul General Nasimi Aghayev published by The Hill. The article reads:

Azerbaijani Consul General Nasimi Aghayev got one thing right in his July 2, 2014, op/ed - the people of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (Artsakh) and the region have been waiting for more than two decades for a long-term, diplomatic resolution of this conflict. Unfortunately, it has been his employer, the Azerbaijani government of Ilham Aliyev who has declared "Armenians of the world" as Azerbaijan's "main enemy," that has been the obstacle to peace.

President Aliyev has brazenly and repeatedly threatened a land grab from neighboring Armenia and as recently as June 28th, at the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA) plenary session, President Aliyev made the astounding claim that "the existing Armenian state was created on Azerbaijani lands."

Sadly, he has backed up this angry rhetoric with acts of aggression. His army's ceasefire violations on the Azerbaijan – Armenia border and the Azerbaijan – Nagorno Karabakh border are increasing – costing lives on both sides. Both the Republics of Armenia and Artsakh have agreed with a proposal by the U.S. and other OSCE Minsk Group co-Chairs to pull back snipers from the front-lines, but Azerbaijan hasvetoed this life-saving proposition. Baku is also the only party blocking the deployment of additional OSCE ceasefire monitors to the region.

Far from creating an atmosphere for peace, President Aliyev foments anti-Armenian violence and hatred, most notably through the 2012 pardon, promotion and praise of Azerbaijani Lieutenant Ramil Safarov, who brutally axed to death Armenian Lieutenant Gurgen Margaryan in his sleep during a NATO Partnership for Peace English language training program, held in Hungary in 2004.

Having endured seven decades of Soviet Azerbaijan's deliberate economic and political discrimination, the people of Artsakh repeatedly and peacefully petitioned for reunification with neighboring Soviet Armenia. Azerbaijan responded with violence and aggression – with pogroms committed against its Armenian citizens in Sumgait, Kirovabad, Maragha and Baku from 1988-1990, forcing over 300,000 to flee for their lives, with many finding safe-haven in the United States. In 1991, Nagorno Karabakh held a democratic referendum, consistent with all then-existing constitution and laws, overwhelmingly voting in favor of independence from Soviet Azerbaijan.

U.S. Congress, for its part, condemned anti-Armenian aggression in 1988, 1989, 1991 and, in 1992, adopted Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act, restricting U.S. aid to Azerbaijan, citing its aggression and blockades against Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh.

Further, since 1998, the Congress has repeatedly appropriated U.S. assistance to Nagorno Karabakh, sending vital humanitarian aid to the region, most recently funding demining efforts and helping get clean drinking water for families in and around the capital city of Stepanakert.

Throughout it all, the Republic of Nagorno Karabakh has worked to strengthen its fledgling democracy, holding regular free and fair presidential and parliamentary elections praised by the international observers. Despite Azerbaijan's crippling blockade, the Nagorno Karabakh leadership is also successfully working to bring outside investments and creating new jobs in the Republic.

Meanwhile, Azerbaijan has become increasingly authoritarian and undemocratic. Carnegie Endowment for Peace Senior Associate Thomas DeWaal reports that "in the last year, Azerbaijan has embarked on a crackdown targeted specifically against Western-leaning human rights, civil society activists and opposition politicians."

U.S. Ambassador to Azerbaijan Richard Morningstar, in a candid interview with Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty reporter Khadija Ismayilova, explained how "deeply disturbed we [U.S. Government] are by recent events," noting that often the U.S. and Azerbaijan "talk past each other on democracy issues." Those types of candid statements by Ambassador Morningstar and European officials have been met by Azerbaijani government rants accusing Western leaders of "attempts to interfere in Azerbaijan's domestic and foreign policy" and fomenting an uprising similar to the Maidan movement in the Ukraine.

This July, having celebrated yet another year of American liberty, the U.S. choice as a nation should be as clear as it is compelling. Freedom should guide the U.S. foreign policy toward Nagorno Karabakh, just as it inspired its own founding fathers back in 1776. A principled and practical policy based on democratic self-determination will both keep faith with the core moral values and serve American national interests by bringing a long-overdue peace to the region.

The most dangerous thing for Armenians is to lose the state – Amarasi Arthur

By Arthur Hovhannisyan

Nyut.am has conducted interview with retired Colonel Arthur Alexanyan (Amarasi Arthur) on the challenges Armenia is facing, the danger to the existence of our state and ways out of the existing situation.

