

Armenia Marks Genocide Anniversary



Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan, U.S. actor George Clooney and French-Armenian singer Charles Aznavour attend a remembrance ceremony at the Armenian Genocide Memorial in Yerevan, 24Apr2016.

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Armenian President receives Russian FM

Armenia and Azerbaijan should accept specific safeguards against ceasefire violations without "further delay," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on April 22 during a visit to Yerevan aimed at de-escalating the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

Lavrov said both conflicting parties should "fully" restore and bolster the ceasefire regime along the Karabakh "line of contact" following the worst fighting in over two decades that broke out there on April 2.

"These tragic events once again confirmed the fact that this conflict does not and cannot have a military solution and can be settled in a solely politico-diplomatic way," he said after talks with his Armenian counterpart Edward Nalbandian.

"We believe that at this stage the absolute priority is to ensure a full and unconditional compliance with the [Russian-mediated] ceasefire agreements of 1994 and 1995, which are open-ended and must be fully respected as such by all," he added.

Lavrov travelled to Yerevan amid intense Armenian media speculation that Moscow, having helped to stop the heavy fighting on April 5, is now seeking to revive the Karabakh peace process at the expense of more Armenian concessions to Azerbaijan.

However, the Russian minister made no mention of any compromise peace accords at the joint news conference with Nalbandian. Instead, he put the emphasis on maintaining and strengthening the truce through confidence-building measures that have long been advocated by Russia as well as the two other mediating powers, the United States and France.

Lavrov said that Presidents Serzh Sargsyan of Armenia and Ilham Aliyev of Azerbaijan agreed to such measures at a 2011 summit in Kazan, Russia, which nearly yielded a breakthrough. "A further delay in the implementation of those decisions would be wrong," he stressed.

Lavrov met with Serzh Sargsyan later in the day. The Armenian president told him that with its April 2 offensive in Karabakh Baku dealt a severe blow to prospects for a peaceful resolution of the Karabakh conflict.

"I do understand what you said, Serzh Azatovich," Lavrov replied. "It is certainly difficult to return to the negotiating table now. The situation should calm down a little."

The proposed truce safeguards include mutual withdrawal of snipers from the frontlines and a mechanism for OSCE investigations of armed incidents on both the Karabakh "line of contact" and the Armenian-Azerbaijani border. They have been repeatedly backed by Armenia but rejected by Azerbaijan.

Aliyev charged last month that the confidence-building meas-

ures sought by the U.S., Russian and French co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group would only "freeze the conflict" and thus boost the Armenian side. "Instead of resolving the conflict, they come up with weird proposals to bolster security along the Line of Contact," he said.

In an extensive statement released on Thursday, the Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry blamed Yerevan for the April 2 escalation. "With its pre-planned attack Armenia nullified the ceasefire agreement reached in 1994," it said.

The Armenian Foreign Ministry brushed aside Baku's "cynical" claim as an attempt to "cast doubt" on the validity of that agreement which stopped a nearly three-year-long Armenian-Azerbaijani war for the disputed territory.

Russia's Foreign Ministry similarly emphasized the "open-ended character" of the 1994 truce in a statement issued later on Thursday. It publicized a similar Russian diplomatic note that was sent to Azerbaijan's permanent representative to the OSCE headquarters in Vienna on April 12.

Meeting with Lavrov, President Sargsyan suggested that the Russian, U.S. and French mediators might have prevented "Azerbaijan's irresponsible actions" if they had openly held Baku responsible for previous truce violations. "Unfortunately, the Azerbaijanis felt that they can violate the agreements signed in 1994-1995 with impunity," he said.

"It is very important for me to hear your view on why this [escalation] occurred," Serzh Sargsyan told Lavrov. "Of course, we have our view but you are much better informed and we will therefore be grateful if you present your view."

Lavrov seemed to disagree with the thinly veiled criticism, saying that the flare-up of violence may not have occurred had the conflicting parties made more progress towards agreeing on the Basic Principles of a settlement proposed by the three mediating powers. "Only the parties themselves can reach a solution," he stressed.

Sargsyan and Aliyev came close to ironing out their difference at the 2011 Kazan summit organized by then Russian President Dmitry Medvedev. Armenian officials claimed afterwards that Aliyev scuttled a deal with last-minute demands for changes in the Basic Principles.

Speaking to reporters in Yerevan, Lavrov confirmed that "Armenia didn't reject the Kazan document."

The Basic Principles call for a phased settlement that would end in a referendum on Karabakh's internationally recognized status. The vote would be held years after Armenian withdrawal from virtually all districts around Karabakh.

State awards to a group of servicemen



President of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan and President of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic Bako Sahakyan handed in state awards to a group of servicemen for the courage demonstrated during the protection of the NKR state border during the large-scale military actions unleashed by Azerbaijan between April 2 and 5.



Armenia Marks Genocide Anniversary

President Serzh Sargsyan accused Turkey of maintaining hostile attitudes towards the Armenians as tens of thousands of people marched on April 24 to a hilltop memorial in Yerevan to mark the 101st anniversary of the Armenian genocide in the Ottoman Empire.

The annual day-long procession followed a prayer service led by Catholicos Garegin II, the supreme head of the Armenian Apostolic Church, by the eternal fire of the Tsitsernakaberd memorial to some 1.5 million Armenians massacred by the Ottoman Turks during the First World War. Serzh Sargsyan and other senior Armenian officials also attended the ceremony.

Genocide remembrance ceremonies were also held by Armenian Diaspora communities around the world.

"More than a century has passed since the genocide," Serzh Sargsyan said in a written address to the nation. "What has changed? First of all, we have changed. We have been reborn as a nation and as a state. We have proved to ourselves and the world that the Turkish genocidal plans failed."

"What has not changed is Turkey's denialist stance and hostile attitude towards everything Armenian" he went on. "This is a direct continuation of the crime going on nowadays."

Serzh Sargsyan stressed at the same time that unlike Turkey's government and policy-makers, "the Turkish society has partly changed" with regard to the genocide issue. "Today it knows more about Turkish history than it did yesterday," he said. "Tomorrow it will know even more than it does today, unless, of course, they strangle free speech and media, shoot and arrest parliamentarians, public figures and editors."

The mass killings and deportations of the Ottoman Empire's Armenian subjects began on April 24, 1915 with the arrest and subsequent execution of hundreds of Armenian intellectuals in Constantinople. More than two dozen nations, including France, Russia, Italy and Canada, as well as the European Parliament have

officially recognized the massacres as genocide.

The United States has so far declined to do the same, anxious not to antagonize Turkey, a key NATO ally. While again avoiding the word "genocide," U.S. President Barack Obama on Friday described the Armenian massacres as "the first mass atrocity of the 20th century." Obama reaffirmed his belief that "one and a half million Armenian people were deported, massacred, and marched to their deaths in the final days of the Ottoman empire."

In an annual statement, Obama also cited views on the subject expressed by Pope Francis. The pontiff declared during an April 2015 mass at the Vatican that the events of 1915 can be considered "the first genocide of the 20th century."

The Turkish Foreign Ministry was quick to criticize Obama's statement as "one-sided." "We call upon the U.S. Administration to adopt an objective, prudent and constructive approach, which takes the sufferings of all sides into consideration, by evaluating the historical realities on the basis of a just memory," it said.

Successive Turkish governments have claimed that Armenians died in much smaller numbers and as a result of war and turmoil, rather than a premeditated Ottoman government policy. In an April 2015 speech, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan defended "the relocation of the Armenian population in Anatolia to southern lands."

Erdogan referred to a Syrian desert where hundreds of thousands of Armenians -- mostly women, children and elderly people -- were killed or starved to death. Scores of others died on their way to the Deir ez-Zor camps.

Most Western historians specializing in research of crimes against humanity have dismissed the official Turkish position. "The historical record on the Armenian Genocide is unambiguous and documented by overwhelming evidence," the International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS) said in a 2007 statement.

