

EU stands ready to support Armenia in achieving its priorities: Nikol Pashinyan and Charles Michel meet in Yerevan



Armenia - Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and European Council President Charles Michel arrive for a news conference after holding talks in Yerevan, July 17, 2021.

Acting Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan hosted a delegation led by European Council President Charles Michel, who arrived in Armenia on a working visit.

Nikol Pashinyan welcomed the visit of the President of the Council of Europe to our country, noting that this is their second meeting in the last month and a half, which testifies to the dynamic development of Armenia-EU relations. The Acting Prime Minister praised the decision of the EU to provide a 2.6 billion euro investment package to Armenia, noting that it will be a new impetus for the active implementation of the democratic reform agenda in our country, as well as the development of the economy and infrastructure. Nikol Pashinyan added that the Armenian government is

currently working with EU partners to develop an agenda for the planned programs and implement them effectively.

The Acting Prime Minister referred to the situation on the Armenian-Azerbaijani border, reaffirming his proposal made at the latest Security Council meeting to resolve it peacefully. Nikol Pashinyan underscored the fact that the Azerbaijani authorities have recently intensified their aggressive rhetoric, which gives grounds to think that Azerbaijan is not ready to fulfill its obligations under the trilateral statements of November 9, 2020 and January 11, 2021, including the return of all Armenian captives and hostages, as well as taking steps to unblock communications.

Charles Michel noted that the EU wants to be

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Armenian-French relations privileged: Pashinyan congratulates Macron on National Day



Acting Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan sent a congratulatory message to President Emmanuel Macron of the French Republic on the National Day of France. The message reads, in part:

“Honorable Mr. President, Dear Emmanuel,

On behalf of the Armenian people and on my own behalf, I hereby extend my most cordial congratulations to you and to the friendly French people on your country's National Day.

More than two centuries ago the French

people rallied around the value axis of freedom, equality and brotherhood, paving the way for the European civilization's victorious march towards the future marked by human rights and democratic values. Today, reaffirming their strong commitment to the same everlasting values, the people of Armenia continue to strengthen democratic institutions and the rule of law in the country.

It is undeniable that as underpinned by common values and a centuries-old friendship, the Armenian-French bilateral relations stand out by their privileged character. The privileged political dialogue between our two countries allows us to successfully cooperate on many programs and issues of mutual interest.

In the context of the tragic events that took place last year, Armenia sincerely appreciates the unbiased position of friendly

France and the assistance provided to Armenia and Artsakh. Once again, France and the French people backed us in this difficult historical period.

Armenia highly values your country's strong commitment, as a Minsk Group co-chair, to brokering a peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. We appreciate France's efforts to return Armenian prisoners of war from Azerbaijan and safeguard the Armenian cultural heritage in Nagorno-Karabakh.

I look forward to hosting you in Armenia in the near future as part of a state visit.

Dear Mr. President,

On this festive day, which symbolizes the French people's unity and heroic history, I wish you good health, unbreakable will and ever new achievements in all your undertakings, as well as peace and prosperity – to the French people.”

French President to visit Armenia - Pashinyan receives Ambassador Jonathan Lacôte

Acting Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan received Ambassador of France Jonathan Lacôte.

Nikol Pashinyan congratulated the Ambassador on the National Day of France, and noted that the developments that took place two centuries ago are very important not only for France, but the entire modern humankind. According to Nikol Pashinyan, as a result of the revolution in France new form of relations were established in the world. “I am happy to record that the relations between our countries have traditionally been at a high level. In the near future we expect the visit of French President Emmanuel Macron to our country, which will foster the future development and strengthening of the Armenian-French multidimensional relations.”, Nikol Pashinyan said, adding that he keeps in constant touch with President Macron. Pashinyan emphasized that Armenia highly appreciates the efforts of France in the sidelines of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-chairs and for the strengthening of stability in the region.

Ambassador Lacôte thanked for the congratulatory words, adding that the revolution of Armenia in 2018 also created a



new reality in Armenia of strengthening the democratic values. The Ambassador congratulated the caretaker Prime Minister and the citizens of Armenia for the high-level early parliamentary elections on June 20, noting that by those elections Armenia issues a firm democratic message and opened a new path for cooperation in the international arena, including France.

Jonathan Lacôte added that active works are underway for organizing the visit of Emmanuel Macron to Armenia, which can give a new impetus to the development of the Armenian-French relations and implementation of joint projects in various spheres. The Ambassador emphasized that France is interested in the development of relations with Armenia in the spheres of energy, high technologies, industry, education and so on.

Nikol Pashinyan and Jonathan Lacôte referred to the regional developments.

The French Ambassador noted that they attentively monitor the developments and the French side will continue the consistent efforts for the benefit of stability, restoration of negotiations and OSCE Minsk Group activities. The Ambassador emphasized that Nagorno Karabakh conflict is not settled and it will be possible to reach a final settlement only after the clarification of the status of Nagorno Karabakh. At the same time the Ambassador offered condolences over the death of an Armenian servicemen, killed by Azerbaijani fire in Yerashk direction, assessing such activities and violation of the ceasefire as unacceptable.

Nikol Pashinyan added that Azerbaijan is doing everything to provoke instability in the region, as evidenced by the statements with continuous aggressive rhetoric at the highest level. The acting Prime Minister highlighted the adequate respond to the ongoing actions by the international community and taking necessary measures.

Nikol Pashinyan holds phone conversation with Antony Blinken

Acting Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan had a telephone conversation with US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken on the latter's initiative.

The American side congratulated Nikol Pashinyan on the victory of the "Civil Contract" party in the elections, emphasizing the consistent steps taken by the Armenian government in recent years to ensure Armenia's democratic achievements. In this context, the US Secretary of State praised Nikol Pashinyan's efforts to resolve the pre-election tension in the country in a peaceful way and to build civilized relations with the opposition.

Anthony Blinken stressed the importance of the reform agenda of the Armenian government, in particular in the fight against corruption and in the field of justice, adding that the United States is ready to continue its assistance in this direction.

At the same time, he noted that the partnership between the two countries is based on democratic values.

