

# Azerbaijan continues escalating situation on Talish direction

Azerbaijan violated the verbal Russian-brokered ceasefire that stopped on April 5 the heaviest fighting along the Nagorno-Karabakh "line of contact" in over two decades.

"Azerbaijan is ignoring the international community's calls for a solely peaceful resolution of the conflict," said Tigran Balayan, the Armenian Foreign Ministry spokesman.

"Continued hostilities by Baku could lead to dangerous consequences, the full responsibility for which would fall upon Azerbaijan's leadership," he added in written comments.

Balayan pointed out that two soldiers of Karabakh's Armenian-backed army were shot dead by Azerbaijani forces at different sections of "the line of contact" on April 14. The Defense Army accused Azerbaijani forces of firing at its positions from mortars, grenade launchers and small arms overnight. It also claimed to have repelled an Azerbaijani commando attack on one of those positions.

Azerbaijan violated the ceasefire agreement over 70 times at the entire front of NKR-Azerbaijan Line of Contact on the night of April 15, mostly using various



caliber rifles.

An incident occurred at around 02:15 on Northern direction (Talish) of the front line, where soldier Gagik Khurshudyan was shot at by Azerbaijani side and

received an exit gun wound in his left arm.

Vanguard units of Defense Army responded to Azerbaijani side's attack, taking counter measures to suppress the rival's activity.

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## Karabakh peace still possible, insists Nalbandian

Armenian-Azerbaijani peace talks could and should resume following the deadliest fighting around Nagorno-Karabakh registered since 1994, according to Armenia's Foreign Minister Nalbandian.

In televised remarks broadcast late on April 13, Nalbandian said Azerbaijan "will have to return to the negotiating process" after what he described as a failure of its attempt to forcibly end the Karabakh conflict.

"I think that nobody needs new hostilities and wars," he told Armenian Public Television. "We should carry on with the negotiation path and try to find a way of solving the problem only through peace negotiations. I think that is possible."

Nalbandian claimed that Baku launched offensive military operations at the northern and southern sections of the Karabakh "line of contact" after failing to clinch more concessions from the Armenians as well as international mediators. "The goal was obvious: to solve the problem by military means," he said.

"I think that Azerbaijan failed to achieve its minimum and maximum goals," added Nalbandian. "It will now have to return to the negotiation process ... and continue negotiations."

Baku insists that its troops went on a "counteroffensive" in and around Karabakh on April 2 in response to Armenian "armed" provocations. It says tensions on the frontline will remain high until Armenia ends its "illegal occupation of Azerbaijani lands."

The fighting, which left at least 100 soldiers from both sides dead, largely ground to a halt on April 5 following a Russian-

brokered ceasefire agreed in Moscow. In the meantime, the U.S., Russian and French mediators co-chairing the OSCE Minsk Group toured the conflict zone, trying to contribute to the ceasefire regime and exploring ways of reviving the peace process.

"Of course, it's not easy to restart negotiations," said Nalbandian. "Appropriate conditions need to be put in place, and that's what the three co-chairs are trying to do."

The minister did not say whether he or other Armenian officials could hold such talks with their Azerbaijani counterparts in the coming weeks.

The mediators said in Yerevan on Saturday that they stand by their Basic Principles of a Karabakh settlement, a framework peace accord drafted about a decade ago and repeatedly modified since then. The document envisages the conduct of a referendum in Karabakh on the disputed territory's status after the return to Azerbaijan of surrounding Armenian-controlled districts.

Presidents Serzh Sargsyan and Ilham Aliyev came very close to cutting a peace deal along these lines at a 2011 meeting in Kazan, Russia. Yerevan accused Aliyev of scuttling the deal with last-minute additional conditions.

Nalbandian insisted that the document discussed at Kazan is still on the table but would not clarify whether the mediators have amended it in any way. He stressed only that "the main essence of this negotiating process is that Karabakh can never become part of Azerbaijan."

## Government: Families of killed soldiers to have sources of "stable income"

Armenian Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan has instructed the Ministry of Economy to deal with issues of the families of soldiers who were killed in Nagorno-Karabakh during the latest escalation of conflict earlier this month.

In his remarks addressed to Minister Artsvik Minasyan, the head of the government said that "sources of stable income should be created for the families of servicemen killed in action."

"I instruct you to present them within the shortest possible time," he added.

More than 90 Armenian soldiers and officers were killed and more than 100 were wounded in clashes with Azerbaijani troops in Nagorno-Karabakh since the start of the new escalation on April 2.

At today's session the Armenian government also approved procedures for the Ministry of Defense to start discussing and signing contracts with corresponding Russian bodies for the supply of modern military products under a \$200 million loan signed with Russia last year.

The issue of the acceleration of the supply of Russian arms to Armenia under the loan program was discussed by Premier Abrahamyan and his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev during their meeting in Yerevan on April 7.

The talks were held shortly after four-day hostilities in Nagorno-Karabakh during which Azerbaijani forces used some of the deadliest weapons of Russian make against the Armenian mil-



itary and civilian population.

Russia's sales of heavy flamethrower systems, multiple rocket launchers and other offensive weapons to Azerbaijan have caused a real uproar in the Armenian society lately. Many believe that as an ally of Armenia and a peace broker in the conflict, Russia should not supply weapons to Azerbaijan - a position not accepted in Moscow.

Opposition and civil activists in Armenia, meanwhile, have also criticized the Abrahamyan government for what they describe as under-armament of the military. Armenian officials, however, insist that the Armenian army is even now well armed and equipped to resist any aggression from Azerbaijan against Nagorno-Karabakh or Armenia proper, while the planned arms deals with Russia are part of the ongoing upgrading process.

## New details on Azerbaijan's attack are presented



Chief of Aviation Department of Armenian Defense Ministry, Major-General Avetik Muradyan presented on April 16 documents of the crew of the Azerbaijani helicopter downed in Southern-Eastern area of NKR at 12:10 on April 2.

The downed MI 24G was a modernized model of Russian MI 24, modernized in the Republic of South Africa and equipped with guided projectiles in Ukraine.

Crew's map marks 9 targets on the territory of NKR, which are 3-10 km deep behind the Line of Contact. According to the map, the farthest target was in the South-East of Fizuli town, where Azerbaijan believed Armenian missiles and artillery weaponry were located, supposed to be hit in the first phase of the military actions.