Armenia briefs NATO on Karabakh escalation

Armenia's First Deputy Minister of Defense David Tonoyan, who was on a working visit to the NATO Headquarters, held a meeting on April 21 with NATO

Deputy Secretary General, Ambassador Alexander Vershbow.

Mr Tonoyan informed Ambassador Vershbow of the Azerbaijan-committed

aggression against Nagorno-Karabakh, particularly Azerbaijan's planned offensives, and presented the evidence of Azerbaijan's violations of international humanitarian law.

Use of military force cannot strip the Nagorno-Karabakh people of its right to self-determination. The Armenians have mobilized their efforts to defend this right. The Nagorno-Karabakh people have a right to self-defense and improvement of its security environment, Mr Tonoyan said.

The sides discussed Armenia-NATO cooperation.

Appreciative of the high-level NATO-Armenia relations, Ambassador Vershbow expressed hope for further development of the bilateral ties.

Mr Tonoyan is to participate in discussions on the Planning and Review Process (PARP) on April 22.



Armenia rejects the UN Alliance of Civilizations Forum to be held in Baku

*Statement
by Armenia in Relation
to the Seventh Forum of the
United Nations Alliance
of Civilizations*

In the early hours of April 2, 2016 Azerbaijan unleashed large-scale offensive operations against Nagorno-Karabakh thus violating trilateral agreements of 1994 on cease-fire and of 1995 on the cease-fire consolidation, signed by Azerbaijan, Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia, which do not have time limits. Azerbaijan has violated basic principles of international law, the decisions and declarations adopted by the OSCE Summits and Ministerial Councils, blatantly disregarding the statements of the presidents of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chair countries - the Russian Federation, United States of America and the French Republic, on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict resolution.

From the very beginning of the Azerbaijani offensive the civilian infrastructures and civilian population, including children and the elderly, became intentional and indiscriminate targets. Among the first civilian victims were a 12 year old boy who was killed in front of the school building as a result of a Grad missile attack and two other schoolchildren wounded.

In one of villages in Karabakh three elderly persons, including a 92 year old woman, were brutally tortured, mutilated and killed. Moreover, three captive soldiers of the Nagorno-Karabakh armed forces were beheaded by Azerbaijani armed forces in ISIL style, which was subsequently celebrated in the towns and villages and publicized through social net-

works. Furthermore, during the exchange of bodies of the deceased between Nagorno-Karabakh and Azerbaijan carried out through the mediation of the International Committee of Red Cross and the Office of the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman in Office, it was registered that the bodies of deceased transferred by the Azerbaijani side had the evidences of severe torture and mutilation.

Those barbaric acts of Azerbaijan, going beyond elementary norms of civilized world constitute violations of core international instruments, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights, Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, Convention on the Rights of the Child, etc. In this context, it is also imperative to specifically mention the blatant violation by Azerbaijan of Geneva Convention of 1949, which inter alia addresses groups exposed to specific risks, such as children, women and elderly and its additional protocols of 1977, 1989.

Azerbaijan demonstrates its total disregard for international human rights law and international humanitarian law. Persistent violations of human rights inside Azerbaijan, consistent attacks and imprisonment of its civil society representatives, the media and human rights defenders, coupled with the regular dissemination of intolerance and hatred against the Armenian people provides breeding ground for the criminal military adventurism of the Azerbaijani regime.

At the time of the gathering of the Seventh Forum of the United Nations



Alliance of Civilizations the Armed Forces of Azerbaijan continue to violate the cease-fire, with new human losses. Since the beginning of Azerbaijani aggression and up today as a result of Azerbaijan's aggression hundreds were killed and wounded, including civilians. This is a manifestation of the absurdity of celebrating more peaceful and socially inclusive world, building mutual respect among peoples of different cultural and religious identities in a country, which is engaged in barbarity and killings a few hundred kilometers away from the venue of the Forum. This is an affront to the image and the integrity of the Alliance.

In this dire situation the convening of the Seventh Forum should have been cancelled in Azerbaijan - a country that grossly violates the very aims, principles, values of the Alliance of Civilizations.

Armenia remains committed to the purposes of the Alliance and remains its friend. However, given the circumstances Armenia does not join the consensus on the Declaration of the Seventh Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations. Therefore, in the absence of consensus the Declaration cannot be adopted.

Armenia rejects the Seventh Forum, to be held in Baku, in its entirety, including its outcome.

On April 19, the following text was sent to the member states of the United Nations Alliance of Civilization.

UN Secretary General's visit to Armenia postponed



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's visit to the South Caucasus, including Armenia has been postponed, the Organization's office in Armenia said.

"The Secretary-General has a keen interest in the South Caucasus region so his visit will be rescheduled," Officer-in-Charge at UN Department of Public Information Armineh Haladjian said.

It was earlier reported that Ban would arrive in Armenia on April 25 as part of his official visit to the South Caucasus countries.

NKR Ombudsman releases interim report on atrocities committed by Azeri forces



The Nagorno Karabakh Republic Human Rights Defender has published an interim report on the atrocities Committed by Azerbaijani Military Forces Against the Civilian Population of the NKR and the Servicemen of the NKR Defence Army on 2-5 April 2016

On April 02, 2016 Azerbaijani military forces breached the Ceasefire Agreement of 1994 by a well-planned large-scale massive attack. The most serious and bloody military operation along the entire NKR-Azerbaijani line of contact for the last 20 years was initiated, that resulted in gross mass violations of human rights.

Today, the Interim Public Report of the NKR Ombudsman

on Atrocities Committed by Azerbaijani Military Forces against the Civilian Population of the NKR and the Servicemen of the NKR Defence Army on April 2-5, 2016 has been published.

The Report is in English and it analyses the Azerbaijani hatred policy towards people of Armenian origin and its horrific consequences that violate all international human rights standards with certain examples of torture and humiliation. The Report provides international human rights organizations' objective assessments of Azerbaijan's policy of inciting hatred and violence towards people of Armenian ethnicity. It also presents hate speech in the Azerbaijani mass media and social networks. The Report also reveals Azerbaijani high officials and other public persons activities aimed at spreading hate speech and incitement to violence.

The Report presents the violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law; cases of attacks on civilian population of NKR, cases of inhuman treatment, as well as cases of torture and mutilation of the NKR Defence Army Servicemen.

The Report will be sent to international human rights organizations, ombudsmen's international institutions and to respective foreign institutions.

I would like to thank the human rights NGOs of the Republic of Nagorno Karabakh for their assistance in drafting the Report, as well as all mass media representatives that have revealed in their publications the brutal cases of gross human rights violations.

President Sargsyan: Point your finger to the aggressor so that we can move forward

President Serzh Sargsyan, who is participating at the Second Global Forum Against the Crime of Genocide convened at the K. Demirjian Sport and Concert Compound, during the break between the sessions conversed with the participants of the Forum, exchanged views with the delegates, and presented Armenia's views regarding a number of issues.

Speaking about the difficulties posed by the geographical location of our country, President Sargsyan said in particular, "It is true that two out of Armenia's four neighbors are conducted hostile policy toward our country. Nevertheless, since independence we have adopted a multi-vector policy trying to develop relations with all our neighbors. Even with Turkey, we were the initiators of reestablishing the relations without preconditions. It was an initiative which revealed to the world why the Armenian-Turkish is closed,

who is setting preconditions and why the Turkish-Azeri "one nation- two states" formula is a real factor. Those who until now have not yet comprehended the political essence of that formula, in their calculations have missed an important element. We are a peaceful nation. We hate no one and do not build our relations on animosity or hatred toward anyone. Our people don't like to fight but we do it when we are forced to. We are forced to fight for one simple reason: we want to live on our own land and we want to be free."