Acting Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan

expressed gratitude for assessing Armenia's achievements in the direction of democratic reforms. He praised the US continued support for strengthening democratic institutions and the rule of law in Armenia, as well as the launch of a police patrol in Yerevan. Nikol Pashinyan noted that the Patrol Service will be expanded throughout the country in the future, expressing hope that American assistance will enable the completion of this process. The Acting Prime Minister praised the efforts of Deputy Secretary of State Philip Reeker in the return of Armenian captives from Azerbaijan a month ago. The return of the captives and the withdrawal of the Azerbaijani armed forces from the sovereign territory of Armenia were discussed.

The Secretary of State assured that the United States will continue its efforts to ensure the return of all prisoners of war. Touching upon the Nagorno Karabakh conflict, the Secretary of State strongly emphasized the resumption of the activities of

the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, stressing the need to develop a clear agenda for



the peace process, which will enable a lasting, lasting solution to the conflict.

In this context, Nikol Pashinyan stressed that the conflict is not settled and demands a comprehensive solution, which can be achieved only within the framework of the Minsk Group co-chairing.

The US side stated that it agrees with the acting Prime Minister's observation that the status quo cannot be stable. The Minsk Group co-chairs need a clear agenda that will contribute to the success of the talks.

page 1 ➡ more actively involved in stabilizing the region. The President of the European Council stressed that the 2.6 billion euro assistance package for Armenia is aimed at the implementation of deep reforms, as well as the economic development of the country. He noted that Armenia has a wide potential for the implementation of the package of measures envisaged by the package, and the EU is ready to provide technical assistance in the issue. The EU stands ready to support your country in meeting its priorities," said Charles Michel.

Nikol Pashinyan and Charles Michel attached importance to the statement of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs of April 13, 2021, the principles outlined in it, we



should serve as a basis for full and complete settlement of the conflict, including the final clarification of the status of Nagorno Karabakh. The interlocutors stressed the importance of resuming the talks as soon as possible and establishing a dialogue between the parties to the conflict.

Charles Michel emphasized the need to ensure the return of prisoners of war, to refrain from aggressive rhetoric, to un-

block the regional communication routes. He stressed that the EU, in turn, is ready to promote dialogue on delimitation and demarcation between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Nikol Pashinyan praised the efforts of the international community to protect the Armenian historical and cultural heritage of Nagorno Karabakh, adding that the Azerbaijani side has already destroyed and desecrated many Armenian cultural monuments.

In this context, Charles Michel stressed the need for an active role of UNESCO.

At the end of the meeting Nikol Pashinyan thanked the President of the European Council for the great continuous attention paid to Armenia and the region.

Varuzhan Nersesyan appointed Armenia's Ambassador to UK

President Armen Sarkissian has signed a decree recalling Varuzhan Nersesyan from the post of Armenia's Ambassador to the United States.

According to another presidential de-

ree, Varuzhan Nersesyan has been appointed Armenia's Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.



Azerbaijani provocations do not allow to start border delimitation, Armenia's acting PM says



RA Acting Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and President of the European Council Charles Michel gave a joint press conference

The use of force and mass atrocities cannot resolve the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, Armenia's acting Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said at a joint press con-

ference with visiting President of the European Council Charles Michel.

He noted that the settlement is possible only through negotiations within the framework of the only internationally recognized mandate – the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs.

The acting PM referred to the April 13th statement of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, in which they called on the parties to resume the high-level political dialogue at the earliest opportunity to reach a final, comprehensive and lasting settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

“I have repeatedly publicly welcomed

this statement calling for the start of peace talks, emphasizing that Armenia is ready to resume talks, while Azerbaijan is yet to respond,” Pashinyan said.

“According to unofficial sources, Azerbaijan intends to provoke new military clashes in Artsakh and on the Armenian-Azerbaijani border. We see the expression of this today in the Nakhichevan part of the Armenian-Azerbaijani border,” Pashinyan emphasized.

According to the acting Prime Minister, the incidents provoked by Azerbaijan do not allow to start delimitation and demarcation of the Armenian-Azerbaijani border.

It's necessary to refrain from aggressive rhetoric – Charles Michel about Aliyev's announcements



The President of the European Council Charles Michel referred to the statements of the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev, who on the one hand speaks about peace, on the other hand makes rhetoric about the aspirations towards the territories of Armenia.

During the press conference following the negotiations with acting Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan, answering the question of ARMENPRESS if there are contradictions in the Azerbaijani president's announcements, who on the one hand speaks about peace, on the other hand we see his announcements about aspirations towards the territories of Armenia and what Europe should do, Charles Michel emphasized that it's necessary to refrain from aggressive rhetoric to make it possible to refer to all the components and elements that need to be addressed.

“I have a meeting with the president

of Azerbaijan tomorrow, I will try to see what kind of constructive, positive role the European Union can play in supporting the Minsk Group. The history of the EU is also based on overcoming previous conflicts. But after overcoming those previous conflicts, very serious progress was made at EU level. We succeeded. At first it was not easy, we were able to make step by step progress in building this unique political course based on mutual respect and cooperation”, Michel said.

Referring to the promotion of regional cooperation, he particularly spoke about the problems of the transport sector. “I know there are plans that include the railroad. This can be a direction for establishing dialogue. I do not underestimate the difficulties, I realize what obstacles and difficulties there are, but the presence of political will is important here. This does not mean that it is possible to solve every problem in one day, it will take time, there will be difficulties, but the first is to try to create a better atmosphere of cooperation, to try to understand what are the opposite opinions, arguments and to try to find some possible solutions”, the President of the European Council said. News reports

quoted Hakobyan as saying that NSS officers also searched on Thursday morning the ZCMC offices. He said they detained one of the company executives. The NSS did not confirm or deny that.

During the election campaign Pashinyan vowed to crack down on ZCMC's “corrupt” owners and wage “political vendettas” against local government officials supporting the opposition. His political allies demanded after the elections that those elected mayors step down. They pointed to official vote results that showed the ruling Civil Contract party scoring a landslide victory.

Meanwhile, Hayastan, which is headed by former President Robert Kocharyan issued a statement on Thursday condemning the continuing “repressions” against its members and saying that they will “further deepen the political crisis” in Armenia.

“The purpose of these illegal actions is clear: to weaken the [new] parliament's largest opposition group and distract it from its efforts to confront internal and external threats facing the country,” said the statement. It said Kocharyan's bloc will continue to challenge the “regime that has brought the country to a disaster.”

