

Second Armenian-British Military-Political Consultations Held

In London, in the framework of cooperation between the defense ministries of Armenia and the United Kingdom, the second Armenian-British military-political consultations were held. Armenian delegation was led by the First Deputy Defense Minister **Davit Tonoyan**. Results of bilateral cooperation in 2015 have been summed up and its prospects for 2016-2017 discussed. Following the discussions, the First Deputy Defense Minister and the Head of the British delegation, Director of the International Security Policy **Nick Gurr** signed Plan of cooperation between defense ministries of Armenia and the United Kingdom in the field of defense for 2016-2017.

The plan includes two dozen areas that are mostly related to the military education and training, exchange of experience in various fields, etc. For the purpose of review of legislation in the field of defense and security reasoned by the adoption of the recent constitutional changes and taking into account the rich experience of British parliamentary government in these areas, cooperation plan provides British advisory assistance.

The results of the consultations were



summed up at a meeting with the UK Minister of State for Reserves also responsible for International Defence Cooperation **Julian Brazier**.

On the same day the Armenian Defense Ministry delegation met with the Head of Eastern Europe & Central Asia Directorate at the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office **Michael Tatham**. The sides dis-

cussed issues of bilateral cooperation in the defense sector, international and regional security as well as issues related to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. In particular, the situation of the armed conflict was presented.

On January 15 the Armenian delegation met with Stephan Pound, MP, Chair, Armenia All-Party Parliamentary Group.

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Charles Kupchan visits Armenia

President Serzh Sargsyan praised U.S. involvement in the South Caucasus and assistance to Armenia on January 14 when he met with a visiting senior official in the administration of U.S. President Barack Obama.

Charles Kupchan, senior director for European affairs at the U.S. National Security Council, arrived in Yerevan the day after visiting Baku and holding talks with Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev.

The Armenian presidential press office said Serzh Sargsyan discussed with Kupchan a wide range of issues, including the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, broader regional security and Armenia's relations with NATO and the European Union. It quoted Sargsyan as saying that U.S.-Armenian relations have "constantly developed" since the early 1990s.

"The President underscored the importance of the U.S. assistance to Armenia's economic development, reforms, democratization and civil society, as well as the U.S. government's continuous efforts to maintain stability in the region," the office added in a statement.

According to the statement, Kupchan, for his part, praised Armenia's participation in the NATO-led missions in Afghanistan and Kosovo.

Serzh Sargsyan was among some 50 heads of state and government who were invited by Obama to a UN peacekeeping summit held in New York in September. Addressing the summit, the Armenian leader affirmed Yerevan's readiness to join more peacekeeping missions abroad in the near future.

Kupchan also held separate talks in Yerevan with Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian. The Armenian Foreign Ministry said he described bilateral ties as "strong" and reaffirmed Washington's commitment to "a free, prosperous and secure Armenia at peace with its neighbors."



The official Armenian sources gave no details of Kupchan's discussions with Sarkisian and Nalbandian on the unresolved Karabakh conflict. The issue was also on the agenda of his talks with Aliyev.

The U.S. official visited Azerbaijan more than a month after Obama reportedly sent a letter to Aliyev inviting him to a global nuclear security summit that will begin in Washington on March 31. Aliyev's chief foreign policy aide, Novruz Mammadov, was quoted by Azerbaijani media as saying on Thursday that the letter also contained "thoughts on ways of resolving the Karabakh conflict." Mammadov did not elaborate.

It is not yet known whether Serzh Sargsyan too has been invited to the summit to be hosted by Obama.

The United States co-heads the OSCE's Minsk Group on Karabakh along with Russia and France. Its chief Karabakh negotiator, James Warlick, said earlier this month that the conflicting parties and the three mediating powers should "intensify work towards a negotiated settlement in 2016." "The parties say they are willing. If not now, when?" Warlick said.

Egypt's Ambassador hands credentials to President Sargsyan



On January 15, the newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt Tarek Ibrahim Muhammad Maati presented his credential to President Serzh Sargsyan.

The President congratulated the Ambassador on the commencement of his diplomatic mission in our country and

expressed hope that during his tenure he will use his experience and knowledge for furthering and strengthening relations of the two friendly states. Serzh Sargsyan noted with satisfaction that in recent years the Armenian-Egyptian relations have entered a new phase and underscored that the existing great potential in the cooperation of the two countries should be utilized to the fullest, which can be considerably boosted by the reciprocal high-level visits, active political dialogue, frequent contacts and cooperation at the intergovernmental and inter-parliamentary levels.

Ambassador Tarek Maati assured that he would do his best to strengthen the relations between the two states and to develop cooperation in all areas of mutual interest. He said that he has already had

discussions with the Armenian colleagues on the possibility of restarting the work of the Armenian-Egyptian intergovernmental commission this year and added that he is hopeful that the activities of the commission will invigorate the trade and economic relations. The Ambassador concurred with the President of Armenia on the issue regarding the necessity to strengthen relations between the legislatures of the two countries and creation of the friendship groups in both Parliaments.

The parties underscored the special role of the Armenian diaspora of Egypt in strengthening the friendly relations between Armenia and Egypt.

The President of Armenia wished success to the newly appointed Ambassador of Egypt throughout his tenure.

Diversion from Azerbaijan: Analyst says Azerbaijan's primary attention off Karabakh due to domestic problems

Azerbaijan is in such a deep and serious economic crisis that it has no time to think about the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, says head of the Yerevan-based Caucasus Institute Alexander Iskandaryan.

According to the political analyst, the current economic crisis in Azerbaijan will further deteriorate, however it will not result in the cessation of shootings at the Karabakh-Azerbaijan line of contact.

"The Karabakh issue is very useful for Azerbaijan. It would be a very stupid thing for the Azerbaijani authorities to give up that instrument," he told media on January 15.

Political analyst Sergey Minasyan thinks that the Azerbaijani government will not launch large-scale military actions this year, as a situation has been created in which Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev's position has weakened domestically.

"And maybe he will not give up its policy of keeping the situation tense at the border, but will not launch large-scale military operations in which the risks are too great. Especially when all the leaders of Azerbaijan before Aliyev had lost their position after the outbreak of hostilities," he told media on Friday.

Meanwhile, the Karabakh military report that last night the Azerbaijani Army's special forces attempted a saboteur raid in



the eastern direction of the contact line. The advanced units of the Karabakh defense army timely spotted the Azeri commandoes' progress and took appropriate preventive measures, the Karabakh Defense Ministry said.

As a result of the engagement two Azerbaijani soldiers were killed. The other members of the group escaped. The Armenian side reported no dead or wounded.

Armenian Ombudsman resigns after 'immoral' attacks



Karen Andreyan, Armenia's state human rights ombudsman, unexpectedly resigned on Tuesday less than three months after accusing government-linked individuals of waging a smear campaign against him.

Andreyan's office announced his resignation in a short statement posted on its Facebook page. It gave no reasons for the move, saying instead that the ombudsman thanked his staff and expressed hope that "human rights protection will remain a priority for our state and society."

"There will be no comment in connec-

tion with this," concluded the statement.

Andreyan, who has served as ombudsman for about five years, did not answer phone calls in the following hours.

The resignation is certain to be linked by many with his recent bitter row with several parliamentarians representing the ruling Republican Party of Armenia (HHK). They attacked Andreyan in late October when he presented the National Assembly with an annual report on the work of his office.

The HHK's Samvel Farmanyan launched a particularly scathing attack on Andreyan, calling the 500-page report "sloppy" and "toothless." Farmanyan, who had previously worked as President Serzh Sargsyan's press secretary, accused

the human rights defender of wasting taxpayers' money and ignoring "reforms" implemented by the government.

Galust Sahakyan, the parliament speaker and a senior HHK figure, effectively defended Farmanyan.

Andreyan rebutted the accusations on the parliament floor, saying that Farmanyan is carrying out an "immoral order" issued by an unspecified person at odds with the ombudsman. He refused to name names, saying only that he did not refer to President Sargsyan.

Under Armenia's recently amended constitution, the next ombudsman will be elected by the parliament. He or she will need to be backed by at least three-fifths of its 131 members.

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No Epidemic: Health officials insist swine flu situation manageable



As of January 14, 11 people died because of complications caused by the virus. The Ministry of Health says that an overwhelming majority of 948 patients currently hospitalized with flu and other respiratory infections are aged below 18.

Of the hospitalized patients 114 are pregnant women, and 92 patients are being treated in intensive care units. At this point, 11 patients are connected to artificial respiration apparatuses and their condition is assessed as critical.

During Thursday's government meeting Health Minister Armen Muradyan again insisted that there is no flu epidemic in Armenia. He said that the significant rise in the number of acute respiratory diseases observed in Armenia in the past 20 days was due to the significant growth of the rate of similar diseases in the European region, which is confirmed by the World Health Organization. In particular, the matter concerns the A type influenza, 56 percent of which, according to the available data,

is due to the H1N1 virus.

The minister said that a rapid response team has been formed and they report to the prime minister about the work done on a daily basis.

"The work has been carried out in two major directions - preventive measures and management of the current situation.

In particular, still in September we organized corresponding courses among medical staffs on fighting the H1N1 virus, about 15,000 people, including vulnerable groups, in particular, people in orphanages, nursing homes, psychiatric hospitals, reception and primary healthcare staff, were vaccinated on a voluntary basis," said Muradyan, adding that services at border crossings also work in an enhanced regime.

Also, polyclinics will remain open over the weekend to accommodate for the possible visits from patients with symptoms of flu or less severe respiratory diseases.