According to Avetik Muradyan, the given targets were to be hit in order. The primary task was to go deep behind the front line by 1 km and by 10 km later for troops on the ground, whose

advance would make it possible to use air forces as well to strike the targets.

According to the deciphered flight recorder, MI 24G pilot was very tense during the flight and didn't use the anti-tank and unguided anti-personnel weapons he had, instead only using projectiles with optimal shooting range of 1 km.

"The pilot was shot down by our soldiers, while still pressing the button," noted Avetik Muradyan.

Touching upon the second Azerbaijani helicopter downed by the Armenian side, Mi-8, Avetik Muradyan observed that most likely it was supposed to take the surrounded diversion group out of the area or assist it by delivering Special Forces.

"Mi-8 helicopter was hit on the territory of NKR, having trespassed our border by 500 m, then returned to Azerbaijani side and crash landed around 500-700 m away from the front line," said Major-General.



## Draft bill says Armenia should leave EEU; Republican says 'no'



There is no need for Armenia to consider withdrawing from the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), Gagik Melikyan, from the Republican faction, told media on April 15 in response to a draft law before the National Assembly.

As emotions raged over the recent hostilities in Nagorno Karabakh, MP Khachatur Kokobelyan, head of the Free Democrats party, submitted a draft saying that Armenia should withdraw its EEU

membership.

Kokobelyan argues that the EEU membership in the context of the military operations launched in Karabakh did nothing in terms of security for Armenia. According to him, even the political parties and individual politicians who had voted for Armenia's accession to the Eurasian Economic Union will support his initiative after the recent developments in Karabakh.

Should the draft be adopted, the National Assembly would present it to the Government for consideration.

Melikyan, however, is sure that Armenia's accession to the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) and the EEU was a right decision in Armenia's foreign policy.

"Foreign policy should not be constructed through emotions," he said, adding

that statements by politicians of certain countries should not be taken as a basis for withdrawal from international structures.

"With the same logic, should we have terminated our membership to the European Parliament, because an anti-Armenian decision concerning the Sarsang water reservoir was made in that structure? Of course, we should not," he said.

Melikyan also did not exclude the possibility of Azerbaijan's joining the Eurasian Economic Union, adding that such a development may also have a positive impact:

"All decisions in the Eurasian Economic Union are made after coming to a consensus, which means that no country's interest is neglected there, and Azerbaijan's membership in the Eurasian Economic Union may have a restraining role for that country's steps," he concluded.

## CSTO army chiefs discuss Karabakh escalation

Armenia's top army general raised its concerns over the situation in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone with his counterparts from other ex-Soviet states making up the Russian-led Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) when they met in Yerevan on April 15.

"My colleagues were informed about the operational situation there at the beginning of April," Colonel-General Yuri Khachaturov, the chief of the Armenian army's General Staff, said after a regular session of the CSTO's Military Committee.

"The Armenian side expressed serious concern about the hostilities provoked by Azerbaijan," Khachaturov told the press. He said the participants "exchanged views on the issue."

Neither Khachaturov nor the army chiefs from Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan answered questions from journalists. Nikolay Bordyuzha, the secretary general of the Russian-led military alliance, also declined to talk to them.

Bordyuzha and the senior officers also met with President Serzh Sargsyan later in the day. According to Serzh Sargsyan's office, this month's large-scale clashes between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces around Karabakh were on the agenda.

The CSTO Secretariat in Moscow made no specific mention of the fighting in a statement on the Yerevan meeting. It said vaguely that the top military representatives of the CSTO member states discussed "challenges and military threats in the CSTO's areas of collective security."

Bordyuzha's press secretary, Vladimir Zaynetdinov, blamed Azerbaijan just hours after the hostilities broke out on April 2. "The Azerbaijani side's actions in this case are leading to the escalation of the conflict," he said.

However, neither Russia nor other CSTO member states have publicly pointed the finger at Baku. What is more, one of



them, Kazakhstan, forced the cancellation of a planned Eurasian Economic Union summit in Yerevan in a show of support for Azerbaijan.

Armenia has repeatedly accused its nominal ex-Soviet allies of undermining the CSTO with their refusal to openly back it in the Karabakh conflict. Speaking at a CSTO summit in Moscow in December, Serzh Sargsyan said they should "learn" from NATO member states' unanimous support for Turkey shown after the downing of a Russian warplane near the Syrian-Turkish border.

This might explain why Deputy Foreign Minister Shavarsh Kocharyan on Friday downplayed the bloc's significance to Armenia's national security. "We pin our hopes on ourselves, not the CSTO," he told journalists. "I've always said that."

"A country that outsources its security to other forces, no matter how friendly, is doomed," said Kocharyan.

But he insisted at the same time that membership in the CSTO remains by and large "beneficial" for Armenia.

## Turkey rejects European Parliament report calling for Armenian Genocide recognition

Ankara's European Union Affairs Minister Volkan Bozkir has said Turkey rejects a European Parliament progress report released on Thursday, citing a reference in the report to the Armenian Genocide.

"Unfortunately this year... the same reference takes place in the European Parliament's Turkey report. These expressions, despite all our efforts and our warnings, could not be dropped," Volkan Bozkir told reporters at a news conference in Austria, when asked about the report's reference to genocide.

"That's why we will consider this report as null and void and our permanent representative will send it back to the European Parliament."

The report by the European Parliament among other provisions called for Turkey's recognition of the Armenian Genocide and sent a stern warning to Turkey over the rul-

ing Justice and Development Party (AKP) government's "backsliding" on democracy and rule of law.

The European Parliament approved a 2015 progress report for Turkey membership to the European Union. The report urges Turkey to "open the archives and come to terms with its past," by recognizing the Armenian Genocide, according to Asbarez.

The European Parliament urges Turkey and Armenia to proceed to normalize their relations by establishing diplomatic relations without preconditions, and calls for opening the Turkish-Armenia border, which could lead to improved relations, with particular reference to cross-border cooperation and economic integration.

The European Parliament members also called on Turkey to end "intimidation of journalists" and condemned the "violent and illegal take-over of several newspa-



pers," including daily Zaman. A local court had appointed trustees to Zaman media group, which is considered to be linked to U.S.-based Islamic scholar Fethullah Gulen, who Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and the AKP accuse of heading a "terrorist organization" aiming to topple the government. The report also called for an immediate ceasefire in the country's southeast while calling upon the PKK to lay down its arms and "use peaceful and legal means to voice its expectations."