Nikol Pashinyan, Nubar Afeyan discuss future programs aimed at the development of Armenia



virus, and we were very pleased with the success that you and your company have had in this area,” Pashinyan added.

“We believe that the situation connected with the coronavirus is currently manageable, the experience we have gained has taught us a lot.

Acting Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan hosted Nubar Afeyan, Founder and Executive Director of Flagship Pioneering and Moderna Therapeutics, co-founder of the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative.

Nikol Pashinyan greeted Mr. Afeyan and noted. “Dear Mr. Afeyan, I am glad to see you. Last time we met before COVID, right? I must mention that many events have taken place in the world, in our region and in our homeland.”

“We were very excited to see your contribution to the fight against the corona-

We are now trying to vaccinate as many of our citizens as possible,” the acting PM noted.

Nikol Pashinyan said he expects to hear from Mr. Afeyan’s opinion and predictions regarding the future behavior of the coronavirus and to what extent the emergence of vaccines will help to resolve the issue, to what extent it is already in the manageable phase and what are the unpredictable challenges..

“Of course, we have previously discussed issues related to our national

agenda and Armenia’s development prospects. I am sure that we will discuss those topics today as well,” he noted.

Nubar Afeyan, in turn, congratulated Nikol Pashinyan on the success of the elections, and hailed the fact that the nation, the country was able to continue the tradition of fair, exemplary elections, which was approved.

“This is a very good sign for our future,” he noted.

“I know that there are many problems for both the country and the nation due to the crises of the last year. I hope we can talk about different approaches to the future, i.e. how to try to be able to make the future brighter and more effective by working together,” Nubar Afeyan said.

Nikol Pashinyan and Nubar Afeyan discussed issues related to the national agenda, the programs of the Armenian Government, the joint programs aimed at the development of Armenia.

Advocates of Armenian POWs make efforts to visit their clients in Azerbaijani prisons

The Chamber of Advocates of Armenia held the second meeting on providing legal assistance to the Armenian war prisoners kept in Azerbaijan, during which it was mentioned that the team of advocates representing the interests of the POWs is taking measures to visit their clients in Azerbaijani prisons, ARMENPRESS was informed from the press service of the Chamber of Advocates.

“As we have already announced, the Chamber of Advocates has expressed readiness to support the process of providing legal assistance to our compatriots who are kept in Azerbaijan as hostages.

Chairman of the Chamber of Advocates Ara Chobanyan and his deputies Mane



Karapetyan and Harut Aklunts, as well as lawyer Hayk Alumyan held meetings with the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the European Court of Human Rights, his deputy and other specialists for discussing the opportunities to implement their mission.

Based on the result of the discussions,

the participants came to the conclusion that the continuous representation of the interests of Armenian POWs in the European Court of Human Rights is a necessity. To this end, the team representing the interests of the detainees is taking steps to visit clients in Azerbaijani prisons.

The Chamber of Advocates once again emphasized that their efforts are not aimed at protecting the Armenian POWs in Azerbaijani courts and according to the Azerbaijani domestic legislation, and the Chamber joins the assessment of the representatives of the Armenian authorities and civil society that these trials cannot be considered legitimate.

Armenia will have a national “low cost” airline: Agreement signed with Air Arabia



The agreement signed between the Armenian National Interests Fund (ANIF) and Air Arabia airlines is an important step on the path to the establishment of national airlines, acting Deputy Prime Minister of Armenia Tigran Avinyan said on July 14 at Zvartnots’ airport.

” This is an investment program of strategic importance and creates great opportunities for the development of aviation in Armenia”, Tigran Avinyan said.

Acting Deputy Prime Minister of Armenia Tigran Avinyan and Chairman of

the Board of Directors of UAE’s national airline Air Arabia, Sheikh Abdullah Bin Mohamed Al Thani, took part in the signing ceremony of the agreement on the establishment of a new Armenian national airline.

According to Tigran Avinyan, an independent joint company will be established by the agreement, which will be based at Zvartnots Airport.

According to him, the new national airline, as a low-cost airline, will foster the development of tourism and other interconnected sectors, while the cooperation with Air Arabia, one of the most financially efficient airlines in the world and the largest in the Middle East and North Africa, makes the program more attractive.

”The creation of a new national airline will expand the opportunities of the citizens of Armenia for affordable and quality

air travels. I am sure that this will be a successful project, the results of which will be visible in a very short period”, the acting Deputy PM said.

Tatevik Revazyan, Chairwoman of the Civil Aviation Committee of Armenia, noted with great joy that Armenia will finally have a national low cost airline, emphasizing that the national airline is created by the best aviation specialists in the world.

According to Revazyan, it is difficult to create a successful airline, as this sphere is very competitive. That’s why they have hired the best professionals who share their vision.

To the question of a reporter about the share of the Armenian side, ANIF Director Davit Papazyan said that the Armenian side will have over 50% of the shares, but Air Arabia will be the decision maker.

Nikol Pashinyan gets acquainted with the activities of “Saranist” company

Acting Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan visited “Saranist” company located in Kotayk Province accompanied by acting Minister of Economy Vahan Kerobyan. The company is engaged in glass production, and just recently a brandy factory was launched.

As Noyan Tapan was informed from the Office of the Prime Minister, the owner of the company Melik Manukyan presented the process of glass production, and then brandy production and development programs during the tour.

It was mentioned that at present the company has 4 glass factories with sep-

arate furnaces, which allow to produce glass of different colors and usage, thus satisfying the demand in the market. The company is equipped with modern technologies and equipment. About 700 people currently work there. 7 production lines are being operated.

“Saranist” has been producing containers for wine, brandy, beer, mineral water and juices since 2005. The company exports almost half of its products to Georgia.

Referring to the production of brandy, Melik Manukyan noted that mainly 7-10-year-old brandy will be produced, the main part of which will be exported. The



company plans to procure 1,500 tons of grapes this year.

Acting Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan welcomed the initiative of expanding the company’s activities, implementing new investment programs and creating new jobs, adding that the government is ready to promote the effective implementation of such projects within its powers.