It emerged at the government meeting that school vacations in Armenia will again be extended for a week, till January 25, upon the recommendation of the Ministry of Health.

But health officials still believe that the situation is under control and that based on the current rate of the disease it is very far from being an epidemic.

Many citizens suspect that no epidemic is declared on purpose, as in that case the Ministry would have to provide medical assistance free of charge. But the minister said that the entire process has been organized and conducted within the framework of the state order, regardless of people's social status and privileges.

"All hospitals have been supplied with the necessary medication, which has been provided to patients free of charge," Muradyan said, adding that now anti-flu medicines are also provided for free to patients through polyclinics.

Aliyev's words enough to show Azerbaijan's stance on negotiations: Shavarsh Kocharyan

"The only fact of Aliyev saying that the meeting with Armenian President was formal is enough to show Azerbaijan's position on the negotiations," Armenian Deputy Foreign Minister Shavarsh Kocharyan told reporters after the government sitting on January 14.

"This is enough to understand the stance of the Azerbaijani leadership on the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs and the principles of conflict settlement. Definitely, this is the reason why there has been no progress in the settlement," Kocharyan said.

According to him, progress in the approaches of the parties is important for achieving progress in the negotiations. "Of course, the Co-Chairs try to organize meetings as frequently as possible, but there can be no progress, if Azerbaijan continues to describe them as formal," he added.

The Deputy FM said discussions in Bern were focused on the need to implement a mechanism of investigation of border incidents, as installation of corresponding equipment.

"Although Azerbaijan rejects the proposal, this shows that the



mediators are worried and are seeking new ways of settlement," Shavarsh Kocharyan noted.

The Deputy Foreign Minister made it clear that should these attempts fail, there will be two options left -either imposing peace on Azerbaijan or recognizing the Nagorno Karabakh Republic.

Armenia's UN Amb. elected President of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS



On 11 January, Armenia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Zohrab Mnatsakanyan was elected President of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP), UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and UN Office for Project Service (UNOPS), the

Organizations' governing body, for a one-year term.

The Executive Board is made up of representatives of Member States and is mandated by the UN General Assembly to provide inter-governmental support to and overall supervision of the activities of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS. The Board

meets three times a year ensuring that the three Agencies remain responsive to the evolving needs of programme countries.

"2016 will be a pivotal time for our Board and sister-agencies in light of the recent adoption of the new set of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The year will also be critical in view of the mid-term review of the strategic plans for 2014-2017, as well as the upcoming discussions of the new cycle of Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review, which remains the main political mechanism for member states to assess the effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and impact of the UN development system's support to national development efforts", - stated Ambassador Mnatsakanyan in his acceptance remarks.

Information: Armenia is a member of the Executive Board of the UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS since 2014. In June 2015, the Board approved the UNDP's and UNFPA's country programme documents for Armenia for the period of 2016-2020.

Russian Church reassures Armenians over Genocide recognition

Responding to an uproar in Armenia, the Russian Orthodox Church clarified on January 11 that its supreme head, Patriarch Kirill, did not deny the 1915 Armenian genocide when he praised the Ottoman Empire's treatment of its Christian minorities.

A spokesman for Kirill said that the influential church continues to believe that the World War One-era slaughter of some 1.5 million Armenians constituted genocide.

The Kremlin-backed Patriarch raised eyebrows in Armenia when he discussed the plight of shrinking Christian communities in the Middle East in a weekend interview with Russian state television. In a clear reference to atrocities committed by Islamist militants, he said Christians in the region are being subjected to genocide.

"Nothing similar to the current events had ever happened in the Islamic world," Kirill said, adding: "Take, for example, the Turkish, Ottoman Empire. Yes, there were Christian minorities there but they were not

exterminated."

The remarks angered many Armenian social media users before being similarly condemned by some political figures. Giro Manoyan of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation (Dashnaksutyun), a major party that has traditionally been sympathetic to Russia, called them "unacceptable."

"Obviously, Christians were not constantly massacred throughout the existence of the Ottoman Empire," Manoyan told RFE/RL's Armenian service. "But failing to see that there were massacres, genocides targeting Armenians, Greeks, Assyrians and other minorities is tantamount to distorting history."

Manoyan urged Armenia's government and the Armenian Apostolic Church to officially react to Kirill's statement.

Rev. Vahram Melikyan, the spokesman for the church, said the Echmiadzin-based office of Catholicos Garegin II expects an explanation from the Russian Church and has already contacted the Moscow

Patriarchate for that purpose.

Melikyan publicized later in the day a statement to the Armenian media released by Kirill's spokesman, Rev. Aleksandr Volkov.

Volkov insisted that the Patriarch alluded to only some periods of Ottoman history that saw "relative security and stability in the lives of religious minorities." "The absence of such order -- both in the Ottoman Empire 100 years ago and in contemporary Iraq, Syria and Libya -- always leads to tragic events," he said.

"The position of our Church on the Armenian genocide has been repeatedly and clearly expressed in numerous statements and messages of the Patriarch," added Volkov. He pointed out that high-level Russian Orthodox clerics took part in last year's events in Armenia that marked the centennial of the Armenian genocide.

Kirill prayed and laid flowers at the Armenian genocide memorial in Yerevan when he visited Armenia in 2010.

EU hopes to complete talks with Armenia by the end of the year

The European Union hopes to conclude by the end of this year ongoing negotiations on a new agreement to deepen its political and economic relations with Armenia, a senior EU diplomat said on January 13.

The talks began in early December more than two years after President Serzh Sargsyan unexpectedly decided to seek Armenia's accession a Russian-led alliance of ex-Soviet states. The move precluded the signing of a far-reaching Association Agreement with the EU.

Yerevan and Brussels subsequently agreed to negotiate a less ambitious accord which would not contradict Armenian membership in the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU). Officials from both sides have said that it will contain many political and even economic provisions of the cancelled Association Agreement.

Serzh Sargsyan and Piotr Switalski, head of the EU Delegation in Yerevan, reportedly discussed the issue when they met on Wednesday. The Armenian presi-



dential press office said Switalski "expressed hope that the Armenia-EU bilateral relations will acquire a new quality in 2016 and negotiations on the new comprehensive Armenia-EU legal document will have been concluded before the end of the year."

A statement by the office quoted Sargsyan as saying that closer ties with the EU remain one of Armenia's foreign policy

priorities. He thanked the EU for its economic assistance to Armenia and said he expects such support for new "large-scale reforms" planned by his government.

The EU allocated 30 million euros (\$33 million) in fresh aid to Yerevan as recently as on December 16. It said that the money will mainly finance reforms designed to streamline Armenia's labor market and boost public oversight of its finances.

EBRD Investments in Armenia hit record high

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) said on January 15 that its investments in Armenia, mostly channeled into the private sector, reached a record high of \$140 million last year.

The London-based institution supporting economic reforms in former Communist states said it financed 14 business projects implemented in various sectors of the Armenian economy.

The EBRD thus accounted for a considerable part of foreign direct investment (FDI) attracted by the South Caucasus country in 2015. The Armenian government recorded \$263 million in FDI inflows in January-September.

In a statement circulated by its Yerevan office, the bank described the record-high figure as a "clear indication of both the investment opportunities in the country and strong demand for EBRD funding." "The EBRD's ability to attract increasing financial resources to Armenia is testament to the bankability of our clients and the overall investment climate in Armenia," the head of the office, Mark

Davis, was quoted as saying.

"While 2016 is likely to be a challenging year, I see a number of new opportunities in Armenia to add to our client base, and several deal prospects are already maturing," added Davis. "Overall I am optimistic, especially about capital market development and the emergence of more private equity investment activity."

The EBRD has invested a total of \$1.13 billion in about 150 projects in Armenia ever since it began operating in the country in 1992. Nearly 90 percent of those investments have gone into the private sector, largely taking the form of minority stake purchases in local banks and other firms as well as foreign corporations setting up shop in the country.

As recently as on December 10, the EBRD paid just over \$20 million for a 22.7 percent share in Armenia's Inecobank. The deal was tied to Inecobank's acquisition of ProCredit Bank Armenia. The two banks have thousands of small and medium-sized businesses among their clients. Their merger



meant a further consolidation of the Armenian banking sector strongly supported by the EBRD.

Local commercial banks have absorbed nearly half of the EBRD's total investments in Armenia. The EBRD has also invested in the country's energy, agribusiness, mining and transport sections as well as public infrastructure.

On December 11, the EBRD announced the release of a \$9 million loan for the construction of a solid waste landfill in Yerevan meeting European Union standards. The project also received about \$18 million in funding from the EU.

HayPost of Armenia partners with Ria Money Transfer to provide inbound and outbound remittance services



HayPost, the national postal operator of the Republic of Armenia, and Ria Money Transfer ("Ria"), the third largest money transfer company in the world, have announced a partnership to provide inbound and outbound money transfer services throughout Armenia.

The new agreement will allow HayPost customers to receive cash remittances in euro (EUR) and US dollars (USD) at any of HayPost's 600+ onlinepost offices in Armenia. In addition to providing a secure and economical service, Ria's rapid transfer system enables HayPost customers to receive transfers from family and friends abroad within minutes. HayPost customers can also send money through Ria's global network which spans 147 countries and 287,000 locations.

HayPost has made strategic moves in the United States recently, where on July 21, 2015 the company opened its first international branch in Glendale, California. As well as providing courier and shipping services, HayPost recently launched

"ShopInAmerica" which grants Armenian residents open and easy access to goods, from the US market.

