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## Armenian President lauds EU

On the occasion of Europe's Day on June 7 President Serzh Sargsyan visited the Office of the Delegation of the European Union in Armenia, President's Press Office reports.

The President of Armenia congratulated the Head of the EU Delegation Ambassador Piotr Switalski and the entire staff of the Office and in their persons the large EU family on the occasion of Europe's Day, and wished peace and prosperity.

"It's been six decades since one of the founders of the EU Robert Schuman stated his declaration which gave a start to the process of creating the European Union. In this short period of time the idea of the united Europe has undergone transformation, proved its viability and demonstrated the advantages of coexistence of the nations. In fact, today the authority of the European Union is reaching far beyond its borders. I am glad that in recent years our relations and political contacts have become more active and high-level visits have become more frequent. Last year, we hosted in Armenia the President of the European Council Mr. Tusk,



Commissioner Johannes Hahn, and last March a high-level representative of the EU Mrs. Mogherini also visited Yerevan. These visits were full of substance and implied practical steps. Our negotiations on a new Armenia-EU legal document are proceeding successfully, and we hope that the document will be signed within a reasonable period of time which will further enhance our cooperation," said President Serzh Sargsyan.

On behalf of the EU Delegation in Armenia and his own behalf, Ambassador Switalski thanked the President of Armenia for visiting the Office and for his warm words and underscored that the EU Delegation considers Europe's Day a com-

mon holiday, which they would like to celebrate with Armenia and the extended European family.

"We are profoundly grateful to the Armenian authorities for the assistance in the organization of the celebrations dedicated to Europe's Day on the entire territory of Armenia. From Gyumri to Kapan, to the border with Iran we call it the European Gates and make our best to develop relations with Armenia. We assess our relations as excellent, dynamically developing but believe at the same time that there is even a greater potential for their enrichment and development," said the Head of the EU Delegation to Armenia Piotr Switalski.

President Serzh Sargsyan and Ambassador Switalski discussed also issues pertinent to the Armenia-EU agenda, ongoing programs and priorities, spoke about reforms conducted in Armenia. The President of Armenia thanked the EU for the continuous assistance to these reforms. The parties express hope that joint efforts aimed at the deepening of the EU-Armenia relations will enrich the bilateral agenda and will elevate the Armenia-EU relations to a new level.



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## Bundestag condemns Turkish threats against lawmakers over Armenian Genocide vote



Germany's parliament speaker Norbert Lammert condemned Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Thursday for demanding blood tests for German lawmakers of Turkish origin who voted for a resolution recognizing the 1915 Armenian genocide.

Erdogan singled out the 11 members of the Bundestag earlier this week as he again deplored the resolution overwhelming passed by the German lower house of parliament on June 2. He branded them as terrorists and said they have "tainted blood" that must be tested in a lab.

"I would not have thought it possible that in the 21st century a democratically elected president would link his criticism of

democratically elected German Parliament lawmakers with doubts about their Turkish origins and describe their blood as tainted," Lammert told the Bundestag.

"Also, I reject in all its forms the insinuation that members of this parliament are terrorist mouthpieces," he said, according to news reports from Berlin.

"Every person that tries to put pressure on individual lawmakers with threats must know they are attacking the entire parliament," Lammert added to loud applause.

European Parliament President Martin Schulz, a German Social Democrat, condemned Erdogan's comments "as strongly as possible" in an open letter cited by Deutsche Welle radio. "A string of the German Bundestag MPs you have personally attacked ... are among longstanding colleagues of mine, some of them are very close to me personally," Schulz said. "I feel obliged to protect these colleagues wherever I can."

Several ethnic Turkish parliamentarians denounced by Erdogan have reported receiving threats and been placed under police protection. One of them, Green Party leader Cem Ozdemir, was a key sponsor of the Armenian genocide resolution.

Erdogan, meanwhile, stood by his controversial remarks, saying that they should not be regarded as racist. "In our culture, saying someone has tainted blood is a reference to their character," "Hurriyet Daily News" quoted him as saying. "It means a man who wrongs his own people and insists on engaging in bad deeds."

## Armenian military defends air-defense deal with Russia

Yerevan- (RE/RFL) A new Russian-Armenian system of joint air defense agreed by the two sides recently will boost Armenia's national security and will not limit its sovereignty, the authorities in Yerevan insisted on June 9.

The Armenian government and Defense Ministry dismissed concerns voiced by their pro-Western critics over a relevant agreement which the defense ministers of Russia and Armenia signed in Moscow in December.

The Russian and Armenian militaries have been jointly protecting Armenia's airspace ever since the mid-1990s as part of a defense alliance binding the two countries. The agreement in question would deepen that arrangement through the creation of a Russian-Armenian "united regional system of air defense."

Under the agreement, the air-defense system will cover "the Caucasian region" presumably encompassing southern Russia, Armenia and adjacent territory in the South Caucasus. It will be led by the

commander of Russia's Southern Military District and "coordinated" by the Russian Air Force chief.

Armenian opposition politicians, media commentators and analysts have seized upon this provision, saying that it poses a threat to Armenia's independence and even security. Some of them have gone as far as to claim that Yerevan is placing Armenian airspace under Russian control.

The Defense Ministry sought to disprove those allegations with a statement explaining key provisions of the agreement expected to be ratified by the Armenian parliament later this month. It argued that an Armenian army general will be in charge of all air-defense forces deployed within Armenia. Those include sophisticated S-300 and Buk surface-to-air missiles as well as MiG-29 fighter jets that are part of the Russian military base headquartered in Gyumri.

These anti-aircraft weapons will be used in accordance with Armenian law, stressed the ministry statement. It said the

Russian military will take command of Armenia's air defenses only if the Armenian side is unable to cope with external threats.

The statement also emphasized that the upgraded joint system will not comprise all anti-aircraft and aviation units of the Armenian army. Nor will the system "influence" Armenia's military contacts with Nagorno-Karabakh, it said.

Deputy Foreign Minister Shavarsh Kocharyan also defended the Russian-Armenian agreement. "It will give us the capacity to meticulously monitor the entire territory around us," Kocharyan told reporters. "We currently don't have the kind of capacity which is provided by Russian facilities."

The Defense Ministry indicated in this regard that the deal will give the Armenian military access to Russian spy satellite data. "The Russian side also has surveillance systems that too can be used to the benefit of Armenian air-defense forces," it added without elaborating.

## Russia unhappy with Armenian statue

Russia criticized Armenia on June 10 for erecting a statue in Yerevan of an Armenian nationalist statesman who fought against the Bolsheviks and later collaborated with Nazi Germany.

A Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson said Garegin Nzhdeh's statue is "not compatible with the memory of heroes" of World War II, among them many Armenians. The ruling Republican Party of Armenia dismissed the criticism.

Born in the Russian Empire in 1886, Nzhdeh became an Armenian nationalist militant at a young age and spent several years in Russian prisons as a result. He was pardoned by the Russian authorities before commanding one of the Armenian volunteer units that fought the Ottoman Turkish army alongside Russian troops during World War I.

Nzhdeh went on to become one of the prominent military leaders of an independent Armenian republic formed in 1918 following the Bolshevik revolution. In late 1920, he mounted armed resistance against the republic's takeover by Bolshevik Russia in Zangezur, a mountainous region in what is now south-eastern Armenia. Nzhdeh and his supporters ended the resistance and fled to neighboring Persia in July 1921 after receiving assurances that the region will not be incorporated into Soviet Azerbaijan.

Nzhdeh was one of several exiled Armenian leaders who pledged allegiance to Nazi Germany in 1942 with the stated aim of saving Soviet Armenia from a possible Turkish invasion after what they expected to be a Soviet defeat by the Third Reich. Their "Armenian national council" cobbled together several battalions mainly comprising Armenian prisoners of war from the Red Army. The so-called Armenian Legion never played a major role in the Wehrmacht's military operations, however.

Nzhdeh surrendered to advancing Red Army divisions in Bulgaria in 1944 after reportedly offering Josef Stalin to mobilize Armenians for a Soviet assault on Turkey. In 1948, a Soviet court sentenced him to 25 years in prison on charges that mainly stemmed from his "counterrevolutionary" activities in 1920-1921, rather than collaboration with Nazi Germany. He died in a Soviet prison in 1955.

Nzhdeh was rehabilitated in Armenia after the republic's last Communist government was removed from power in 1990. The first post-Communist Armenian government named a square and metro station in Yerevan after him in the following years.



Nzhdeh is widely credited with preserving Armenian control over Zangezur, a strategic region bordering Iran. He is also revered by many in the country as the founder of a new brand of Armenian nationalism that emerged in the 1930s.