Businessman Jevan Cheloyants planning to build a new stadium meeting international standards in Armenia

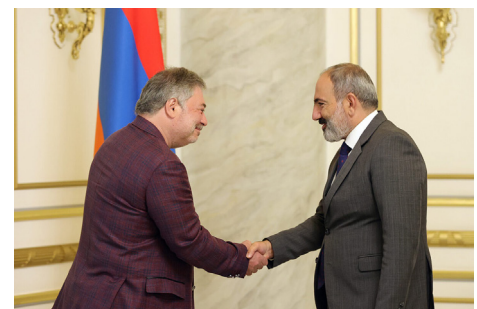
Acting Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan received businessman Jevan Cheloyants.

The businessman introduced his new urban development-oriented investment projects in Yerevan. He briefed Nikol Pashinyan on progress in the activities carried out in this direction.

It was noted that it is planned to build a new stadium in accordance with interna-

tional standards for “Urartu” football club, which will contribute to the continuous development and progress of the club.

Welcoming the entrepreneur’s initiatives to implement new investment projects in Armenia, Nikol Pashinyan assured that the government will support their effective implementation with the government’s toolkit.





Lufthansa enters Armenian market

from Yerevan to Frankfurt on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

For the availability of air tickets, their acquisition and other details, it's necessary to visit the airline's webpage at lufthansa.com or contact a local travel agency.

Lufthansa will be entering the Armenian market after successful completion of negotiations, the "Armenia" International Airports" CJSC and Lufthansa have announced.

The airline will operate flights between Frankfurt (Germany) and Yerevan with three frequencies per week. Flights from Frankfurt to Yerevan will operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, and

Lufthansa is a part of the Lufthansa Group, which already has a strong presence in Armenia. Austrian Airlines has been operating flights from Vienna to Yerevan for the past 20 years, Brussels Airlines now offers 5 weekly flights from Brussels to Yerevan and Eurowings will soon operate direct flights from Cologne as of August 5th 2021.

"We, as Lufthansa Group airlines,

are pleased to increase our presence at "Zvartnots" International Airport in Yerevan and introduce our brand new route Yerevan-Frankfurt with 3 weekly flights. After 20 years of successful operations of Austrian Airlines flights to Yerevan, starting on August 13th we our largest carrier, Lufthansa will enter the market, and offer our travelers from Armenia even more opportunities to connect worldwide. With the new connections, the Lufthansa Group will soon offer up to 16 weekly frequencies from Yerevan to Vienna, Brussels, Cologne and Frankfurt." René Koinzack, General Manager Sales Ukraine, Belarus, Turkmenistan and South Caucasus.

Fundraiser for construction of first ever UAV airport in Armenia

Construction of Armenia's first UAV runway is under way in the village of Lernapat in Lori province.

A fundraiser has been launched to build the first UAV airport, which will bear the name of Karen Vardanyan, the late CEO of the Union of Advanced Technology Enterprises (UATE).

Karen Vardanyan, a leading figure in Armenian IT and high-tech community, devoted the last years of his professional activity and public service to the advancement of the technology sector. His family and supporters have come to continue



working towards an ambitious vision of having a technologically-advanced country.

The UAV airport after Karen Vardanyan will serve as a hub for UAV clubs and professional companies, which already exist or will emerge in the future, where

the young people will receive exhaustive engineering education and necessary practical skills. It will promote the development of this vital sphere and the growth of innovative culture; help improve national security.

Financial investment is needed to finish the construction of the complex and its infrastructure. The Union of Advanced Technology Enterprises (UATE), led by Karen Vardanyan for many years, the Karen Vardanyan Educational Foundation, Startup Armenia Foundation have all expressed their support for the fundraiser.

Armenia, Italy sign military cooperation plan

Armenian-Italian military-political consultations were held at the Armenian Ministry of Defense. The delegations were led by Levon Ayvazyan, Head of the General Department of Defense Policy, International Cooperation and Brigadier General David Morpurgo, Head of the International Relations Office of the Italian General Staff.

Issues related to regional security, international developments, as well as coop-

eration between the Armenian and Italian Ministries of Defense were discussed during the consultations. It was decided to resume the cooperation activities irrespective of the restrictions caused by the epidemic, in compliance with the health norms.

Based on the agreements reached, the 2021 Armenia-Italy bilateral military cooperation plan was signed, which envisages 11 events in both countries during the sec-



ond half of 2021. The events concern the exchange of experience in areas of mutual interest, the training of personnel, the continuation of military-political consultations.

Armenia will defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity by all possible and impossible means, acting PM says

Azerbaijan is trying to create the impression that Armenia is against peace and a peace treaty, Armenia's acting Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said at the government sitting on July 15.

Meanwhile, he said, Armenia has on different occasions publicly welcomed the statement of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs on April 13, in which it they said in particular: "Having

in mind the terms of their OSCE mandate and the aspirations of all the people of the region for a stable, peaceful, and prosperous future, the Co-Chairs stress that special attention should be paid to the achievement of a final comprehensive and sustainable settlement on the basis of the elements and principles well-known to the sides."

In this respect, the Co-Chairs call on the parties to resume high-level political dialogue under the auspices of the Co-Chairs at the earliest opportunity. They reiterate their proposal to organize direct bilateral consultations under their auspices, in order for the sides to review and agree jointly upon a structured agenda, reflecting their priorities, without preconditions.

Nikol Pashinyan reminded that the principles known to the parties include the right of peoples to self-determination, non-use of force or the threat of force and territorial integrity.

"This statement of the Co-Chairs is thus nothing but a proposal for a road-map for peace in the region. Armenia has welcomed this statement and responded positively to the provisions mentioned in it. I would like to state once again that Armenia is ready to resume the Karabakh peace process in the format mentioned in



the Co-Chairs' statement. And I think that the Azerbaijani leadership would do well to heed the mediators' calls instead of destructive actions and statements, and also take a clear position on the well-known statement. It is clear that we will diligently pursue the realization of the right of the people of Artsakh to self-determination," Nikol Pashinyan stated.

"If we add to all this the provocative statements of Azerbaijan, threatening the territorial integrity of Armenia, it becomes clear who is hindering the establishment of regional stability and peace. If we look closely at Azerbaijan's actions and statements, we will see that the country has territorial ambitions towards most of its neighbors – this is the main factor that calls into question our regional stability and peace," he added.

The acting Prime Minister noted that "regardless of everything, Armenia will defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity by all possible and impossible means, including through the Armenian-Russian joint military group, and the launch of the mechanisms of the Collective Security Treat, and we continue our consultations with our partners in this direction."