The new location, which serves as a bridge between Armenia and the USA, now also offers HayPost's US-based customers the ability to send cash to their loved ones in Armenia using Ria Money Transfer. Customers can also send money online at www.riamoneytransfer.com with payout at any authorized HayPost post office in Armenia.

General Director of "HayPost Trust Management" BV Juan Pablo Gechidjian said, "The cooperation between HayPost and Ria Money Transfer is a great opportunity, enabling customers to send and receive cash remittances to and from different parts of the world. One of our missions is to provide quality, fast and affordable services to our customers. We are confident that our partnership with Ria Money Transfer fits within this mission and are hopeful our work together will yield tangible results in the near future."

Ria's President and CEO, Juan Bianchi added, "The launch of our new money transfer service with HayPost is especially timely given their recent expansion to the United States and we're delighted to partner with Armenia's National Postal Operator. Part of Ria's global vision is to provide greater access to affordable remittances worldwide and post offices are an excellent channel to facilitate these flows. HayPost also has many strategically located branches in remote locations and we're looking forward to better serving Armenians living abroad by giving them a secure and affordable alternative for sending money home to their families."

In 2014, the World Bank estimated that Armenia received \$2.2 billion in remittances and that remittances accounted for 21% of the country's GDP in 2013. This data places Armenia in the top 10 countries most dependent on remittances globally.

Armenian wines were presented in "Wine Professional Exhibition 2016" in Amsterdam

Armenian 5 winemaking companies "Zorah", "Triniti", "Voskeni", "Karas" and "Armenia", by the support of Armenian development fund, were presented in "Wine Professional Exhibition 2016" held on January 11-13 in Amsterdam.

As the Press, Information and Public Relations Department of the Armenian MFA informed "Armenpress", Armenian Ambassador to the Netherlands Dzyunik Aghajanyan and the general director of the exhibition carried out the opening ceremony.

In her opening speech Armenian ambassador welcomed the presentation of Armenian wines in the European market especially in the professional sector which became possible due to making available millennia-old tradition of wine production to the wide range of consumers by Armenian young specialists with application of modern technologies providing an opportunity to enjoy their smell and the whole richness of flavors.



Within the framework of the exhibition Armenian wine-makers had an opportunity to present their produced wines and the peculiarities of their preparation.



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- 1696. **Tumanyan str.**, 5/4, stone bld, 1 bedroom, h-3m, capitally repaired, heating system. Price: 160.000 USD.
- 1440. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 110 sq.m., 1 bedroom, h-3m, euro repaired, heating system, furnished, parking. Price: 350.000 USD.
- 1715. **Sayat Nova Ave.**, 5/4, 70sq.m, stone bld, h-4m, 1 bedroom, capitally repaired, heating system. Price: 110.000 USD
- 1680- **Mashtots Ave.**, 5/4, 68sq.m, 1 bedroom, old repair, possibility of gas. Price: 86.000 USD.
- 1674. **Abovyan str.**, 2nd floor, 70sq.m., 1 bedroom, capitally repaired, heating system. Price: 135.000 USD
- 1698- **Aram str.**, Newly built, 14/5, 62sq.m, 1 bedroom, capitally repaired, AC, security system, parking. Price: 120.000 USD.

2 ROOMS

- 3003. **Sayat-Nova str.**, 5/3, 105sq.m, 2bedrooms, stone building, capitally repaired. Price: Negotiable
- 1560. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 10/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price: 400.000 USD.
- 2818. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 120sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, furnished. Price: 400.000USD
- 1156. **Komitas Ave.**, Hambardzumyan str. 5/3, 110sq.m, 2 bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, kitchen is furnished. Price: 150.000 USD negotiable.
- 2949. **Aram str.**, Newly built, 1st floor, 143 sq.m, 2 bedrooms, zero state, Price: 2000 USD per sq.m.
- 2300. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 6/2, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: 400.000 USD.

3 ROOMS

- 3090 **Dzorap Newly built**, 190sq.m, 2 bedrooms, study, 2 bathrooms, capitally renovated, parking. Price: 460.000 USD
- 3090. **Busand str./Near Republic Square/**, Newly built, /6th floor, 116sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms one in master bedroom, capitally renovated, open balcony. Price: 350.000 USD negotiable
- 3046. **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 9/9, 81sq.m., without divisions. Price: Negotiable.
- 3012. **Aram str.**, Newly built, /7th floor, 136sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking, facing to bulvar. Price: 300.000 USD negotiable.
- 2998. **North Ave.**, Newly built, 9/6, 181sq.m, 3bedrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price: 700.000 USD
- 2682. **Aram Str.**, Newly built, 13/6 187sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 open balconies, capitally repaired, heating system, 2AC, 2 garages, view to garden. Price: 550.000 USD negotiable.
- 2958. **Pushkin str.**, 5/2, 140 sq.m., stone building, 4 bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system. Price: Negotiable.
- 2895. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 300sq.m, 3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, AC. Price: negotiable
- 2802. **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 8/4, 166sq.m, 3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, central heating, AC, security system. Price: 320.000 USD.
- 1104. **Komitas Ave.**, **Aram Khachatryan str.**, 5/2, 125sq.m., stone bld, h-2.75m., 3 bedrooms, office, 2 bathrooms, old repair, gas, garage. Price:

130.000 USD

•2836. **Pushkin str.**, 4/4,5, 400sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC. Price: 460.000 USD.

•2990. **North Ave.**, Newly built, 11th floor, 295sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price: Negotiable.

PREMISES

- 1789. **Charents str.** Land-1270sq.m, 5 storied building, each floor-400sq.m., basement, capitally repaired, parkings. Price: 4.000.000 USD negotiable
- 1598. **Komitas, Nairy Zaryan str.**, 1000 sq.m., working restaurant, 1st line, capitally repaired. Price: negotiable.
- 1603. **Northern Ave.**, Ground floor of the building, 160 sq.m., zero level, window glasses. Price: 2.600.000 USD.

•2035. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m., 1st line, facade-55m., capitally repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: Negotiable

•2013. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m., 1st line, capitally repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 1.300.000\$ negotiable

•2012. **Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1, 2, 140sq.m., window glasses, capitally repaired, AC. Price: 1.100.000\$ negotiable

•2155. **Mashtots ave.**, 3storied building, 540sq.m., each floor-180sq.m, window glasses, parking. Price: 3.600.000 USD

•2020. **Hr. Kochar str.**, Land-300sq.m, 1st line, 4storied building, 1080sq.m., each floor-270sq.m, h-3.6m., without divisions, parkings, 3 access. Price: 1.400.000 USD negotiable

•1986. **Cascade**, Land 1000sq.m. 3storied building 1200sq.m., unfinished, parking. Price: 1.000.000 USD.

•2167. **Sayat Nova str.**, newly built, 38sq. m, capitally repaired. Price: 200.000 USD

•2175. **Tumanyan str.** Ground and 1st floor of the building, 600sq.m, ground floor 300sq.m, 1st floor-220sq.m, basement-80sq.m, - 1st line, zero level, 2 entrances, facade-15m, 4 window glasses, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, Price: 3500 USD per sq.m,

•2172. **Isahakyan str.**, 92sq.m, 1st line, 7 degrees above zero level, facade-9m, 2 window glasses, h-3.20m, 2 halls, cabinet, bathroom, capitally repaired, heating system. Price: 450.000 USD

LANDS

•2122. **Davitashen**, 1800 sq.m., water, gas, electricity, possible to sell separately 600 sq.m., and 1200 sq.m. Price: 150 USD per sq.m.

•2121. **Demirchyan str.**, 1338 sq.m., building permits. Price: 2million USD.

•2013. **Cascade**. 1000 sq.m. building permits, first line, gas, water and electricity possibilities. Price 460.000USD

•1402. **Hr. Kochar Str.**, 1100 sq. m. facade -25 m. Price negotiable.

•2090. **Lori region**, close to Stepanavan, Gyargyar village, 6 hectares, forest 2 hectare has building permits, 3 water source, electricity. Price: 100.000USD.

•2406. **Avan**, Mher Mkrtyan block, 1000 sq.m.,

electricity, gas, water, the district is inhabited. Price: 30USD per sq.m

•2107. **Monument**, 2400sq.m, building permits, building project. Price: 400 USD per sq.m.

•2413. **Ashtarak roadway**, 1000sq.m, building permits, building project. Price: Negotiable

•2414. **Demirchyan str.** land-750sq.m., building permits. Price: 750.000 USD.

PRIVATE HOUSES

•3739. **Nork Marash** Land- 2000sq.m, two separate houses, total bld-600sq.m, capitally repaired, swimming pool, sauna, guard house. 2 car parking, garden. Price: 950.000 USD

•3348. **Blur, Barbyus str.** Land - 800 sq.m, 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m, 4bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control. Price: 1.2 million USD

•3146. **Aygestan**, Land-500 sq.m., 5 storied bld-765 sq.m., each floor-180 sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, heating system, elevator. Price: 2.300.000 USD.

•3583. **Nork-Marash**, Land-1100sq.m, 2 storied bld-520sq.m, 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, swimming pool, garden. Price: 1.350.000 USD.