His Tseghakron ideology put the emphasis on armed self-defense, military organization and self-reliance. The ruling Republican Party of Armenia (HHK) has espoused it throughout its existence.

The HHK, which is headed by President Serzh Sargasyan, was instrumental in the Yerevan municipality's decision to place Nzhdeh's statue in the city center. The statue was unveiled on May 28 in the presence of Serzh Sargasyan and other senior officials.

"We cannot understand why that statue was placed," Maria Zakharova, the Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, told a news briefing in Moscow.

Zakharova said that the Russian government is strongly opposed to "any revival, glorification or other manifestations of Nazism, neo-Nazism and extremism." She also pointed to the "immortal feat of the Armenian people" during World War II.

Hundreds of thousands of Armenians were drafted to the Red Army and nearly half of them died during the war. The most famous of them, notably Marshal Ivan Bagramian and Admiral Ivan Isakov, still have streets in Armenia bearing their names and are regularly honored by the Armenian authorities.

Just five days before the erection of Nzhdeh's statue, the authorities unveiled a statue of another Soviet Armenian marshal, Hamazasp Babajanian, in the Armenian capital. Serzh Sargasyan attended that ceremony as well.

While criticizing Nzhdeh's statue, Zakharova stressed that May 9, which marks the anniversary of the Soviet defeat of Nazi Germany, remains a public holiday in Armenia. This is "the main indicator of official Yerevan's position on preserving the historical truth about the Great Patriotic War," she said.

The Armenian ruling party was quick to reject the Russian criticism. "Garegin Nzhdeh is one of the greatest heroes of the Armenian nation," HHK spokesman Eduard Sharmazanov told 168.am. He said Nzhdeh's activities were always aimed at "the liberation, salvation and independence of the Armenian people."

Sharmazanov also downplayed the nationalist leader's links with the Wehrmacht. He said the Soviet Union itself signed a nonaggression pact with Nazi Germany in 1939.



## Russia, Armenia considering draft deal on joint air defense system: CSTO Secretary General

Yerevan hosted on June 8 the sitting of the National Security Council Secretaries of CSTO member states, chaired by Armen Gevorgyan, Secretary of the Armenian National Security Council.

Considering that the meeting is taking place at a difficult time for Armenia and the region, Armen Gevorgyan first referred to the large-scale military actions unleashed by Azerbaijan against Nagorno Karabakh this April.

"The people of Nagorno Karabakh faced direct aggression on the part of Azerbaijan. This became a serious challenge to the region, the security and stability in the South Caucasus, and resulted in gross violations of the ceasefire regime," he noted.

"Armenia, as a guarantor of security of the people of Nagorno Karabakh, cannot just stand and look at such actions of Azerbaijan," Armen Gevorgyan noted, stressing that "the CSTO was created to solve issues collectively, to curb aggression against member-states."

The Secretary noted that events were taking place in the Caucasus region of the CSTO and added that the Armenian public expects greater unity from CSTO member states.

"Undoubtedly, any destabilization at the border of a CSTO member state, especially a military clash, is a threat to the security of that country," CSTO Secretary General Nikolay Bordyuzha told reporters after the sitting, commenting on whether the organization was preparing to take any step to ease the tension after the four-day war.

"Naturally, we do not ignore such situations. This applies to both the Caucasus and Central Asia, Bordyuzha assured.

"The active involvement of the Russian President, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister in the settlement of the situation is



nothing but a stance of a CSTO partner. The CSTO is not only about the Secretariat and the Secretary General, it's a union of six states and in this period the heads of practically all CSTO member states have tried to influence the situation, to help cease the military actions and return the parties to the negotiating table. In my opinion, this is also a result of CSTO activity. We should look at the CSTO from this perspective, not from the perspective of the use of force or the army," the Secretary General said.

The parliaments of Russia and Armenia are considering a draft agreement on the creation of a joint air defense system, Nikolai Bordyuzha said.

Russia has already created joint air defense systems with Belarus and Kazakhstan, the CSTO head noted.

"It is being considered at the level of legislative bodies of both countries," Bordyuzha said at a press conference in the Armenian capital of Yerevan.

## Czech President To Push For Armenian Genocide Recognition



Czech President Milos Zeman said he will urge his country's parliament to recognize the 1915 Armenian genocide in Ottoman Turkey as he paid an official visit to Armenia on June 8.

"As a follow-up to my statement, I will appeal to the Czech parliament to follow Germany's example and adopt a similar statement," he told a joint news conference with President Serzh Sargsyan held after their talks in Yerevan.

Zeman laid a wreath at the Armenian genocide memorial in Yerevan earlier in the day.

Zeman advocated an official recognition by the Czech Republic of the genocide in an interview with the Czech newspa-

per "Parlamentni listy" given ahead of his visit to Armenia. He said he will discuss the matter with Czech Foreign Minister Lubomir Zaoralek on his return from Yerevan.

With the Czech Republic having a parliamentary system of government, Zeman is less powerful than Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka, who is backed by the parliamentary majority. The two men have had an uneasy relationship.

The Czech parliament's foreign relations committee already referred to the World War I-era slaughter of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians as genocide in a statement adopted in April 2015. The issue has not been debated on the parliament floor yet, however.

Serzh Sargsyan thanked Zeman for his plans to push for genocide recognition. He also again praised the German parliament for adopting a corresponding resolution last week. The "historic" Bundestag vote showed that "it is impossible to stop the international recognition process by distorting history, denying facts or making threats," the Armenian president said in a fresh jibe at Turkey.

The Turkish government responded angrily to the June 2 vote, recalling its ambassador in Berlin in protest.

## Armenian-Czech Business Forum opens in Yerevan

The President of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan and the President of the Czech Republic Miloš Zeman attended the opening of the Armenian-Czech Business Forum.

Serzh Sargsyan greeted the participants and organizers of the Armenian-Czech Business Forum, which became a traditional event, and expressed hope that the Forum will promote friendly relations of the two countries and further expansion of the economic ties as well as the discovery by the Czech businessmen of Armenia as a land of opportunities.

From the viewpoint of deepening the trade and economic relations, the President of Armenia stressed the importance of the February visit to Armenia of the Czech Minister for Industry and Trade Jan Mládek and the Business Forum organized in the framework of the visit.

The President of Armenia noted with satisfaction that today there are nearly 20 companies with Czech capital functioning in Armenia. According to Serzh Sargsyan, the citizens of Armenia have already had to some extent discovered for themselves Czech companies such as Czech Avto, Chantan, Praha, which imports Bohemian crystal glass, and others.

In his message to the participants of the Forum, Serzh Sargsyan presented in detail the favorable investment climate present in Armenia, current stage of the economy, Armenia's leading role among the CIS countries in terms of economic freedom and doing business which is also registered in the rating reports of prestigious international structures. From the viewpoint of attraction foreign investments, the President of Armenia stressed in particular two factors - stability and economic interest. He underscored that with this regard Armenia possesses every prerequisite. President Sargsyan also underlined that since independence the macroeconomic stability of the country has been a priority and thanks to wise tax and budget, as well as monetary policies Armenian now has a stable macroeconomic environment.

"Nowadays, it is impossible to attract foreign investments if there is no political stability and predictability. By the way, when we say political stability, unlike some countries of the region, we first of all mean democratic stability based on human rights and the rule of law which allows to keep the country free from political shocks without endangering the future of the investments. Constitutional reforms in our country are also called to serve this purpose," said the President of Armenia.



Serzh Sargsyan spoke about the comprehensive reforms carried out in Armenia and underscored that along the way the role of the European Union - one of Armenia's most important partners - has been significant. With the assistance of the EU, trade regulations, food security, and intellectual property rights have been brought in compliance with the European standards.

The President of Armenia assured that Armenia will continue resolutely to move forward the agenda of reformation.

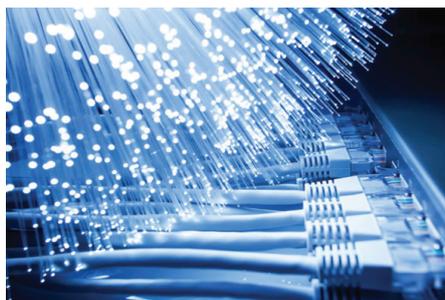
Serzh Sargsyan presented also new opportunities for the development of the Armenian economy and foreign investments and favorable conditions which have appeared with the accession of our country to the Eurasian Economic Union. He underlined that Armenia has a preferential access regime to other economic areas, such as the EU, the US, Canada, Switzerland, Japan, Norway and some other countries. According to the President, thanks to the preferential trade regime offered by these countries, Armenia can export goods of the Armenian origin to these markets with considerably low or zero tariffs. "We are confident that enhancement of the high-class education and human potential are the most important guarantees of our country's development, and we pay special attention to them. We have high-quality, educated labor force which can adapt to the requirements of modern labor markets," said the President of Armenia.