"We have had two casualties on the Ar-

menian-Azerbaijani border in the last two months. Expressing my condolences to the relatives and friends of the victims, I would like to draw the attention of our partners in the Collective Security Treaty Organization and the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs to this fact," Pashinyan stated.

The next important factor hindering the establishment of regional stability and mutual

trust is the fact that, despite its commitments,

He noted that Azerbaijan's failure to return all Armenian prisoners of war is another factor hindering the establishment of stability and mutual trust in the region.

"To date, in cooperation with our international partners, we have been able to return 104 prisoners of war. We will continue to work for the return of our POWs," Pashinyan said, adding that the demarcation and delimitation of the border, comprehensive settlement of the Karabakh issue, opening of regional communications have been and will remain priorities.

"By these destructive actions, Azerbaijan is not only violating the November 9 statement, but also trying to disrupt the process of unblocking the regional infrastructure enshrined in the January 11 trilateral statement, as well as the peace talks envisaged by the statement of the OSCE MG Co-Chairs of April 13, and regional stability in general," Pashinyan said.

"Such actions of Azerbaijan are a challenge to international law, to all the forces that are interested in regional stability, to the establishment of peace, we will continue our consultations, cooperation with those forces," he added.

Arrests of Armenian opposition mayors continue

RFE/RL - Law-enforcement authorities arrested on July 16 the elected heads of two more communities of Armenia's southeastern Syunik province affiliated with the main opposition Hayastan bloc.

Four other local government officials were arrested earlier this month on different charges condemned by the bloc as politically motivated.

The latest detainees run the Syunik communities comprising the towns of Goris and Sisian and surrounding villages.

Goris's Arush Arushanyan, was remanded in pre-trial custody after being charged with trying to buy votes ahead of the June 20 parliamentary elections.

The Special Investigative Service (SIS) claims that Arushanyan ordered the head of a village close to Goris to provide financial aid to local residents who will promise to vote for Hayastan. It says that the village chief, Lusine Avetyan, refused to do that.

Avetyan herself was arrested about two weeks ago for allocating such aid from the community budget to several villagers in May. The SIS says that the cash handouts ranging from 100,000 drams to 220,000 drams (\$200-\$440) per person were vote bribes.

Arushanyan strongly denied the accusations when he spoke to journalists before a Yerevan court allowed investigators to



arrest him. He said the poverty benefits approved by the local council were allocated on a regular basis and had nothing to do with the elections.

"The law stipulates that every year sums equivalent to 5 percent of our budget ... must be provided to socially vulnerable families," said Arushanyan.

According to Arushanyan's lawyer, Armen Melkonyan, the charges brought against his client are based on Avetyan's "contradictory testimony." Melkonyan said he will challenge the Goris mayor's pre-trial detention in Armenia's Court of Appeals.

The head of the Sisian community, Artur Sargsian, was detained overnight by another law-enforcement agency. The Investigative Committee charged him with abuse of power and forgery of official documents.

One of the two other arrested Syunik mayors, Manvel Paramazyan, ran the town

of Kajaran, while the other, Mkhitar Zakaryan, headed a larger community comprising the towns of Meghri and Agarak and nearby villages. Like Arushanyan and Sargsyan, they are senior members of Hayastan.

The bloc led by former President Robert Kocharyan finished second in the snap elections won by Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan's party. It has condemned the arrests, saying that the Armenian authorities are trying to suppress the country's leading opposition force.

The arrested mayors were already charged with other crimes this winter. They were among the heads of more than a dozen Syunik communities who issued in December statements condemning Pashinyan's handling of the autumn war with Azerbaijan and demanding his resignation.

Some of them encouraged supporters to disrupt Pashinyan's December visit to Syunik. The prime minister faced angry protests when he finally toured Goris, Agarak, Meghri and the provincial capital Kapap in May.

During the election campaign Pashinyan vowed to wage "political vendettas" against local government officials supporting the opposition.

Aliyev says conflict is solved and threatens with new war – Artsakh's Ombudsman

The statements of the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev and the rhetoric used by the Azerbaijani authorities are a clear indication that any prospect of "peaceful coexistence" is fraught with irreversible consequences, and endangers the fundamental rights and freedoms of the people of Artsakh, first of all, the security, life, and dignity. The people of Artsakh have never and can never live in peace with Azerbaijan, this is a reality documented by the bitterness of years, many episodes of criminal events, Human Rights Defender of Artsakh Gegham Stepanyan wrote on his Facebook page.

All attempts to show or stage the opposite are pointless, futile steps, the conviction of the people of Artsakh in this matter is inviolable and undeniable. The realities must be assessed truthfully and justly by all the external forces, all the international structures, which are the defenders and

advocates of the right to life of a peaceful human being. The international community must finally realize that there can simply be no peaceful coexistence with a people who for years have been nourished by an indescribable "poison" of Armenophobia, who a few months ago committed the most heinous war crimes, targeting almost all the civilian settlements and population of Artsakh, tortured and inhumanely treated the Armenian prisoners of war and the bodies of the killed servicemen.

The Azerbaijani-Karabakh conflict is not solved, in the situation created after the trilateral statement on November 9, the rights of the people of Artsakh are violated every day, and yet Aliyev insists that the conflict is solved and threatens with a new war. The main reason for the existence of this phenomenon is that the aggressive war unleashed by Azerbaijan against the civilian population of Artsakh in the fall



of 2020 has not yet received a clear legal assessment.

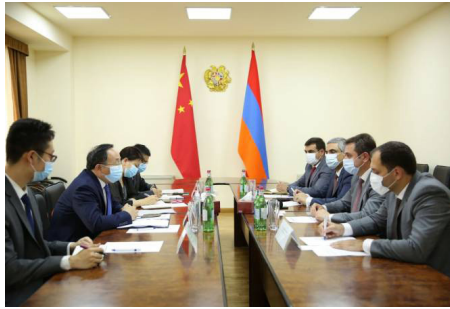
If Aliyev has not understood for 30 years that the conflict cannot be considered resolved at the expense of the rights of the Armenians of Artsakh, then that solution must be imposed on him.

The international community must finally understand that its passive posture directly calls into question the whole ideology of universality priority of human rights protection, and gives way to human rights and freedoms to dictatorship and aggression.