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

•3606. **Avan**, Tsarav Akhbyur/near Botanical garden/, Land-1000sq.m., 3 storied building-750sq.m., 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capitally repaired, heating system swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking. Price-1.500.000 USD

•3574. **Blur**, Land-779sq.m., 2 storied building-720sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, heating system, sauna swimming pool, garden. Price: 2.000.000 USD

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

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

•3401. **Antarayan str**, Newly built, land-700sq.m, 3 storied bld-690sq.m, 5 bedrooms, capitally repaired. Price: 1.300.000 USD

•3712. **Cascade** Newly built, land-450sq.m, 4 storied bld-600sq.m, zero state. Price: 550.000 USD

NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

•142. **Verin Antarayan str.**, 14 floors, 65-133sq.m, capitally renovated, parking. Price: 900-1300 USD

•74. **Cascade**, Verin Antarayan. 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 Antarayan. inhabited, 8 floors, gas, windows, street view -1000 USD per sq.m., city looking -1500 USD per sq.m., parking -4 million USD preliminary.

•87. **Sayat-Nova str.**, 21 floors, 3 bedrooms -188 sq.m., 199 sq.m., Price 1900 USD per sq.m., 2 bedrooms have a beautiful sight - 117 sq.m., 120 sq.m., 124 sq.m., Price: 1700 USD per sq.m., climate control, gas.

•93. **Kievyan str.** Given to the operation in October 2011, 16 floors, walls plastered, windows, exterior doors, h -3, 15 m, gas, parking. Price: 1500-1600USD per sq.m, parking-12 000 USD. Possible with mortgage, for 13 years term.

•94. **Masiv**. 3floors, 8 flats, each flat has 3 bedrooms, 210 sq.m., parking. Price: negotiable.

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

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



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1 ROOM

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

2 ROOMS

- 2302 **North Ave**, Newly built, 11/4, 137sq.m, 2bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 1780. **Amiryan str**, Newly built, /13th floor, 82 sq.m, 2 bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 1700 USD negotiable.
- 942. **Teryan str.** 4/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: 1500 USD.
- 1950. **Buzand/Mashtots area**. Newly built, 8th floor, 163 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control, furnished, open balcony. Price: 2500 USD.
- 1681. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 6/2, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- 1535. **Busand str.**, Newly built, 7/4, 82sq.m, 2bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, parking, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable.
- 1738. **Amiryan str.**, 8/8, 159sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable
- 1951. **Busand str.**, Newly built, 13th floor, 122sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control. Price: 2500 USD
- 1406. **Sayat Nova ave.**, 7/3, 110sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable
- 2109. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 10/4, 137sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, central heating, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- 2243. **Buzand str**, Newly built, 17/4, 125sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD
- **Amiryan str**, Newly built, 14/5, 120sqm, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, partly furnished. Price 2000 USD



- itally repaired, climate control, AC, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- 2261. **Hin Yerevantsi**, /North Avenue/, Newly built, 10/3, 124sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 1700 USD
- 2084. **Tumanyan str.**, 4th floor, 200sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- 2252. **Northern ave**, 7th floor, 350 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, open balconies, capitolly repaired, climate control, parking. Price Negotiable.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- 1335 **Baghramyan str.**, Land-200sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished. Price: 3000 USD
- 1336 **Aygedzor**, Land-1000sq.m, 2 storied bld-240sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished. Price: 2000 USD
- 1337 **Davtashen** Land-406sq.m, 3 storied bld-306sq.m, 4bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished. Price: 3900 USD
- 1323. **Monument, Babayan str**, Land-400sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m, 4bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitolly repaired. Price: Negotiable
- 1248. **Aygedzor**, Land - 1021 sq m ,3 storied bld. - 501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, capitolly repaired, central heating, AC, sauna, boiler room garden, swimming pool, garage, alarming system, security system. Price: 8000 USD.
- 999. **Aygedzor**, Land -1000 sqm, basement + 2 floors- 310 sqm, capitolly repaired, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, newly furnished, equipped, sauna, swimming-pool. Starting Price: 5000 USD.
- 1094. **Noy block**, Land-450sqm, 2 storied building - 220sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden. Price: 2000USD.

3 ROOMS AND MORE

- 2358 **V. Sargsyan str**, Newly Built, 7/4, 145sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, one guest toilet, capitolly renovated, furnished, underground parking. Price: 3000 USD negotiable
- 2353 **V. Sargsyan str.** 8/5, Newly built, 98sq.m, 2bedrooms, capitolly renovated, furnished, Price 1500 USD
- 2347 **Teryan str.** Newly built, 10/8, 320sq.m, 3bedrooms, office, 3 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished. Price: Negotiable
- 2277. **Kievyan str.** duplex, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, with or without furniture. Price: Negotiable.
- 2310 **Busand str.**, Newly built, 190sq.m, 3bedrooms, 3bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2500 USD
- 2316 **Northern Ave**, Newly built, 6th floor,

- 1195. **Nork, Armenakyan str.**, Land - 2000 sq.m, 4 storied bld.-520 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, sauna, gym, furnished, swimming-pool, garden. Price: 4.000 USD negotiable.
- 1142. **Djrvej**, Bagrevand community. Land-1000 sq.m., 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, pantry, playing room, capitolly repaired, no furniture/ can be furnished, if necessary /garage for 2 cars. Price: 4 000 USD.
- 1293. **Nork-Marash**, Land-1100sq.m, 2 storied bld-520 sq.m, 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, swimming pool, garden. Price: 7.000 USD
- 327. **Nork-Marash**, Land-500sq.m., 4 storied building-600 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking. Price: 4000 USD
- 1306. **Tsarav Akhbyur** /near Botanical garden/, Land-1000sq.m., 3 storied building-750sq.m., 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capitolly repaired, heating system swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking, with or without furniture. Price: 6000-8000 USD negotiable
- 1288. **Tsarav Akhbyur** /near Botanical garden/, Land-560sq.m., 4 storied building-560 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, a kitchen, office, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden, 2 car parking. Price: 5000 USD
- 1197. **Blur**, Land-779sq.m., 2 storied building-720sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, study, capitolly repaired, heating system, sauna swimming pool, garden. Price: 8000 USD
- 1312. **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-450sq.m., 4 storied building-470sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable
- 1317. **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-900sq.m., 5 storied building-800sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable.
- 1323. **Monument, Babayan str**, Land - 400 sq.m, 3 storied bld-300sq.m, each floor-100sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable

PREMISES

- 2049. **Teryan str**, ground floor+basement, 1st line, 200sq.m, repaired. Price: 6.000 USD
- 1693. **Malatia-Sebastia** 4 storied building, 1200sq.m, each floor-300sq.m, 2 separate entrances, climate control, 2 elevators, basement, parking. Price: 15USD per sq.m.
- 1526. **Byuzand str.**, 5/semi-basement, 170 sqm., 4-5 degrees below zero level, window glasses, cellar - 50 sq.m., 6 rooms, the largest is 30 sq.m., 2 entrances, 2 lavatories. Price 2000 USD per month, negotiable.
- 1408. **Zarobyan str.**, /parallel to Baghramyan str./, 2 storied building, 600 sqm. ground floor- hall and kitchen, 1st floor 5 rooms, bathroom, open balcony, capitolly repaired, gas, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable.
- 1462. **Teryan str.**, 3 storied building, 800 sq.m., capitolly repaired, AC, parking. Price: 10.000 USD.
- 1945. **Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1, 2, 140sq.m., window glasses, capitolly repaired, AC. Price: 8000 USD
- 1943. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m., 1st line, capitolly repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 7000 USD
- 1868. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m., 1st line, facade-55m., capitolly repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: 15.000 USD.
- 2087. **Northern ave.**, Ground floor of the building, 100sq.m, 1st line, zero level, capitolly repaired, window glasses. Price: Negotiable.
- 2033. **Abovyan str**, 388sq.m, Ground floor of the building, 3 degrees above zero level, window glasses, h-3m., basement-235sq.m., capitolly repaired, heating system, AC. Price: 15.000 USD
- 2031. **Vardanants str**, 500sq.m, ground floor of the building, 2 entrances, facade-20m, window glasses, without divisions, ,basement-250sq.m., Price: 8000 USD
- 2027. **Sayat Nova str**, 95sq.m, ground floor of the building, 2 entrances, 7 degrees above zero level, 4 window glasses, capitolly repaired. Price: 4.000 USD



Aries: Uranus is in the middle of your sign during 2015. This is a strong symbol of the restlessness and yearning to break free that has plagued you over the recent years. If you are using this energy constructively, you will be working toward a greater cause or the good of those who cannot help themselves. The position of Mars as it transits the zodiac represents you and your drive, for good or ill. Between Jan. 12 and Feb. 17 it is best if you take no aggressive measures, lest they become boomerangs. A new relationship or partnership begins in Feb. It might instead be a recommitment to an ongoing relationship. The middle of March is likely to be a time that you will do battle and take no prisoners. This energy continues through the first week of April. In mid-April you will be challenged by property, family and work situations. Stress and the need for change begins again in mid-July and one more time in Dec. Drive with caution and handle tools carefully during these periods. During Aug. there will be an improvement in the conditions related to work. It is possible that travel or education for the sake of career is in the offing, if not 2015, then in 2016. In July through early fall someone from the past may resurface in your life for a time. You may feel drawn by nostalgia to investigate, but this is unlikely to be long-lasting.



Taurus: This year presents you with an awareness of financial affairs. It is important to focus on your investments and do long term planning. You may be called upon to handle someone else's money, which leads you to realize a need to prepare a will and arrange for your later years. It is time to eliminate debt. In Feb. you will need to focus on your inner work and come to peace with yourself about an old resentment. If you do not do this, then in March you may find yourself suddenly ready for war. The end of March brings expansion via travel or education. Legal matters go in your favor. In July through Sept. you may take a romantic step into the past to revisit unresolved matters. At that time your creativity seems to go underground, but it will reappear in latter Sept. In mid to latter Sept. you begin a fresh relationship. It may be romantic, but it also might be a fresh start on relationship from long ago. Oct. brings surprises, most of which you will consider favorable. That may be a time to travel as well. Take special care of your health in Nov. The month of Dec. is favorable for relationships.