President Serzh Sargsyan thanked the President of the Czech Republic Miloš Zeman for his participation at the Yerevan Business Forum and expressed confidence that thanks to diligent and efficient work, Armenia and the Czech Republic can register considerable results, defining new areas of bilateral cooperation.

## Iran provides Iraq-Armenia bandwidth transit

Iran's Telecommunication Infrastructure Company has provided bandwidth transit from Iraq to Armenia (Pilote) with the capacity of 200Gbps under a project called 'Ouj,' Mehr News Agency reports.

The 'Ouj' project is implemented in Iran's Telecommunication Infrastructure Company with an aim to establish international telecommunication through modern technology and with high scalability. The project provides proper conditions for traffic transfer in neighboring countries and promotion of transit capac-



ity.

The project is carried out by the private sector with efficient use of fiber-

optic network, aiming at international transit and reducing costs.

The Telecommunication Infrastructure Company plans to use 22,000km of optical fibers with approximately 250 stations in the country for this project.

The 'Ouj' project has currently launched the Iraq-Armenia bandwidth transit (Pilote) with the capacity of 200Gbps. Another part of the project which includes a 4750km long South-North bandwidth transit will be shortly launched.

## New mining project in Armenia set for launch



Yerevan - (RE/RFL) A British-based company announced on June 8 plans to start building this summer a new gold mine in Armenia which it said will absorb more than \$400 million in investment and be the largest in the country.

The company, Lydian International, plans to mine gold at the Amulsar deposit in the southeastern Vayots Dzor province. It pledged to create 770 permanent jobs and pay about \$500 million in taxes over the next decade before securing final government clearance of the project last year.

Lydian raised \$325 million from two U.S. equity firms in November. It went on to attract another \$40 million in investment from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group.

In a statement, Lydian said it has made a final decision to go ahead with the Amulsar project after receiving "an amended Mining Right" from the Armenian government. It did not specify the changes apparently made in its mining license.

"Upon completion, Amulsar is expected to be the largest gold mine in Armenia, producing an average of 243,000 ounces of gold per year over the

initial five years of operations," read the statement. "First gold pour is expected within approximately 20 months from the start of construction," it said.

Howard Stevenson, Lydian's chief executive, was quoted as saying that work on the mining and ore-processing facilities at Amulsar is due to start this summer. "Basic engineering is advancing and we plan to tender several key contracts during the coming weeks in anticipation of breaking ground," he added.

Stevenson discussed the project with Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamian when they met in Yerevan on May 21. A government statement said he thanked Abrahamian for "continued support and cooperation."

Armenian environment protection groups oppose open-pit mining at Amulsar, citing the gold deposit's proximity to Jermuk, the country's largest and most famous spa resort. They also say it could pollute rivers flowing from the mountainous area.

Both Lydian and the Armenian government have sought to dispel these concerns, saying that the company will use advanced technology and strictly adhere to environmental safety standards. The IFC as well as the European Bank for

Reconstruction and Development have lent credence to these assurances by buying minority stakes in Lydian.

The U.S. government has also signaled support for the mining project financed by American investors. Richard Mills, the U.S. ambassador to Armenia, last year described it as an "important economic opportunity for Armenia."

Armenia already produces relatively significant amounts of gold. Its presently largest gold mines are operated by a Russian company, GeoPro Mining.

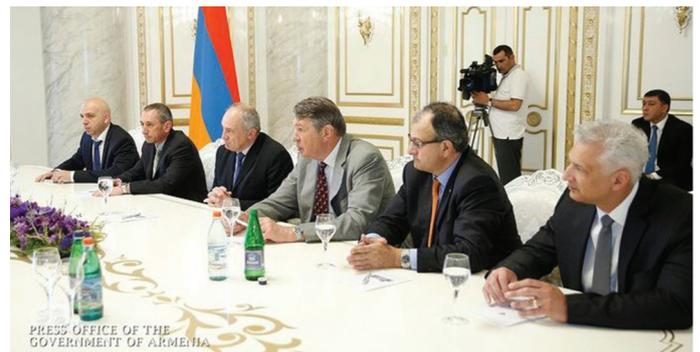
Gold as well as non-ferrous metals such as copper and molybdenum and ore concentrates are Armenia's leading export items. According to the World Bank, the Armenian metal mining industry employs more than 7,000 people and earns the country roughly \$500 million in annual export revenue. Armenia's total exports stood at almost \$1.5 billion last year.

The industry has been a subject of criticism from not only environmentalists but also other civic groups concerned about a lack of transparency in their operations and licensing process allegedly tainted with government corruption.

The World Bank presented on Wednesday a report on the sector's environmental, economic and social impact on Armenia which it had commissioned from European and Armenian consulting firms and mining experts.

The extensive report concludes that while the sector is "an important contributor" to the Armenian economy, none of the mining firms active in the country fully meets environmental safety standards. It also says that "individual operations are not generally contributing sufficiently to the longer term sustainable development of the nation."

The authors of the report called for a more efficient and transparent government regulation of the sector.





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- 2998.**North Ave.**, Newly built, 9/6, 181sq.m, 3bedrooms, capially repaired, climate control, parking. Price: 700.000 USD
- 2682.**Aram Str.**, Newly built, 13/6 187sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 open balconies, capially repaired, heating system, 2AC, 2 garages, view to garden. Price: 550.000 USD negotiable.
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- 2802.**Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 8/4, 166sq.m, 3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially 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, capially repaired, heating system, AC. Price: 460.000 USD.
- 2990.**North Ave.**, Newly built, 11th floor, 295sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capially repaired, climate control, parking. Price: Negotiable.

### PREMISES

- 1789.**Charents str.** Land-1270sq.m, 5 storied building, each floor-400sq.m., basement, capially repaired, parkings. Price: 4.000.000 USD negotiable
- 1598.**Komitas, Nairy Zaryan str.**, 1000 sq.m., working restaurant, 1st line, capially 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., capially repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: Negotiable

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

•2012.**Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1,2, 140sq.m., window glasses, capially 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, capially 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, capially 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, capially repaired, heating system. Price: 450.000 USD

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•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, capially 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, capially 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, capially repaired, heating system, elevator. Price: 2.300.000 USD.

•3583.**Nork-Marash**, Land-1100sq.m, 2 storied bld-520sq.m, 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, capially 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, capially 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, capially 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, capially 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, capially 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, capially 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, capially 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, capially renovated, parking. Price: 900-1300 USD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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### 1 ROOM

- 2037. **Baghranyan 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, capially repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 1000 USD.
- 2099. **Sayat-Nova Ave.**, 12/6, 1 bedroom, capially repaired, gas, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 600 USD.
- 1972. **Northern ave.**, 8/4, 80sqm, 1 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, open kitchen, capially repaired, climate control. Price: 1200 USD
- 2171. **Tumanyan str.**, Newly built, 5th floor, 94 sqm., 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, capially repaired, central heating, furnished, equipped. Price: 1000 USD
- 2367. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 9th floor, 98 sqm., capially repaired, heating system, furnished equipped. Price: Negotiable.

### 2 ROOMS

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

### 3 ROOMS AND MORE

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

- 227sq.m., 4bedrooms, 2bathrooms, guest toilet, capially repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2500 USD
- 2303 **Hanrapetutyun str** Newly built, 9/5, 165sq.m, 3bedrooms, 1bathroom, 1 guest toilet. capially repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 2257. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 17/16, 160 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: Negotiable
- 2005. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/8, 130 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, furnished, parking. Price: 2200 USD.
- 1723. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/4., 170 sq.m 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, open kitchen, capially repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD.
- 1981. **Vardanants Str.**, Newly built, 14/14, 140 sq m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, 3 open balconies, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- 1793. **Teryan str.**, Newly built, 8th floor, 260 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, study, capially repaired, climate control, parking, unfurnished (possible to furnish), Price: 3500 USD.
- 1720. **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 16/10, 179 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, central heating, AC, cellar- 25sq.m, with or without furniture, parking. Price 3000 USD negotiable
- 2195. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 300sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, cap-