- Processes relating to the Karabakh issue have recently been activated with the international mediators again trying to organize the meeting of the Armenian and Azerbaijani presidents without the participation of Nagorno-Karabakh. Taking into consideration the attempts of Azerbaijan to make the talks fail, is it possible for the Minsk Group co-chairing countries recognize the NKR independence?
- Never. Neither Russia nor the USA and nor the EU will recognize the independence of the Nagorno-Karabakh as they themselves are super powers made from such small states. In such case, they as super powers will once collapse. The fate of the Nagorno-Karabakh has been decided from the very beginning and the developments over it are just a theatrical performance. The OSCE wants to show concern over the situation but it either cannot or does not want to find solutions even for quitting the everyday shootings.

- Do you consider the repetition of Ukrainian scenario in Armenia?

- All know that the wars in the whole world take place not for establishing democracy in the countries but for invading new economic markets. Of course there are geopolitical issues as well, but the main reasons of wars are invading new markets. It is a serious reason and it is impossible to ignore it. Market is a target all the super powers are fighting for. This is why economic revolution is necessary for Armenia to survive in the created situation. Only serious and effective economic reforms will protect Armenia



from coupes, provocations and will make our country strong.

The new and flexible economic policy, real reforms in banking and financial system, state long-term purchases and orders will heal and change our ill economy. The government and the president must especially pay attention to the banking system which in Armenia is aimed at robbing and bankrupting own people and the country.

The banks are earning more than industrial or agricultural enterprises and which is the most important without risks. The economic laws are like traps for inexperienced businessmen. Having such laws and dreaming of economic development means to be blind. An end must be given to it. As far as these issues have not been settled, as far as economic revolution and industrial boom have not started in Armenia Maidan scenario will take place in Armenia too.

- In your opinion, what is necessary for all to awaken in our country?

- To save Armenia we must see what we will face in 50-60 years. The biggest danger for Armenians is losing the state. We are not only regressing but we appeared in a hole and it becomes impossible to get out of it.

Today about 50,000 people are annually emigrating from Armenia, in ten years it will make 500,000 people and if to consider that today Armenia's population makes 3 million in 20 years 2 million people will remain, in 30 years 1.5 million, in 40 one million in 50 years 500,000. In 60 years no people will remain. If it continues in this way in 25-30 years there will not be Armenian state as the immigration causes reduction in birth rate, the economic situation will deteriorate as a result the country's defense and security will be undermined. In ten years our army will not be battle-worthy due to weak budget.

The majority of Armenians will be in Russia, the rich ones in Europe. In short, one generation of Armenians will survive as a nation in other country but there will not be Armenian state. Thus, the first Christian state will eliminate.

- What is the way out?
- I think our president must become a leader and serve an example for all. This is what we need now. For settling any issue there must be a leader. Today in our country no issue is being settled by law.

Unhappy with the law: Environmentalists demand Armenia's compliance with Aarhus Convention

By Gayane Mkrtchyan

"The new law "On Environmental Impact Evaluation and Expertise" adopted last month by the legislative body of the country has given rise to environmentalists' discontent and criticism as they see serious deficiencies and gaps in the law.

Silva Adamyan, coordinator of the Public Ecological Alliance, says that the law passed on June 21 contradicts the demands of the Aarhus Convention signed and verified by Armenia, it does not stem from the environmental and democratic principles of the country, does not contribute to the resolution of environmental problems.

"The law contextually contradicts the demands of the Aarhus Convention signed and verified by Armenia. The purpose of adopting a new law was supposed to be verifying the functioning law's deficiencies, developing and improving legal regulations, but the mentioned law does not solve these problems, moreover, it stipulates unclear complicated processes creating new problems, contradicting the international legal norms," Adamyan said. "Before the adoption of the new law, the Armenian law Environmental Impact Evaluation and Expertise" adopted in 1995 was in effect, and during this time the Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention four times made a decision emphasizing the non-compliance of the Armenia law with the practice, demanding that Armenia bring its legislation in conformity with the Convention."

Environmentalists mention that the legislators adopted the new law without considering all that. According to Armenian Forests NGO President Nazeli Vardanyan, the most important factor was not preserved – public participation in any environment-related decision-making.

"According to the new law, all types of actions are divided into three groups and public participation in these three groups must be realized on different degrees. For instance, in case of small HPPs there is no more need to organize public discussions, just evaluation will be enough to give license. The law is worded in an abstruse manner whereas the Aarhus Convention demands that the law

be worded so that common people can read and understand it," she said.

Environmentalists believe that incomplete realization of the Aarhus Convention demands will have a negative impact on foreign investments and project funding in the environmental field.

Environmentalist Levon Galstyan participated for the first three months in the works of the group dealing with law at various occasions by local and international experts, however the Ministry of Nature Protection again gave assurances that all suggestions were considered and a new version was introduced at the same time leaving the draft unchanged, with the deficiencies.

"Armenia does not follow its responsibilities in accordance with the Convention, Armenia's reputation briskly



drafting, then he quit seeing that no specialists capable of writing a correct law were included in the working group.