Gemini: This is the year in which it is time to think seriously about your partner(s) and other very close relationships in your life.

Those of you in a bad relationship will be verging upon letting that one go. If you want to remain in your partnership it requires finding a new, fresher reason to remain together. Close friends fit into this category as well. So those who are not good for you need to move on. Those who genuinely care about you will become your teachers for the next couple of years. The year begins with your ruling planet Mercury, in retrograde motion. You likely will be rethinking your next moves. That which seemed favorable in December on pause while you think about the possible fallout if you take this step. You will be less likely to make decisions during this period, yet you are pondering serious matters. In mid-March you will learn the truth about a previously held illusion. In early April you may be provoked to battle the Powers That Be, but the probability is that they won't budge. During May-June, Mercury is in your sign with another retrograde cycle. The probability is high that you will change directions from that which was on your mind in April. It will be a good time to think about yourself and tend to your health. July brings another time of struggling with the Powers in your life. Things around you will lighten up in August. Any time before Aug 27 would be good for a vacation. During Sep-Oct Mercury will be retrograding in the territory related to lovers and children (no matter how old they are). You and/or your children will be rethinking your paths again. Former lovers may return or you may back out of a current lover relationship. Nov. and the Thanksgiving holiday will be quiet, subdued. In Dec. you will want to take control of those around you. That may not be appreciated, but you can try.



Cancer: Much of your focus this year is to continue sorting and organizing your property. Follow the instinct to give away or otherwise dispose of whatever you do not need. You want to eliminate whatever feels like clutter, whether it is "stuff" or anything outdated, such as clothing. The eclipse seasons tend to create drama. Watch the months of March and April which may bring drama centered around your partner(s), especially near April 4. Then again in Sept, particularly near the 28th. In July there is likely to be an upset pertaining to your life direction. You and another will have to resolve a dilemma or two. From June 24 through Aug 8 you will be involved in heavy exercise or in a project that requires the use of your large muscles. Mid-May and early July are favorable times for travel. Jan through Aug. is overall favorable in the financial department of life. On or near July 25 it is important to give especially good attention to your body English and drive like a little old lady. Your reflexes are in a low at that time. In early October you may be choosing to move or make significant changes in your home and property. You may have a challenge with authorities in Dec. They have the upper hand.



Leo: The first half of 2015 you will probably be thinking seriously about love life, children, and creativity. You don't want to be frivolous in love or art. You want something meaningful to develop. Many will take their creativity seriously for the first time. In the first six months, Jupiter will be continuing to travel in your sign. People often experience positive changes with Jupiter in this position. In July and Sept. Venus, the goddess of love goes retrograde in your sign. This transit often represents returning to a former relationship to check it out one more time. People from the past may show up from nowhere and want to reconnect. You may be the one who initiates the search for those in your former history. Watch your behavior in the relationship because you will be tempted to live out old patterns that are not good for you. There are certain times during the year in which you will be caught up in the Uranus/Pluto square. Sometimes you are a victim of the Powers and other times you over-react as a Power. Early Jan. brings a time in which you could be a control freak (unless you watch it). Early April is a time in which you will be on the rebellious side and in support of what seems "just" to you. During July and Oct. you may perceive yourself as a victim of the Powers that Be. It is hard to keep one's balance during these Uranus/Pluto squares



Virgo: Over the next 2 to 3 years, you will be pressed to repair and/or replace property. Whatever you own that is aging will begin to show its cracks. You may also need to focus on elderly family members. You are likely to want to downsize and eliminate whatever is excess around your home. As the year begins, your ruling planet, Mercury, will go through a two month retrograde cycle. You will need to realign your health habits. Aside from health, there may be things related to your work that need to be done again. It could seem as though it is hard to get off the ground in the year's beginning, but that will not last forever. The next Mercury retrograde criss-crosses your career house, setting up changes in that area. Ultimately you will probably wind up exactly where you started. The third Mercury retrograde occurs in Sep-Oct in the territory of finances and resources. At that time you may discover previously made errors in business or in your checkbook that must be corrected. Avoid making major purchases at that time because you may not have enough information to make good choices. On Sep. 27 through Nov. 12 Mars will also be in your sign, adding spark and energy to everything. Jupiter moves into your sign in August for the next 12 months. Jupiter usually brings a favorable attitude change about almost anything. It often

comes with increased travel and more experiences of a ceremonial nature. It definitely favors education and teaching. It may bring a happy surprise in Oct. This will be a year for the new and different.



Libra: During this year you will be pressed to learn efficiency in your communications. Whether written or oral, the need to be concise and organized with your language is emphasized. It is also time to become aware of opinionated attitudes. Learn to recognize them and put on the brakes. What you think is right may not be so. Circumstances related to roommates or siblings may require attention. In Feb-March, whatever difficulties are in your relationships will show themselves. Dialogue is necessary. Whatever is not resolved will resurface again in May and again in Nov. Others may challenge you for reasons of their own. It is easy for others to project their attitudes onto the peaceful Libran and then want to fight you about it. It may seem as though you are going backward, repeating old patterns, or revisiting old relationships between early July through early Oct. This is particularly noticeable in Sept. People from the past will resurface during this period. Or possibly people who remind you of old history will provoke you. Observe the similarity and don't react as before. Let it just go by. Mercury will be retrograde in your sign during Sep. and Oct. This causes you to rethink your plans and perhaps set them aside for a time. You may not have all the information you need, so waiting is favorable. The dramas of those around you take over your time during Nov. Dec. is far more peaceful and playful.



Scorpio: The long darkness that has cast a background pallor over your life is coming to an end this year. You will feel generally better through June. It is possible the summer will remind you of that pallor, but even that will lift in September. It will be important to focus attention on income now and for the next two years. Eliminate wasteful spending. In mid-Feb., you may start a new job that requires the use of your muscles. At the same time there are signs of a new relationship or partnership beginning in Feb. It might instead be a recommitment to an ongoing relationship. Use special caution physically in March because you are subject to accident. In May and mid-July, you may attract one who wants to harm you in some way. Step aside from the darker types in the world. Scorpio can attract them. Leave those people alone. Take care with your mouth during the summer. You may pop off one too many times or in the wrong places. In August you may develop a new circle of friends, who will be a new joy in your life for

many months and maybe longer. During the fall you will be experimenting with the development of a new relationship. Watch your temper in the early part of Dec. Make an effort to deal with relationship situations in a new way.



Sagittarius: For the first 6 months of 2015 you will have a taste of Saturn as it moves into your sign. In June it will backtrack away and then move back to Sagittarius in Sept for the next two years. Saturn represents the taskmaster, the teacher, the one that promotes self-discipline and search for status in the world. When it first moves into a sign it sometimes suggests isolation or leaving one's comfortable situation. People who have Saturn in their sign often feel "alone", even if that is not exactly true. It is more often a sense of being solitary, although it can manifest in a literal way at times. During this year as Saturn crosses the territory into Sagittarius, Neptune is hanging at the bottom of your chart. This often brings the illusion of being alone, or not belonging anywhere at all. One or more family members may drift off into the ethers, but you are truly grounded with Saturn as your partner, and unlikely to meander into outer space. While Mercury is retrograde in your partner's house during Sep-Oct., your partner may be dilly-dallying and unable to make a decision. But you, with Saturn in your sign, will be more stable than you have known for a very long time. Between Jan. and July you likely will be setting up the foundation for a career in the future. Perhaps you are going to school or growing your knowledge in other ways. From Aug. forward for the next year, there is emphasis on your career or life direction. You will want to expand this territory and likely will be given opportunities to try.



Capricorn: Your ruling planet is Saturn which is changing signs this year. You may have noticed that your life tends to make a big shift roughly every 2.5 - 3 years and here we are. Saturn moved into Sagittarius in mid-December and will remain there until June. You are likely fantasizing a sabbatical and you actually need one. You must ease up on your self-expectations or your health may suffer. Make it a point to get extra rest, extra vitamins, and whatever else you know is good for your body. The ongoing Uranus/Pluto squares are taking a toll because Pluto is presently residing in Capricorn. You have challenges from every front and this has gone on since 2010. You have done your best to control the situations around you. There is one more exact square in mid-March. After that the punches are not as hard, but they will keep coming. Prepare your body as best you can. The first

half of the year business is slow, particularly so if it depends upon internet resources. There will be challenges in March, mid-July, Nov, and again in December. From August forward Jupiter favors you with positive aspects related to travel, internet, education, and/or publication.



Aquarius: You will get a preview of the next 3 years during the first 6 months of 2015 and again in the last 4 months and beyond. Your role in life is shifting as Saturn, your ruling planet, moves into Sagittarius. In the big picture you may be asked to lead community projects. You may see yourself taking on the role of teacher, and maybe even as a stepparent. Jan. and Feb. are challenged by a Mercury retrograde in your sign. Drive and handle tools carefully. Don't force yourself to a decision during that period. Avoid contracts, but if you sign, make sure you know exactly what you are promising. Avoid any type of manipulative actions within a relationship. Jupiter, a bountiful planet, remains in your 7th house of marriage and partnerships until Aug. This began last summer and suggests a year of improvement in these relationships. From August forward, Jupiter will be in the territory that includes other people's resources. That might be partner's income, insurance or debt payoffs, inheritance, gifts, public money (SS or disability). If you need a favor, ask between Aug '15 and July '16. The year comes in like a lion but goes out much more like a kitten.



