

Baku's attempts to manipulate the religious factor are unacceptable. Mirzoyan to the Secretary General of Arab League



On March 7, the Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan met with the Secretary General of the Arab League Ahmed Aboul Gheit on March 7.

As Noyan Tapan was informed from the MFA Armenia, the interlocutors stressed that the relations between the Armenian and Arab peoples are based on centuries-old friendship and mutual respect, noting the role of Armenian communities in Arab countries.

Both sides noted with satisfaction that the Armenian presence in the countries of the Arab world is the best example of the coexistence of Christian and Muslim peoples. In this regard, Minister Mirzoyan considered unacceptable the attempts

of Azerbaijan to artificially manipulate the religious factor, to disrupt the traditional grounds of Armenia's cooperation with the Arab world.

Periodic interaction and political dialogue with the Arab League and its member states were highlighted.

During the meeting, a number of issues related to regional and international security and stability were touched upon.

The Armenian FM presented to his interlocutor the regional situation resulted by Azerbaijan's aggressive actions in Nagorno Karabakh and Armenia, as well as details of the humanitarian crisis in Nagorno Karabakh as a result of the blocking of the Lachin corridor since December, 2022.

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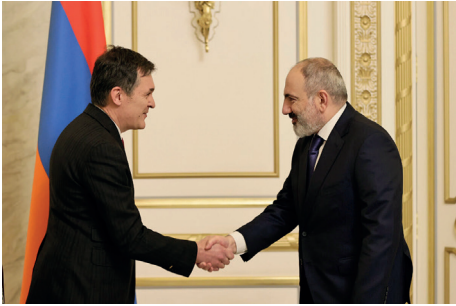
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Azerbaijan's actions nothing but terrorism: Armenian PM receives French Co-Chair of the Minsk Group



Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan received the French Co-Chair of the OSCE Minsk Group Brice Roquefeuil.

The Prime Minister drew the attention of the French Co-chair to the fact of the sabotage attack carried out by the Azerbaijani armed forces in Nagorno Karabakh on March 5, as a result of which three officers

of the passport and visa department of the Police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Nagorno Karabakh were killed and one was injured.

Nikol Pashinyan emphasized that the actions of the Azerbaijani sabotage group cannot be described as anything other than terrorism and added that parallel to the blocking the Lachin Corridor and the actions aimed at provoking a humanitarian disaster in Nagorno-Karabakh for almost three months, Azerbaijan continues the actions of terrorizing the Armenian population of Artsakh with the ultimate goal of accomplishing ethnic cleansing.

Both sides emphasized the need for

Azerbaijan to immediately implement the decision of the International Court of Justice on unblocking the Lachin Corridor.

At the same time, the Prime Minister added that, under the existing conditions, sending an international fact-finding team to the Lachin Corridor and Nagorno Karabakh becomes a vital necessity.

Issues related to the process of normalization of relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan and the Nagorno Karabakh issue were also discussed. At the same time, the importance of the activity of the EU civilian mission in Armenia was emphasized, which will contribute to regional stability and peace.

PM Pashinyan draws the attention of US Co-Chair of OSCE MG to sabotage attack of Azerbaijan in NK



Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan received the Senior Advisor for the Caucasus negotiations, US Co-Chair of the

OSCE Minsk Group Louis Bono, Noyan Tapan was informed from the Office of the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister drew attention of the American Co-chair to the sabotage attack carried out by Azerbaijani armed forces in Nagorno Karabakh on March 5. Nikol Pashinyan added that Azerbaijan announces about the readiness for dialogue with the NK representatives on the one hand, and on the other hand, carries out terrorist acts, as a result of which three police officers of the Passport and Visa Department of the Police of the Ministry

of Internal Affairs of Nagorno Karabakh were killed three days ago.

The interlocutors touched upon the humanitarian crisis in Nagorno-Karabakh resulted by the blockade of the Lachin corridor. Prime Minister Pashinyan stressed the need for Azerbaijan to immediately fulfill the ruling of the International Court of Justice on unblocking the corridor.

Issues related to the normalization of relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan and the Nagorno Karabakh issue were also discussed.

Armenian FM slams Azerbaijan's attempts to disrupt the traditional warm relations between Armenia and the Arab world

The Foreign Ministers of Armenia and Lebanon have discussed hailed the relations between the two countries based on history, age-old friendship and cultural commonalities.

Ararat Mirzoyan and Abdallah Bou Habib held a meeting in Cairo on the sidelines of the ministerial session of the Arab League Council.

The interlocutors emphasized the contribution of the Armenian community to the social and political life of Lebanon. It was noted that in the modern period the relations between the two states are also marked by mutually beneficial cooperation in bilateral and multilateral formats.

The Foreign Ministers expressed

readiness to continue joint efforts in the direction of implementing new initiatives in education, science, culture and other fields.

Issues of regional security and stability were also on the agenda of the meeting.

In the context of the security situation in the South Caucasus and the existing challenges, Minister Mirzoyan said the speculations of the religious factor by Azerbaijan, as well as the groundless attempts to disrupt the traditional warm relations between Armenia and the Armenian people and the Arab world are unacceptable.

Referring to the humanitarian crisis created in Nagorno-Karabakh as a result of

Azerbaijan's illegal blocking of the Lachin Corridor, Ararat Mirzoyan emphasized the imperative of implementing the order issued by the International Court of Justice on February 22 regarding the application of urgent measures against Azerbaijan.



Armenian PM on reasons and goals of Azerbaijan's latest terrorist act

Azerbaijan is pursuing several goals with the March 5 terrorist attack, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said at the government sitting on March 9.

"The first is the aborting of further negotiations with representatives of Nagorno Karabakh and creating the necessary background for a new military provocation. In this regard, I must emphasize that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nagorno-Karabakh made a statement yesterday, expressing readiness to continue the conversation with Azerbaijan, and this is an extremely important statement," he said.

He stressed the need to create reliable international mechanisms for uninterrupted and institutional dialogue between Baku and Stepanakert, which can become an effective guarantee for the realization of the above-mentioned international agreement.

"The next goal of the March 5 provocation was to create false evidence that weapons and ammunition are being transported from Armenia to Nagorno Karabakh. This topic is important for Azerbaijan especially after the February 22 decision of the International Court of Justice, when the court unequivocally rejected Azerbaijan's request to apply an interim measure against Armenia over alleged planting of landmines. This refusal ruined the



groundless accusations against Armenia about landmines, which have been on all international platforms for several months now, and this was extremely important," the Prime Minister said.