"Most importantly responsibility is missing. We voiced this question several times while writing the law but fruitlessly. We were not able to introduce the ideology that when a certain area's residents, public has negative attitude toward the project, the Ministry of Nature Protection must give a negative conclusion. It was impossible, which means that everything is pointless, whatever is discussed is pointless," Galstyan said.

He thinks it is impossible to write a new law with the methodology and professional skills existing in the country.

A number of environmental organizations sent a letter to the country's president, mentioning that the law contains many errors, gaps having been mentioned descended among international structures, the Convention is not fully realized in Armenia, the public is deprived of the opportunity to participate in Convention processes, and citizens and public organizations' rights defined by Convention are constantly violated which creates distrust toward the government and adds up to public discontent. It is not without reason that during the fifth meeting of the Convention parties Armenia was found to be a country that does not comply with the Convention," the letter addressed to the Armenian president reads.

The environmentalists ask President Serzh Sargsyan to return the law "On Environmental Impact Evaluation and Expertise" to the National Assembly for a new discussion..

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Excavating Armenia's Bronze Age: Competition Fierce for Summer Jobs at Gegharot Archeological Dig

By Marine Martirosyan

Emil Bayrakhtaryan is one of the lucky residents of Gegharot village in Armenia's Aragatzotn Province to have gotten a summer job as a digger at a local archeological site.

Competition is fierce to get the jobs that pay 3,000 AMD (US\$7.30) daily. The diggers work from 9am to 4pm.

Emil and his fellow workers confess that it was the money that first attracted them but soon realized they were involved in covering bits and pieces of history dating back several millennia.

Archeologicaldigs in the villages of Gegharot and Tzaghkahovit have been taking place since 1998 within the scope of the Armenian – American "Aragatz" project. Rouben Badalyan, an employee at Armenia's Institute of Archeology, supervises the digs.

"There was a settlement on the top of this hill dating back to the early Bronze Age. The settlement was abandoned for some reason but people returned in the second millennium BCE. A cyclopean fortress was built atop the hill and a few holy shrines were constructed. There was anactive social life," Badalyan said.

The team is focusing on the settlement, but they have already excavatedthe third burial mound none to twelve meters in diameter.

The artifacts they dig up are handed over to Armenia's Museum of History.

Gegharot is located 2,060 meters above sea level, thus allowing for a mild chill even on the hottest of days. A sea of wild flowers stretches out like a blanket to the hill.



Archeologist Ermine Haroutyunyan has been working on the dig site since 2002.

She points to the square shaped areas that resemble rooms which date back to the 4thmillennia BCE.

Team leader Badalyan shows me a spot in the center of the rooms that looks like a burnt hearth.

"It's quite interesting; I'd say it even has a dramatic history. It was burnt several times but has stayed in the same spot as 4-5 thousand years ago. The structure's roof and walls collapsed, so they covered it and here we are four thousand years later excavating it. The artifacts have remained unmoved," Badalyan says.

The site was also of strategic importance for copper was transported from Akhhtala and Alaverdi down to the Ararat Valley. From this hill they could monitor the metal trade.

There is still no archeological site in Armenia that has been fully excavated,

according to Badalyan. Over sixteen years, the team has succeeded to study 3,000 square meters at the Gegharot site. Just the settlement without the bur-



ial mounds covers six hectares. Badalyan considers this an achievement but only an insignificant portion of the overall site.

"Studying the Bronze Age in Armenia and the southern Caucasus, we mostly stress the burial mounds. This is the first case where we have focused on the settlements that are sources of quite different information," Badalyan notes, adding that each bone uncovered is examined in detail to offer up secrets regarding the climatic conditions at the time and what type of animal husbandry was being conducted.

Residents of Gegharot hope that all the time and effort being invested in the archeological dig will finally pay off and turn their community into a must see tourist destination in this part of Armenia.

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GM Levon Aronian meets Armenian community in Glendale

International chess champion Levon Aronian was welcomed by the Glendale community on Monday as he held a "meet and greet" and public press conference, hosted by Glendale City Clerk Arty Kassakhian. The chess Grandmaster is on his first visit to Los Angeles to lead a four-day chess camp organized by Metro Chess and the American Chess Academy from July 9 to 13, Asbarez reports.

City Clerk Kassakhian introduced Aronian to an audience at Glendale's newly constructed Adult Recreation Center, remarking that people of the community are thrilled to see Aronian in their city. Kassakhian also spoke on behalf of the community, praising Aronian for being an "ambassador of Armenia" in the field of chess.

Before Aronian took to the podium to answer questions from the audience, Glendale Mayor Zareh Sinanyan was invited on stage to present the chess champion with a certificate of recognition from the City of Glendale. Mayor Sinanyan congratulated Aronian and thanked him for all his contributions.