## Politician demands Israel halt delivery until Azeris pledge not to use Israeli arms against Karabakh

Meretz head Zehava Galon claims there is a 'serious fear that laws of war were violated with Israeli weapons.'

Israel is apparently set to send more drones to Azerbaijan in the next few days, Meretz head Zehava Galon has claimed in a letter of protest sent to Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon.

The letter, Haaretz reports, requests that Ya'alon halt the delivery of the

drones to the Azeri army until Israel receives assurances that they will not be used against the Armenian military.

"As you know, Armenia and Azerbaijan are both friendly to Israel, and it is inconceivable that Israeli weapons be used in a war between the two countries over the Nagorno-Karabakh region," Galon wrote.

"Israel is a major arms supplier to

Azerbaijan, and the states signed deals worth some \$5 billion in recent years according to reports," Galon's letter continued.

"There is a serious fear that laws of war were violated with Israeli weapons. I ask that you order the halting of additional drone supplies to Azerbaijan until a commitment is obtained not to use them in battles in Nagorno-Karabakh."



## MEP calls for international recognition of Nagorno Karabakh



Member of the European Parliament Josep-Maria Terricabras (Spain) calls for international recognition of Nagorno Karabakh.

Addressing the EP plenary session,

Mr. Terricabras reminded that on December 10, 1991 the people of Nagorno Karabakh voted for independence in a referendum and added that this democratic process was responded by a

military offensive by Azerbaijan with more than 30 thousand dead.

"Subsequently, ceasefire between Azerbaijan, Nagorno Karabakh and Armenia was signed. The creation of the Minsk Group in 1992 was a breakthrough, but Azerbaijan has refused to implement a mechanism for monitoring the violations of the ceasefire, the MEP said.

"Nagorno Karabakh has fully democratic institutions, an exemplary judicial system, and low levels of corruption. For this reason we request the inclusion of representatives of Nagorno Karabakh in the negotiations of the Minsk Group, precisely because they determine the future of the country's inhabitants," Josep-Maria Terricabras said.

He concluded that the "for the resolution of the military conflict, it is necessary to recognize internationally the new independent state."

## Iranian Energy Minister visits Armenia



Iran's Energy Minister Hamid Chitchian arrived in Yerevan on April 12 for further talks with senior energy officials from Armenia, Georgia and Russia on the possibility of boosting power supplies among their countries.

The Armenian, Georgian and Iranian energy ministers as well as the chief executive of a leading Russian electric

utility already discussed the matter in the Armenian capital in late December. The Armenian government said after that meeting that the four nations could create a common energy market after the construction of two new power transmission lines connecting Armenia with Georgia and Iran.

The next round of the negotiations

was expected to start in Tbilisi on April 11. However, the Armenian government said on Tuesday that it will be held in Yerevan on Wednesday.

The government made the announcement in a statement on Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamian's meeting with Chitchian. Abrahamian was reported to say that he looks forward to the four-party talks.

"The Iranian energy minister said that the development of cooperation in such a format will help to deepen regional integration, enhance energy stability and strengthen regional security," said the statement.

It added that Abrahamian and Chitchian also discussed the implementation of bilateral Armenian-Iranian energy projects. Those include the construction of a new high-voltage transmission line that will connect the Armenian and Iranian power grids.

Work on the \$120 million line is due to end in 2018. The facility will enable Armenia to quadruple exports of electricity to the Islamic Republic.

## Armenia's High Tech center for cybersecurity holds first session

The first session of the board of trustees of High Tech center for cybersecurity, presided over by Armenian Defense Minister Seyran Ohanyan, was convened Saturday, April 16.

The center seeks to develop and employ high tech solutions to enhance the professional capabilities of recruits during compulsory military service.

The center, in particular, has four main areas of activity: department of training and qualification, department of solutions development, department of cybersecurity, and department of incubation.

High Tech will closely collaborate with private IT companies and educational institutions, also integrating them in the management process.



## Armenia and Russia MODs to accelerate loan-based arms supply to Yerevan

The Ministries of Defense (MODs) of Armenia and Russia are actively working toward supplying to Yerevan the weaponry which is envisioned by the respective loan.

Koryun Nahapetyan, Chairman of the National Assembly of Armenia Standing Committee on Defense, National Security and Internal Affairs, on April 15 told the above mentioned to the reporters in Parliament.

He noted this reflecting on the course of the joint session-in

capital city Yerevan-of the said committee, and the Russian Federation Council Committee on Defense and Security.

"Concrete work is underway, within the framework of the agreements reached, to purchase these arms," Nahapetyan said. "Something has already been purchased, but it's not supplied in full. Defense departments of the two countries are working actively, and I believe the supply problems will be solved in the near future."

## Armenia and China FM's discuss matters on bilateral agenda

On April 15 Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian arrived in Beijing. On the same day the meeting of Minister Nalbandian with Foreign Minister of China Wang Yii was held.

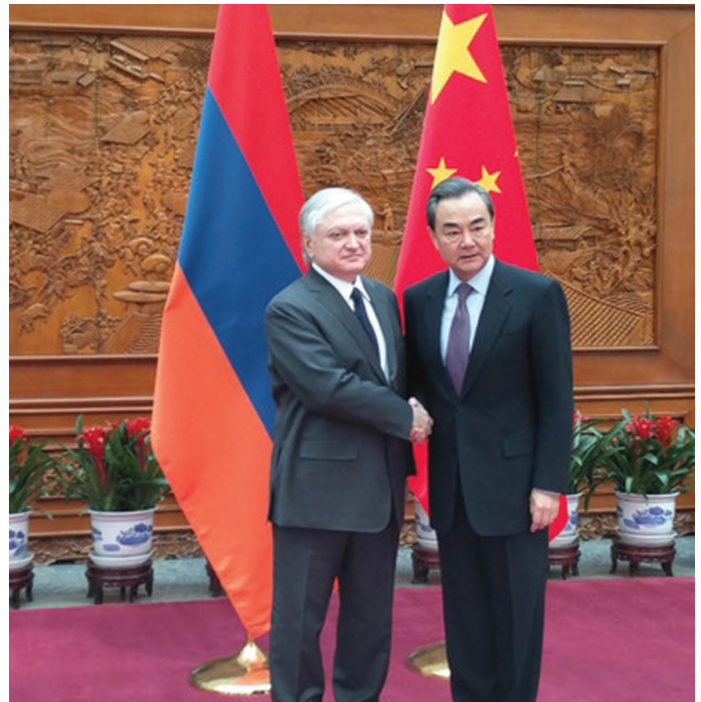
Welcoming the Foreign Minister of Armenia, Foreign Minister of China emphasized that over the recent years the Armenian-Chinese friendly relations developed effectively through joint efforts. He emphasized that the high-level mutual visits have their important input in the deepening and expansion of cooperation in different areas.