According to PM Pashinyan, Azerbaijan tried to present the incident of March 5 as proof of the transfer of weapons and ammunition from the Republic of Armenia to Nagorno Karabakh, which did not work for two reasons.

"First, the UAZ of the police was not going to Stepanakert, but leaving Stepanakert. And secondly, the attack of Azerbaijan and also the trajectory of the UAZ car from Stepanakert to the scene of the incident were caught on cameras of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Nagorno-Karabakh, which made it obvious that there was nothing in the Police car except for documents and a handgun," he emphasized.

"The next important goal of Azerbaijan

was the following: to use bloody terrorism to create new discourses, new information flows, which will cover an important fact of Azerbaijan's failure to comply with the decision of the world's highest court – the International Court of Justice – regarding the opening of the Lachin Corridor," he said.

With a binding decision, the UN Court obliged Azerbaijan to take all measures available to guarantee the uninterrupted movement of citizens, vehicles and cargo in both directions through the Lachin Corridor. The decision has not been implemented for 15 days now.

"Therefore, it becomes more and more urgent to send an international fact-finding mission to Nagorno-Karabakh and the Lachin Corridor to prevent unleashing of new aggression by Azerbaijan and the clear preparations of Azerbaijan to subject the people of Nagorno-Karabakh to ethnic cleansing and genocide, which is expressed by failure to comply with the decisions of international courts, continued blockade of the Lachin Corridor, military provocations and acts of terrorism," PM Pashinyan stated.

At the same time, he reaffirmed the desire of the Republic of Armenia to achieve peace in the region and its commitment to the peace agenda.

U.S. Intelligence Community warns of Azerbaijan's readiness to use "calibrated military pressure" against Armenia

The United States Intelligence Community has warned of Azerbaijan's readiness to use calibrated military pressure to advance its goals in talks with Armenia.

The 2023 Annual Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community, published by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, noted that "relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan are likely to remain tense and occasionally volatile in the absence of a peace treaty, given the proximity of military forces at the interstate border, the lack of a cease-fire enforcement mechanism, and Azerbaijan's readiness to use calibrated military pressure to advance its goals in talks with Armenia."

Furthermore, the report states that in September 2022 Azerbaijani forces launched a "coordinated attack" at multiple locations along the border, seizing some Armenian territory.

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Armenia and Azerbaijan, although such confrontations are likely to be limited in duration and intensity.

Since May 2021, military clashes have occurred regularly at the interstate border and around the Nagorno-Karabakh region. The most intense flare-up took place in September 2022, when Azerbaijani forces launched a coordinated attack at multiple locations along the border, seizing some Armenian territory and resulting in nearly 300 military deaths. Peace talks have made some progress, but the most challenging issues—related to state borders and the future of Nagorno-Karabakh—are far from being resolved," the report reads, in part.

Use of force never acceptable: US following reports on shooting incident in Nagorno Karabakh

We're following reports of a shooting incident on March 5th inside Nagorno-Karabakh which killed five people, Spokesperson for the US Department of State Ned Price said at a daily briefing.

"We offer our condolences to the families of those injured and killed. There can be no military solution to conflict, and the use of force to resolve disputes is never acceptable. The only way to sustain peace is at the negotiating table and to – and the use of force undermines negotiations. Senior Advisor for Caucasus Negotiations Lou Bono is in the region to stress the only way forward is through direct dialogue and diplomacy. And as the Secretary has emphasized, the United States is committed to Armenia-Azerbaijan peace negotiations," he said.

He stressed the imperative of continued direct dialogue and discussion between the parties' themselves.

"This is imperative on the part of the parties. We have played the role of partner



to both countries, facilitating on a trilateral basis engagement between the foreign ministers and between the – at the leader level as well. We are prepared – whether bilaterally, trilaterally, multilaterally – to continue to be a partner in furtherance of efforts to secure a lasting peace," the Spokesman added.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in Baku last week that the Russian mediating efforts are a better way to solve the problem.

"This is a question for the parties themselves, and we are not going to put

ourselves against any other offer of mediation, and in fact we're not a mediator," Price said in response to that.

"We are a partner to the two countries. I think we have demonstrated both in word and in deed the nature of our relationship with the two countries, our ability to bring the two countries together, our willingness and readiness to

help bring about additional progress in relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan," he added.

"We are not doing this as a means by which to compete with Moscow. We are doing this in an effort to bring about the settlement and resolution of a longstanding dispute between these two countries, and unfortunately a dispute that has consistently taken lives, just as it did on March 5th. Our interest here is in peace and security. It's in the interests of the people of Armenia and Azerbaijan as well," the Spokesman stressed.

Russia "seriously concerned" about escalation of tensions in Nagorno Karabakh conflict zone – Zakharova

Russia is seriously concerned about the escalation of tension in Nagorno-Karabakh and calls on the parties to show restraint, Spokesperson for the Russian Foreign Ministry Maria Zakharova said in a statement.

"We express our serious concern about the escalation of tension in the zone of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. Over the past few days, there have been repeated violations of the ceasefire regime. On March 5, an armed resulted in human casualties from both the Armenian and Azerbaijani sides," Zakharova said, urging the parties to exercise restraint and take steps to de-escalate the situation.

Zakharova stressed that the Russian side "confirms the need to strictly comply with the provisions of the statement of the



leaders of Russia, Armenia and Azerbaijan dated November 9, 2020 on a complete ceasefire and all hostilities in the zone of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict." The official representative of the Russian Foreign Ministry also drew attention to the fact that "any issues related to ensuring security and vital activity in the zone of responsibility of the Russian peacekeeping

contingent must be resolved peacefully through contacts between the parties under the auspices of the peacekeeping contingent."

"The incident once again confirms the imperative of the speedy return of Baku and Yerevan to negotiations within the framework of the implementation of the provisions of the tripartite statements of the leaders of Russia, Armenia and Azerbaijan dated November 9, 2020, January 11 and November 26, 2021, as well as October 31, 2022, including those concerning unblocking regional communications, delimiting the Armenian-Azerbaijani border and preparing a peace treaty," she concluded.

U.S. Ambassador visits entrance of Lachin corridor, reiterates Blinken's call to reopen it immediately



United States Ambassador to Armenia Kristina Kvien traveled to the entrance of

the Lachin corridor, which has been closed to normal traffic for almost three months, the United States Embassy announced in a statement on March 10.