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

### PRIVATE HOUSES

- 1335 **Baghranyan str.**, Land-200sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3bathrooms, capially repaired, furnished. Price: 3000 USD
- 1336 **Aygedzor**, Land-1000sq.m, 2 storied bld-240sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, furnished. Price: 2000 USD
- 1337 **Davtashen** Land-406sq.m, 3 storied bld-306sq.m, 4bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capially repaired, furnished. Price: 3900 USD
- 1323. **Monument, Babayan str**, Land-400sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m, 4bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capially repaired. Price: Negotiable
- 1248. **Aygedzor**, Land - 1021 sq m ,3 storied bld. - 501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, capially 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, capially 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, capially 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, capially 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, capially 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, capially 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, capially 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, capially 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, capially 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, capially 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, capially repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable
- 1317. **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-900sq.m., 5 storied building-800sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capially 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, capially 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 Baghranyan str./, 2 storied building, 600 sqm. ground floor- hall and kitchen, 1st floor 5 rooms, bathroom, open balcony, capially repaired, gas, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable.
- 1462. **Teryan str.**, 3 storied building, 800 sq.m., capially repaired, AC, parking. Price: 10.000 USD.
- 1945. **Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1, 2, 140sq.m., window glasses, capially repaired, AC. Price: 8000 USD
- 1943. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m., 1st line, capially repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 7000 USD
- 1868. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m., 1st line, facade-55m., capially repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: 15.000 USD.
- 2087. **Northern ave.**, Ground floor of the building, 100sq.m, 1st line, zero level, capially 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, capially 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, capially repaired. Price: 4.000 USD

## School with enhanced studies of Chinese to be established in Armenia

The commencement of the Program on the establishment of the School with the Enhanced Studies of Chinese Language in Armenia took place at the Presidential Palace in the presence of the President of Armenia and the First-ranked Vice Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Zhang Gaoli. The program is aimed at the strengthening of the centuries-long friendship of the Armenian and Chinese peoples.

The President of Armenia expressed confidence that the Confucius Institute functioning in our country and the School with the enhanced studies of the Chinese language will become important platforms for the dissemination of the unique values of the Chinese culture, establishment of free communication between the future generations and mutual understanding of each other's cultures.

*"I started to discuss the idea of opening such a school with the leadership of the PRC years ago and I am glad that during my last year's state visit to China, the program was approved by President Xi Jinping. The School compound will possess a modern architectural form as well as elements of the traditional Chinese architecture. I am confident that the School will have superb technical equipment. It is deeply symbolic for us that the compound will be located next to the Home-Museum of the prominent Armenian intellectual and pedagogue Khatchatur Abovian. I am confident that the activities of the School will greatly promote dissemination in the Armenian society and particularly among our youth, of the Chinese language and Chinese cul-*



*ture. It is well known that mutual respect and sympathy constitute the base of strong and long-lasting interstate relations; these respect and sympathy are acquired through the consistent strengthening and development of the educational and cultural ties. This is exactly what we are doing today together with our Chinese colleagues. We are grateful for the gratuitous help which the Government of the PRC has been providing to Armenia for years.*

*Dear Attendees,*

*The Armenian-Chinese relations are anchored in the centuries-long friendship. With the establishment of diplomatic relations between our countries twenty-four years ago, we declared a new phase of cooperation, creating a favorable base for the expansion and deepening of the inter-*

*state relations. After my last year's state visit to China, our relations were elevated to a qualitatively new level, further enriching the substance of our bilateral agenda. Mr. Vice Premier, your official visit to Armenia also testifies to that fact. There is no doubt that your visit will give a new impetus to the development of our relations in every area.*

*Chinese language and culture have already become very popular in our country thanks to the establishment and activities of the Confucius Institute. Creation of this compound is based on the vision of the great Chinese intellectual and philosopher Confucius, "If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; if you think in terms of ten years - plant trees; if you think in terms of 100 years - educate the people," said President Serzh Sargsyan.*



# Having admitted complicity in Genocide, Germany should now compensate Armenians



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Despite 'Sultan' Erdogan's insults and threats, the German Parliament went boldly forward last week and recognized the Armenian Genocide. In retaliation, Turkey immediately withdrew its ambassador from Berlin.

The historic Bundestag resolution, adopted with a near unanimous decision (1 vote against and 1 abstention), is titled: "In remembrance and commemoration of the genocide of Armenians and other Christian minorities in the Ottoman Empire 101 years ago." According to ARD television, 74% of the German population agrees that genocide was committed against Armenians. Another revealing survey cited by "Der Spiegel" magazine found that 91% of the German public does not trust Erdogan!

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, fed up with Erdogan's repeated blackmails, decided to put Turkey's megalomaniac dictator in his place, while Pres. Obama has to muster the courage to do so! The German leadership had to fend off not only the Turkish regime's attacks but also sharp criticism from many of the three million Turks living in Germany.

After the Parliament's decision, Erdogan arrogantly declared: "We have nothing in our past to be ashamed of, but those countries that often accuse Turkey of 'Armenian genocide' have the blood of millions of innocent victims." Turkey's minister of justice Bekir Bozdog was just as brazen, as he told Germans: "First you burn the Jews in ovens, and then you come and accuse the Turkish people of genocide." Erdogan and Bozdog must be reminded that Germany,

unlike Turkey, long ago admitted the Nazi-era crimes, apologized for the Holocaust, and paid billions of dollars in compensation.

It remains to be seen if 'big mouth' Turkish leaders would dare to take punitive actions against Germany, besides the routine withdrawal of their ambassador, as they do each time another government acknowledges the Armenian Genocide. Should Erdogan decide to go beyond making empty threats, such steps would backfire on Turkey as Germany is its largest trading partner. Turkey's economy is already in serious trouble after Russia banned the import of Turkish goods and discouraged its citizens from going to Turkey as tourists because of the downing of a Russian jet by the Turkish military near the Syrian border last year.

Turkish leaders have already damaged their country's interests by making provocative and scandalous announcements which have helped to publicize worldwide the German Bundestag's action on the Armenian Genocide. Thousands of newspapers, websites, TV and radio stations covered the German decision and the Turkish outbursts. It is noteworthy that the international media paid particular attention to the German Parliamentarians' admission that their country, a military ally of Turkey during World War I, was complicit in the Armenian Genocide.

The New York Times and The Times of London, two of the most prestigious newspapers in the world, published powerful editorials on June 3 reaffirming the facts of the Armenian Genocide, supporting the German's Parliament's decision, and urging Turkey to confront its dark past.

In an editorial titled, "Yes, It's Genocide," The New York Times wrote: "... It was a genocide, the first of the 20th century.... The Armenians are fully justified in their quest for a historical reckoning.... President Obama, who as a candidate in 2008 pledged to recognize the events of 1915 as a genocide, has failed to do so.... The Germans, who have admirably confronted the terrible genocide in their own history, did the right thing in defying Mr. Erdogan's threats."

The London Times' editorial, "Genocide Denial: The mass slaughter of Armenians needs to be acknowledged by Turkey," was just as impactful: "The German resolution is right not only in its message but also in diplomacy. Turkish pique is regularly directed at allies who recognize the Armenian genocide. That response is worse than undignified and ahistorical: it is a denial of suffering on an unspeakable scale that poisons the politics of Europe to this day, and it needs to be challenged. The slaughter of Armenians was not, as Turkish apologists maintain, one of the unplanned but inescapable tragedies that happen in wartime. It was a specific campaign of deportation and mass killing by the Ottoman regime.... Modern Germany and its statesmen have expressed repeatedly their nation's remorse for genocidal barbarism in the last century. It is long past time for Turkey to do the same."

Having recognized the Armenian Genocide and acknowledged its own share of responsibility and complicity, Germany now has to make appropriate amends to Armenians, thus setting a venerable example for Turkey, not only in recognition, but also in restitution!

## Armenia ranked 110<sup>th</sup> in 2016 Global Peace Index

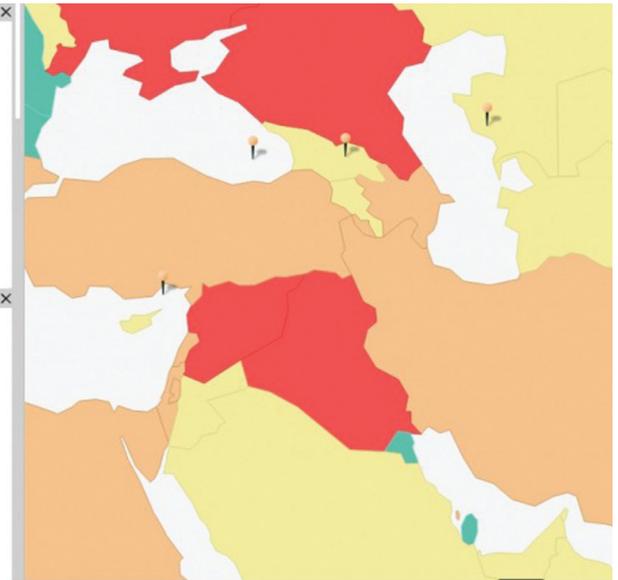
Armenia is placed 110th (down from 91st last year) among 162 countries in the 2016 Global Peace Index released by the Institute for Economics and Peace on June 8.