The President spoke also about Russia's role in the resolution of the Nagorno Karabakh issue. "Yesterday I received Minister of Foreign Affairs Lavrov, who was on a visit in Yerevan. I presented to him our position regarding the situation which has been established after the large-scale offensive unleashed by Azerbaijan. Russia as the OSCE

Minsk Group member state is actively involved in the Nagorno Karabakh peace process. For years, we were a responsible member of that process, were trying to find mutually acceptable solutions, were trying to be constructive. Obviously, the blunt violation by Azerbaijan of the 1994 Ceasefire Agreement has thrown the peace process far back. We were convinced that the problem could be solved through exclusively peaceful means, however today the situation is different. Ceasefire and supporting agreements have been violated, five statements of the Presidents of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chair states - US, France, and Russia - were violated, bloodchilling war crimes were committed, and now we are telling everyone - point your finger to the aggressor, expose the aggressor so that lessons are learned, so that we can move forward," said President Serzh Sargsyan.

Armenia to get more weapons 'very soon'



Armenia will acquire new weapons for its armed forces earlier than anticipated because of the escalation of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan said on April 20.

"Very soon we will acquire what we planned to acquire," Abrahamian told reporters in Yerevan.

"If people want to support the families of our killed soldiers and the army on their own, that is acceptable," he said. "But we are not asking or telling anyone to do that. We have the necessary financial means to implement the programs relating to weapons for the army."

"We will even shorten time frames [for arms deliveries,]" he added.

The premier most probably referred to new and mostly advanced weapons which Armenia is due to purchase from Russia with a \$200 million Russian loan allocated last year. Abrahamian's cabinet moved to accelerate those acquisitions on April 15. It instructed the Armenian Defense Ministry to "ascertain" the list of those weapons and negotiate supply contracts with relevant Russian government agencies.

Meeting with Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev in Yerevan on April 7, Abrahamian asked him to tell Rosoboronexport, Russia's state arms exporter, to promptly "conclude the contracts" with the Armenian side. The request came just two days after a Russian-mediat-

ed ceasefire halted the worst fighting in and around Karabakh since 1994.

Many in Armenia feel that the April 2 Azerbaijani offensive there was made possible by Russian-made weapons worth more than \$4 billion purchased by Baku since 2010. Both Abrahamian and President Serzh Sargsyan complained about those arms sales during the talks with Medvedev.

Despite the Armenian discontent, Abrahamian chose to attend an April 15 meeting in Moscow of the prime ministers of Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) member states. The summit was originally due to take place in Yerevan on April 8. Kazakhstan had it cancelled and moved to Moscow in what amounted to a show of support for Azerbaijan.

Abrahamian on Wednesday defended his decision to attend the Moscow summit, which has been strongly criticized by independent Armenian media, pundits and opposition politicians. He said Medvedev personally asked him to refrain from a boycott.

"Of course, I could have boycotted it and pleased those of our people who said that I should not go to Moscow," he said. "But I think that attending it was the right step. We need to think about cooperation with our strategic ally."

Armenia four places up in 2016 World Press Freedom Index

Armenia has improved its media freedom ranking and is currently placed 74th in the 2016 World Press Freedom Index released by the Reporters Without Borders.

Other countries in the region are placed as follows: Russia - 148th, Georgia - 64th, Turkey - 151st, Azerbaijan - 163rd, Iran - 196th.

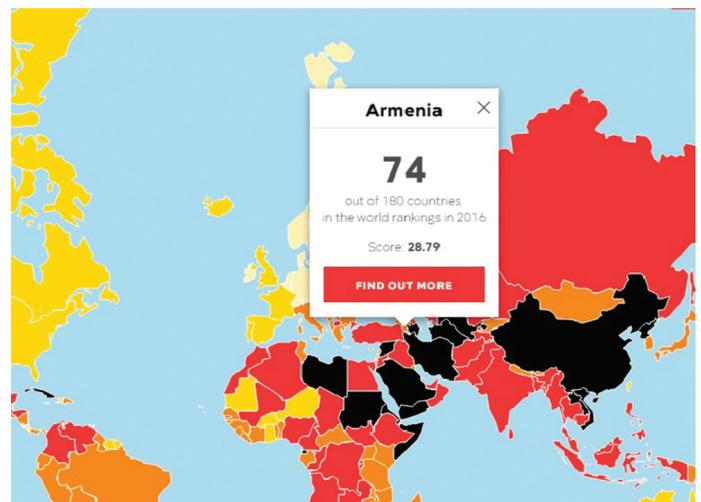
The 2016 World Press Freedom Index reflects the intensity of the attacks on journalistic freedom and independence by governments, ideologies and private-sector interests during the past year.

Seen as a benchmark throughout the world, the Index ranks 180 countries according to the freedom allowed journalists.

Three north European countries head the rankings. They are Finland (ranked 1st, the position it has held since 2010), Netherlands (2nd, up 2 places) and Norway (3rd, down 1).

At the other end of the scale, Turkmenistan, North Korea and Eritrea, in last place, were the worst performers.

The Index is based on an evaluation of media freedom that measures pluralism, media independence, the quality of the legal framework and the safety of journalists in 180 countries.



The Index is not an indicator of the quality of the journalism in each country, nor does it rank public policies even if governments obviously have a major impact on their country's ranking.

Armenian official resigns over Panama Leaks

A powerful Armenian official who has long been linked with lucrative entrepreneurial activity stepped down on Monday after being accused of having secret offshore accounts exposed by the Panama Papers.

The Panama Papers global scandal broke earlier this month when the German newspaper "Sueddeutsche Zeitung" said it received 11.5 million leaked documents from Panama-based law firm Mossack Fonseca showing how offshore companies are used to stash the wealth of the world's elite.

Hetq.am, a respected investigative publication, found that three such shadowy companies are fully or partly owned by Mihran Poghosyan, the controversial head of an Armenian government body enforcing court rulings. It said Poghosyan has the exclusive right to manage Swiss bank accounts of two of those firms. Hetq.am also traced their links with a Yerevan-based real estate agency that was awarded a major Armenian government contract last year.

Poghosyan claimed through his Service for the Mandatory Execution of Judicial Acts (SMEJA) on April 7 that the revelation "does not correspond to reality." The SMEJA's press office accused "some media outlets" of waging a smear campaign against its 39-year-old boss.

"I regret that my name figures alongside the family of Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev that has indeed appropriated billions of dollars," Poghosyan said in a statement posted on the SMEJA website on April 18.

"I find it unacceptable to see my personality cause any civilizational parallels between my country and dictatorial Azerbaijan, which is my I



have tendered my resignation today," he announced. "I will comment on the offshore reports as an ordinary citizen wielding no state levers."

The Panama leak caused a stir in Armenia, with a leading opposition parliamentarian, Levon Zurabyan, demanding on April 7 an explanation from the government on the parliament floor.

Justice Minister Arpine Hovannisyan, to whom the SMEJA is nominally subordinate, referred all questions to the State Commission for the Ethics of High-Ranking Officials, a supposedly anti-corruption body. She said only the commission can decide whether to ask prosecutors to launch criminal proceedings against Poghosyan.

The Armenian police announced five days later that the prosecutors have ordered them to look into the veracity of the Hetq.am report based on the Panama Papers.

Hetq.am and many other independent media outlets have for years accused Poghosyan of having extensive business interests resulting from his government position and connections. In particular, the SMEJA chief is widely regarded as the main owner of a company enjoying a de facto monopoly on banana imports to

Armenia. Media reports have also linked him with a car dealership which has secured many procurement contracts from the SMEJA without tenders.

Poghosyan, who is thought to have enjoyed President Serzh Sargsyan's strong support until now, has repeatedly denied owning businesses or using his position to enrich himself and his family.

Varuzhan Hotkanyan, head of the Armenian branch of the anti-corruption watchdog Transparency International, suggested that Poghosyan was forced to resign by the country's leadership. But he said the resignation does not testify to the government's genuine commitment to combatting graft or herald a tougher fight against corrupt practices.