During the meeting the Ministers discussed the process of implementation of agreements reached during the last year's state visit of the President of Armenia to China with the leadership of China. Thoughts were exchanged on the preparatory works of the scheduled high-level visits.

The FM's reflected on a wide range of issues on bilateral agenda. The Ministers commended the comprehensive legal framework between Armenia and China, the positive experience over the years, which create firm ground for the further facilitation of the cooperation.

Edward Nalbandian and Wang Yii exchanged thoughts on ways to expand trade and economic ties. In this regard, the sides attached importance to the involvement of Chinese enterprises in industrial and infrastructure projects in Armenia. In this context, the Ministers touched upon the project of Silk Road Economic Belt, North-South transport corridor of Armenia, Armenia-Iran railroad. The sides discussed issues on the development of cooperation between the members of the Eurasian Economic Union and China.

FM's of Armenia and China reflected on the cooperation within Shanghai Cooperation Organisation. In this context,



Wang Yii welcomed the Memorandum on granting Armenia the status of dialogue partner in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, signed during Edward Nalbandian's visit.

Importance was attached to the tightening of cooperation within international organization, holding of regular consultations between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs. In this context, the Foreign Minister of China highlighted, that Armenia's active diplomacy and participation in international arena is apparent and appreciated.

Edward Nalbandian expressed gratitude to the continuous assistance to Armenia rendered by China since the independence.

The Foreign Minister of Armenia presented to his counterpart the situation unfolded in the result of large-scale military actions unleashed by Azerbaijan against Nagorno-Karabakh, Armenia's stance on the settlement of the issue, stressing that it is in line with the joint stance of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, the only internationally mandated mediation format. Wang Yii reassured China's support for exclusively peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh through negotiations.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia reassured Armenia's stance on One-China. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of China mentioned, that his country highly appreciates Armenia's principled stance.

The Ministers reflected on the developments unfolded in the Middle East, attached significance to the joint efforts of the international community in the fight against terrorism.

Accepting Edward Nalbandian's invitation to visit Armenia, Wang Yii stressed, that he would be pleased to visit Yerevan.





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- 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,

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## LANDS

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•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

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

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

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•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

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

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- 2302 **North Ave**, Newly built, 11/4, 137sq.m, 2bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 1780. **Amiryan str**, Newly built, /13th floor, 82 sq.m, 2 bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 1700 USD negotiable.
- 942. **Teryan str.** 4/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: 1500 USD.
- 1950. **Buzand/Mashtots area**. Newly built, 8th floor, 163 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control, furnished, open balcony. Price: 2500 USD.
- 1681. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 6/2, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- 1535. **Busand str.**, Newly built, 7/4, 82sq.m, 2bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, parking, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable.
- 1738. **Amiryan str.**, 8/8, 159sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable
- 1951. **Busand str.**, Newly built, 13th floor, 122sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control. Price: 2500 USD
- 1406. **Sayat Nova ave.**, 7/3, 110sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable
- 2109. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 10/4, 137sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, central heating, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- 2243. **Buzand str**, Newly built, 17/4, 125sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD
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- itally repaired, climate control, AC, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- 2261. **Hin Yerevantsi**, /North Avenue/, Newly built, 10/3, 124sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 1700 USD
- 2084. **Tumanyan str.**, 4th floor, 200sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- 2252. **Northern ave**, 7th floor, 350 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, open balconies, capitolly repaired, climate control, parking. Price Negotiable.

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

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

### PREMISES

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

## Armenian Ambassador brings Azerbaijani war crimes to the attention of OSCE Permanent Council

Head of the Armenian Mission to the OSCE, Ambassador Aram Kirakosyan briefed the OSCE Permanent Council on the violations of the international humanitarian law by Azerbaijan.

The Ambassador noted that Azerbaijan targeted populated areas and civilians, including children and elderly people, in Nagorno Karabakh during the recent large-scale attack. One of the first victims was Vagharshak Grigoryan, 12, who was killed as a result of shelling from Grad system on his way to school, while two other children were injured.

The Ambassador referred to the torture and cruel killing of three members of a family in the village of Talish. He added that servicemen Hayk Toroyan, Hrant Gharibyan and Karam Sloyan were beheaded in a style peculiar to the Islamic State terrorist organization.

The Azerbaijani social media were flooded with photos of tortured Armenians soldiers. The bodies that Azerbaijan returned to the Armenian side with the mediation of the ICRC and the Office of the Personal representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office had signs of mutilation.

Ambassador Kirakosyan stressed that such barbaric acts contradict the elementary norms of the civilized world, constitute violations of the basic principles of international documents, including the Universal declaration of Human Rights,



the Convention of Children's Rights, the Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocols and amount to war crimes.

Arman Kirakosyan informed that criminal cases have been launched by the Karabakh authorities to investigate all circumstances. He stressed the importance of condemnation of the crimes and the punishment of the perpetrators.

## Basque Parliament condemns Azeri aggression against Nagorno Karabakh

The Basque Parliament has adopted a statement, condemning the recent Azerbaijani attempts to solve the Karabakh conflict in a military way.

The statement was adopted unilaterally by all political forces represented in

the Parliament.

The statement notes that on 2 April 2016, Azerbaijan unilaterally launched an unprecedented attack along the entire line of contact with Nagorno Karabakh. This attack has caused dozens of deaths,

including four civilians, one of them a child.

The Basque Parliament shows its deep concern at the breakdown of the ceasefire in force since 1994 in Nagorno-Karabakh and expresses sorrow for the victims that the attack has caused.

The Parliament welcomes the resumption of truce the two sides announced on April 5 and hopes it will be respected.

The lawmakers demand to implement an international mechanism for investigation of border incidents proposed by the Minsk Group Co-Chairs.

They reject the use of force to resolve the conflict and call on the parties to take practical steps to immediately cease military actions and withdraw the troops to the positions held prior to April 1, 2016.