The world has become increasingly violent with deaths from conflict at a 25-year high, terrorist attack at an all-time high and more people displaced than at any time since World War Two, the 2016 Global Peace Index showed on Wednesday.

The annual index, which measures 23 indicators including incidents of violent crime, countries' levels of militarization and weapons imports, said intensifying conflicts in the Middle East were mostly to blame.

But beyond the Middle East, the world was actually becoming more peaceful, researchers behind the index said.

Armenia's neighbors in the region are ranked as follows: Georgia - 85th, Azerbaijan 134th, Turkey -145th, Iran -



133rd. Armenia's partners in the Eurasian Economic Union Russia and Belarus are placed 151st and 106th respectively, Kazakhstan is 75th, and Kyrgyzstan is 124th.

Iceland is the world's most peaceful

country listed in the index, followed by Denmark, Austria, New Zealand and Portugal.

The least peaceful country is Syria, followed by South Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia.

## Armenia IT Forum in Silicon Valley

Leading members of the Armenian diaspora and those interested in technology companies and startups in Armenia convene today at the Armenia IT Forum at Synopsys in Mountain View, according to Business Wire.

The daylong gathering provides an opportunity to network, share ideas and identify investment opportunities in Armenia with CEOs, venture capitalists, academics, and entrepreneurs. The Forum is organized within the framework of the ArmTech Congress and held under the high patronage of the Prime Minister of Armenia.

Between 2008 and 2013 Armenia saw 22% growth in its technology sector year-over-year, and continues to foster startups and talent through education initiatives as well as recently adopted legislation designed to make launching and growing a startup, incubator, accelerator, or research organization much easier.



Sponsors of the event include Microsoft, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, IBM, the Union of Information and Technology Enterprises, the Union of Employers of Information and Communication Technologies, and PicsArt, a photo app company with 65 million active users founded by two Armenian entrepreneurs. Organizers include the Government of the Republic of Armenia, ArmTech Congress, CEED, World Bank Group, Synopsys, and the Enterprise Incubator Foundation (EIF).

The four panel discussions at the Forum will address critical issues including:

- The IT Industry in Armenia Recent Developments and Success Stories
- Building an Ecosystem for Global Startups and Connecting to Global Markets
- Challenges and Opportunities of Investing in Armenia
- The Role of Education in Unlocking Startup Talent

"This year the forum will focus on the progress and successes of our organizations and startups, especially in the U.S. market," said Bagrat Yengibaryan Ph.D., Director of the EIF. "We're going to discuss the importance of education and explore the challenges for the further development of the IT sector in Armenia," he continued.

"The goal of the Forum is to let the world know Armenia is open for business," said Peter Righi, CEED Global Director. "Armenia is no longer just an outsourcing market. It's a growing hub of innovation with world-class IT talent and it's critical to show what the Armenian government and private sector has done to grow the sector and prepare companies to plug in to the global marketplace. Today gives us the venue to showcase some of the talented people at the forefront of this trend."

**VivaCell-MTS News: Supporting Culture, Youth...**

**"New Names" 6<sup>th</sup> International Festival of Young Musician-Performers Kicks off**

The festive opening ceremony of the "New Names" 6th International Festival took place in the Komitas Chamber Music House in Yerevan. At the opening of the festival the young musicians performed with the State Chamber Orchestra of Armenia under the direction of Harutyun Arzumanyan and Alan Kirkop (Malta).



The festival will be held in Yerevan May 28 through May 31, 2016. The festival is organized upon the initiative of the "New Names" program in Armenia (coordinator, President of the Union of Workers of Culture, Honored Worker of Culture of the Republic of Armenia Silva Meqinyan).

The festival will be held under the high patronage of the First Lady of RA Rita Sargsyan and with the support of the RA Ministry of Culture, the National Philharmonic Orchestra of Armenia (artistic director and principal conductor Eduard Topchyan), and the State Chamber Orchestra of Armenia (artistic director and principal conductor Vahan Martirosyan).

The general partner of the festival is VivaCell-MTS.

*"New Names" festival is one of the most successful projects that we have ever supported. For another year in a row it serves as a unique umbrella under which talented children are gathered together to present their performing skills, to unfold their talent and, most importantly, to withstand a difficult exam before music-lovers and critiques. On behalf of VivaCell-MTS I wish the organizers and participants of the festival new creative heights in bringing the development of classical music, one of*

*our national assets, to higher levels of quality, in order to support the harmonious development of our nation", VivaCell-MTS Founding General Manager **Ralph Yirikian** said.*

This year the representative festival hosts over 50 talented young musician-performers under 18 from Armenia, Russia, Germany, France, Malta, Korea, US, Canada, Bulgaria, and Georgia. The participants of the festival are winners of national and international festivals and are recipients of various scholarships.

In the frames of the festival a cultural

*require immense efforts, responsibility, hard work, ability to make the right decision, readiness to follow the determined values. Being a "leader" has never been easy, because a "leader" is someone who sets examples, who shows direction, who makes others burn with the same ideas. This is huge responsibility and obligates one to be strong and careful", VivaCell-MTS Founding GM said. "Having witnessed the enthusiasm of you, the students, and the lecturers of the Leadership School, the dedication and energy with which you have been working, I can surely state that*



program has been organized for the participants. They will get acquainted with Armenia, have a sightseeing tour around Yerevan, visit Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, Lake Sevan, and other locations of interest in Armenia.

**Ralph Yirikian's address to the Leadership School graduates**

VivaCell-MTS has always been open for sharing its experience with students, and Leadership School students are not an exception: they have been hosted at VivaCell-MTS premises numerous times, having the opportunity to talk in a friendly atmosphere with the Company's General Manager. As a continuation of the long-established friendship, Mr. Ralph Yirikian was invited to have a speech at the Leadership School's 2015-2016 graduation ceremony.

*"From here you step into a new path, which holds millions of opportunities, challenges, choices and possibilities. All these are thrilling and promising, but they*

*you have a big pool of knowledge, skills, ideas and dreams - tools, which are necessary for paving your way through all the obstacles. I am sure we will hear a lot about the achievements of each one of you in the future, and I am looking forward to the sensation of pride and joy when seeing your success", Ralph Yirikian continued.*

Ralph Yirikian has been a featured speaker at a number of academic, business and technology institutions and forums.

In more than 10 years, led by Ralph Yirikian, VivaCell-MTS has become popular not only the telecommunications leader with the largest market share, but also the innovations leader. The Company was not only the first and only telecommunications operator to offer 4G services, but also the first to introduce and promote the concept of CSR as an essential part of corporate behavior. VivaCell-MTS has implemented numerous projects in a broad range of spheres thus contributing to the sustainability of these spheres and the country's economic development. The Company makes considerable investments into the implementation of innovative projects in the spheres of healthcare, culture, science, children, environmental protection, education, and rural infrastructure.

## Aram Khachaturian International Competition 2016: Conducting



By **Gourgen James Khazhakian**  
Chief Correspondent

June 6 is the birthday of the great Armenian composer at all times Aram Khachaturian, and, as usual, right on this day the 12th Aram Khachaturian International Competition of young performers kicked that is being held under the high patronage of RA First Lady Rita Sargsyan.

of interest there is not only to the competition, but also to Armenia, to our culture and art, especially music..." He informed that 12 participants were selected for the competition of the total 57 applied conductors that, in Armen Smbatyan's words, "was a very difficult thing."

He continued: "You'll see how talented they are... I'm sure they will come in the future Armenia to give concerts here." In Prof. Smbatyan's words, this year they have many participants from "serious

that in some extent it was "a pleasant surprise" for them that "in this difficult time all the Jury members came to Armenia without saying any word."

This year Jury is presided over by the People's Artist of Armenia, a Patriarch of Armenian conductors' school Professor Yuri Davtyan, the members are: Artistic Administrator and Casting Director at Theatro Municipal de Sao Paulo Thomas Yaksic (Brazil / Chile), Senior Board member of the artist management company Askonas Holt Mark Hildrew (Great Britain), Managing Director of the Philharmonia Orchestra David Whelton (UK), one of the most promising conductors and composers of his generation, a significant figure of the Greek musical scene *Michalis Economou*, pianist, conductor Vahagn (Vag) Papyan (Israel / Armenia), pianist, conductor Constantine Orbelian, Jr. who was recently appointed the Artistic Director of the A.I.Spendiaryan Natl Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre of Armenia (USA). Among the distinguished guests were Elzbieta Penderecka, Princess Donatella Flick, John Fischer, Music Director of the New York Metropolitan Opera, senior rep of the MIDEM Fest management Cornelia Much.