"I don't regard this resignation as a prelude to making the situation better," Hovannisyan told RFE/RL's Armenian service (Azatutyun.am). "This was done for somehow placating the public."

"I think it was practically impossible to cover up what was revealed [by the Panama Papers] because those offshore companies were registered in his, not somebody else's, name," said the activist.



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- 2949. **Aram str.**, Newly built, 1st floor, 143 sq.m, 2 bedrooms, zero state, Price: 2000 USD per sq.m.
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- 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 Antarayin. 136-315 sq m., walls plastered, electricity, water, gas, euro windows, no exploitation fees. Price: 1200 USD per sq.m, parking -15.000 USD.
- 107. **Monument**, Verin Antarayin. inhabited, 8 floors, gas, windows, street view -1000 USD per sq.m., city looking -1500 USD per sq.m., parking -4 million USD preliminary.
- 87. **Sayat-Nova str.**, 21 floors, 3 bedrooms -188 sq.m., 199 sq.m., Price 1900 USD per sq.m., 2 bedrooms have a beautiful sight - 117 sq.m., 120 sq.m., 124 sq.m., Price: 1700 USD per sq.m., climate control, gas.
- 93. **Kievyan str.**, Given to the operation in October 2011, 16 floors, walls plastered, windows, exterior doors, h -3, 15 m, gas, parking. Price: 1500-1600USD per sq.m, parking-12 000 USD. Possible with mortgage, for 13 years term.
- 94. **Masiv**. 3floors, 8 flats, each flat has 3 bedrooms, 210 sq.m., parking. Price: negotiable.
- 130. **Antarayan str.**, 34 flats, 110-275 sq.m., 4 penthouses-200-275sq.m, available services-car wash, cleaning service, garbage removal service, parking. Price: Negotiable
- 131. **Busand str.**, commercial, office and residential areas, penthouse, available services-car wash, cleaning service, garbage removal service, parking. Price: Negotiable



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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.

- 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+basemnet, 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

104-year old Armenian woman tortured by Azeri forces six years older than Azerbaijan as a country



"Azerbaijani military forces recently unleashed an aggression against the people of Nagorno Karabakh in what has been describes a four-day war," member of the Armenian delegation to PACE Samvel Farmanyanyan said at the Assembly session on April 19.

"Azerbaijani armed forces used deadly offensive weaponry obtained in the course of the past twenty years in a gross breach of all international norms set by the OSCE. Use of force by Azerbaijan goes contrary to the key documents of international law - the UN Charter, the Helsinki Final Act and others. The Azerbaijani attack amounts to an act of aggression in line with international law," the MP said.

"Azerbaijani army targeted civilian infrastructures and peaceful population. Twelve-years-old Vaghinak Grigoryan was killed and two other children were wounded heavily at the schoolyard bombarded by Azeri forces. And this is not the only

case of violence against the civilian population. An elderly couple was shot in the home, with their ears being cut off by the Azerbaijani military. They also executed a 92-year-old Marusya Halabyan and tortured 104-year-old woman, who is six years older than Azerbaijani itself as a country," Farmanyanyan noted.

"Moreover, soldiers of the Nagorno Karabakh Defense Army were beheaded by Azerbaijani troops, beheaded in ISIS way, and all the photos can be found in the social network. These are evidences of cruel treatment by Azerbaijani soldiers, posing with the head of Karam Sloyan as a trophy. Later the head was transferred to local Azerbaijani population, demonstrating it as a trophy and encouraging hatred and aggression against Armenians," the Armenian lawmaker said.

"No action by official Baku has followed to punish the guilty. By doing so Azerbaijan once again violated numerous international treaties, namely the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the International convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the European Convention on Human Rights, the Geneva Conventions on the Protection of Victims of War and others," he stressed.

"Another episode includes torture of prisoners of war and mutilation of bodies of eighteen dead Karabakh soldiers handed over to Nagorno Karabakh authorities in presence of the representatives of the International committee of the Red Cross a week after the hostilities," Farmanyanyan said.

"We can't close our eyes on these crimes committed by Azerbaijani military," he concluded.

PACE: No alternative to peaceful resolution of Karabakh conflict

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) has adopted a declaration, urging the parties to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict to show political will and reach a negotiated settlement within the framework of the OSCE Minsk Group.

The document signed by 44 PACE MPs and released on April 19 reads as follows:

"Being convinced that a peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict has no alternative, the Parliamentary Assembly reiterates its continuous support to the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, the only internationally agreed mediation format, to reach a lasting and just settlement of this conflict. Therefore, we urge to respect the continuous calls made by the Minsk Group Co-Chairs not to undermine their mandate and complicate the ongoing negotiations.

"We encourage all sides to undertake decisive steps and show the necessary political will to reach a negotiated settlement based on proposals of the Co-Chair countries - France, USA and Russia - outlined in five statements at the level of their presidents made since 2009. We share the concerns regarding the increase of tensions in the conflict zone. The use of heavy weaponry, such as mortars and rocket launchers, is unacceptable



and presents a serious danger to civilian population. We deeply regret the loss of lives, including civilians.

"The creation of a mechanism to investigate ceasefire violations together with other proposals of the Minsk Group Co-Chairs on confidence building measures and consolidation of 1994 ceasefire agreement will contribute to the reduction of tensions and the creation of a more favorable atmosphere for advancing peace talks."

Obama stops short of calling Armenian killings genocide



U.S. President Barack Obama again declined to describe the 1915 mass killings of Armenians in Ottoman Turkey as genocide on April 22 in his final presidential statement marking the anniversary of "the first mass atrocity of the 20th century."

"Today we solemnly reflect on the first mass atrocity of the 20th century -- the Armenian Meds Yeghern -- when one and a half million Armenian people were deported, massacred, and marched to their deaths in the final days of the Ottoman Empire," Obama said.

"Today we stand with the Armenian people throughout the world in recalling the horror of the Meds Yeghern and reaf-

firm our ongoing commitment to a democratic, peaceful, and prosperous Armenia," he added ahead of Sunday's commemorations of the 101st anniversary of the tragedy.

Just like in April 2015, Obama mentioned the Polish-Jewish lawyer Raphael Lemkin, who used the atrocities against Armenians and the Nazi massacres of Jews to coin the term "genocide." He also cited in that context views expressed by Pope Francis.

Francis declared during an April 2015 mass at the Vatican that the Armenian massacres can be considered "the first genocide of the 20th century."

"I have consistently stated my own view of what occurred in 1915, and my view has not changed," Obama reiterated on Friday in an apparent reference to his past statements on the subject.

Obama called the Armenian genocide a "widely documented fact supported by an overwhelming body of historical evidence" when he ran for president in 2008. "As President, I will recognize the Armenian Genocide," he pledged at the time.

The leading Armenian-American advocacy groups pointed to that pledge when they denounced Obama's continuing refusal to use the word "genocide" and risk angering Turkey.

The Armenian Assembly of America noted that as recently as last month the United States officially recognized as genocide atrocities committed by the so-called Islamic State in Syria and Iraq. "Selective acknowledgment, especially at a time when Christians and other minorities are being persecuted is indefensible, sends the wrong message and hurts U.S. credibility," its executive director, Bryan Ardouny, said in a statement.

The Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA) criticized Obama in even stronger terms. "This, sadly, is President Obama's legacy -- silence on the Armenian Genocide, complicity in Turkey's denials, and encouragement of Azerbaijani aggression," said the ANCA's Aram Hamparian.

Sicilian Regional Assembly recognizes the Armenian Genocide

The Regional Assembly of Sicily became the 105th local self-government body in Italy to recognize the Armenian Genocide.

In a resolution unanimously adopted by the Assembly on April 20 the lawmakers express their solidarity with the struggle of the Armenian people aimed at recognition of the historic reality.