"Ambassador Kvien traveled to the entrance of the Lachin corridor, which has been closed to normal traffic for almost three months. Syunik governor Robert Ghukasyan briefed the Ambassador on the effects of the ongoing Lachin corridor

blockage, including the impact on hundreds of separated families. He highlighted the support the government has been providing to those affected by the blockage. The Ambassador reiterated Secretary Blinken's call to reopen the Lachin corridor immediately," the US embassy statement reads.

The Lachin Corridor has been blockaded by Azerbaijan for almost three months.

EU calls on Azerbaijan to leave the occupied territory of Armenia and return to the borders of September 12. Dutch FM

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, Wopke Hoekstra, stressed the fact of Azerbaijan's occupation of the territory of Armenia, emphasizing that the EU calls on Azerbaijan to return to its borders of September 12, 2022, ARMENPRESS reports the Federation of Armenian Organizations of the Netherlands informs that the Minister said this in response to the questions of several parliamentary factions regarding the meeting of the leaders of the Netherlands and Azerbaijan in Davos.

Wopke Hoekstra informed that the meeting held in Davos in January between Prime Minister Rutte and President Aliyev was initiated by the Dutch side in order to convey the concerns about the blockade of Lachin Corridor, during which the Dutch Prime Minister emphasized that the



civilian population of Nagorno-Karabakh should not become victims of the political situation and emphasized the unblocking of the Lachin Corridor in fulfillment of the 2020 trilateral agreement.

The Dutch FM informed that the Netherlands is also actively working within the framework of the EU and the Council of Europe to unblock the Lachin Corridor, noting that Azerbaijan is poorly

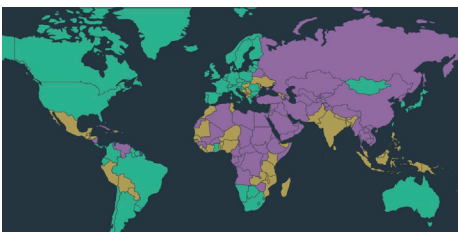
implementing the rulings of the ECHR.

In the answers to the parliamentarians' questions, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands confirmed that Azerbaijan imports gas from Russia to ensure the fulfillment of its obligations to the European Union and emphasized that this issue will be raised by the European Commission.

Minister Wopke Hoekstra reaffirmed Azerbaijan's occupation of Armenian territory, stressing that the EU calls on Azerbaijan to return to the borders of September 12, 2022.

In his answers, the Minister also referred to the issue of Armenian prisoners of war held illegally in Azerbaijan, assuring that the necessity of their repatriation is constantly raised in negotiations with Azerbaijani officials.

Freedom in the World 2023: Armenia, Republic of Artsakh rated as 'partly free'



Armenia and the Republic of Artsakh have been rated as "partly free" in the [Freedom in the World 2023](#) report published by the Freedom House.

Armenia's neighbor Georgia is also

ranked as "partly free," while Azerbaijan, Turkey and Iran are all labeled as "not free."

The report notes that Azerbaijani forces continued to attack and occupy Armenian territory along the border, threatening the democratic government in Yerevan and raising the risk of full-scale war.

It also noted that Armenia is the only CSTO member state rated as "partly free."

The 2023 edition of Freedom in the World is the 50th in this series of annual

comparative reports. As such, it provides an opportunity to reflect on the challenges to and achievements of democracy over the past five decades. Among the more significant challenges has been a widespread assault on the civil liberties that can be used to hold governments to account—most notably, freedom of expression.

The report records that global freedom declined for the 17th consecutive year.

Microchip Technology to open branch in Armenia

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan on March 7 received the delegation led by Bruce Weyer, Vice-President of the American Microchip Technology Company.

The Prime Minister welcomed the entry of the microelectronics manufacturer Microchip Technology into Armenia and the cooperation with the Armenian Instigate Semiconductor company, within the framework of which Microchip Technology will open a branch in Armenia.

Nikol Pashinyan noted that the development of the IT sector is one of the priorities of the Armenian government, and a steady growth is recorded in this strategic sector.

"We value the involvement of reputable IT companies in the Armenian market and are ready to support the investment process, which will stimulate the growth of innovations in our economy," said the



Prime Minister and mentioned the activities of the "Enterprise Armenia" investment support center, stressing that the structure carries out targeted work with investors.

Bruce Weyer noted that Microchip Technology is interested in the implementation of programs in the Armenian technological market and plans to carry out activities in the fields of software,

microchip production, sector education, and contribute to the development of the Armenian technological ecosystem. It was noted that Instigate Semiconductor has offices in Yerevan, Gyumri, Vanadzor, Ijevan and plans to expand its activities.

At the meeting, views were exchanged on interaction in the field of high and information technologies.

The Prime Minister referred to the economic reform agenda of the Government, presented the programs of the technological sector and noted that the priority given to the sector is evidenced by the creation of the appropriate institute by the Government – the Ministry of High-Tech Industry. Bruce Weyer, for his part, noted that the Microchip Technology Company is interested in long-term cooperation and considers the partnership in the field of space research to be promising.

Armenia, India discuss perspectives of defense cooperation



From March 2 to 4, the delegation led by the Chief of the General Staff of the

Armenian Armed Forces, First Deputy Minister of Defense, Major General Eduard Asryan was on a working visit to India.

The delegation participated in the annual "Raisina Dialogue" international conference dedicated to global security issues.

During the meeting with the Chief of Defense Staff of India, General Anil Chauhan, a number of issues related to bilateral cooperation and regional security were

discussed. Reference was made to the possibilities of expanding cooperation between Armenia and India in the field of defense.

Within the scope of the visit, Major General Eduard Asryan participated in the discussions on regional security and Armenian-Indian defense cooperation held at the staff of the National Security Council of India, and presented the security challenges facing Armenia.

Russia, UAE and China top destinations of Armenian exports in January

Armenia exported \$572,778,300 worth of products in January of 2023, 2,5 times more compared to January of 2022, according to the Statistical Committee.

The top export destination in the reporting period was Russia with \$354,915,100 worth of goods – 5,2 times more compared to January of 2022. The second top destination of Armenian exports is the UAE (\$46,563,000/14,1

times more), followed by China (\$40,458,400/12% growth).

Exports to the Netherlands totaled \$30,175,000 (29,5% growth).

Exports to Iraq grew 25,5% and stood at \$19,563,500.