Armenia interested in development of cooperation with China in high technologies

Acting Minister of High-tech Industry of Armenia Hayk Chobanyan received on July 15 the delegation led by Ambassador of China to Armenia Fan Yong.

As Noyan Tapan was informed from the press service of the Ministry, greeting the guests, Hayk Chobanyan noted that it's extremely important for Armenia to develop high technology industry with the goal of ensuring the country's development and security, and in this context, cooperation with China, as a developed industrial country, is of key importance. Highly praising China's achievements in the fields of high technologies, digitalization, innovation, military industry, the Acting Minister noted that Armenia is interested in developing cooperation with China in all



directions.

Emphasizing the educational component, Chobanyan suggested the Ambassador to consider the possibility of implementing joint educational programs with the National Polytechnic University of Armenia and Chinese universities. The acting minister invited the ambassador and

Chinese companies to participate in the "Digitec Expo" exhibition.

Ambassador Fan Yong thanked for the reception and said that he has also talked about the importance of the Armenian-Chinese cooperation in high technologies during the meetings with the Armenian PM and Deputy PM. The Ambassador expressed readiness, in addition to educational institutions, to promote the development of cooperation with Chinese business companies.

The interlocutors also referred to the possibilities of implementing joint research programs on the use of technologies in high-tech industry, healthcare, agriculture, renewable energy, and other fields.

Nikol Pashinyan, Anthony Barsamian discuss pan-Armenian agenda

Acting Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan received Anthony Barsamian, Co-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Armenian Assembly of America and head of the regional office of the Assembly Arpi Vardanyan. Issues related to the Motherland-Diaspora relations and pan-Armenian agenda were discussed at the meeting.

Nikol Pashinyan welcomed the guests and said, "We have passed through a rather difficult period and I think we have reached a new point not only in Armenia and Artsakh as a result of the well-known developments, but also the developments outside Armenia have changed and re-formulated the agendas, I mean in the context of the activities of the Armenian Assembly of America, I mean the fact of the recognition of the Armenian Genocide by the President of the USA, which is a new reality.

I also think that it's important to compare our perceptions on how the Motherland-Diaspora relations should be, what we should do in this new period, what we should continue doing like in the past



and where we need some changes and reconsiderations. This and other similar meetings are important for comparing our perceptions and views, so as we could outline our direction and goals. I think we have a new reality, but that reality needs to be defined, what does it mean and what new goals and tasks should be set in this new reality, what are the responsibilities of the Armenian Government and what are the responsibilities of the Diaspora organizations and how those relations should be organized. I am glad we have the opportunity to discuss those issues".

Anthony Barsamian thanked Nikol Pashinyan for the reception and said, "Mr.

Prime Minister, I am thankful for the reception. First of all, we offer condolences to the country and personally you, we visited Yerablur pantheon, the tombs of the victims. The Armenian community of the USA shares the grief of the loss, since it is directly related to us.

We have come to congratulate you on the completion of the elections, to meet you and the members of the new Government, to listen to your vision. As American-Armenians, we wish the best to this country. We will work, we will guarantee our support to Armenia, we will work with different parliamentary parties, we will work with you as the leader of the country, in order to achieve the best for the country. We are cooperating also with your staff, as in the recent years, and now and in the future, we will continue our joint work.

I must say that the Biden's administration has a positive attitude towards us. We will continue to work to deepen Armenian-American cooperation and strengthen Armenia's role in the region"

Exposing the Fake Appeal Allegedly Sent by Baku Armenians to Catholicos



By Harut Sassounian

Several Azeri websites claimed that Armenians in Azerbaijan last October, in the midst of the Artsakh War, sent an appeal to “Catholicos Karekin II, Armenians of the world, and Armenians in Karabakh.”

One of the Azeri websites (Report News Agency) alleged that the “appeal was signed by a group of tens of thousands of Armenians” in Azerbaijan. Just from this one sentence alone, one can tell that this information is a complete lie as there are no “tens of thousands of Armenians” in Baku. After the brutal massacres of Armenians in Sumgait and Baku and elsewhere in Azerbaijan in 1988 and 1990 by Azeri mobs, almost all Armenians fled that country to save their lives. The few Armenians remaining in Azerbaijan are those who were married to Azeris. Living in constant fear, they use Azeri names to disguise their true identities.

I made two attempts to verify if this letter was authentic or fake. First, I checked with one of the Azeri websites that had referenced the letter. I asked for a photocopy of the letter. I wanted to see how many signers there were and their names. The Azeri website, most probably funded by the Azeri government, responded that they are unable “to conduct painstaking investigation!” The only place where the entire text of the fake letter appeared was in an Azeri website (Armenia.az) that regularly posts hundreds of anti-Armenian articles in Armenian and Russian. These articles are written by Azeris who formerly lived in Armenia and know fluent Armenian.

My next attempt to verify the letter was with the Information Department of the

Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in Armenia, the alleged recipient. The Catholicosate was not aware of receiving such a letter and stated that it was most probably an example of Baku’s routine fabrication. For the amusement of the readers here are excerpts from the English translation of the fake Armenian letter posted on October 9, 2020 on the Azeri website, Armenia.az.

“Today, tens of thousands of Armenians live in Azerbaijan. In this country, all people, regardless of religion or race, are treated equally. Everyone in this country enjoys the same rights granted to its citizens by the Constitution of Azerbaijan.” In this first two sentences of the letter, there are two obvious lies: “tens of thousands of Armenians live in Azerbaijan” and they “are treated equally” like all other citizens of Azerbaijan.

The alleged Armenian letter-writers appealed to Catholicos Karekin II to use his “authority and power... to end Armenia’s policy of occupation against Azerbaijan, return the occupied Azerbaijani lands to their owners, and help prevent unjust bloodshed.” No true Armenian would make such a statement, unless his or her life was threatened.

The letter then appealed “to Armenians of the world and various Armenian lobbies so people can live in peace,” claiming that an Armenian woman by the name of Karina Grigoryan in Ganja, Azerbaijan (Gandzak in Armenian), was seriously injured during the Armenian shelling. It is highly unlikely that such an Armenian woman lives in Gandzak. One thing is certain; no Armenian in Azerbaijan would be carrying such an obvious Armenian name. Those with Armenian names who lived in Azerbaijan were either killed or fled the country over 30 years ago.