The resolution calls on the Sicilian regional authorities and the national government to support the events aimed at recognition of the Armenian Genocide and disseminate information about historic facts for the sake of peace, democracy and the right of peoples of self-determination.

The measure was authored by MPs Cordaro Salvatore, (D'Asero Antonino, Papale Alfio and Grasso Bernadette Felice.



George Clooney visits Armenia for Humanitarian Award Event

U.S. actor and director George Clooney arrived in Armenia on April 22 to announce, together with other world-famous persons, the winner of a new humanitarian award created in memory of the 1915 Armenian genocide in Ottoman Turkey.

The international award, known as the Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity, was established last year by three prominent Diaspora Armenians: philanthropists Ruben Vardanyan and Noubar Afeyan and Vartan Gregorian, the president of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. It is meant to honor individuals around the world who have saved many lives in wars, ethnic conflicts and other man-made disasters.

The prize is named after Aurora Mardiganian, an Armenian genocide survivor who witnessed the massacre of relatives and told her story in a book and film.

An international selection committee will award the prize on Sunday at a ceremony in Yerevan timed to coincide with commemorations in Armenia and its worldwide Diaspora of the 101st anniversary of the genocide.

The committee is co-chaired by



Clooney and Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and Nobel prize laureate. Another Nobel laureate, Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee, and Australia's former Foreign Minister Gareth Evans are also among its members.

Clooney was greeted at the Yerevan airport by Vardanyan as he began his first-ever trip to Armenia. The film star could be heard asking the Russian-Armenian businessman how to say "hello" in Armenian.

The committee selected four finalists for the first Aurora Prize from among

about 200 persons last month. The finalists are Marguerite Barankitse, the founder of an orphanage in Burundi, Tom Catena, a U.S. doctor who has single-handedly treated thousands of people in Sudan, Syeda Ghulam Fatima, a Pakistani advocate of destitute workers, and Rev. Bernard Kinvi, a Catholic priest who has saved many Muslims in the Central African Republic.

The winner will receive \$100,000 and designate an organization that inspired his or her work. The latter will be awarded \$1 million.

George Clooney: Armenian Genocide the pain of the world, not just Armenians

The Armenian Genocide is not just part of the Armenian history, it's not the pain of a particular country or people, it's part of world history, George Clooney said at the Second Global Forum against the crime of Genocide under way in Yerevan.

It's been a long struggle to have things called by their names, Clooney said. He said it's hard because we live in a complex world, but added that "one cannot deny what has happened."

"When someone is trying to annihilate a whole human race, culture, people, that's genocide, there can be no other version of it."

Time and time again we repeat "Never again" after Germany, but after that we have had Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, Darfur. The truth is that it happens over and over again.



"What we are doing today has two objectives. First, we have to look back into the past and remember that it's not the pain of a particular country or people, it's part of world history. Second, we need to move

forward," Clooney added.

The essence of the Aurora Prize is that the founders are trying to value the heroism of people, who risk their lives to ensure a better life for others, he stressed.

Armenia condemns Azerbaijan's attempts to cast doubt on 1994 ceasefire agreement

On April 21 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan disseminated yet another cynical statement turning obvious facts upside down in an attempt to put the responsibility for military actions, unleashed on April 2 by itself against Nagorno-Karabakh, on the Armenian side, the purpose of which is to avoid responsibility for the committed war crimes.

It is not for the first time that Baku makes futile attempts to distort the obvious reality. During communications our international partners have also confirmed that, beyond any doubt it was Azerbaijan, which initiated the large-scale offensive along the entire Line of Contact with Nagorno-Karabakh, resulting in hundreds of killed and maimed, and committed war crimes.

Armenia strongly condemns Azerbaijan's futile attempts to cast doubt on the trilateral ceasefire agreement of 1994, signed by Azerbaijan, Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia, that does not have time limitations. It is a dangerous step which threatens with further destabilization of the situation in the region. The aggressive military actions launched by Azerbaijan at the beginning of April could not result in the cessation of the 1994 agreement; rather they raise the liability of the party which violated it.

All of this shows that, despite the calls of the international community to continue the negotiations under the auspices of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairmanship, Baku's real intention is to undermine the settlement process. The

fact that the lengthy statement of the Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry does not contain any reference not only to the statements of the heads of the Co-Chair countries on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict resolution but it also lacks any mentioning of the only internationally mandated mediation format of the Minsk Group Co-Chairs whatsoever, clearly demonstrates that.

Azerbaijan strives to portray the negotiations as a kind of a process that discusses solely those issues which fit Baku's interests.

It is obvious that calls and appeals are not sufficient anymore to bring Baku back to senses. Decisive steps are needed to bring Azerbaijan to order and into a constructive mood.

Garo Paylan displays photos of martyred Armenian politicians in Turkish Parliament

Addressing Turkey's Grand National Assembly session on April 21, Garo Paylan, Turkish Armenian Member of Parliament for the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), suggested forming a commission to investigate the killings of Armenian politicians in 1915.

In his address to Parliament, Paylan read the names and displayed the photographs of several Armenian politicians killed, arrested, or exiled in the Armenian Genocide, including Krikor Zohrab (Istanbul), Bedros Haladjian (Istanbul), Nazaret Daghavarian (Sivas), Garabed Pashaian (Sivas), Ohannes Seringiulian (Erzurum), Onnik Tersekian (Van), Hampartsum

Boyadjian (Kozan), Vahan Papazian, Hagop Babikian (Tekirda?), Karekin Pasternadjian (Erzurum), Kegham Der Garabedian (Mush), Hagop Boyadjian (Tekirda?), and Artin Boshgezenian (Aleppo). Paylan also detailed the fate of each Armenian politician during the Armenian Genocide.

During his address, which he began with the Armenian greeting "Barev dzez," Paylan condemned the murder of the politicians and said that the Turkish state should come to terms with its history. He also ended his address with the Armenian phrase "Astvats irents hogin lusavori" ("May God illuminates their souls").



Freedom to Levon Hayrapetyan

Activists in Armenia staging protests in support of a Russian-Armenian businessman jailed in Moscow believe the conviction and imprisonment of the Karabakh native who has vastly contributed to his homeland's rebuilding has political goals as they see Azerbaijan's hand behind it.

Participants in Tuesday's march in Yerevan demanding "Freedom to Levon Hayrapetyan", meanwhile, pledged to do everything to get the release of the 67-year-old ailing businessman and philanthropists who has spent millions of dollars on the development of Nagorno-Karabakh in recent years.

"During these days when Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) more than ever needs the benefactor, unfortunately he has been jailed. The entire Armenian nation demands the release of the philanthropist," said the activists, who staged rallies in front of the buildings of the Armenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Russian Federation's Embassy in Yerevan on Tuesday.

They demanded that Armenian diplomats immediately get in touch with their colleagues in Russia on the plight of Hayrapetyan, who, after being convicted on fraud charges and sentenced to four years in prison, is now placed in a cell where "inmates sleep by shifts."

Hayrapetyan, who is known to have made investments and carried out a number of charity programs for Nagorno-Karabakh, including the 2008 "big wedding" when about 700 Karabakh couples got married and had their wedding parties with the assistance of the philanthropist, suffers from cancer, had four infarctions and two strokes and other health problems. He was first arrested in 2014, but in about a year his lawyers managed to get him placed under house arrest pending the investigation and trial. On April 14, Hayrapetyan was convicted on fraud charges and sentenced to four years in prison. He has denied defrauding the mother of Russian ex-senator Igor Izmayev of \$700,000.

Izmayev had also testified that Hayrapetyan had been



involved in an illegal transaction on the sale of the Bashneft company shares to AFK Sistema in 2009. Investigation in this case is still underway.

Anahit Bakhshyan, a member of the Yerevan Council of Elders, who says she participated in yesterday's march as a citizen, believes that it is necessary to state with similar actions that by imprisoning Hayrapetyan Russia simply wants to violate the national dignity of Armenians.