11,5% drop in exports was recorded to Georgia (\$6,591,900).

Total exports to EEU countries comprised \$371,305,900 (5,2 times more).

Exports to EU countries dropped 4,3% and totaled \$54,081,400.



AraratBank committed to the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations

On 3 March 2023, an event dedicated to the 1st anniversary of AraratBank joining the United Nations Global Compact international initiative was held in the banquet hall of the “Zargatsum” branch of AraratBank.

Chairman of the Board, AraratBank, Mr. Grigor Hovhannissian, and UN Resident Coordinator a.i. in the Republic of Armenia, Mr. Nils Scott, made opening remarks. The event was attended by the representatives of the UN and the public sector, international financial institutions' Yerevan branch and foreign offices, local and international organizations that are members of the UN Women Empowerment Program.



By joining the UN Global Compact international initiative in 2022, AraratBank has expressed its willingness to incorporate the UN sustainable development principles into its business practices and act in accordance therewith.

The Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact are derived from the

Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, and the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.

“We are committed to making the UN Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture, and day-to-day operations of our company and to being involved in collaborative projects which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals,” stated the Chairman of the Board,

ITB Berlin 2023: Armenia participates in world's leading travel show

On March 7-9, Armenia participates in world's leading travel show ITB Berlin 2023, the Tourism Committee of Armenia informs.

The Tourism Committee of Armenia and representatives from the tourism sector presented Armenia as an ideal tourist destination, introducing guests to the services of the country, including delicious Armenian dishes.



Since 1966, ITB Berlin has been the

world's leading travel show.

With more than 10,000 exhibitors, ITB in Berlin is considered one of the most important events in the travel industry. On more than 160,000 square meters, countries, tour operators, carriers, hotels and many other tourism companies gather in the exhibition halls at the radio tower to present the latest travel trends.

USAID supports the development of economy in Armenia

US Ambassador to Armenia Kristina Kvien and USAID/Armenia's Deputy Mission Director, Rebecca White, participated in the Investor Day event organized by Enterprise Armenia and the USAID Armenian Business Enabling Environment Project.

The main goal of the event was to discuss the systemic issues identified by IT companies within the framework of the aftercare services of Enterprise Armenia. The objective was to encourage dialogue between the government authorities, industry experts, and the business community to outline possible solutions and develop a roadmap for future actions.

Three panel discussions among the Government of Armenia and the private sector were held during the event. The discussion addressed the sector's most pressing issues such as the shortage of skilled specialists; the unsatisfactory quality of education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics specializations in Armenia's higher education institutions; and the lack of general data protection regulations in Armenia.

“I am happy that with USAID's support, the Government of Armenia and the industry participated in a constructive dialog addressing industry issues and



crafting needed solutions. The United States government stands ready to continue our support of Armenia's efforts to attract foreign direct investment,” said Ambassador Kvien.

Azerbaijan continues its hate speech and xenophobic rhetoric, Armenian FM tells the Arab League

Azerbaijan continues its hate speech and xenophobic rhetoric, Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan said at the 159th Session of the Arab League Council.

"Azerbaijan continuously manipulates the Armenia-Azerbaijan relations and the Nagorno-Karabakh issue on various international platforms, especially those organizations where Armenia is not represented, such as the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and Non-Aligned Movement, trying to give it a religious tone and using the delicate concept of Muslim solidarity," the Foreign Minister said.

Below is the Foreign Minister's speech in full:

Honorable Secretary General of the Arab League,

Honorable President,

Dear Ministers, Excellences, friends,

Let me first express my gratitude to His Excellency Mr. Aboul Gheit, the Secretary General of Arab League and to the President of the current session, His Excellency Foreign Minister of Egypt Mr. Shoukry as well as to all member states for the opportunity to address today this distinguished audience. I consider it a symbolic gesture of friendship and mutual respect and, of course, shared history.

I would like to start by praising the centuries-old relations between Armenian and Arab nations. We are connected to each other by strong bonds of historical and cultural ties which continue serving as a basis for current friendly relations, cooperation and warm people-to-people contacts. Throughout history, our nations have lived side by side and shared each other's joys and griefs.

During the tragic events of the early 20th century thousands of Armenians, escaping the Genocide committed by the Ottoman Empire in 1915, found a safe shelter in the Arab countries. During those challenging times, the Armenians were given the freedom to live and create in the host Arab countries. It will never be forgotten by the Armenians. And I am proud to note that our compatriots contributed greatly to the progress and development of those Arab countries in various spheres.

I would like to note that Armenia, being a cradle of ancient civilizations, has also been preserving the Islamic heritage, a vivid example of which are the thousands of manuscripts, kept in the Armenian Mesrop Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts – Matenadaran. In the heart of our capital city Yerevan, we proudly preserve and exhibit Arabic Manuscripts including masterpieces of Arabic calligraphy, such as the first scripts of the Holy Quran, the rare books of religious, philosophical, historiographic, and philological content.

Armenia and Arab countries also developed close relations and fruitful cooperation on the state level. There is a full understanding between Armenia and the Arab countries on important issues, including the peace process in the Middle East.

Dear colleagues,

In our region, Armenia is engaged in talks with Azerbaijan discussing normalization of relations between our two countries, aimed at the establishment of peace in the region.

I do not want to go into the details of the full-fledged aggressions against the peaceful population of the Nagorno-Karabakh and the sovereign territory of Armenia. Neither I do want you to find yourselves in the middle of the accusations and fighting. Instead, I would like to draw a general picture of the overall process.

I want to emphasize that Armenia rejects the use of force or the threat of force and is trying to negotiate with the neighbors in good faith and is committed to finding fair solutions to all outstanding issues through diplomatic means. Instead of reciprocating our genuine efforts, Azerbaijan continues its hate speech and xenophobic rhetoric as well as aggressive and maximalist actions.

In this regard, I would like to touch upon the latest developments. As you know, it has been more than 2 months since the Lachin corridor, the only road connecting Nagorno-Karabakh to the outside world was illegally closed by a group of so-called eco-activists, obviously orchestrated by

the Azerbaijani government. Furthermore, Azerbaijan regularly disrupts the electricity and gas supply to Nagorno-Karabakh. As a result, the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh are on the verge of a humanitarian catastrophe. Instead of engaging with local authorities in talks on the rights and security guarantees of the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh, the highest leadership of Azerbaijan calls on the people of Nagorno-Karabakh to leave their homes aiming to deprive them of their homeland and realize its policy of ethnic cleansing.