Pisces: Many Pisceans are experiencing an otherworldly sense in their consciousness. Neptune, your ruling planet who was god of the sea, is in your sign for many years. This year those most affected were born between Feb 23rd and March 1. The energy is surreal, causing you to feel ungrounded at times. Intuitive impressions may occasionally interrupt your concentration. Exercise is the antidote, though that is probably the last thing you want to do during this period. The end of March into June is a favorable time for travel or a vacation. Another time is during the month of Oct. Saturn is crossing the top of your chart, suggesting that you will be given more responsibility. Alternately, if you are tired of your life direction, you may decide to chuck the routine in order to take on another project. Authority figures are likely to be challenging in November. Stay under the radar if possible. You will be focused on work through August. After that you may become interested in a potential partner. More people will be in your life between Aug.'15 and July '16. Beware of emotional vampires. That is always a problem for Pisces.

News from VivaCell-MTS

The New Year in a New Home. In Yervandashat Two Families Celebrated Housewarming

40 families of different regions of Armenia started the New Year with joy and new hopes in their new or renovated homes.



At the end of 2015 the construction of a half-built house was completed and the roof of another family's house was renovated in Yervandashat village of Armavir region owing to the partnership between VivaCell-MTS and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia. VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia President Ashot Yeghiazaryan participated in the housewarming ceremony of the happy families.

In 2014 another 9 families of Armavir region were assisted through the housing project. Altogether, in 2014-2015, 11 families of Armavir region were assisted.

The **Karapetyans** started the construction of their house 25 years ago but could not finish it. All these years they have been living in tin shelters, where the two sons of the family were born and raised.



"The New Year holidays are gone but the festive spirit is still with us. This is probably the most remarkable and joyous New Year ever for me and my family. After many years of expectation we met the New Year in our new and bright home. The poor housing conditions have affected my children's health.

Now I can at least be sure that their health is somehow insured. I am grateful for the significant change in our lives," said Anoush, the mother of the Karapetyan family.

"It is pleasant to start the events of 2016 with a housewarming. We now see the results of the program that had commenced last year. The construction period was long and laborious for the cooperating sites, but, perhaps, seemed as the shortest year to families who had finally acquired a house after years of anticipation. The highest proof of the program's success is the smile of the people who have been relieved of their housing problem. The implemented program is important not only from the perspective of granting social security. It also provides moral support: an example of extending a hand of help to families, which are not able to solve their social problems. Taking into account the significance of the housing program, we now announce that we will continue implementing it this year as well," said VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian**.



"The happiness of this family is also our happiness and the guarantee of our success. I hope this year will also be productive. A lot can be changed with joint forces. I am sure there will come a day when each Armenian family has a safe home," said Fuller Center for Housing Armenia President **Ashot Yeghiazaryan**.

In 2015 VivaCell-MTS invested AMD 100 million for the housing project, and the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia has undertaken the implementation of the project. Through this partnership, since 2007 the number of the families having their houses renovated or the construction of the half-built houses completed is 93.



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- Maestro Smbatyan, with the State Youth Orchestra's concert on January 15 the Armenian Composing Art Festival, already the seventh one, opens. Please, tell The Highlights readers about that a few words...

- Yes, and the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia is a co-founder of the Festival that is being held under the high patronage of the President of Armenia H.E. **Serzh A. Sargsyan**. According to a tradition, yeach time this annual festival dedicated to a famous composer's jubilee, so this year it marks the 95th anniversary of **Edward M. Mirzoyan** of the blessed memory. The concert soloist is the world famous violinist **Sergey Khachatryan**, who will perform a concert written especially for him by composer **Khachatur Martirosyan**...

25th gala concert dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the SYOA. At your recent press conference you said that the Orchestra that you've founded and directed was unlikely to continue to be called "youth" ... So what a name you will give the Orchestra. As I understand, it will be revealed at the concert to be held on January 25th ...

- You know, we all are in incredible search for that as we need to realize carefully how to present a new name to our loyal listeners and the wider public. One thing I can say by the moment: the new name will be a really unprecedented one for Armenia ...

- Well, let's speak about the concert itself... What is it going to be?

- Let me say in one word: it will be a music fireworks ... And if I am asked in 2017 what was the main event of 2016 for me, then I will say without a sign of hesitation: the fact that the great Maestro

neonist and cellist Narek Hakhnazaryan, then you will make sure that it will be a really unprecedented concert, a celebration full of surprises...

Taking the advantage of the opportunity kindly given by your newspaper, I would like to inform our compatriots that in the afternoon of January 25, at the "Moscow" cinema will be shown a documentary, "Voice of Orchestra", on the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia shot by "Seven Arts" French company.

P.S. At the 15th January concert SYOA performed Edward Mirzoyan's Symphony for String Orchestra and Timpani and Khachatur Martirosyan's "Awakening" Symphony Poem as well as Martirosyan's Concerto-Fantasy for Violin and Orchestra.

Composer Khachatur Martirosyan informed audience in the jam-packed Aram Khachatourian Grand Hall that Concerto-Fantasy he dedicated to Sergey



- ... You know, I do not consider myself a person unfamiliar with the Armenian music, but to be honest, I hear the name of our fellow composer for the first time ...

- ... Khachatour Martirosyan belongs to the older generation of Armenian composers, he was very active during the Soviet years ... In 2013 the SYOA performed his Concerto for Viola and Orchestra...

-... If I am not mistaken, this festival that will last until the end of February, will include symphony, chamber and choral concerts...

-Yes, orchestra and soloists will perform works by Ed.Mirzoyan, A.Ajemyan, A.Satyan and other authors.

- Well, now let's turn to the so-called main intrigue, i.e. the upcoming January

Krzysztof Penderecki arrived in Armenia specially to attend jubilee concert of the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia. Our orchestra will perform that day Penderecki Double Concerto for Violin and Cello that has its permanent place in the SYOA repertoire, with the soloists **Hayk Kazazyan**, 1st Prize winner at the 2015 P.I.Tchaykovski Competition (violin) and **Astghik Siranosyan**, winner of the Penderecki Competition (cello). And also it is the great honor for me participation in our concert of the pianist **Alexander Romanovsky** who is well known for the Armenian audience, and violinist **Juka Tsuboi** from Japan who was the first soloist from the orchestra, sharp ten years ago, in 2006. Jan. 25th... And if we add to all this also another world known musicians such as Italian accordeonist/bando-

Khachatryan. "I started it 10 years ago and I always imagined that Khachatryan must perform it. 2 years before when I had finished it, I saw Sergey here and dedicated it to him. It is a creation of 10 years. I attended the rehearsals; I saw how they were prepared. I like their performance. Sergey is our best musician and we have high hopes for him in the future. We wish him big success," Armenian composer mentioned.

At the end of the concert the composer appeared on the stage, kissed Sergey Khachatryan's forehead and thanked him for the performance of his work. And the audience did not let Sergey Khachatryan to leave without "Encore": he performed works by J.S.Bach and the grateful audience greeted him with endless applause.

Photos by Mariam Ghazanchyan
(Culture.AM)

Massacre of Armenians in Baku remembered 26 years later

The massacre of Armenians started on January 13, 26 years ago and continued for a week. Those guilty for the events of 1990 have not been punished; the exact number of the victims is still unknown. What's obvious, however, is that the real number considerably exceeds the official data.

The events in Baku 26 years ago were real genocide against the Armenian population. Tens of Armenians were killed in Baku between January 13 and 20. They



were robbed of their property and exiled.

"More than a quarter of century after the massacre, the events have not been properly assessed," President of the Assembly of Azerbaijani Armenians Grigory Ayvazyan told reporters on January 13.

"The neighboring country glorifies the organizers and perpetrators of the crime. Even today killing an Armenia is not seen as a crime in Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan brings up generations on the example of cut-throats and murderers," he said.

"The massacre of Armenians is a serious counterargument for all those, who try to imagine Artsakh under Azerbaijani jurisdiction. In this case the reoccurrence of ethnic cleansings will be unavoidable. Remembering Baku



and Sumgait, we'll not allow the same in Artsakh," sociologist Aharon Adibekyan said.

According to him, the book titled "Armenophobia in Azerbaijan" will soon be released. The book, which has been translated into English, tells about the Armenian massacres in Baku and Sumgait and their consequences. Adibekyan said "we must make it clear to the world who we have to deal with in the face of Azerbaijan."

An unsung American hero to be honored for saving 250,000 people during the Armenian Genocide

Asa Kent Jennings was an American hero who saved 250,000 people during the Armenian Genocide.

Despite his awe-inspiring life-saving deeds, his story has not been properly recognized, not only around the world, but also in the USA and in Armenia.

The Board of the International Raoul Wallenberg Foundation has resolved to pay tribute to his legacy in a series of activities that will be made public soon.

Jennings was a small-town handicapped Minister originally from upstate New York. At the beginning of the 20th century he worked in the affluent city of Smyrna in Turkey, as a YMCA employee.

In September 1922, the Turkish nationalist army entered the city with the intent of slaughtering all its Christian residents, mostly Armenians and Greek. A huge blaze erupted through the city on September 13, trapping scores of refugees in a narrow strip by the sea. Hundreds of thousands were doomed to die on the city's



waterfront. Many of them were succumbing to plagues, hunger and thirst, under the Turkish siege.

Aware of their plight, Jennings had set-up a first-aid station for pregnant women in an empty home on the waterfront. He then organized a fleet of ships with the help of the US Navy in an audacious and imaginative rescue plan.