"Russia's authoritarian government has made a decision to jail Hayrapetyan in order to again, as it believes, weaken Artsakh's defense. But in prison Levon [Hayrapetyan] is doing more for Artsakh than many at large. Today's action is a wake-up call for our society," she said.

Lawyer Haykaz Makaryan said Russia's Azeri community has made great efforts to get Hayrapetyan put in prison as the businessman has been doing everything to help to Artsakh.

"I think that Russia's pro-Azeri forces have also been involved," he added.

Bundestag Resolution to call 1915 Armenian killings 'genocide'

The German Bundestag is set to vote on an Armenian Genocide bill on June 2, according to an agreement reached in April between the Greens and the government.

The ruling coalition, the Left and the Alliance90/Green Parties have reached an agreement to call the 1915 events "genocide." If adopted, the bill will come to replace the special resolution adopted by the Bundestag on 2008, which, failed to label the events as "genocide," calling them "massacre" and "forced deportation" instead.

"The things that come on German agenda, are shown on German TV or discussed in the Bundestag are not decided by Mr. Erdogan, Mr. Putin or other authoritarian leaders. I'm glad that thanks to consistent serious work we've reached a joint

approach with the Federal Government to raise the issue of the genocide of Armenians and other Christians in the Bundestag," Green Party Co-Chair Cem Özdemir told Public Radio of Armenia.

"I'm glad that we can finally recognize the Armenian genocide with a joint resolution," he said.

Green Party brought the motion to the parliament in February, but the voting was postponed, since coalition parties Christian



Democratic Union of Germany (CDU) and Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) demanded a common motion.

Bundestag discussed a motion on April 24, 2015 for the first time, but there was no voting. While the government avoided using the term "genocide", President Joachim Gauck and President of Bundestag Norbert Lammert openly used the word "genocide" to describe the events of 1915.

"Friendship with Turkey does not mean we have to keep silent about the issues, especially considering that we share the responsibility as an ally of the Ottoman Empire. We want to see a strong, European Turkey. The opening of the shared border is in the interests on not only Turkey, but also Armenia and Europe," Özdemir said.

Amid conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh, an oasis thrives

Andrew E. Kramer
The New York Times

On a crystalline spring morning, Iosif Adamyan sipped coffee on the veranda of his guesthouse, overlooking a pear orchard in bloom and, in the distance, a range of snowy mountains.

In this picturesque spot, he entertains guests from England, France and Russia; in fact, people from "the whole world," wind up here, he said, with the peculiarity that many of them speak Armenian.

At the stately Hotel Armenia, which caters to the diaspora visiting the capital of the disputed mountain enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, dear to the hearts of Armenians everywhere, the dining room clings to the traditional starched tablecloths and, of course, aged Armenian cognac.

"Karabakh is the cradle of Armenia," said Lyudmila A. Oganyesyan, the director of School No. 3, beautifully restored in a facade of tan, locally quarried stone and paid for, naturally, by a wealthy Armenian benefactor, in this case an insurance executive from Moscow.

For being the capital of a war-afflicted former Soviet splinter region, a category of places better known for mud and misery, Stepanakert, with a population of 50,000 or so, is surprisingly livable.

Throughout the city, which went onto

a war footing this month during three days of fighting with Azerbaijan's military, signs of the careful attention and largess of a wealthy diaspora are everywhere: a new hospital rising on a hillside; smooth new asphalt on the road into town.

This support from the broader world of Armenian émigrés, not least from the large community in Southern California, adds an improbable metropolitan flair to the tiny republic of Karabakh and its capital.

The city still has some rough edges, beginning with the six-hour drive to get there on endless switchbacks that take you past a parade of burned and abandoned villages of the Armenians' enemies, the Azerbaijanis, and terrifying thousand-foot cliffs. In its mountain perch, the region is surrounded, marooned in Azerbaijan, with this road the only supply route. No airport functions.

The sustenance from the diaspora makes all the difference. Funds flowed in from the late Kirk Kerkorian, the California financier. A Swiss-Armenian built a sturgeon farm called the Golden Fish. California and six other American states have recognized the splinter republic, though the federal government and in fact no other country have.

During the fighting, Stepanakert's

main square - immaculately paved, with stunning views of an alpine valley - became a hub of excitement for young and old alike.

Jeeps wheeled about, screeched to a stop for soldiers to hop in. An old veteran from the 1991-94 war stood nearby to see them off, the empty right sleeve of his jacket carefully ironed and tucked into a pocket.

David Agamalyan, 14, stood with two friends gaping at the armed men and bustle. In this city, any boy on the street has two numbers on the tip of his tongue, his age and his best time for disassembling and reassembling a Kalashnikov rifle, a skill that is taught in schools from age 13.

David's best time is 27 seconds, certainly a feat considering all the springs and rods and sheet metal parts involved. Girls are taught first aid. Both boys and girls are taught to march and stand at attention.

At School No. 3, children's drawings adorning the walls show in crayon and colored pencil the smoldering fight that is all they have ever known: a tank in a mountain landscape; men marching with rifles.

All boys join the army. Asked whom he would fight in four years when he signs up, David shrugged at the ridiculous question. "Our neighbor, of course," he said.



Help for Armenia Swiss Charity Foundation Reconstructed the Kindergarten of Aygehovit village

After a thorough renovation, the only kindergarten of the contiguous Aygehovit village opened its gates. The repairing was implemented with the assistance of Help for Armenia Swiss charity foundation.

According to the Swiss Help for Armenia charity foundation trustees' board member, the head of AZAD Group, benefactor Mike Baronian this charity foundation was founded in 1988 for providing financial assistance to Armenia after disastrous earthquake took place in Spitak.

As Mike Baronian mentioned, at first the charity foundation mainly supported orphanages and kindergartens. The kindergarten and ambulatory of Proshyan village, the hospital of Arabkir district have been reconstructed within the framework of the Swiss Help for Armenia charity foundation projects. Two years ago the renovation of Aygehovit's kindergarten launched and finished this year.

In honor of the foundation's president Norbert Neining the kindergarten was named after his name.

The opening ceremony was attended by charity foundation trustees' board members, benefactors Pino Ciaccio, Martin and Jessica Bloomer, the head of Aygehovit's community and many residents.

The head of Aygehovit's community Levon Grigoryan informed that the kindergarten was founded in 1970 and during these years despite being in very poor conditions it has never stopped functioning.

Now two-storey, newly renovated kindergarten has been equipped with modern technical equipments and furniture, fully supplied with gas, has hot and cold water and also garden and the playground of the kindergarten have been reconstructed.

As Help for Armenia charity foundation trustees' board member Pino Ciaccio informed, in 1988 he had the good fortune to visit Armenia as a professional journalist and since then nearly every year he visits to Armenia.

"First time when I came to Armenia, I did not know yet what is Armenia, who are Armenians but after staying here nearly three days I realized that the people, living here, are good Christians who are in need and whose we should definitely help",- emphasized Pino Ciaccio Nearly five years he is living in Switzerland, but as Pino Ciaccio said half of him is Armenian.

The benefactor Martin Bloomer informed, that he with his wife started to deal with charity over the last few years.