The Basque Parliament also supports the need to return to the negotiation process mediated by the Minsk Group of the OSCE where Nagorno Karabakh must have a place, as already agreed this Parliament.



## Leading Jewish Scholar Condemns Israel's Sale of Murderous Weapons to Azerbaijan



By Harut  
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California Courier*

In last week's large-scale attack on Artsakh (Karabakh), the Azeri military killed and injured dozens of Armenian soldiers and civilians, using the sophisticated weapons purchased from Israel and Russia for billions of dollars.

The Armenian government and Armenians worldwide accused both Israel and Russia of responsibility for the innocent Armenian lives lost in the recent Azeri invasion.

Prof. Israel Charny, a righteous Jew and a staunch defender of human rights, could not remain silent knowing that his country - Israel - had a bloody role in the Armenian killings. As Executive Director of the Institute on the Holocaust and Genocide in Jerusalem, Dr. Charny sent a scathing commentary to the Israeli newspaper, Haaretz, under the provocative title: "Would Israel Sell a Used Drone to a Hitler?" Here is what he wrote:

"If the Nazis were not at all murdering Jews but 'only' were murdering say hated Slavs, Gypsies, and Jehovah's Witnesses; and if our beloved State of Israel were in existence; would you agree to our selling arms to the Nazis?

"Israel is reported to have sold billions of dollars of arms including to governments that are killing or threatening to attack victim peoples. Last week, there came reports that an Israeli drone in the hands of Azerbaijan - a huge arms customer of ours - was responsible for the deaths of six Armenians in the Armenian enclave Nagorno Karabakh.

"I am ashamed!

"The Armenians were the victims of a major genocide 100 years ago that has even been called the 'Armenian Shoah' by some Israeli scholars, including from Bar Ilan University. A great deal of their national and cultural concern continues to focus passionately on the memory of that genocide (does that sound familiar to us Jews?). For many years now, we Israelis - whether led by Labor or Likud - have insulted and hurt the Armenian people by failing to recognize their genocide officially and formally. Would we ourselves tolerate another government - say the U.S. or England - failing to recognize the Holocaust because of their realpolitik interest with the perpetrator government?

"One senior Armenian official has written several of us in Israel to express his deep pain as well as indignation now not only at our cowardly and self-serving denials of the Armenian Genocide, but also at our thick military trade alliance with Azerbaijan. I am reminded of the prophet Nathan crying out to King David for an earlier though more delectable murderous act of self-interest: It's bad enough that you killed him, are you also taking a profit from the sordid affair? The Azeris are a Turkic people who adhere to Turkey's bizarre and fascist tradition of rewriting history and denying the Armenian Genocide.

"In general, how much do we Israelis want to strengthen our economy by lucrative arms sales? Of course, 'everyone' in the world is doing it, but do we have to also? Have we given up the image/dream of

Israel as a moral leader of peoples on this planet? Is this idea tiresome, naïve, and childlike in a madly destructive and self-destroying world?

"An alternative concept could be that along with our building arms first and foremost for the defense of Israel, that we sell - or contribute - arms only to underdog peoples who are facing mass destruction, and/or to allies like the U.S., who are essentially committed to shared democratic values and peace. Of course, we will still be making some mistakes, but at least our conscience will be more clear that we have not delivered used arms to the 'Nazis.'

"To my Armenian colleagues and friends, I can only say that as a Jew and as an Israeli, I am mortified - and angry."

Prof. Charny's harsh words are fully justified as both Israeli and Russian officials have shamefully pledged to continue shipping more weapons to Azerbaijan!

Dr. Charny has never shied away from expressing his critical views on Israel's immoral policies on Armenian issues. In a scathing letter in 2001, he told Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres: "You have gone beyond a moral boundary that no Jew should allow himself to trespass.... As a Jew and an Israeli, I am ashamed of the extent to which you have now entered into the range of actual denial of the Armenian Genocide, comparable to denials of the Holocaust."

Prof. Charny should be highly commended for his bold and righteous stand, taking to task the callous leaders of his own country!

## Armenian Church leaders appeal for national unity on landmark Karabakh trip

Armenian political, public and analytical circles believe that the landmark visit of two Armenian Church leaders to Nagorno-Karabakh at a crucial time for the struggling republic will have a lasting impact.

The joint visit of His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians, and His Holiness Aram I, the Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, to Nagorno-Karabakh was announced at a time when Armenians there were resisting an aggression unleashed by Azerbaijan and was welcomed as a step that would provide spiritual support for the struggling people and boost the sense of unity among different parts of the nation, including its far-flung Diaspora.

The two catholicos arrived in Stepanakert on April 13 and met with the Karabakh leadership, including President Bako Sahakyan. The patriarchs visited the Stepanakert central military hospital where some of the soldiers wounded in April 2-5 clashes were being treated and then went to the St. Hovhannes Mkrtych Church of Gandzasar where they prayed for peace in Artsakh and gave blessings to Armenian soldiers.

"Our struggle is just. Our people take up arms for their Homeland, for their free and peaceful lives," said Karekin II. "Artsakh and with it the whole Armenian nation must continue to defend their right to live free until a triumphant outcome, until the international recognition of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic."

Aram I, who was paying his first visit to Nagorno-Karabakh, also directed his appeal to Armenians to combine their forces in support of Artsakh's peaceful life.

"We are a peaceful nation and have never committed aggressions, but we've never allowed our enemies to trample on our



fair rights. The enemy must know that the people of Artsakh are not on their own, but enjoy the support of the entire Armenian people."

Hayk Khanumyan, the leader of Nagorno-Karabakh's opposition National Rebirth faction in parliament, said the catholicos's visit will be useful not only for Artsakh, but also for all-Armenian unity.

"Messages will be sent to our compatriots living in different parts of the world to turn their attention to Artsakh and make Artsakh the main object of their care, to work for the recognition of Artsakh and implementation of different programs in Artsakh," the politician told ArmeniaNow.

Political analyst Levon Shirinyan thinks that the visit of the church leaders is important also from the human perspective.

"Now imagine the emotions of the soldiers whom the catholicos met. It's a huge thing for them," he said.