As on June 6 news conference held at the composer's house-museum the Deputy Minister of Culture of Armenia **Arthur Poghosyan** said, the Aram Khachaturian competition has not been increasing its geography each year only, but also criteria of performance criteria ... "And it is very important that this contest holding name of the great composer has been having a significant international activity within recent years. It is anticipated musical event not only in our region but in the whole world," he said.

This year's competition's main feature is that the first time it will be held for "conducting" nomination.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Aram Khachaturian International Competition Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Professor **Armen Smbatyan** stressed that conducting competitions in the world were organized quite rare, and there, in his words, there was some doubt on success. But, as the time told, they succeeded as, in Mr Smbatyan's words, "year after year we see what kind



countries" - Japan, Korea, Italy, Poland, Russia, Armenia- Lebanon ... "Why do I say "Armenia-Lebanon", because we have a young conductor who was born in Lebanon, Raffi Mikayelyan, graduated from the Yerevan Coservatory, and now lives and works here, so he presents the both countries, and we have also another young gifted Armenian, from Russia, St. Petersburg..."

As for the the Jury, Mr Smbatyan said

Mr Smbatyan said that for the sake of ensuring the impartiality, this year it was decided that members of the jury first will declare their score for a participant, and only then pass the examination.

"Aram Khachaturian-Competition" Cultural Foundation Executive Director **Anna Ter-Hovakimyan** said that the biggest achievement of this significant cultural event having the history of 12 years was the fact that in 2013 the Competition

has become a member of the World Federation of International Music Competitions, WFIMC member, and immediately after the end of the Competition the Federation's 60th summit will be held on June 16-18 in Yerevan.

The official orchestra of the Contest is the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia (SYOA), and its General Partner is the CIS Interstate Fund for Humanitarian

told that in distant 70s when Aram Ilyich gave his last author's concerts in Honolulu, he, his son Karen and his wife had a brief stop in San Francisco and warmly received at the home of a famous Soviet Armenian composer Constantine Orbelian's brother, Harry, father of Constantine, Jr.

And Thomas Yaksic told that when in this same 70s Aram Khachatourian toured in Chile and Argentine, being in Buenos

And in the evening of 9 June the names of the participants who passed to the 2nd Round of the 12th Aram Khachatourian International Competition were announced:

- 6. Boon Hua Lien (Singapore)
- 10. Toshifumi Kanai (Japan)
- 11. Miran Vaupoti? (Croatia)
- 12. June-Sung Park (South Korea/Germany)



Cooperation ("MFGS").

The Competition's opening concert ceremony held in the evening of June 6 had a pretty interesting format: Aram Khachatourian's works were performed by the SYOA, and the conductors was reps of different generations: legendary Hovannes Tchekidjian, Yuri Davtyan, Constantine Orbelian, Jr., Vag Papian, Sergey Smbatyan. And Khachatourian's beautiful "Lullaby" was conducted by a jury member Michalis Economou (Greece).

And that night some jury members told interesting stories connected with the name of the great composer.

For example, Constantine Orbelian, Jr.



Aires, he stayed at home of the parents of Mr Yaksic's wife of the Armenian origin, and this event is evidenced by a Khachatourian's portrait signed for to the host family.

On 10 June participants and jury members of the 12th Aram Khachatourian International Competition visited the Armenian Genocide Museum-institute and laid flowers on the Eternal Flame of the Tsitsernakaberd Memorial.

A Jury member Mark Hildrew noted that he was well informed about the Armenian Genocide. He got acquainted with this historical page of the Armenian people while communicating with Armenian musicians.

"They told me about the Armenian Genocide quite a lot. The atrocities done by the Germany in the last century can be compared with the Armenian Genocide. We hope, these crimes will never ever appear in our lives but nevertheless nowadays it seems that the history is repeating itself. See what's happening in Syria. We should learn from our past to prevent the possible atrocities".

While talking about the competition, Mark Hildrew said that it has being organized in such a high level and the participants are so professional.

"It was pretty hard for us to choose just 4 contestants out from the 12. But I think they deserve it".

The Competition's final results will be announced during the closing gala concert to be held on 14 June.

*Photos by Lusi Sargsyan, Mariam Ghazanchyan and Photolure*



## Three Armenian Americans to claim their rights to land under the Incirlik NATO base in Turkey

By Robert Fisk  
*The Independent*

Incirlik is America's forward air base in Turkey, take-off point for the US air battle against Isis. But in less than two months, a group of Armenians, all descendants of the 1915 genocide of one-and-a-half-million Christians massacred by Ottoman Turkey, will claim in a US court that the land on which America's jets take off to bomb Syrian and Iraqi targets belongs to them, and must be returned to their families.

As an increasing number of European nations acknowledge the most appalling crime against humanity of the First World War as a genocide, which the US Government still refuses to accept for fear of upsetting Turkey, the ghosts of the dead, it seems, are returning to haunt even America's latest Middle East war.

This is no arcane historical legal argument but a potentially deeply embarrassing political case, in which three named Armenians who are full US citizens will, in a California court, assert their rights to land under and around Incirlik, seven miles from Adana, where around 1,500 members of the 39th US Air Base Wing are based in Nato's southern command.

The Pentagon's own war-speak propaganda describes how Incirlik is "a strategic location... close to many of the world's trouble spots", where US personnel help "protect US and Nato interests in the southern region by providing a responsive [sic] staging and operation air base, ready to project integrated, forward-based air power" with "excellent facilities".

Unfortunately for the Americans, in that other war a century ago, the very lands below these "excellent facilities" - and their two runways and aircraft shelters - belonged to the doomed Armenians of the Ottoman Empire. They included farms, houses and a village church and school, summer homes to the Armenian Christians who lived in the nearby city of Adana and grew fig tree plantations at Incirlik, whose very name in Turkish means 'the place of figs'.

Almost all these Armenians were exterminated in the genocide by the Ottoman Turkish Government, not long after the Allied landings at Gallipoli, victims of the first industrial holocaust of the 20th century. They were slaughtered with knives and thrown into mass graves, shot down by militia firing squads, tied together and hurled into rivers, their women gang-raped and their children burned alive, hundreds of thousands dying on death marches into what is now northern Syria.

Their suffering is now acknowledged as a genocide by more than 20 nations, including Russia, France and now Germany. The US, fearful of losing the Incirlik air base and other military facilities by angering Turkey, is one of the few advanced Western nations that still refuses to acknowledge the genocide - itself accepted as a historical fact by hundreds of international and even Turkish historians, but sadly not by the Turkish Government, which provided the Nazis with the inspiration for the Jewish Holocaust of the Second World War.

The August hearing at the 9th Circuit Court of California will involve three named Armenian descendants of genocide victims and survivors - Alex Bakalian, Anais Haroutounian and Rita Mahdessian - who are formally asking for the return of 122 acres of land in and around the Incirlik air base.

Another 13 Armenians may also be added to the complaint, which would then cover the entire territory of the air base whose "sparsely populated terrain and uncongested airspace", to use the Pentagon's words, is now home to the 728th US Air Mobility Squadron.

Their transport aircraft carry 70 per cent of all cargo entering Afghanistan, where American troops continue training missions in their war against the Taliban.

The base is also home to Turkish fighter squadrons in their ferocious bombing campaign against Kurdish rebels. It provides housing for at least 2,000 Turkish and US service family members. Thus the American hospital, dental clinic, chapel and Starbucks and Pizza Hut outlets on the base have been erected - unknown, no doubt, to almost all the Americans who work there - on the wreckage of one of the 20th century's most terrible war crimes, land for which the US Government has paid millions of dollars in rent since the 1950s.

The original lawsuit, referred to in court as Bakalian versus the Republic of Turkey, was filed in December 2010 in the Central District Court of California by the three named descendants of Armenian victims who claimed that the defendants confiscated and then profited from land at Incirlik illegally seized during the genocide.

The case was officially brought against the Turkish Government-owned Central Bank of Turkey and TC Ziraat Bankasi, a state-owned agricultural bank. The Turkish state never appeared before the court, although the Armenians' lawyers say they were "validly served with the complaint".

At first, the two banks asserted 'sovereign immunity' and asked the court to dis-

miss the lawsuit. In the First World War, the Ottomans appointed their national banks as holders of abandoned Armenian property - holders, of course, who for the most part had already been murdered.