In the context of the blockade of the Lachin corridor, I would like to underline that on 22 February this year, the International Court of Justice issued a legally binding provisional measure against Azerbaijan. In the mentioned order, the Court has found that there is an imminent risk of irreparable harm to Armenians' rights and ordered Azerbaijan to take all necessary measures to ensure unimpeded movement of persons, vehicles and cargo along the Lachin corridor in both directions.

Distinguished Ministers,

Unfortunately, our neighboring Azerbaijan continuously manipulates the Armenia-Azerbaijan relations and the Nagorno-Karabakh issue on various international platforms, especially those organizations where Armenia is not represented, such as the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and Non-Aligned Movement, trying to give it a religious tone and using the delicate concept of Muslim solidarity. We expect that such attempts will be rejected and will not drag our friendly Arab countries into the field of religious discord. We should prevent any further attempt of giving a religious tone to the pure political and humanitarian disputes.

And once again, in this platform of the League of Arab States, I emphasize that Armenia attaches great importance to the relations with the Arab states and reiterate our readiness to broaden the prospects of our cooperation with all of you.

I thank you.

Azerbaijan threatened Artsakh with “tougher and sharper steps,” President Harutyunyan says at Security Council meeting

On March 6, President of the Artsakh Republic Arayik Harutyunyan convened an extended meeting of the Security Council with the participation of the political forces of the National Assembly and heads of regional administrations.

Before starting the meeting, the attendees observed a moment of silence to honor the memory of the policemen of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Artsakh Republic who died as a result of the Azerbaijani sabotage on March 5, after which President Harutyunyan made a statement.

According to the Head of the State, Artsakh officials met with the Azerbaijani side on February 24 with the mediation and presence of the command staff of the Russian peacekeeping contingent deployed in Artsakh in order to discuss the humanitarian and infrastructural issues arising from the situation. An agreement was reached regarding the second meeting, which took place on March 1 under the leadership of Security Council Secretary Samvel Shahramanyan. Four issues were on the agenda of the meetings: unblocking of the Lachin Corridor, restoration of electricity supply from the Republic of Armenia to Artsakh, uninterrupted supply of natural gas, and re-exploitation of the Kashen mine.

“During the second meeting, the representative of Azerbaijan attempted to discuss political topics using the word “integration”, but Mr. Shahramanyan prevented that, saying that if they should discuss political issues, it should be the topic of recognition of the independence of Artsakh by Azerbaijan. He added that they are not authorized to discuss political issues and cannot discuss such issues at this meeting,” Harutyunyan noted.



According to the President, after that, the Azerbaijani side conveyed through its channels that either we accept the integration policy, or there will be no solution to the existing problems, on the contrary, there will be tougher and sharper steps.

“We did not accept, we do not accept, and today I want to state again that it is not only a decision of the Security Council, but the overwhelming majority of our people accept that we will not deviate from our right to independence and self-determination. And that means that in the near future we will have various developments, situations that we have to face. We choose to either continue the struggle that we have embarked on, or if there are such moods in the public that we should accept the proposal presented by Azerbaijan, then they have the opportunity to speak up within the scope of their civil rights and say that the path we have chosen is wrong, try to shape those moods, and form a new government in the country. But since we have chosen the path of struggle, please first of all respect our decision and do not react to any such phenomena and do not

attach any internal political implications,” said the President.

Touching upon the tragic case of the killing of police officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Artsakh Republic as a result of an Azerbaijani sabotage on March 5, the President of the Republic noted that, unfortunately, such provocations are not excluded in the near future.

“We must realize the fact that we have to struggle for a long time and within the framework of that struggle there will be such situations, and we should take preventive measures. I have discussed our problems with the State Minister and today I want to instruct the Government by the decision of the Security Council to develop a program in the directions of food security and energy security, as we have to calculate all scenarios,” said Arayik Harutyunyan. At the meeting of the Security Council, Defense Minister Kamo Vardanyan delivered a report on the operational situation. Subsequently, there was an exchange of ideas, and a number of decisions were made as per the agenda.

Sending an international fact-finding mission to Artsakh a vital necessity – Armenia MFA

Sending an international fact-finding mission to the Lachin corridor and Nagorno-Karabakh becomes a vital necessity, Armenia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement after three Police officers were killed in Artsakh as a result of a subversive attack by Azerbaijani forces.

The statement reads:

On March 5, as a result of the ambush by Azerbaijani Armed Forces in Nagorno-Karabakh three servicemen of the Passport and Visa Department of the Police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Nagorno-Karabakh were killed, and one was injured.

The facts prove that this provocation was pre-planned and instructed by the highest leadership of Azerbaijan. After the ambush, Azerbaijan's official bodies spread disinformation alleging that they received reports that weapons, ammunition and personnel are being transferred from Armenia to Nagorno-Karabakh and acted on these.

The official version of events put forward by Azerbaijan is absurd: they have not presented and cannot present any fact and justification supporting that version. This happens less than two weeks after the decision of the International Court of Justice that wholly rejected Azerbaijan's absurd claims on the alleged laying of landmines by Armenia.

The video that Nagorno-Karabakh



Police has proven that the Azerbaijani military attacked the "UAZ" microbus that carried four employees of the Nagorno-Karabakh Ministry of Internal Affairs, who were on their way from Stepanakert to Hin Shen and Mets Shen villages of Nagorno-Karabakh. Moreover, the videos prove that there was nothing in the microbus except official documents and a service pistol.

The actions of the Azerbaijani forces cannot be described as anything other than terrorism. In parallel to blocking the Lachin corridor and creating a humanitarian crisis in Nagorno-Karabakh for almost three months, Azerbaijan continues to terrorize the Armenians of Artsakh by creating inhumane conditions for living in their homeland with the ultimate goal of ethnic cleansing.

It is noteworthy that after the International Court of Justice on February 22 granted Armenia's request to apply a provisional measure against Azerbaijan, the Azerbaijani side not only did not take steps towards the implementation of the legally

binding decision of the Court but committed new crimes against Armenians of Artsakh, including civilians. On February 28, the Azerbaijani armed forces opened fire on a resident of the village of Myurishen, Martuni region of Artsakh, who was carrying out agricultural work. The ceasefire was also violated by the Azerbaijani armed forces on March 2 and on the night of March 2-3, from the territories of Askeran, Martakert and Martuni regions under Azerbaijani control.