## Los Angeles City Hall lit up in Armenian tri-color, as community holds vigil for peace in Artsakh

In response to the recent shelling of Armenian villages in Artsakh (also known Nagorno-Karabakh) by Azerbaijan, Los Angeles Councilmember Paul Krekorian and other elected officials joined with Armenian-American civic and religious leaders to make a call for peace in the Caucasus region, where violence by Azerbaijan's government has taken dozens of innocent lives in recent days.

L.A. City Councilman Paul Krekorian told KPCC that the vigil was meant to call for peace and to denounce what he described as the "outrageous militarization and vicious attacks" by Azerbaijan against those living in the Artsakh region.

"They have routinely violated the ceasefire since 1994, but this last week has seen a dramatic escalation of that," Krekorian said. "It's outrageous, it's unjustifiable, and it should be denounced by the entire international community."

Krekorian said that peace in the region is in the interests of the United States and that these attacks may constitute war crimes.

"So that's why we are putting together this vigil, and that's why we're going to continue to demand action from our own government in Washington to ensure that we bring peace back to this region," Krekorian said.



## Prominent Armenian businessman gets 4 years in prison



Moscow's Zamoskvoretsky District Court on April 14 sentenced prominent Armenian businessman Levon Hayrapetyan to 4 years in prison for embezzlement of \$700,000, RAPSI reports from the courtroom.

Hayrapetyan was found guilty of stealing \$700,000 from the mother of former Bashkortostan senator Igor Izmayev sentenced to life for terrorism.

According to investigators, the businessman has misled the woman by promis-

ing a reduced sentence for her son. In practice, he could not influence the judgment.

A prosecutor earlier asked the court to sentence Hayrapetyan to 7 years in jail and to collect from him 20.8 million rubles (\$316,000) in damages in favor of the victims.

The businessman has pleaded not guilty. According to his lawyer, the case has been framed up.

Hayrapetyan also stands charged with involvement in an embezzlement case under which Ural Rakhimov, son of the former head of Bashkortostan Murtaza Rakhimov, sold Bashneft, a mid-sized oil company he headed for three years, to the oil-to-telecoms conglomerate Sistema in 2009 at a huge "discount" of \$500 million.

Hairapetyan holds dual citizenship, has assets abroad and was until recently living in Monaco. Prosecutors presented this information as grounds for arrest. In early October 2014, Hairapetyan was placed under house arrest. His defense attorney asked the court to release him, citing health problems.

## Shavarsh Kocharyan: Turkey's attempt to present the Karabakh conflict as religious "a dangerous attempt"

Turkey's any interference with the Karabakh conflict settlement can only harm the process, because of Turkey's unilateral stance and its mania of supporting Azerbaijan at any cost, Armenian

Deputy Foreign Minister Shavarsh Kocharyan said.

"The aggression unleashed by Azerbaijan along the Nagorno Karabakh line of contact and Turkey's provocative

statements are the best proof of it," he added.

Speaking at the Islamic Cooperation Organization, Turkey's Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu speculated the 'Islamic solidarity,' thus trying to present Azerbaijan's military actions against self-determined Nagorno Karabakh as a religious conflict. Kocharyan labeled it a "dangerous attempt."

"The current policy of the Turkish authorities is a consequence of the wave of instability, terrorism and bloodshed both inside Turkey and outside its borders. With the above-mentioned provocative statement the Turkish Foreign Minister actually reveals its plans to extend the wave to the South Caucasus," the Deputy Foreign Minister said.

"We're confident that aware of the real goals of Turkey, our traditionally friendly Muslim countries, will not give in to Ankara's provocations," Shavarsh Kocharyan concluded.



## Georgia urged to recognize the Armenian Genocide

Armenian MP at the Georgian Parliament Samvel Petrosyan has called on the authorities to recognize and condemn the Armenian Genocide.

Addressing the plenary session of the Parliament, he said events that took place in the Ottoman Empire 100 years ago are an enormous trauma for the Armenian nation.

"The genocide of Armenian has been recognized by many international organizations and states. We, as a democratic country, must acknowledge that fact, at least because the Ottoman Empire has occupied Georgian lands, as well. I'm sure that had the Armenian Genocide been condemned at the time, such crimes would not reoccur in different parts of the world. I urge everyone to recognize and condemn the genocide and thus, restore historical justice," Gruzia Online quotes Petrosyan as saying.

In response to that, leader of the parliamentary majority Zviad Kvachantiradze declared that "no one should give in to the provocations coming from a malevolent neighbor."

"Quite recently we witnessed an attempt to re-escalate a big, deep and



sleeping conflict in the Caucasus. Fortunately, thanks to the efforts of the international community there seem no perspectives for the serious developments in the conflict, but we must remember that there are forces surrounding us interested in a constant war in the Caucasus, involving the countries of the South Caucasus. I urge everyone not to give in to provocations that could come from a malevolent neighbor," Kvachantiradze declared

This is not the first time the Armenian

Genocide issue is being raised at the Georgian Parliament, but it flares hot discussions every time. Last year Samvel Petrosyan's speech on the topic was interrupted by ethnic Azerbaijani MP Azer Suleymanov from the United National Movement Party.

In 2012 Suleyman started a brawl, when Georgian MP Bagaturia called on his colleagues to recognize the Armenian Genocide. He even advised the Georgian lawmaker to change his surname to Bagaturyan.

## Self-determination the only solution for Nagorno-Karabakh: MEP Eleni Theodorou

"Self-determination is the only solution for Nagorno-Karabakh. The European Union should impose sanctions against Baku with regards to the new outbreak of Azeri aggression against the people of Nagorno Karabakh," MEP Eleni Theodorou said at a plenary session of the European Parliament.

"The Armenians of Nagorno Karabakh have resisted against the Soviet totalitarianism for 60 years now and have managed not to be absorbed by the authoritarian regime of Azerbaijan, to which they were unwillingly given by the South Soviets. After many bloody fights, the Armenians have gained their freedom

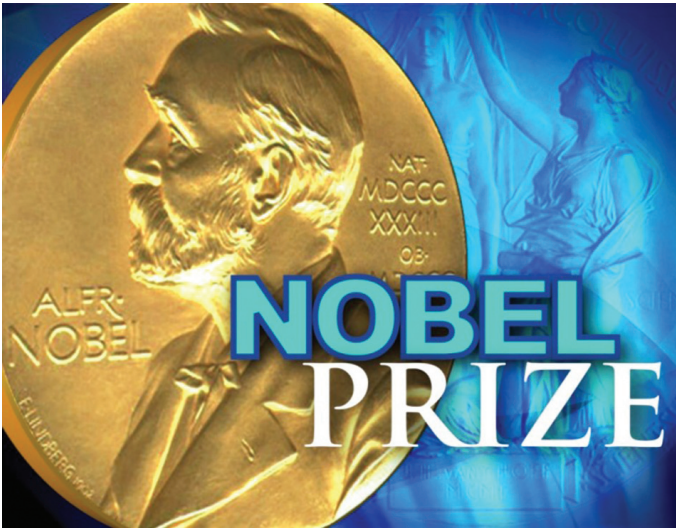
and their right to self-determination. This would be the only fair solution for Nagorno Karabakh," she said.