But according to independent Armenian-American researcher Missak Kelechian, who has investigated the history of the Armenian-owned land and is helping Vartkes Yeghiayan and Kathryn Boyd, lawyers representing the three plaintiffs - he has already researched the deaths of Armenian orphans in Turkish hands in Beirut during the First World War - the case could force American courts to acknowledge the Armenian genocide in law.

For, in March 2013, the district court determined that the banks could be held to answer for the expropriation of property of Ottoman and Turkish nationals when this action was associated with human rights abuses, including genocide.

"Following long-established rules of immunity recognised by all nations, US law abrogates the immunity from legal action in US courts traditionally afforded to foreign states in a few limited and specific situations," Mr Yeghiayan says.

"The district court found that the Foreign Service Immunities Act denies immunity to the Turkish banks in this case because the banks are doing business in the United States and therefore the lawsuit falls within one of the sovereign immunity exceptions. But the district court ruled that the case must still be dismissed because it involves a political question."

Bakalian, Haroutounian and Mahdessian, however, appealed to the 9th Circuit Court of California and the case was transferred from the district court; the next hearing is scheduled for August this year.

Lawyers for the three Armenians have seized on US Secretary of State John Kerry's recent remarks - that the acts committed by Isis against Christians, Yazidis and Shi'ite groups constituted genocide, which "must [still] be brought to light by an independent investigation and through formal legal determination made by a competent court or tribunal". They say their three clients have always believed their case should be judged on its legal, not political, merits.

There can be little doubt, however, that this far distant and historically based case contains an explosive political message: if the Armenian genocide is acknowledged by a US law court, it can only be a matter of time before the government in Washington is forced to use the very same word for the mass killings of 1915.

## New element in periodic table to be named after Armenian physicist

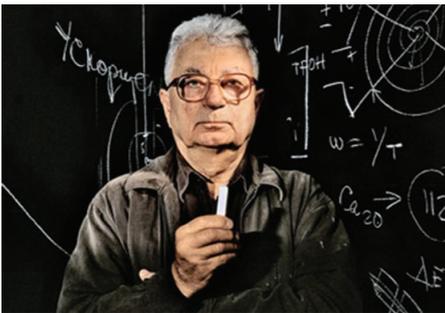
*The Associated Press*

You'll soon see four new names on the periodic table of the elements, including three that honor Moscow, Japan and Tennessee.

The names are among four recommended Wednesday by an international scientific group. The fourth is named for Russian-Armenian scientist Yuri Oganessian.

The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, which rules on chemical element names, presented its proposal for public review. The names had been submitted by the element discoverers.

The four elements, known now by their numbers, completed the seventh row of the periodic table when the chemistry organization verified their discoveries last December.



Tennessee is the second U.S. state to be recognized with an element; California was the first. Element names can come from places, mythology, names of scientists or traits of the element. Other examples: americium, einsteinium and titanium.

Joining more familiar element names such as hydrogen, carbon and lead are:

- moscovium (mah-SKOH'-vee-um), symbol Mc, for element 115, and tennes-sine (TEH'-neh-seen), symbol Ts, for element 117. The discovery team is from the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Dubna, Russia, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California.

Vanderbilt physics professor Joseph Hamilton, who played a role in the discoveries, proposed naming an element for Tennessee. He had hoped to use the symbol Tn, but it had been used in the past and couldn't be reassigned to the new element.

- oganesson (OH'-gah-NEH'-sun), symbol Og, for element 118. The name honors Russian Armenian physicist Yuri Oganessian.

- nihonium (nee-HOH'-nee-um), symbol Nh, for element 113. The element was



discovered in Japan, and Nihon is one way to say the country's name in Japanese. It's the first element to be discovered in an Asian country.

The public comment period will end Nov. 8.

Oganessian is a Russian nuclear physicist of Armenian descent. He and his team discovered the heaviest elements in the periodic table. In 2009, scientists in the United States of America confirmed Oganessian's team's discovery of flerovium over a decade before. He is an acknowledged world-leader in the field of synthesizing and exploring new elements.

Oganessian is the second person to get an element named for him while alive, after Glenn Seaborg.

## What's worse - AIDS or Azeri aggression? Armenian Health Minister addresses the UN

"HIV/AIDS is worse than a war. But this war can be won," Nelson Mandela once said.

"What's worse - AIDS or war?" Armenian Minister of Healthcare Armen Muradyan asked, addressing the UN General Assembly High-level Meeting on ending AIDS.

"Where is the justice, when an innocent baby is born with immunodeficiency? Where is the justice, when children willing to live and study in their Motherland, to learn their language, to believe their God, respect the traditions of their parents and ancestors are being bombarded? Where is the justice, when 90-year old people, willing to live their old age at home, are being killed? I'm speaking about the events in Nagorno Karabakh a month ago. What is worse - AIDS or the infection of inhumanity and hatred that affects even the highest-ranking official clouds his consciousness, turns a civilized person into a barbarian, who orders to kill children and elderly people? It's hard to answer this rhetoric question," Minister Muradyan said.

He noted that the coming generations may not know what AIDS is and what war is, if we give a clear answer to the ques-



tion.

"I'm confident that the coming generations should compare which one is better - peace or prosperity," Armen Muradyan concluded.

## WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?

### Enjoy your leisure

13 June

17:00, 19:00. The Magic Book. Children's educational performance.// State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

14 June

17:00, 19:00. The Magic Book. Children's educational performance.// State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

19:00. Amnesia. Melodrama. Staging: Gor Margaryan, Cast: Luiza Nersisyan, Rafael Yeranosyan.// Yerevan State Chamber Theater

19:00. Dear Pamela. Author: J. Patrick, Staging: Narine Malyan, Cast: Christina Hovakimyan, Samvel Topalyan, Astghik Abajyan, Hayk Sargsyan, Karen Khachatryan, Ara Sargsyan, Levon Ghazaryan.// H. Malyan Theater of Film Actors.

15 June

19:00. White Storks. Author and Director: Ara Yernjakyan. Cast: Rafael Yeranosyan, Mkhitar Avetisyan, Senik Barseghyan, Vahe Ziroyan. Music by: Vahe Grigoryan.// Yerevan State Chamber Theater.

19:00. Alexander Mikhailov: Soul Ecology. The recital of People's Artist of Russia, Alexander Mikhailov, during which he will perform songs and romances from "The Enchanted Wanderer" program, talk about his life and creative way and, of course, answer the questions from the audience. "Soul Ecology" goes 2 hours, with an intermission.// Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski.

19:00. Mister Babik and Others. Author: Zhora Harutyunyan, , Staging: Yervand Ghazanchyan, Comedy in 2 acts.// State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan.

16 June

19:00. Flowers of Evil. Mimodrama in 1 act, Director: Zhirayr Dadasyan , According to Charles Baudelaire's poetry collection "Flowers of Evil".// Yerevan State Pantomime Theater.

19:00. Mger. Recital.// National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian.

19:00. Tagharan Ensemble of Ancient Music? Dedication to Soldier. Artistic Director and Principal Conductor: Sedrak Yerkanyan, Program: Folk and patriotic songs, Soloists:

Lusine Markosyan, soprano Perj Karazyan, tenor Hovsep Nshanyan, baritone Amalia Baloyan, soprano, Balik Galemkerian-Popova, mezzo-soprano (Syria), Marianna Gevorgyan, qanon, Lusine Davoyan, oud.// Chamber Music House after Komitas.

17 June

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

19:00. Endless Return. By Sevak, Theatrical fantasy in 2 parts.// Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.

19:00. Marriage. Genre: Comedy, Author: N. Gogol, Staging: Vahan Khachatryan, Cast: Samvel Topalyan, Astghik Abajyan, Levon Meloyan, Vahagn Gasparyan, Levon Ghazaryan, Georgi Hovakimyan, Ara Sargsyan, Varduhi Rushanyan, Liza Azizyan, Kristine Hovakimyan. // H. Malyan Theater of Film Actors.

17:00. The Frog Prince. Stage Director: Lily Elbakyan.// State Marionette Theater.

19:00. M. Pogossian, A. Froelich, V. Manouelian with ANPO. Soloists: Andreas Frölich, piano (Germany), Movses Pogossian, violin (USA), Varty Manuelyan, violin (USA), Program: Chuguyev: Symphonic Fantasy /12 min./ Schnittke: Concerto Grosso No.1 /28-30 min./

Intermission, Mozart: Piano Concerto No.17 G Major, KV 453 /30-32 min./, Prokofiev: Symphony No.1 "Classical" D major, Op.25 /14-16 min.// Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall.

19:00. Sexual Chaos in the Hotel. Author: Ray Cooney, Director: Honored Artist of RA, David Hakobyan, Designer: Mary Areyan, Musical arrangement: Armen Margaryan.// State Musical Chamber Theater.