The mentioned actions of Azerbaijan are the practical denial of Baku's sincerity regarding the establishment of peace and stability in the region. This once again shows the need for guarantees for ensuring the rights and security of the population of Nagorno-Karabakh and the international involvement in them.

The Republic of Armenia calls on the international community, countries and international organizations interested in the establishment of real peace in our region to strongly condemn the use of force and the threat of force by Azerbaijan, as well as another manifestation of provoking large-scale hostilities and take active steps to prevent further violations of Azerbaijan's own international obligations.

Under current circumstances, sending an international fact-finding mission to the Lachin corridor and Nagorno-Karabakh becomes a vital necessity.

Israel's Massive Supply of Sophisticated Weapons to Azerbaijan

By Harut Sassounian

The Israeli Haaretz newspaper published on March 5, an astounding article titled: "92 Flights from Israeli Base Reveal Arms Exports to Azerbaijan."

The article reported that on March 2, Azerbaijan's Silk Way Airlines' cargo plane landed in Israel's Ovda military airport, and two hours later returned to Baku via

Turkey and the Georgian Republic. In the last seven years, this is the 92nd cargo flight from Baku to Ovda, the only airfield in Israel that is allowed to export explosives. These military shipments increased substantially during Azerbaijan's attacks on Armenia/Artsakh in 2016, 2020, 2021 and 2022. Pres. Ilham Aliyev of Azerbaijan has described Israel's covert relations with Azerbaijan as being like an iceberg,

nine-tenths of it is below the surface.

Israel supplies almost 70% of Azerbaijan's weapons and in return receives about half of its imported oil. Haaretz quoted foreign media sources disclosing that: "Azerbaijan has allowed the Mossad [Israel's intelligence agency] to set up a forward branch [in Azerbaijan] to monitor what is happening in Iran, Azerbaijan's neighbor to the south,

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page 10 and has even prepared an airfield intended to aid Israel in case it decides to attack Iranian nuclear sites. Reports from two years ago stated that the Mossad agents who stole the Iranian nuclear archive smuggled it to Israel via Azerbaijan. According to official reports from Azerbaijan, over the years Israel has sold it the most advanced weapons systems, including ballistic missiles, air defense and electronic warfare systems, kamikaze drones and more.”

Haaretz revealed that Azerbaijan’s Silk Way Airlines “operates three weekly flights between Baku and [Israel’s] Ben-Gurion International Airport with Boeing 747 cargo freighters.” In addition, some Eastern European countries circumvent the ban on the sale of weapons to Azerbaijan by shipping them via Israel.

The restriction of the sale of weapons by Europe and the United States to Armenia and Azerbaijan created an opportunity for Israel to earn billions of dollars in weapons’ sales to Azerbaijan.

Haaretz reported that “Israel has exported a very wide range of weapons to the country [Azerbaijan]—starting with Tavor assault rifles all the way to the most sophisticated systems such as radar, air defense, antitank missiles, ballistic missiles, ships and a wide range of drones, both for intelligence and attack purposes. Israeli companies have also supplied advanced spy tech, such as communications monitoring systems from Verint and the Pegasus spyware from the NSO Group—tools that were used against journalists, the LGBT community and human rights activists in Azerbaijan, too.”

The Stockholm International Peace Institute wrote: “Israel’s defense exports to Azerbaijan began in 2005 with the sale of the Lynx multiple launch rocket systems by Israel Military Industries (IMI Systems), which has a range of 150 kilometers (92 miles). IMI, which was acquired by Elbit Systems in 2018, also supplied LAR-160 light artillery rockets with a range of 45 kilometers, which, according to a report from Human Rights Watch, were used by

Azerbaijan to fire banned cluster munitions at residential areas in Nagorno-Karabakh,” even though Israel and 123 other countries have banned the use of cluster bombs.

Haaretz reported that “In 2007, Azerbaijan signed a contract to buy four intelligence-gathering drones from Aeronautics Defense Systems. It was the first deal of many. In 2008 it purchased 10 Hermes 450 drones from Elbit Systems and 100 Spike antitank missiles produced by Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and in 2010 it bought another 10 intelligence-gathering drones. Soltam Systems, owned by Elbit, sold it ATMOS self-propelled guns and 120-millimeter Cardom mortars, and in 2017 Azerbaijan’s arsenal was supplemented with the more advanced Hanit mortars. According to the telegram leaked in Wikileaks, a sale of advanced communications equipment from Tadiran was also signed in 2008.”

According to Haaretz, “Israel and Azerbaijan took their relationship up a level in 2011 with a huge \$1.6 billion deal that included a battery of Barak missiles for intercepting aircraft and missiles, as well as Searcher and Heron drones from Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI). It was reported that near the end of the Second Nagorno-Karabakh War in 2020, a Barak battery shot down an Iskander ballistic missile launched by Armenia. Aeronautics Defense Systems also began cooperating with the local arms industry in Azerbaijan, where some of the 100 Orbiter kamikaze (loitering munitions) drones were produced—drones that Azerbaijan’s defense minister called ‘a nightmare for the Armenian army.’”

In 2021, “an indictment was filed against [Israel’s] Aeronautics Defense Systems for violating the law regulating defense exports in its dealing with one of its most prominent clients. A court-imposed gag order prevents the publication of further details. A project to modernize the Azerbaijani army’s tanks began in the early 2010s. Elbit Systems upgraded and equipped the old Soviet T-72 models with

new protective gear to enhance the tanks’ and their crews’ survivability, as well as fast and precise target acquisition and fire control systems. The upgraded tanks, known as Aslan (Lion), starred in the 2013 military parade. Azerbaijan’s navy was reinforced in 2013 with six patrol ships based on the Israel Navy’s Sa’ar 4.5-class missile boats, produced by Israel Shipyards and carrying the naval version of the Spike missiles, along with six Shaldag MK V patrol boats with Rafael’s Typhoon gun mounts and Spike missile systems. Azerbaijan’s navy also bought 100 Lahat antitank guided missiles.”