"Since 1994, the Armenians are defending themselves against the constant attacks by Azerbaijan, which uses its economic power towards purchasing heavy weapons whereas at the same time its own people live in absolute poverty. Its utter purpose is the destruction of the Karabakh people since the continuous attacks and killings of civilians are Azeri practices," the MEP added.

"It is therefore the EU's responsibility to support the people of Nagorno Karabakh, who fight for their freedom, and thus not to support the continuation of an unjust status quo. Peace equals recognition of the right to self-determination for the people of Nagorno Karabakh," Eleni Theodorou concluded.



## Five Nobel Prize laureates visiting Armenia



Five Nobel Prize winners will lecture at the Yerevan State Medical University from April 11 to 15.

"The "Nobel Days in Yerevan" initiative will provide an opportunity to communicate with Nobel Prize winners, to learn how they present scientific issues. The lectures are meant not only for students, but also the faculty," Rector of the Medical University Mikael Narimanyan told reporters on April 11.

"The event is unprecedented not only for Armenia, but

also on the global level. We'll try to make this an annual event," said Konstantin Yenkovyan, head of the coordinating group of the initiative. He said the event aims to draw attention to the fact of Armenia being a country with a huge scientific potential.

The Nobel laureates visiting Armenia are:

- Aaron Ciechanover, Israel. The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2004 was awarded jointly to Aaron Ciechanover, Avram Hershko and Irwin Rose "for the discovery of ubiquitin-mediated protein degradation."

- Ada E. Yonath, Israel: The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2009 was awarded jointly to Venkatraman Ramakrishnan, Thomas A. Steitz and Ada E. Yonath "for studies of the structure and function of the ribosome."

- Dan Shechtman, Israel: The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2011 was awarded to Dan Shechtman "for the discovery of quasicrystals."

- John Robin Warren, Australia: The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2005 was awarded jointly to Barry J. Marshall and J. Robin Warren "for their discovery of the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* and its role in gastritis and peptic ulcer disease."

- Ei-ichi Negishi, Japan: The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2010 was awarded jointly to Richard F. Heck, Ei-ichi Negishi and Akira Suzuki "for palladium-catalyzed cross couplings in organic synthesis."

## How Armenian Genocide orphans sparked a revolution in Ethiopian music

A new documentary called Tezeta (The Ethiopian Armenians) discusses the Armenian-Ethiopian connection. Directed by Aramazt Kalayjian, the film is currently in production, according to okayafrica.com.

In 1924, the Prince of Ethiopia, Ras Tafari visited Jerusalem. While walking through the Armenian Quarter with his entourage, he came across a marching band of forty children.

Their talent made a profound impression on the young prince.

Upon inquiring about the young musicians, Tafari learned they were orphans of the Armenian genocide and with permission from the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, adopted them, bringing the Arba Lijoch (Forty Children in Amharic) as they came to be known, back with him to Addis Ababa. It was to be the beginning of a musical renaissance in Ethiopia that unfolded and developed throughout the next few decades.

Tafari provided the Arba Lijoch a musical education along with stipends

and housing. They came to form the Royal Imperial Brass Band, beginning a tradition in modern Ethiopian music of heavily using brass instruments. The Arba Lijoch were trained by musical director Kevork Nalbandian, also an orphan of Armenian descent.

Impressed by their progress and skill, Selassie asked Nalbandian to compose a national anthem for Ethiopia and on the November 2, 1930, coronation day, the anthem, Marsh Teferi was unveiled with the Arba Lijoch performing and Prince Ras Tafari becoming the Emperor of Ethiopia, King of Kings, Haile Selassie I.

Nalbandian and his nephew, Nerses Nalbandian, would go on to lay the foundation of orchestral brass bands into Ethiopia's musical fabric, a sharp turn from traditional stringed instruments like the pentatonic scaled krar. It was from this foundation that artists such as Mulatu Astatke built walls and installed a roof upon, incorporating traditional Ethiopian folk music, religious music, western jazz and funk to create the distinctly Ethiopian

sound of Ethio Jazz.

After Haile Selassie was overthrown and the military junta called The Derg came into power, a curfew was enforced, effectively shuttering the bustling jazz scene in the many night clubs that dotted the capital. Even after The Derg was overthrown in 1991 and the curfew was dismantled, the culture of calling it a night early had stuck with many Ethiopians and has only begun to change in recent years.

But music wasn't the only area in which Armenians influenced Ethiopia.

The Ethiopian-Armenian connection runs deep. They have traded with one another for centuries. They also both were among the first countries to convert to the then new religion of Christianity and even practice the same branch of orthodoxy. Even their alphabets are similar.

Armenian Ethiopians, although small in number have made significant contributions to Ethiopian music, culture, art and politics.

## Armenian side confirms 92 losses as a result of Azeri aggression

The combat and non-battle losses of the Armenian side in the recent clashes along the line of contact with the Azeri side total 92 people, the Armenian defense ministry said on April 13.

"As many as 64 servicemen and 13 volunteers and reservists were killed in clashes along the line of contact on April 2-5," the ministry said.

Captain Argishti Gaboyan is missing.

Non-battle losses over the period from April 2 to April 13 in conditions of aggravated tensions at the line of contact include nine servicemen and two militias.

Apart from that, four Nagorno-Karabakh civilians were killed as a result of the enemy's criminal actions, the Ministry said.

## ANCA calls on Obama Administration to investigate Azerbaijani war crimes

The Armenian National Committee of America is calling upon the Obama Administration investigate violations of the "Leahy Law" regarding U.S. military assistance to units of the Azerbaijani armed forces that are credibly reported to have committed "gross violations of internationally recognized human rights."