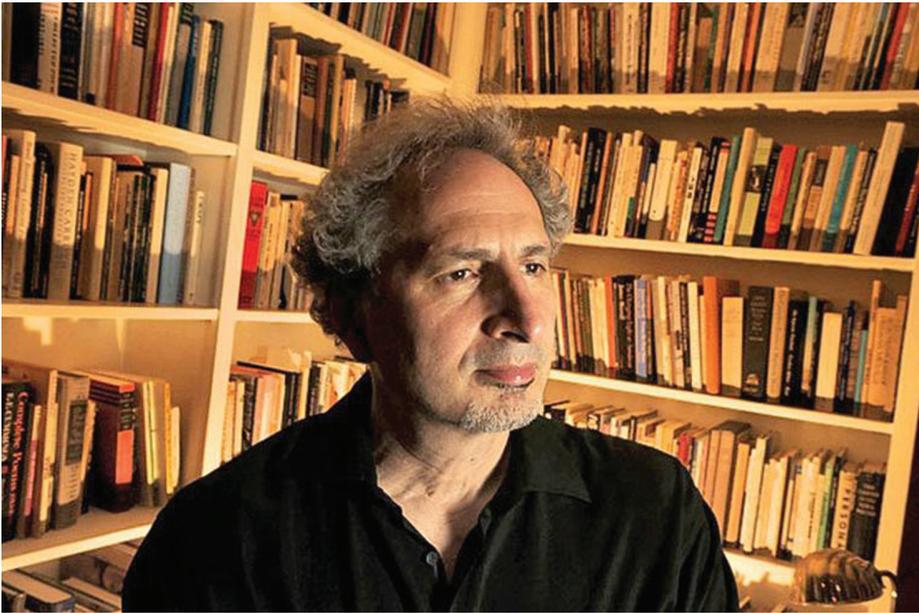
Every year the Swiss family organizes charity dinners and all the collected proceeds they send to Armenia for participating in various assistance programs.



Benefactors assure that Help for Armenia foundation will continue to help Armenians and as the water-supply infrastructure in Aygehovit is badly dilapidated, in the nearest future they are planning to provide round-the-clock water supply to the village.



Peter Balakian wins Pulitzer Prize for Poetry



Author Peter Balakian won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry for *Ozone Journal*, the Armenian Weekly reports.

The winners and finalists were revealed Monday at 3 p.m. during a live-streamed broadcast from Columbia University in New York. This year marked the 100th anniversary of the Pulitzers.

"In poetry, for a collection of poems that bear witness to the old losses and tragedies that lie beneath a global age of danger and uncertainty, the prize goes to *Ozone Journal* by Peter Balakian," announced Mike Pride, the administrator of the Pulitzer Prizes.

Balakian's *Ozone Journal* (poems) was published by the University of Chicago Press. The long poem in Balakian's new book is a sequel to his acclaimed "A-Train/Ziggurat/Elegy" (2010). While excavating the remains of Armenian Genocide survivors in the Syrian desert with a TV crew, the persona navigates his own memory of New York City in a decade (the 1980's) of crisis-as AIDS and climate change make a context for his personal struggles and his pursuit of meaning

in the face of loss and catastrophe. Whether his poems explore Native American villages of New Mexico, the slums of Nairobi, or the Armenian-Turkish borderland, Balakian's poems continue to engage the harshness and beauty of contemporary life in a language that is layered, sensual, elliptical, and defined by wired phrases and shifting tempos. *Ozone Journal* creates inventive lyrical insight in a global age of danger and uncertainty.

Balakian is the Donald M. and Constance H. Rebar Professor of the Humanities at Colgate University. He is the author of seven books of poems and four prose works, including *The Burning Tigris: The Armenian Genocide and America's Response*, a New York Times best seller, and *Black Dog of Fate*, a memoir, winner of the PEN/Albrand Prize.

The full list of 2016 winners is below:

Journalism:

Public Service: Associated Press

Breaking News Reporting: Los Angeles Times staff

Investigative Reporting: The Tampa Bay Times' Leonora LaPeter Anton and Anthony Cormier and The Sarasota Herald-Tribune's Michael Braga

Explanatory Reporting: ProPublica's T. Christian Miller and The Marshall Project's Ken Armstrong

Local Reporting: The Tampa Bay Times' Michael LaForgia, Cara Fitzpatrick, and Lisa Gartner

National Reporting: The Washington Post staff

International Reporting: The New York Times' Alyssa Rubin

Feature Writing: Kathryn Schulz of The New Yorker

Commentary: Farah Stockman of The Boston Globe

Criticism: Emily Nussbaum of The New Yorker

Editorial Writing: John Hackworth of Sun Newspapers

Editorial Cartooning: Jack Ohman of The Sacramento Bee

Breaking News Photography: The New York Times and Thomson Reuters

Feature Photography: The Boston Globe's Jessica Rinaldi

Arts and Letters:

Fiction: Viet Thanh Nguyen for The Sympathizer

Drama: Lin-Manuel Miranda for Hamilton

History: T.J. Stiles for *Custer's Trials: A Life on the Frontier of a New America*

Biography or Autobiography: William Finnegan for *Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life*

Poetry: Peter Balakian for *Ozone Journal*

General Non-Fiction: Joby Warrick for *Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS*

Music: Henry Threadgill for *In for a Penny, In for a Pound*

WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?**Enjoy your leisure****26 April**

19:00. It Doesn't Matter With Whom. Original "Butterflies Are Free" by Leonard Gershe, Director: Lusine Yernjakyan.// Yerevan State Chamber Theater.

27 April

19:00. Show No 3. Premiere, Musical show, Author and Director of the play: Lusine Yernjakyan.// Yerevan State Chamber Theater.

19:00. Berekamutyun Dance Ensemble. The Honoured Troupe, Berekamutyun Armenian State Dance Ensemble, Artistic Director: People's Artist of Armenia Norayr Mehrabyan, Assistant Artistic Director: Hrachya Badalyan. Program: Armenian and other people's dances (Jewish, Gypsy, Polovetsian, etc.)// Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall.

19:00. Tagharan Ensemble of Ancient Music. Artistic Director and Principal Conductor: Sedrak Yerkanyan, Program: Franz Liszt. Soloists: Sedrak Yerkanyan /piano/, Lusine Markosyan /soprano/, Tereza Voskanyan /organ/, Qristine Chtchyan /violin/, Janna Hovhannisyann /harp.// Chamber Music House after Komitas.

19:00. Carmen. Staged by Honoured Worker of Art, Armen Meliksetyan, Principal Choirmaster: Radik Melikyan, Choirmaster: Zoya Karapetyan, Painter: Honoured Painter of Armenia Davit Minasyan, Costume Designer: Astghik Stepanyan, Conductor: Atanes Arakelyan.// National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian.

13:00. Under The Bethlehem Star. R. Babayan, Performance in 2 acts suitable for any age.// State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

28 April

19:00. The Spirit of Throne. Drama in 1 act, Duration: 50 minutes, Author and actor? Honorary Artist of Armenia, Yuri Kostanyan.// Yerevan State Pantomime Theater.

19:00. Rich Girl Can't Be Ugly. Author: Alexander Ostrovski, Comedy, 2 acts, Director: Yervand Ghazanchyan.// State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan.

19:00. Parliamentary Comedy. Satirical farce in 2 acts, Author: David Haier, Translation: Sergey Task, Staging: A. Grigoryan, Scenography: A. Harutyunyan, A. Grigoryan.// Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski.

19:00. I'm Here. Author: T. Dorst, Director: Tatevik Melkonyan, Animation: Lusine Khandilyan, Cast: Aram

Karakhanyan, Samvel Tadevosyan.// State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

19:00. Hamlet. Genre: Tragedy, Author: William Shakespeare, Director: Vigen Chaldhranyan, Scenography by: Vigen Chaldhranyan, Musical arrangement/Composer: Vache Sharafyan, Costumes by: Vigen

Chaldhranyan, Duration: 2 hour 30 min.// Sos Sargsyan Hamazgayin Theater.

19:00. Love Confession. Playwright and Director? Ara Yernjakyan, Music Director? Vahe Grigoryan, Cast: Ani Grigoryan, Hasmik Danielyan, Rafael Yeranossyan, Senik Barseghyan, Vahe Ziroyan.// Yerevan State Chamber Theater.

19:00. Medea. Euripides, Tragedy in 1 act, Greek tragedy with Armenian ethno music.// Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.

29 April

19:00. Love Confession. Playwright and Director? Ara Yernjakyan, Music Director? Vahe Grigoryan, Cast: Ani Grigoryan, Hasmik Danielyan, Rafael Yeranossyan, Senik Barseghyan, Vahe Ziroyan.// Yerevan State Chamber Theater.