Aronian said he was happy to be in Los Angeles and was surprised at the size of the Armenian community in Glendale, saying that he felt at home.

Aronian acknowledged that he represents his country wherever he goes, and expressed his gratitude for the support he receives. "I consider it a great privilege to represent my country," he remarked.

The chess Grandmaster spoke about Armenia's recently enacted policy which



makes chess a mandatory subject of study in schools. Aronian described the policy as an innovative step. He explained that chess adds value to a student's education because it encourages one to think deeply about things and delve into intellectual pursuits with patience and diligence.

"If all the countries taught chess in school, I believe the world would be a better place," Aronian said.

Aronian also spoke about the innovations and developments in the modern game of chess and discussed some of the great contributions from Armenians in the field such as himself, noting that Armenia is a major and disproportional contributor to the development of the game today.

Following a technical discussion about his chess game, Aronian discussed his personal choices. He admitted that as a child, he wanted to play the violin more than he wanted to play chess. He also discussed his recent interest in boxing, reassuring the concerned audience that he will not hurt himself.

When asked about the "key to success," Aronian advised all young people that confidence is the most important thing.

Aronian concluded with an anecdote about Azerbaijani chess players using a chess opening known as the Petrossian. He recalled a recent even in which Azerbaijani authorities banned figure skaters from performing to music by Aram Khachatourian due to his being an Armenian composer. Drawing a similarity, Aronian says he slyly complemented the Azerbaijani players on their use of the Petrossian opening when Azeri media interviewed him, drawing laughter from his Glendale audience.

Founding member of the American Chess Academy and former coach of Armenia's National Chess Team Armen Ambartsoumian delivered closing remarks. He thanked Aronian for participating in the chess camp co-hosted by his organization.

Ambartsoumian also acknowledged Aronian's first ever coach, Grandmaster Melikset Khachiyan, who was in the audience, as well as his mother, Seda Aronova-Avagyan. Also in the audience was Woman Grandmaster Tatev Abrahamyan, one of the youngest toprated women's chess players in the US.



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11 July

19:00 Tagharan Ensemble of Ancient Music. Artistic director and principal conductor: Sedrak Yerkanyan Program:1. Zhirayr Shahrimanyan. 5 songs according to Vahan Teryan"Ave Maria" according to Socrat Khanayan2. Metner 3. Shostakovich. Chamber Music House after Komitas

19:00 Puccini: Tosca. Armenian Philharmonic OrchestraConductor: Eduard Topchjan. Hover Chamber Choir Artistic Director and Conductor: Sona Hovhannisyan. Speghani ChoirArtistic Director and Conductor: Sarina aAvtandilyan. Characters and performersFloria Tosca, a celebrated singer: Hasmik Papian, sopranoMario Cavaradossi, a painter: Hovhannes Ayvazyan, tenorBaron Scarpia, chief of police: Amartuvshin Enkhbat, baritone (Mongolia)Cesare Angelotti, former Consul of the Roman Republic: Hrant Papian, bassA sacristan: Sargis Bazhbeuk-Melikyan, baritoneSpoletta, a police agent: Berj Karazian, tenor Sciarrone, another agent: Hovhannes Nersesyan, bassA jailer: Boghos Beazbekyan, bass. Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall

12 July

19:00 Irrevocable Future Author: Khoren Aramuni Sad Comedy in 2 actsStaging: Zhan Nshanyan. National Academic Theater after G. Sundukyan 19:00 The Great Silence. P. Zeytuntsyan. Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan Drama in 2 acts

13 July

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15 July

19:00 Traviata. G.Verdi Opera in 4 acts. Musical Director and Principal Conductor: Honoured Artirst of Armenia, Karen Durgaryan. Director: People's Artirst of Armenia, Gegham GrigoryanStage Designer: Honoured Painter of Armenia, Avetis BarseghyanChoir Master: Zoya Karapetyan. Conductor: Harutyun Arzumanyan. National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian

16July

19:00 C'est la vie. Lead role: Narek Duryan. State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

17 July

19:00 A. TigranianOpera in 3 acts. Director: People's Artist of Armenia, Gegham GrigoryanArtist (Painter): Honoured Worker of Art of Armenia, Grisha SahakyanChoreographer: People's Artist of Armenia, Vilen Galstyan Choirmasters: Hrach BoryanConductor: Atanes Arakelyan. Musical Director and Principal Conductor: Honoured Artist of Armenia, Karen Durgaryan National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian 19:00. Poetry, Evening of literature and music. Liana Zurabyan: Three Peaks The presentation of the "The Peaks" CD is also in the program. Literary Club of RA Writers Union



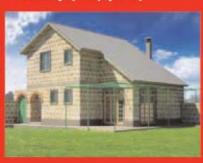
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