The letter went on to claim that Azerbaijan “conducts anti-terrorist operations only in its territories, wishing to liberate its historical lands from occupation.” It is the height of hypocrisy for Azerbaijan to claim that it is fighting terrorism after bringing several thousand Syrian Islamist terrorists to fight against Artsakh in last year’s war.

The letter then appealed to “Armenians

living in Karabagh” (Artsakh), falsely alleging that “30 years ago, you were happy in the lands of Azerbaijan, where you live now. Your material well-being was high, and all your human rights were protected, because Azerbaijan has always treated us as its citizens. And now the mafia leadership of Armenia has turned you into a victim of its own games. We are very sorry about this. You also have the right and the opportunity to live like a human being, but Armenia has deprived you of this. Wake up, it’s not too late and refuse to be a tool in this game. Azerbaijan will protect all your rights, including your safety. We are a clear example of this.” The content of the letter reads more like a comedy than a credible appeal. Those who concocted this letter are so delusional that they think Armenians will believe such obvious lies.

The letter finally appealed to Armenian mothers: “Do not close your eyes to the death of your children in the lands of Azerbaijan, because you did not bring them into the world to become victims of the game of certain forces.” It is very touching that the Azeri Government, masquerading as Armenians in Baku, would care so much about the well-being of Armenian mothers and their children!

The only good thing about this appeal is that the government of Azerbaijan is wasting a lot of money to pay Azeris, who would otherwise be unemployed, to prepare such useless letters and websites. No Armenian is going to believe a word of such fake news appearing in the website of Armenia.az (az stands for Azerbaijan). I suggest that the government of Azerbaijan also establish a TV and radio station to broadcast programs in Armenian in order to waste more of the money that their leaders have not yet stolen!

I do not think this was a real appeal issued by Baku Armenians. However, even if there is a shred of truth in the claimed letter, it means that Azerbaijan has adopted the Turkish policy of forcing its Armenian and other minorities to issue false propaganda statements in order to cover up its grave violation of human rights.

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The European Armenian Federation for Justice and democracy (EAFJD) deplors the visit of some foreign ambassadors and diplomats in Azerbaijan to occupied Shushi in Nagorno Karabakh/Artsakh.

The diplomats' unfortunate decision to join this propaganda tour organized by the Azerbaijani government is a regrettable act of approval and legitimization of the war crimes committed by the same authoritarian and criminal Azerbaijani regime against the native Armenian population of Shushi and Nagorno Karabakh in general only few months ago.

In fact, with a massive support of Turkey and the deployment of paid Syrian terrorist fighters, the Azerbaijani armed forces deliberately destroyed Shushi's civilian infrastructure and bombed the town's main cathedral twice during the 44-day war in the autumn 2020. As a result of this disastrous war unleashed by the Turkish-Azerbaijani tandem, the centuries-old Armenian town of Shushi is now completely ethnically cleansed of its Armenian population for the first time in history. The Azerbaijani President later publicly and proudly announced that they "chased the Armenian population like dogs".

It goes without saying that the refusal of the ambassadors the three co-chair countries of the OSCE Minsk group – France, Russia and the USA, to join this trip, is a clear message that the Karabakh conflict is not resolved yet. As a matter of fact, two of the three OSCE basic principles – non-use of violence and equal right to self-determination of peoples- were blatantly violated during the war by the Azerbaijan authorities.

It is a pity that the diplomats who visited Shushi did not choose to follow the example of the co-chair countries of the OSCE Minsk group. By accepting the invitation, they became part of the propaganda campaign of Azerbaijan's authoritarian regime. Moreover, they have undermined the efforts of the OSCE Minsk group co-chairs of finding a lasting, peaceful and just resolution of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict. Besides, these diplomats have completely ignored the fact that Azerbaijan continues to illegally keep and torture more than 200



Armenian prisoners of war and captives, using them as a political bargaining chip, in violation of the tripartite ceasefire statement of November 2020 which also the Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev signed and which stipulates the return of all the captives and prisoners of war.

Furthermore, Azerbaijan continues to refuse international organizations such as UNESCO to access the Armenian architectural and religious monuments in Nagorno Karabakh. In the meanwhile,

documentation of desecration and even complete destruction of some of these religious monuments has emerged. Besides, since May 2021 the Azerbaijani army has encroached on the sovereign territory of the Republic of Armenia in its Syunik and Geghargunik regions while kidnapping Armenian servicemen.

It is highly regrettable to see how diplomacy, also that of countries which claim to care about human rights and ethics, turns into crude lip-syncing to an authoritarian regime most famous for establishing elaborate corruption mechanisms across Europe, such as the Azerbaijani laundromat and unleashing a war against the native Armenian population while deploying paid terrorist fighters. As a European grassroots organization we do believe that diplomacy is much more than this, that dignity as well as a certain sense of justice must be its core and we will certainly continue our work aimed at this.

French FM, US Secretary of State discuss Nagorno Karabakh conflict settlement in Washington D.C.

Foreign Minister of France Jean-Yves Le Drian, who was on a working visit in Washington D.C. on July 13-14, has stated that he and US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken have touched upon the settlement of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict during their meeting.

Summing up the results of the visit, the

French FM said that they have discussed taking possible steps to establish lasting peace.

"I have talked about our joint actions as OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chair countries aimed at establishing lasting peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan", the French FM said.



State of the art language technologies for Western Armenian launched

The Western Armenian Universal Dependencies Treebank was released on 15 May 2021, has been released and is now available on the Universal Dependencies Consortium webpage, the Armenian Communities Department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation informs.

A Treebank is essential for the vitality of any language. It is a linguistic tool that analyzes and describes the structure of the language, identifying its different components in a manner that computer programmes could work with it. Through treebanks, language-related programmes could identify, for example, what is the verb in the sentence, what is the noun, the adverb, the question mark, and so forth, based on which practical applications can be developed. In technical terms, it is a database of sentences which are annotated with syntactic information. Treebanks revolutionized computational linguistics in the early 1990s, after the expansion of machine learning methods and artificial neural networks in the field of Natural Language Processing.

Treebanks play a crucial role in the development of modern language processing systems such as machine translation, part-of-speech taggers, parsers, semantic analyzers and so forth. “Put simply,” explained



Razmik Panossian, the Director of the Department, “for a language to be translatable through online tools, to have its own spell-checker and grammar programmes, and to have the means for artificial intelligence processing in that language, it needs its own Treebank. We are particularly pleased that the Foundation played a central role in making the Western Armenian Treebank available to all those who wish to work at the intersection of language and technology.”