The Jennings evacuation removed

250,000 refugees from Smyrna and relocated them to the Greek Islands and the cities of Thessaloniki and Piraeus.

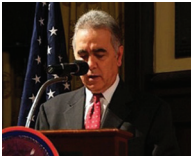
This blitz operation took only 7 days, to meet a Turkish city amidst threats of deportation. His courage and shrewdness saved the lives of a quarter million innocent human beings from a terrible death.

Asa Kent Jennings is a great American rescuer who went out of his way to save scores of Armenians and Greeks and his legacy needs to be divulged for the world to know that people like him were not indifferent to the plight of other human beings.

His spirit of solidarity should be a beacon of hope and should teach us that one man can make a difference.

The IRWF decision to commemorate the feats of Asa Jennings are in the framework of the NGO's research efforts aimed at discovering the brave women and men who reached-out to the Armenians in their suffering.

The White House should answer 10 key questions on Artsakh



By Harut
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For many years, the Armenian-American community has been dissatisfied with United States policy on Artsakh (Nagorno Karabagh).

Under the guise of neutrality, OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chair James Warlick and his predecessors have put the blame on both sides of the conflict each time that Azerbaijan has opened fire on Armenia and Artsakh. Such an unfair approach has encouraged Pres. Aliyev to escalate his attacks.

To eliminate or at least minimize such bloody aggression, 85 members of Congress recently signed a joint letter urging the Obama Administration to implement the following three steps regarding the border between the two countries:

1. withdraw the snipers;
2. increase the number of international monitors; and
3. deploy gunfire locators. Not surprisingly, Azerbaijan has rejected all three proposals, while Armenia, Artsakh, and the Minsk Group of mediators (France, Russia, and United States) have accepted them.

Last week, House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce held a classified briefing with Amb. Warlick concerning the implementation of the proposals which he and Cong. Eliot Engel had initiated. Before the closed-door meeting, the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA) had circulated a set of 10 suggested questions for Amb. Warlick. While it not known if these questions were raised during the congressional briefing, the Obama Administration should be asked to respond publicly to the 10 questions so that everyone becomes aware of its position on the Artsakh conflict.

To ensure that an official answer is

received, I suggest the posting of these questions on the White House website, under the "Petitions" section. The website states that the Obama Administration will issue a formal response in 60 days to any petition that gathers over 100,000 signatures within 30 days of its posting. Azeris have already taken advantage of this unique opportunity by posting on the White House website two anti-Armenian petitions which gathered 105,686 and 126,828 signatures respectively. As expected, the White House did issue a statement in response to the two Azeri petitions.

Below are the 10 ANCA questions which should be posted as a petition on the White House website:

1. What specific steps, if any, has the U.S. government taken to ensure the implementation of the Royce-Engel peace proposals, specifically with regard to an agreement on the non-deployment of snipers, the addition of observers, and the deployment of gunfire locator systems along the line of contact?

2. The State Department has been both very vocal and highly specific about what it believes the Armenian side must concede. Is the U.S. government willing to match this public diplomacy with equally high-profile and similarly concrete demands upon Azerbaijan?

3. What are the specific facts, legal arguments, and policy considerations that led our government to officially recognize Kosovo but not Nagorno Karabakh?

4. Does the Azerbaijani government's record of domestic repression and corruption in any way impact how our government views Azerbaijan's claim to extend its

governance over Nagorno Karabakh?

5. Why has Azerbaijan's well documented and video-taped destruction of the medieval Armenian Cemetery in Djulfa never been mentioned in either the State Department's Human Rights or Religious Freedom reports?

6. What is the U.S. government's current request, if any, regarding the re-incarceration of admitted and still unrepentant axe-murderer Ramil Safarov?

7. What is the U.S. policy concerning the Azerbaijani government's travel restrictions related to U.S. citizens of Armenian heritage?

8. What is the U.S. policy regarding NATO member states, notably Turkey, making sales or transfers of advanced, offensive weaponry to Azerbaijan?

9. What specific restrictions exist regarding travel and communication between the citizens and officials of the United States and Nagorno Karabakh? What are the justifications for any such restrictions of these freedoms? What, if any, are the perceived benefits of such restrictions?

10. What interests do you believe have been served, if any, by official U.S. public restraint in challenging Azerbaijan's high-profile anti-Armenian incitements, threats, and cross-border aggression?

I believe that a well-publicized petition can gather much more than 100,000 signatures within 30 days of its posting on the White House website, particularly if prominent individuals with a large number of followers endorse the petition.

Canadian Armenian community maintains support for Syrian refugees

By Robin Levinson King
The Star

By the time 10,000 Syrian refugees have arrived in the country, Canadians will have fine-tuned their welcome act into a national ritual.

January 12 was expected to be the day that the 10,000th Syrian refugee arrives in Canada. Two planes carrying 465 refugees were scheduled to arrive at Toronto Pearson International Airport sometime Tuesday, although it's not known when they will land. Pearson reported some flight cancellations and delays due to snowy weather conditions earlier in the day.

A plane carrying 155 was also bound for Montreal.

When they land, hundreds of volunteers and aid workers will have already arranged shelter, food and clothing for their first night in Canada. Most refugees who land in Toronto will stay at a hotel such as the Toronto Plaza Hotel in North York, where they will find a hot meal and even winter coats.

From there, many will be picked up by volunteer private sponsors who have helped set them up with an apartment and guarantee their financial security for at least one year.

About half of the refugees who have arrived so far have been privately sponsored by groups such as the Armenian Community Centre of Toronto. Since Dec. 10, when the first plane arrived, the centre has accepted more than 700 refugees, says one of the refugee sponsorship organizers, Apkar Mirakian.

It was during that first arrival, Mirakian said, that the refugees started what became a kind of welcome tradition. Instead of bee-lining for the community centre, where they would meet their sponsor family, they headed straight to the adjacent church.

"They wanted to go to the church, because they had to thank God and Canada. God because he gave them an opportunity for living now, and Canada because it gave them an opportunity to live in Canada," Mirakian said.

Mirakian said that volunteers have been doing everything to make sure the Syrian's transition to Canadian life is as



smooth as possible, but that there are no guarantees.

"I hope there won't be any regrets, when they don't find a job or they come into difficulty. We're trying to keep them - nobody falls through the wire mesh, we're trying to hold them all together," Mirakian said.

The biggest obstacles facing refugees right now are finding shelter and work.

"The rest will fall into place, when they're working and have a place to live."

Right now, most refugees are spending their first night in Canada at a hotel near the airport. But when vacancies run out - possibly as early as next week - refugees will be headed to Canadian Forces Bases Valcartier, Kingston and Borden.

Space is available for 6,000 people at various bases and facilities throughout Ontario and Quebec, with an additional 7,000 spots also in reserve if needed, the Forces say on their website.

The Red Cross is working with the government to prepare the bases in advance. Chiran Livera, a spokesperson for the organization, said the Red Cross Canada doesn't expect any refugees to arrive at the military in the next few days, but that they are prepared to welcome them as soon as they are needed.

"We've been on the bases for the last couple of weeks now," Livera said. "We're ready to go."

It might not be ideal - escaping war-torn Syria only to spend your first few nights on a military base. But Livera said

the facility is well equipped and provides a lot of services, such as private rooms, recreational facilities and internet access.

"In that sense it's like a little town," he said. "For sure there will be soldiers there doing their regular work that they normally do, but I think everyone is there to support the refugees and they will receive a very hospitable welcome."

Approximately 70 Canadian Armed Forces members have returned from Jordan and Lebanon, where they were part of a broader government effort to bring 25,000 Syrians to Canada by the end of next month.

"All it takes is seeing one little one the same age as my daughter - smiling because they are going to Canada," said Maj. Drew Willis, who was among 68 soldiers who arrived to waiting family members early Tuesday at Canadian Forces Base Gaagetown in New Brunswick.

About 150 soldiers remain overseas helping process applications and conduct medical tests on the thousands of Syrians who are still passing through the screening process.

Mirakian, who is of Armenian origin, said that when he immigrated to Canada in 1967 he was overwhelmed by the help that Canadians gave him, and he wants to repay the favour.

"That's why I want to help, that's why I'm here. Because I'm a Canadian of Armenian origin and Canada has always taught me to be a different man than the rest of the world," he said.

Picasso's granddaughter to sell works for £10m



More than 180 ceramics and drawings by Picasso, kept in his studio in his lifetime and never before offered to the public, are to be sold by his granddaughter, The Telegraph reports.

Marina Picasso is to offer 70 ceramic and terracotta sculptures for sale at Sotheby's, along with 106 works on paper

said to provide a "masterview overview of Picasso's career in its entirety".

Estimates for each item range from £4,000 to £180,000, with the entire collection expected to sell for up to £9.8 million.

Ms Picasso, 65, is the daughter of the artist's eldest son Paulo and inherited

around 10,000 pieces from his estate in 1975.

In June, an auction of 126 ceramics from her portion of the estate also sold through Sotheby's to secure a £12.3m million total.

Last week, Ms Picasso told the Wall Street Journal: "This is part of my history, so I want them to sell well, and prices right now are strong at auction."

Helena Newman, co-head of impressionist and modern art worldwide at the auction house, said: "This wonderful collection presents an intimate view of the artist in his moments of creation, as though we are standing at Picasso's shoulder, able to observe his creative process as he reinvented himself as an artist over and over again.

"Picasso's drawings and unique ceramics allow one to get right up close to the artist at the very genesis of the development of many of his core elemental themes."

They will be offered for sale in London on February 5.