In 2014, “Azerbaijan ordered the first 100 Harop kamikaze drones from IAI, which were a critical tool in later rounds of fighting. Azerbaijan also purchased two advanced radar systems for aerial warning and defense from IAI subsidiary Elta that same year.... Two years later, Azerbaijan bought another 250 SkyStriker kamikaze drones from Elbit Systems. Many videos from the areas of fighting showed Israeli drones attacking Armenian forces.... In 2016, during Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s visit to Baku, Aliyev revealed that contracts had already been signed between the two countries for the purchase of some \$5 billion in ‘defensive equipment.’ In 2017, Azerbaijan purchased advanced Hermes 900 drones from Elbit Systems and LORA ballistic missiles from IAI, with a range 430 kilometers. In 2018, Aliyev inaugurated the base where the LORA missiles are deployed, at a distance of about 430 kilometers from Yerevan, Armenia’s capital. During the war in 2020, at least one LORA missile was launched, and according to reports it hit a bridge that Armenia used to supply arms and equipment to its forces in Nagorno-Karabakh. More advanced Spike missiles were sent in 2019 and 2020.”

It is appalling that the descendants of the Holocaust are supplying such massive lethal weapons to Azerbaijan to kill the descendants of the Armenian Genocide.

Georgian lawmakers withdraw ‘foreign agents’ bill after protests

Georgia's ruling party said on Thursday, March 9, that it was dropping a controversial bill on “foreign agents” after two nights of violent protests, amid criticism.

The decision comes after Police used water cannon and tear gas against protesters in Georgia's capital, Tbilisi, for a second night.

The crowds are angry at a controversial law, which would class non-government



and media groups as “foreign agents” if they receive more than 20% of their funds

from abroad.

On Wednesday evening, police pushed back protesters who pulled down a metal barrier outside parliament.

The crowds were ordered to disperse and some people were injured.

The protests took place outside parliament, where on Tuesday lawmakers backed a first reading of the law, which has been widely condemned internationally.

Xi Jinping begins historic third term as China's president

China's leader Xi Jinping has secured a historic third term as president from the country's parliament, the [BBC](#) reports.

It follows a consolidation of power that has made Mr Xi, 69, China's most dominant leader in generations.

In the Chinese system of governance, the functions of the president are largely ceremonial.

Mr Xi's power comes from him being General Secretary of the Communist Party and Chairman of the Central Military



Commission (CMC).

Confirmation of his third term as president had been widely expected. The naming of a new premier and various ministers in the coming days is considered more important.

The new appointees are all expected to be Xi Jinping loyalists. This includes Li Qiang, who is tipped to serve as Mr Xi's number two.

Mr Xi has solidified his rule as China reopens from his bruising zero-Covid policy that has fuelled anti-government protests.

Since Mao Zedong, leaders in China had been limited to two terms in office. When Mr Xi had this restriction changed in 2018, it transformed him into a figure with a reach not seen since Chairman Mao

The Future Armenian Convention kicks off in Yerevan

The Future Armenian Convention - the first pan-Armenian citizens' assembly – kicked off in Yerevan on March 10.

The Future Armenian is a public initiative launched by Armenians and friends of Armenia to create a common framework of understanding around the sustainable development of Armenia as a country and Armenians as a nation.

Over 200 participants will engage in discussions on “Historic Responsibility”, “Armenia-Diaspora Unity” and “Growing Population”.

“Today we are opening a new chapter in the history of the Future Armenian initiative,” said Artak Apitonyan, the CEO of the Future Armenian Development Foundation. “We are launching a highly

important stage of public discussions, which is commonly referred to as a citizens' assembly in the world. In a sense this is a new test in the Armenian arena but we are convinced that we will achieve success through joint efforts.”

Speaking about the development of the initiative, he said that the 2020 war made them once again think about the

future in terms of “what kind of Armenia and Armenians we want to have and how to build that Armenia.”

Over 110,000 Armenians from 108 countries have already joined the initiative.

200 of them are now participating in the discussions.

Noubar Afeyan, a co-founder of the initiative, as well as Ruben Vardanyan, the former State Minister of Artsakh who is also a co-founder of the initiative, also delivered remarks at the event, with the latter joining through video call from blockaded Artsakh. Vardanyan said that the ongoing blockade showed that Armenians have a great demand for discussing ideas.



DigiTec Summit and Expo, largest tech event in region, kicks off in Yerevan, Armenia

The highly anticipated DigiTec Summit and Expo 2022 [2023 March Edition] – the largest tech event in the region – kicked off in the Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concert Complex in Yerevan on March 10. Representatives of local and international companies, speakers, panelists, journalists, diplomats and government officials were present at the opening ceremony.

30 speakers from 9 countries, 2000 registered visitors and 120 companies are participating.

Opening remarks were made by Chairman of UATE Alexandr Yesayan, Minister of High Tech Industry Robert Khachatryan, EU Ambassador to Armenia Andrea Wiktorin, Ambassador of Germany to Armenia Viktor Richter and Chairman of DigiTec

Summit Raffi Kassarian.

Digitec Summit 2022 (March 2023 Edition) will address the following topic: “Ambitious Tech: Enabling open economies to be more resilient in an increasingly unstable world” and will feature C-level execs and founders from existing and to-be unicorns from countries such as Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Israel, the Netherlands, Ukraine and the US, in addition to host country Armenia.

This year’s DigiTec event is the largest in its history, according to Chairman of UATE Alexandr Yesayan.

As part of the event, summit attendees with Full Network Pass tickets have the opportunity to pitch their start-ups to one of 5 venture capitalists from around the



world in the Venture Capital Speed Dating.

“We are trying to internationalize this conference,” said Raffi Kassarian.

EU Ambassador Andrea Wiktorin said the growing IT ecosystem and science sector in Armenia is noticeable and called for promoting and supporting innovations in business processes.

United States Ambassador Kristina Kvien, Moderna co-founder Nubair Afeyan, among others, are also participating in the event.

Mexican Armenians express gratitude for Senate recognition of Armenian Genocide



On Saturday, February 18, some members of the Armenian community in Mexico gathered at the “Armenian Clock” in Mexico City to pay tribute to the martyrs of 1915, and also to give thanks for the recognition by the Senate of Mexico of this genocide, the *Armenian Mirror-Spectator* reports.

With Armenians from France, Venezuela, Cyprus, and Armenia and also with the

participation of Peter Balakian, Pulitzer Prize winning poet and professor at Colgate University in the United States, the assembled remembered their ancestors massacred by the government of the young Turks in the Ottoman Empire between 1915 and 1918. In Mexico, although the Armenians can trace their origins in this country back to the 18th century, the vast majority arrived as refugees as a result of the genocide and settled between 1923 and 1928 in Mexico City or Tijuana and rebuilt their lives, establishing a small but thriving community.