Universal Dependencies is a project that develops a cross-linguistically consistent Treebank annotation for many languages, now including both Eastern and Western Armenian. It provides a universal inventory of categories and guidelines to aid with a consistent annotation of similar constructions across languages, while allowing language-specific extensions when necessary.

The new Treebank is based on the Western Armenian section of the Armenian Dependency Treebank, developed by the ArmTDP team led by Marat M. Yavrumyan (Yerevan State University) and Hrant H. Khachatrian (YerevaNN research lab). The Western Armenian Treebank is one of the 202 Treebanks available in 114 languages. It was created completely manually, and thus can be used as gold-standard Treebank data in most Natural Language Processing tasks for Western Armenian. By the end of 2021, the second expanded version of the Treebank will be released.

The Western Armenian Treebank currently consists of 1780 sentences, containing 7.5 million words, compiled from 110 works by more than 50 authors from 1895 to 2010, in many genres such as fiction, personal and official correspondences, travelogues, political and literary speeches, memoirs and travel notes. It is based on the corpus of American University of Armenia’s Digital Library of Armenian Literature (Digilib).

The Western Armenian Treebank, and the Natural Language Processing solutions developed on its basis, are decisive in bringing state of the art language technologies to Armenian, ensuring the vitality of the language in the modern digital era.



The Aurora Humanitarian Initiative has announced that the 2021 Aurora Prize events will take place in Venice, Italy, on October 8-10, 2021. In addition to the Ceremony, during which the 2021 Aurora Prize Laureate will be named and the Aurora Dialogues, there will be ample opportunities for the guests and participants, including members of the Aurora Prize Selection Committee, Aurora Humanitarians, and other representatives of Aurora’s community, to explore the rich Armenian legacy of this location.

The 2021 Aurora events in Venice will mark the first time the Aurora Prize Ceremony takes place in Europe and will highlight the extensive connection between this universally important cultural site and the spirit of Aurora, with its deeply embedded respect for the human life shared by every Armenian and every member of Aurora global movement alike. It will also be the

2021 Aurora Prize ceremony to take place in Venice

first offline Aurora Prize Ceremony since the breakout of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

On October 19, 2020, the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative marked its 5th anniversary at a [virtual fundraising event in New York City](#), dedicated to Aurora’s core philosophy of Gratitude in Action. Broadcast live from The New York Public Library, the event featured Aurora Co-Founder and member of the Aurora Prize Selection Committee Vartan Gregorian, who sadly [passed away](#) in April 2021.

“The 2021 Aurora Prize main events in Venice are intended to give a chance for our guests to come together for the first time since we were forced to bring all our events online. The last year and a half has been hard on everyone, and we’ve suffered many a painful loss. That is why we are very excited about the opportunity to express gratitude to our wonderful community, to bring global humanitarians to Venice and to introduce them to the Armenian legacy of this location and to its rich and fascinating history,” said Noubar Afeyan, Co-Founder of the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative.

The first Armenian communities were established in the region centuries ago, and the history of their successful devel-

opment and integration echoes the complex and compound identity defining the modern Armenian people and their global impact. No matter where they were born, from Yerevan to Los Angeles, from Beirut to Moscow, all Armenians possess an acute understanding of the importance of kindness, humanity, and gratitude, strongly reflected in Aurora’s vision.

“The Aurora Humanitarian Initiative is transforming the Armenian experience into a global movement based on the philosophy of Gratitude in Action, and we are very happy to have the 2021 Aurora Prize Ceremony in Venice, one of the most important Armenian heritage sites, and to highlight our presence in Europe after the success of last year’s US event. Aurora continues to successfully enhance the humanitarian angle, and we can’t wait to share this special moment of celebrating modern-day heroes and the work they do with members of Aurora’s community,” said Ruben Vardanyan, Co-Founder of the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative.

In the meantime, nominations are still open for the 2022 Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity. Until October 31, 2021, any person can submit a nomination for candidates they believe have overcome great personal challenges to help others.

Wanderlust: British travel magazine spotlights Armenia

The British Wanderlust travel magazine has dedicated a special section on its website to [Armenia](#). The website will introduce tourists to Armenia and will be updated regularly.

The magazine's editor-in-chief is currently in Armenia with his colleague at the invitation of the Tourism Committee to discover what he considers to be a little-known, mysterious country with all the prerequisites – rich history – culture, delicious cuisine, warm and hospitable people, which could become one of the most attractive travel destinations for British tourists.

The further expansion of the cooperation will give an opportunity to discover Armenia from different perspectives, to make it recognizable for the loyal subscribers of the magazine,



the travel companies, the visitors of the website, the Tourism Committee says.

Wanderlust travel magazine especially targets travelers from Great Britain, USA, Canada, Gulf countries, who choose unusual, little-known destinations. Its website has 1,500,000 monthly visitors.

Cannes Film Festival: Titane wins top Palme d'Or prize

Titane – an outlandish film packed full of sex and violence – has won the top award at the 2021 Cannes Film Festival, the BBC reports.

Director Julie Ducournau is only the second woman to receive the Palme d'Or and the first female to win it alone.

The film, which is Ducournau's second feature, tells the story of a young female killer who has sex with cars after surviving

a childhood crash.

The award was prematurely revealed by US director Spike Lee at the beginning of Saturday's ceremony.

The jury president let the big secret slip, before telling the audience: "I apologize for messing up."

Ms Ducournau was still emotional when her film was officially announced as the winner, adding: "This evening has been

perfect because it's been imperfect."

Titane had split critical opinion and has been described as one of the most shocking ever shown at the festival.



Charles Aznavour documentary hits the screens in the Netherlands

The documentary "Aznavour, Le Regard de Charles" (Charles by Aznavour) was screened at the Eye Film Museum in Amsterdam on July 14.

The event was organized at the initiative of the Alliance Francaise center and the support of the Armenian Embassy in the Netherlands.

The Embassy's Second Secretary David Mirzakhanyan was present at the screening.

The film about the life of the legendary Charles Aznavour was shot on the basis of archive videos taken by Aznavour himself.

The film will be screened in cinemas in the Netherlands from July 15.



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