18 June

19:00. Bitch. Genre: Lyrical comedy, Author: A. R. Gurney Director: Satenik Khachatryan, Scenography by: Davit Minasyan, Musical arrangement/Composer: Martin Vardazaryan

Duration: 2 hours.// Sos Sargsyan Hamazgayin Theater.

19:00. The Last Clown. B. Slade, Comedy in 2 acts, Staged by Honoured Artist of Armenia, Zhan Nshanyan.// Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.

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

12:30, 14:30, 15:30. The Dog and the Cat. Based on Hovhannes Tumanian's tale, Staging: Anna Elbakyan.// State Marionette Theater.

19:00. Art Cinema Ensemble: Favorite Soundtracks. Ashot Khoetsyan, I violin

Hayk Vardanyan, II violin, Levon Araqelyan, cello, Karen Safaryan, piano.// Chamber Music House after Komitas.

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

16:00. Golden Chicken. Author: Vladimir Orlov, Staging: Karen Khachatryan.// State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

19 June

14:00. Cinderella. Author: Charles Perrault, Staged by: A. Miridjanyan, Music: S. Alexanyan

Designer: M. Areyan, Dances: N. Mirzoyan.// State Musical Chamber Theater.

12:30, 14:00, 15:30. Thumbelina. Musical performance, Hans Christian Andersen, Stage Director: Anna Elbakyan.// State Marionette Theater.

19:00. You Can't Get Rid Of Me. Comedy in 2 acts. Author: Gurgun Khanjyan, Staging: Yervand Ghazanchyan.// State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan.

19:00. Love Mess. H. Berger, Crazy hallucination, in 2 parts, Staged by Honoured Artist of Armenia, Robert Harutyunyan.// Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.

19:00. An Evening of Anush Alexanyan's Songs. Participants:

Nune Yesayan, Arame, Qristine Pepelyan, Mger, Aida Sargsyan, Saro, Liana, Anna Khachatryan, Grisha Grigoryan, Silvi, Lusine Poghosyan, Nona Alexanyan.// Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall.

19:00. Gagik Karapetyan - 65. Honored Worker of Culture, choreographer Gagik Karapetyan's jubilee concert.// National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian.

Columnist: Sarah Melkonyan  
Responses are welcome: hl@nt.am

## Zodiac Weekly Forecast



### **Aries (March 20-April 19)**

The "rules" of law, justice, and all bodies of authority have been demanding more than their fair share of you. What you feel may be exaggerated, but it is clear that something is wrong. It is possible that you may be the victim of false rumors or gossip. Now is the time for truth. Past responsibilities come home to roost. Those you have managed well will reward, or vice-versa.



### **Taurus (April 20 -- May 20)**

Problems have been revealed via any of the following areas: resources that you share with others (partner's income, investments, IRS), issues concerning your estate and/or your inheritance, debtors that won't pay, or debts that you owe. Meanwhile some of those whom you have called friends seem to evaporate. Your clarity of vision about who is a friend is growing.



### **Gemini (May 20-June 20)**

There are issues in your partnership that require attention. Perhaps your partner has experienced a loss in his/her family and this requires you to take on more responsibility than is the norm. You must be the strong one now. This kind of issue can generate questions about your level of commitment. If the relationship is good, it will survive and become stronger.



### **Cancer (June 21-July 21)**

Your Faith will be tested in any number of situations over the next few months. Saturn is demanding that you have all your details, files, and requirements in order. It could be called the Reality Police. Your physical strength may be undermined by a long term condition that heretofore has not shown its face. It will require effort, work, and attention to control and repair it.



### **Leo (July 22-August 21)**

Realities have been exposed in your romance, creative life, and relationships to children. It is possible that you are reaching the limits of your ability to manage things alone. You are actually losing valuable resources, though the trail may not be clear. Partner may not be able to contribute his/her share. This could be simply inflation, or wherever you keep your savings is being charged unfairly. Check your account(s) for deceptive practices.



### **Virgo (August 22-September 22)**

Demands from family on your time and energy has been eroding your primary relationship. Or perhaps it has been slowly degrading over time and now you are forced to recognize the problem. If you want to resolve this issue, more work, effort, and ongoing attention has promise of correcting the issue.



### **Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)**

The circle of your environment has become smaller, perhaps because your physical body can no longer keep up the pace. Give attention to exercise, better sleep, or eliminate addictive patterns that may be draining your energy. Use discernment about whether you are taking over problems that don't belong to you. Don't give away your energy on other people's issues.



### **Scorpio (October 23-November 21)**

You have needed to keep your financial belt pretty tight for well over a year. It is possible you fantasized that help from an unknown source would rescue you. That likely has not materialized. You are realizing the illusion of what we call security. You need a paycheck of your own.



### **Sagittarius**

#### **(November 22-December 20)**

Any relationship that could be identified as "codependent," has shown itself in full clarity now. You may be the one who has rescued ad nauseum and now you no longer have the emotional energy to continue. Your sense of future direction may feel fuzzy and without structure. Yet you must give it some kind of form in order to proceed. Take only small steps for now.



### **Capricorn (December 21-January 19)**

You know in your heart that you have come almost to the end of a career cycle. You need to break free and get some rest before you tackle the next big project. But it's scary out there and of course, you need to earn a living. Give special attention to your vision and also your hearing. Don't allow symptoms to continue without a thorough check.



### **Aquarius (January 20-February 17)**

Financial resources may be drained. Don't go into debt by not giving attention to your checking account. If you see this developing, stop and make a solid plan for how you are going to pay for what is needed. You may be taking on someone else's financial problem. Be aware of the cost to you and also to the relationship for doing this.



### **Pisces (February 18-March 19)**

The mask you wear out in the world has been fading. You have sustained a blow to your ego or maybe your body. Perhaps you have defined yourself by your occupation or status in the world, and the sand is being sucked out from under you. Don't waste time in paralysis. Saturn's requirement is that you construct and commit to your direction. If the old one doesn't work anymore, then you need to create something new.

## First Armenian Smartphones Hit Shops



The first smartphone to be manufactured in Armenia, called the ArmPhone, went on sale on June 6 with a marketing campaign called "It's Time for Armenian [products]," during a kick-off celebration during which the various Armphone models were unveiled.

Produced by the Technology and Science Dynamics Inc./Armtab

Technologies, an Armenian and American joint venture, the ArmPhone, according to the company founder Vahan Shakaryan, compares to other smartphones being developed today in the open market.

"It is important to note that our product is high quality and we stand behind and take responsibility for the quality of

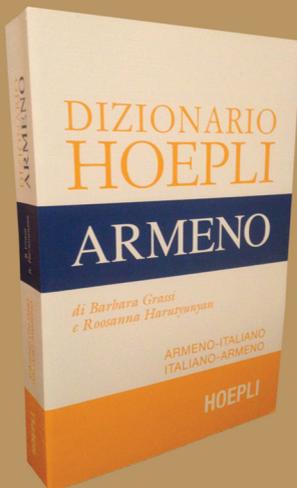
our product," said Shakaryan when presenting the ArmPhone. "We produce [our product] in Armenia, we are with our consumers and take full responsibility for every step, from production to customer service."

The ArmPhone features a 5.1-inch, full HD-screen and is priced at between \$100 to \$300 (51,000 to 151,000 drams). The ArmPhone, which also features 32GB memory run on the Android 6.0 or 5.1 operating system with a 4G connection, comes in five models with varying features-the 0502, 0505, 0508 0509 and 0520. The ArmPhone will also feature a variety of ringtones featuring music by Armenian composers.

Shakaryan, who said that the production of the ArmPhone will greatly improve Armenia's economy, also added the company had plans to export the phone to Russia, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Ukraine and Belarus, before expanding to other markets in Europe. He also announced that an ArmPhone store will open soon in Moscow.

The company has already released the ArmTab tablet last year.

## New Armenian-Italian/Italian-Armenian dictionary released in Italy



A new Armenian-Italian, Italian-Armenian dictionary has been published in Italy.

The authors of the dictionary, Rosanna Harutyunyan and Barbara Grassi, told Noyan Tapan that the official representative of the dictionary is the famous Italian HOEPLI Publishing House, which has been officially recognized by the Italian government. For the first time, HOEPLI Publishing House printed a dictionary for eastern Armenian, while already there was an Italian-western Armenian one.

This new dictionary contains 22,000 words with phonetic transcription and examples of simple sentences.

A lot of lemmas are divided in use areas including metaphorical meanings.

The dictionary includes also an Armenian grammar in Italian and an Italian grammar in Armenian plus a lot of repertoires

for geographical names, everyday use, proverbs and so on.

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