Mexican Armenians have sought for many years for the Mexican government to recognize the Armenian Genocide, as Uruguay did in 1965 and recently the president of the United States (in 2021).

The architect of this new initiative was Armen Yeritsian and the senator for the northern state of Baja California Alejandra León Gastelum (currently of the “Citizen Movement” Party), who since April 2022 together with the “Plural Group” presented a Point of Agreement in the Senate of Mexico to recognize the Genocide. This proposal was passed to the plenary session of the Senate for its vote on February 8, 2023 and that same day it was voted on unanimously.

At the conclusion of the gathering, Balakian moved the group with the reading of his poem “After the Survivors Are Gone,” which closes with the words: “we shall not forget the earth/ the artifact, the particular song, /the dirt of an idiom, / things that stick in the ear.”

Rep. Schiff insists on sanctions against Azerbaijan

The attack by Azerbaijani forces that killed three Artsakh police officers is another act of deliberate murder and furthers the need for sanctions against Azerbaijan for their violations of human rights and the right to self-determination for the people of Artsakh, Congressman Adam Schiff said.

“This latest violence comes during the ongoing humanitarian crisis caused by the blockade of the Lachin corridor, leaving



120,000 individuals in dire conditions,” Rep. Schiff said.

“The U.S. must condemn Azerbaijan’s assaults on Artsakh and hold the Aliyev regime accountable,” the Congressman said.

He urged the U.S. State Department and the Biden Administration to use all diplomatic channels available to address the increased instability in the region and ensure that the security and sovereignty of Artsakh is respected.

Creative Europe: Armenian author shortlisted for European Union Literature Prize

The Armenian author Lusine Kharatyan, and her book *A Syrian Affair* (ՄԻԴԻԱՎԵՊ), has made the list of 13 nominees for the European Union Prize for Literature, *EU Neighbors East* reports.

The European Union Prize for Literature recognizes emerging fiction writers from the European Union and beyond since its creation in 2009. The Prize celebrates outstanding new literary talents from all 41 countries participating in the Creative Europe programme and promotes the circulation of literary works

in Europe.

The 2023 EUPL Prize winner and the five special mentions will be revealed on 28 April, during the announcement ceremony at the Leipzig Book Fair.

All nominated authors will be promoted across Europe, with the aim of reaching a wider international audience that could connect with authors beyond their national and linguistic borders.

In 2022, the Georgian writer Iva Pezuashvili won the Prize for his book *A Garbage Chute*. The jury also gave a special



mention to Ukrainian writer Eugenia Kuznetsova for her book *Ask Miyechka*.

The prize is organized by a consortium of associations comprising the Federation of European Publishers (FEP) and the European and International Booksellers Federation (EIBF), with the support of the European Commission.

Prime Minister of Iceland to visit Armenia for Women's Role in Promoting Democracy, Peace and Security conference

The Prime Minister of Iceland Katrín Jakobsdóttir accepted Armenia's invitation to participate in the Women's Role in Promoting Democracy, Peace and Security conference which is scheduled to take place in October 2023.

The invitation was conveyed to PM Jakobsdóttir by the Armenian Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Narek Mkrtchyan during a meeting in New York City.

The Women's Role in Promoting Democracy, Peace and Security conference is a joint initiative by Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan's wife Anna Hakobyan and the Women Political Leaders organization.

During the meeting with PM



Jakobsdóttir in New York, Minister Mkrtchyan expressed gratitude for the support by Icelandic companies during the 2020 war in Artsakh, the cooperation and the visit by a group of Members of Parliament from Iceland to Artsakh, the ministry said in a read-out.

They also discussed possibilities for

cooperation in labor and social protection, as well as exchange of experience.

Speaking about the protection of women's rights and the necessity for increasing the role of women, Minister Mkrtchyan presented details on the Women's Role in Promoting Democracy, Peace and Security conference organized jointly by Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan's wife Anna Hakobyan and the Women Political Leaders organization.

The Prime Minister of Iceland welcomed the initiative and accepted the invitation to visit Armenia in October to participate in the conference.

Charles Aznavour's statue expected to be installed in the center of Yerevan's France Square

A project presented to the Committee of Culture, Education and Social Affairs of the Yerevan City Council proposes to install the statue of Charles Aznavour in the center of the France Square, Member of the Council Izabella Abgaryan said on Facebook.

Under the project, the sculpture of Jules Bastien-Lepage by Auguste Rodin will be moved to another place in the same



square.

According to the contract, Rodin's

sculpture should be right in the France Square. Therefore, two places are being considered at the moment – one near the Opera House, the other in front of Saryan Park.

Installing the statue in Aznavour Square is impossible as it is going to be too big for the place.

An identical statue will be erected in France.

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Armenian Identity Card

The goal of the Armenian Identity Card (HyeID) non-profit organization is to unify Armenians worldwide in a common platform so that through contacts, queries and referenda they can express their views and positions regarding issues of general interest to Armenians around the world and issues of particular interest to Armenian communities in various countries.

Armenian Identity Card (HyeID) also makes it possible to establish business networks, the cardholder can participate in various charitable projects, and can obtain discounts from Armenian and non-Armenian businesses all over the world. Armenians should feel themselves to be full-fledged "citizens" of a reborn Armenia and the Armenian Identity Card is the «passport» for all Armenians.

The Armenian Identity Card (HyeID) network is an effective environment where Armenians can implement various projects and pan-Armenian programs. At the heart of HyeID is the creation of an Armenian database which will become the reliable and objective basis to realize the potential of all Armenians around the world. Based on that database, it will be possible to implement various permanent and temporary initiatives through the Armenian Identity Card (HyeID) organization.

- The Armenian Identity Card (HyeID) worldwide network enables cardholders to elect and get elected to the leadership of The Armenian Identity Card (HyeID) network structures.

- The Armenian Identity Card (HyeID) cardholders can benefit from the possibility of discounts intended for HyeID cardholders when shopping for products and services in various countries of the world.

- The Armenian Identity Card (HyeID) cardholders can participate in queries and referenda initiated by the HyeID network and vote on issues of national interest to Armenians.

- Ensure the security

and privacy of The Armenian Identification Card (HyeID) cardholders. The Armenian Identity Card (HyeID) cardholders who live in the Diaspora intend to utilize the possibilities made available through HyeID to form a Diaspora representative body — Diaspora Armenian Parliament — through democratic elections.

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