Armenian and Iranian contemporary music to be presented in 5 cities of Iran

The Concert Tour of well-known pianist Hayk Melikyan, an Honored Artist of Armenia, will be launching starting from January 13, 2016 in five biggest cities of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

He will be having 6 recitals which are organized by the New Music Center of Tehran in cooperation with the Governmental entities of the Country.

Hayk Melikyan will mainly be presenting the contemporary music by Armenian (Tigran Mansuryan, Arthur Akshelyan and others) and Iranian (Amir Mahyar Tafreshipour, Hormoz and Shahin Farhaz and others) composers and will also include some of the world-known European ones: Heinz Holliger, Michel Karsky, Toru Takemitsu and others.

There will be several premieres during the concert tour and Hayk Melikyan will also conduct special master classes for Iranian students in all the above mentioned cities.



Concert Dates:
 January 13: Bushehr (The City Hall)
 January 15 & 16: Tehran (Roudaki Chamber Music Hall)
 January 17: Yazd (The Municipality Concert Hall)
 January 19: Ahvaz (Aftab Concert Hall)

Januair 20: Shiraz (Hafez Concert Hall)

After the return of the Pianist from Iran, he will give a recital for the Yerevan audience, which will launch the 2016 Concert Season of KOMITAS Museum Institute on January 29.

Avedis Cebeciyán: An Armenian doctor in World War I

The book, titled "Bir Ermeni Subayın Çanakkale ve Dogu Cephesi Günlüğü 1914-1918" (The Journal of an Armenian Military Officer at the Çanakkale and Eastern Front, 1914-1918), which includes Dr. Avedis Cebeciyán's memories of the war, has been translated into Turkish, Today's Zaman reports. The book was originally written in Armenian and published in Beirut in 1986.

The book reveals another perspective of the war and contains some of Cebeciyán's insights. Some moments of the battle, bombardments by Allied countries and tents set up for those injured in the war are among the moments covered in the book by the Armenian doctor.

Cebeciyán states in the book that the Deportation Law, which was enacted on May 27, 1915, came as another tragic incident Ottoman Armenians suffered during the war. Cebeciyán describes the situation of those who suffered due to the deportation policy, as his family members, including his pregnant wife, were deported to Syria in 1915.

In a journal entry dated Aug. 13, 1915, Cebeciyán wrote: "An enemy aircraft bombed us three times today. One of the bombs landed four meters away from my tent. I wasn't in the tent and the bomb didn't explode. It just got stuck in the ground and we dug it out. There are many injured people here. It's painful to witness the



sufferings of thousands of people and not being able to do anything for them but transfer them [to hospitals]. We have transferred 11,000 wounded in the last three days and there isn't enough space on the ships for all of them. I have spent most nights without any sleep carrying out the transfers."

"The bombardment has finally ended. However, a ship has caught on fire. I stood up on a steep mountain, and called to the soldiers, saying: 'Come on, this is a day to serve the country. Come to [extinguish] the fire!'" Cebeciyán wrote in another entry dated Sept. 3, 1915.

Cebeciyán attended the American University of Beirut with the encouragement of his father, Hovhannes Cebeciyán - one of the Armenian gentry in Gaziantep province, and graduated as a doctor. After serving in Sanliurfa for a while, he continued to work at the Sev Gaziantep American Hospital. He also served in Germany and Switzerland to gain more experi-

ence and specialize in his profession. The Adana massacre of 1909, which resulted in the death of 20,000-30,000 Armenians and 1,300 Arameans (Syriacs), broke out when his wife was pregnant with their first child. Cebeciyán decided to return to Gaziantep, his hometown, because things were becoming unbearable for him after his father-in-law was killed on his way to Osmaniye.

Cebeciyán heard that many of his relatives had been killed while he was treating those who were injured during World War I. His brother, Kirkor, had been banished to Syria and was able to come back only after the war. He returned to Syria's Aleppo Governorate after the Armistice of Mudros was signed on Oct. 30, 1918. He earned a living by establishing a clinic with his brother-in-law, Filip Hovnanyan, who was also a doctor. He treated those who were injured during the 1915 Armenian massacres and worked at the clinic until 1952, two years before his death.

Zodiac Weekly Forecast

Aries (March 20-April 19)



If you share resources with anyone, now is the time to work out whatever arrangements need to be made. This could be over a debt, home resources, insurance, stocks, bonds, or checking accounts. It is time to work toward settling pending financial matters and make a plan for your future. Finalize the plan after Mercury turns direct on Jan. 25.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)



Make it a point to remain objective and stand aside from over-reacting to slights. You could be feeling a pain that comes from long ago rather than what is right in front of you. Warning to those on diet and exercise programs: this week it is just too easy to break training. If you mean what you've promised to yourself, don't go anywhere in which you would be in harm's way.

Gemini (May 20-June 20)



Old issues concerning the sharing of resources may be up for review again. "Shared resources" include partnership money, insurance benefits, investments, or anything of value between you and another. The alternative to the material shared resources is the energy shared intimately. Any of these are up for review.

Cancer (June 21-July 21)



You and your partner are engaging with others to revisit the past and bring it to closure. The discussions and/or rituals involved are necessary and promote a sense of peace for everyone. You are in the flow of things now. There are few who would stand in your way.

Leo (July 22-August 21)



This time is loaded with multiple aspects. One track is that you feel obligated to tow the line with respect to someone's authority. It might be your own objectives that you serve. It appears that you may have recently acquired the resources to pursue a project. Wait until after Jan. 25th before you sign on the dotted line.

Virgo (August 22-September 22)



Mercury has turned retrograde in the territory that rules children, creative efforts, and love life. Anything on your radar screen that is related to these territories is subject to turnaround, review, deceleration, rethinking for a few weeks. Maybe you'll want to make contact with a previous love interest or family you haven't heard from in too long.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)



You are probably going to enjoy seeing people who have been gone for a while. Sometimes even the best of pleasures can grow like a balloon until they take up all the space in your life. Dieters, be warned to avoid tempting situations. You are prone to self-indulgence right now.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)



This is a powerful time to consider your spiritual purposes. It is all too easy for the maya, the things of the world, to overwhelm every waking minute, leaving no time for the higher goals. If you notice fatigue, disappointment, or depression at this time, stop. Be still and listen for the voice deep within your soul.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 20)



You have returned to an environment in which you were previously. Right now it seems blissful and maybe full of romance. Enjoy it to the fullest, but now is not the time to believe in promises you or the Other makes. Circumstances may change after Mercury turns direct on Jan. 25th.

Capricorn (December 21-January 19)



You are attending to responsibilities this week. It is a fairly serious time in which you feel somehow ethically or morally bound to follow through with commitments to the outside world. It is possible you are somehow teaching others what you have learned. You will definitely succeed if you have prepared.

Aquarius (January 20-February 17)



You are in a somber frame of mind this week. Decisions in front of you have long term consequences, so you do not want to make mistakes. Yet the present path does not seem at all clear. Don't thrash yourself because you do not have the decision finalized already. Be still and leave it with your unconscious to sort out the solution.

Pisces (February 18-March 19)



Make a special effort to keep up with keys, tickets, and other small items. Your feelings are easily injured right now. On the other hand, you may be the offender, hurting someone else. Try to stay on the planet and think carefully before you speak. Misunderstandings will be common. Double check all incoming data.

Holy Resurrection Chapel of Swaziland transferred to Catholicosate of Etchmiadzin

On January 13, King Msvati III of Swaziland officially transferred the Holy Resurrection Armenian Chapel and the lands pertaining to the Chapel to the Catholicosate of Etchmiadzin.

“Armenpress” reports, citing the source of the Ministry of Diaspora “Hayern Aysor”.

A year ago, representatives of the local Armenian community submitted to King Msvati III of Swaziland a petition with the request to transfer the Holy Resurrection Church to the Catholicosate of Etchmiadzin. A year later, the Armenian chapel of Swaziland truly became an Armenian chapel and one that will legally

pertain to the Catholicosate from now on.

The Armenian Church in the distant African kingdom was constructed in 1989, thanks to Grigor Derbelyan.

Grigor Derbelyan, citizen of Swaziland, was born in 1914 in Aintab. During the Armenian Genocide, with her 20-day-old son in her hands, Grigor’s mother reached her husband in Cairo by foot and died a couple of months later. Finishing his studies at the Armenian university in Cairo, for 12 years, Grigor worked in Khartum (Sudan) where there was quite a large Armenian community. Later, he started working for the Olivetti company in Johannesburg, South African

Republic.

When he matured, Grigor Derbelyan decided to settle in Swaziland where, according to him, he discovered a wonderful place called Pine Valley, which is not far from Mbabab, the capital of Swaziland. Seeing the place, Grigor decided that it is here where he wants to spend the rest of his life and die.

In the center of Pine Valley, the landscape of which reminded him of Armenia, Grigor purchased an 11-acre land, built a small Armenian chapel and plants 1,770 pine and fir trees. A small river flows beside the chapel. Grigor referred to the river as the Arax River and even placed a panel named “Arax River”. Construction of the church was launched in 1985 and ended in 1989.

About 60 people made contributions for construction of the chapel, including Olivetti Company, which hired Grigor for 12 years.

The small church has two cupolas.

Local construction materials were used to build the chapel. Interestingly, the part in the back of the chapel leans on a large stone that serves as an altar, like the Saint Geghard Church in Armenia.

Today, there is a small Armenian community of eight members in the small African Kingdom. The Armenians of the neighboring South African Republic help the Armenians of Swaziland care for the chapel and the lands pertaining to the chapel.





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