15:00. Princess With a Mustache. A. Grigoryan, Based on Ernst Amadeus Hoffman's "Nutcracker" // M. Mkrtchyan Artistic Theater.

17:00. The Blue Bird. Premiere, Based on Maeterlinck, Director: Nare Hovhannisyann, Staging producer: Lily Elbakyan.// State Marionette Theater.

19:00. Funny War or Dangerous Alienation. Author: Yervand Otyan, Musical comedy in 2 acts.// State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan.

16:00. David of Sasun. Staged by David Hakobyan, Musical arrangement: Armen Margaryan.// State Musical Chamber Theater.

19:00. Hilarious Comedy at the Hotel.// Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.

30 April

14:00. Organ Music Concert. Performers: Tereza Voskanyan, Harutyun Tagvoryan, Satenik Hakobyan-Ulikhanyan, Anna Arustamyan, Nelly Gasparyan, Gor Ghasabyan, Anna Bakunts, Armine Matevosyan, Tigran Buniatyan.// Chamber Music House after Komitas.

12:30, 14:00, 15:30. Hansel and Gretel. Brothers Grimm, Staging: Lily Elbakyan.// State Marionette Theater.

19:00. Lorkiana - Carmen-Suite. Lorkiana, Ballet in 1 act, Libretto and Staging: Honoured Artist of Art of RA and RF, Mark Mnatsakanyan, Conductor: Atanes Arakelyan. Carmen-Suite, Ballet in 1 act, Bizet - Schedrin, Staging: Honoured Artist

of RA, Armen Grigoryan, Conductor: Harutyun Arzumanyan.// National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian.

19:00. Morgan's In-Law. Author: Alexander Shirvanzade, Comedy in 2 acts.// State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan.

19:00. Gentlemen, Everything is Collapsing but We Can Still Live and Have Fun. Pessimistic comedy, Author and Staging Director: Ara Yernjakyan.// Yerevan State Chamber Theater.

17:00. The New Adventures of The Three Piglets. Directed by Samson Stepanyan, Choreographer: Sevag Avakian, Painter: Andre Asatryan, Cast: Nif - Anna Zakarian, NaF - Nelly Ghazaryan, Nuf - Sipan Zadoyan, Wolf - Sargis Rustamyan, Bear - Hrach Mirakyan, Squirrel - Laura Torosyan.// State Musical Chamber Theater.

19:00. The Taming of the Shrew. W. Shakespeare, Staged by: Ara Suren Gevorgyan, Design: Ashot Hambardzumyan, Costumes: Marine Tadevosyan, Musical arrangement: Ara Suren Gevorgyan, Choreography: Marianna Hovhannisyann.// M. Mkrtchyan Artistic Theater.

16:00. The Silly Man. Based on Hovhannes Tumanyan's tale.// State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

12:00. Cock-a-doodle-doo. Author: Irina Tokmakova, Director: Ruben Babayan, Stage Design: Karine Onanyan-Babayan, Music by: Zaruhi Gevorgyan, Duration: 1 hour.// State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

12:00, 14:00. Beauty and the Beast. French folk tale, Children's Musical Fun Show, Director: Armen Margaryan.// State Musical Chamber Theater.

19:00. N 707. Neil Simon, Comedy in 2 acts.// Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.

1 May

19:00. Twelfth Night or I am Dying of Love. W. Shakespeare, Comedy without intermission, Premiere.// Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.

19:00. Erisioni, For the first time in Armenia: The concert of Georgia's legendary Song and Dance Ensemble, Erisioni.// National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian.

14:00. Cinderella. Author: Charles Perrault, Staged by: A. Miridjanyan, Music: S. Alexanyan, Designer: M. Areyan, Dances: N. Mirzoyan.// State Musical Chamber Theater.

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Zodiac Weekly Forecast

Aries (March 20-April 19)



You are now in a good position to find work or life goal opportunities offered by the Jupiter/Uranus conjunction (see lead paragraph). You are able to gracefully manage almost any challenge, whether that is management, athletic, or persuasion of others. You are probably beginning a winning streak.

Taurus (April 20 -- May 20)



Your energy is high and your mind is busy at this time. You want to enjoy things of beauty and romance now. It could be hard to concentrate upon mental work that requires attention to detail. If you must do so, then check everything twice. This is a week for the arts, for love, and for fun!

Gemini (May 20-June 20)



You have likely been dealing with a decision concerning joint property or family issues. You have spent a few weeks in this process. Although you want to come to a final solution, that may elude you right now. Be patient and know that the right answer will come soon. Set it aside to percolate before you take action.

Cancer (June 21-July 21)



On the surface of your waters it seems all is peaceful. Yet below there is an undercurrent of anxiety. You are waiting to see the outcome of an issue with loved ones over which you have no control. Actually if you let go of your fears, the problem will resolve itself very soon.

Leo (July 22-August 21)



During this period you likely will be challenged to do the work it requires to be your best self. Creative efforts may be at a point that it demands much effort to move through to the next level. This is likely a time in which fun and play are traded for purpose and production. It is one more rung in your ladder of growing wisdom.

Virgo (August 22-September 22)



You are being offered an entirely new, hopeful perspective on your life, one that is freer than you have known in a very long time. Don't allow the old fears of abandonment or the sense of guilt to hold you back. People are telling you how much they value your presence. Believe it.



Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

You are in an especially cordial frame of mind at this time, and likely to invite people to your home, or to share whatever you have to offer. Your spirits are high and you have a need to be social. You are interested in whatever feels luxurious, looks beautiful, or tickles the senses. Going overboard would be all too easy!



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

You are coming closer to a decision on a situation that has been on hold for a few weeks. Somehow the right solution will evolve if you concentrate upon the reality of who you truly are. It is easier to ignore the issue entirely, but you cannot hold off more than about one more month.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 20)

Your ruling planet is Jupiter. As it conjuncts Uranus (see lead paragraph) you may in fact be making some kind of breakthrough that will give you renewed freedom to express yourself in your life. You no longer have to drag old bags of guilt behind you. Go for the gold ring, even though some others would prefer you not to move.



Capricorn (December 21-January 19)

Beware of the tendency to obsess and worry over matters that may never happen. You are tempted to see the world through a dark lens this week and you may think that is the true version. It's more likely that the pessimistic view is extreme. Set it on the back burner for review at a later time.



Aquarius (January 20-February 17)

Drudgery is boring. You are ready for something new and different to happen. Give yourself the opportunity to go out and play-try something new and different. You will be more than normally attracted to things of beauty. The "new car" bug may bite. It is better to gather data, then wait through the upcoming Mercury retrograde (begins April 28, ends May 22).



Pisces (February 18-March 19)

You and a significant other may need to have a clear discussion about your expectations of one another. You are tempted to shovel uncomfortable issues under the rug right now, but that will serve only to cause you to feel isolated and disconnected from partner. You need instead to work through the differences in your values.

Tigran Hamasyan wins ECHO Jazz Award 2016



Tigran Hamasyan has been named winners of ECHO Jazz 2016 Awards.

Tigran Hamasyan was named International Instrumentalist of the Year, Piano, for his Nonesuch Records debut album, *Mockroot*.

The ECHO Jazz awards are conferred by the Deutsche Phono-Akademie (German Recording Academy), akin to the Grammy Awards in the United States.

The organization has handed out the ECHO Music awards annually since 1992 and the ECHO Classic awards since 1994. The ECHO Jazz prizes are the latest addition, having launched in 2010, when Bill Frisell received the inaugural award for International Instrumentalist of the Year, Guitar.

The ECHO Jazz 2016 Awards ceremony will take place at Kampnagel in Hamburg on Thursday, May 26.

George Clooney and Charles Aznavour pay tribute to Armenian Genocide victims



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