An ANCA letter sent today to President Obama and community appeals directed, via the ANCA website, to Members of Congress raise alarms about Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev's major escalation in aggression in terms of the introduction of advanced weapons, the level of fatalities, and the "gross violations of internationally recognized human rights" his

forces are credibly alleged to have committed against both civilians and soldiers.

The ANCA specifically called upon the President and Members of Congress to "immediately zero-out U.S. military aid to Azerbaijani pending the outcome of a Leahy Law investigation," and, "subsequent to a determination that Azerbaijani forces have, in fact, violated the terms of U.S. law... to statutorily prohibit all military aid to Baku and to take effective measures to bring the responsible members of Azerbaijan's security forces to justice."

The ANCA letter also asked U.S. officials to recall that "the Azerbaijani government has yet to bring to justice Ramil Safarov, who, in 2004, axe-mur-

dered Armenian officer Gurchen Margaryan while he was asleep at a NATO Partnership for Peace peace-keeping training program in Hungary. Rather than supporting efforts to punish this admitted killer, President Aliyev secured Safarov's transfer from a Hungarian prison and then brought him home to Baku, where he was pardoned, given a parade, promoted in rank, and given back pay."

Credible reports of atrocities committed by Aliyev's forces against civilians and Karabakh defense forces during the April 2 - 7 Azerbaijani attack on Nagorno Karabakh republic are now emerging - including the execution and mutilation of an elderly couple in the village of Talish and the beheading of three Armenian soldiers.

President Aliyev's military annually receives millions of dollars in Foreign Military Financing (FMF) and International Military Education and Training (IMET) appropriations, and, as such, is subject to Congressional oversight to ensure compliance with U.S. law (including the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and recurring provisions of annual Department of Defense appropriations).

The "Leahy Law", first introduced in 1997, prohibits the U.S. Department of State and Department of Defense from providing military assistance to foreign military units that violate human rights with impunity. In keeping with core American values, these laws help ensure that our U.S. tax dollars are not used by units or individuals of foreign armed units or security forces to commit human rights abuses and war crimes.





## IDeA expresses gratitude to Aurora Prize ceremony partners

### THE AURORA PRIZE FOR AWAKENING HUMANITY INAUGURAL CEREMONY

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Initiatives for Development of Armenia Foundation (IDeA Foundation) thanks all individuals and organizations that support 100 LIVES and the Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity. We express our deepest gratitude to the partners of Aurora Prize Inaugural Ceremony: producer of the legendary Armenian brandy "ARARAT" -

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"We are grateful to the companies that have joined us in sharing the ideas and values of our initiative. This is especially relevant today, when the humanitarian chal-

lenges of the world are as urgent and important as a century ago," Edgar Manukyan, CEO of IDeA Foundation, noted.

"The idea of honouring heroes a hundred years later on behalf of all the survivors of the Armenian Genocide in gratitude to their saviours, and launching a new global initiative, is unique, and we are very delighted to contribute to its realization", said Igor Arakelyan, Chief Operation Officer of Yerevan Brandy Company.

"Aurora Prize is a clarion call to go back to the core values of our human nature, to cherish once again the need of helping each other and save each other's lives. We join Aurora Prize initiative to celebrate those people who are putting their lives at risk to save others," stated VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian.

"It's a great honour for us to be the main media partner of Aurora Prize. I hope that 100 LIVES initiative and Aurora Prize will make the world kinder and the people more humane", Chairman of the Board of Panarmenian Media Group Armen Arzumanyan said.

The Inaugural Ceremony of Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity will take place on April 24 in Yerevan, Armenia.

## PACE to hold debate on Nagorno Karabakh: Three requests submitted by French, Armenian, Azerbaijani MPs

Armenian delegates to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe will have a serious work to do next week, when PACE spring session kicks off on April 18. Three requests for current affairs debate on Nagorno Karabakh have been submitted by French, Azerbaijani and Armenian delegates. The Bureau will decide which of the three requests will be considered. The Armenian delegates are resolute to bring the truth about the four-day war to the attention of the Parliamentary Assembly.

The first request titled "The recent and tragic escalation of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict" was submitted by French MP Francois Rochebloine, Head of the Armenian delegation to PACE Hermine Naghdalyan told Public Radio of Armenia.

Immediately after that the Azerbaijani

delegation submitted a request for a debate on "The tragic escalation of violence in Nagorno-Karabakh and the other occupied territories of Azerbaijan." This was followed by a proposal of the Armenian side to discuss the "War crimes committed by Azerbaijan during the recent aggression against Nagorno-Karabakh."

"These are proposals to discuss the same topic under three different titles. Obviously, the choice of the title will affect the debate.



The struggle of the proposals is going to be very interesting. Some proposals are being brought to the agenda in order to harm the other ones, to foil their consideration at PACE," Hermine Naghdalyan said.

Therefore, it's clear that the Parliamentary Assembly will hold a current affairs debate on Nagorno Karabakh, but it's not yet clear which of the proposals will be preferred. After one of the three requests is chosen by the Bureau, the issue will be discussed at the plenary sitting. The author will have ten minutes to present the issue and his/her approaches, which will be followed by 90-minute debates. After the debates the Bureau is authorized to decide whether the topic will be summed up by one discussion or will be considered further with a view of developing a report.

**WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?****Enjoy your leisure****18 April**

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

**19 April**

**19:00.** Vahagn Stamboltsyan - 85. The performers: Harutyun Tagvoryan, Armen Aghajanyan, Tigran Buniatyan, Anna Bakunts, Tereza Voskanyan, Anna Arustamyan, Karine Hovhannisyanyan, Armine Matevosyan /soprano/, Gor Ghasabyan /saxophone// Chamber Music House after Komitas.

**20 April**

**19:00.** Spartacus. Conductor: Atanes Arakelyan, Staged by: Yuri Grigorovich, Decorations and costume sketches by: Simon Virsaladze, Chief Ballet Master of the Theater: People's Artist of Armenia, Vilen Galstyan, Artistic Director of the Theater: People's Artist of Armenia and Lithuania, G. Grigoryan.// National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian.

**19:00.** Private Danielyan. Sergey Danielyan's biographical mono-play in the "small hall". Author and Staging Director: Sergey Danielyan.// Yerevan State Chamber Theater.

**11:00.** Abu Hasan's Slippers. Author: A. Lisitsyan, Director/Producer: Larisa Mangasarova.// State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

**21 April**

**19:00.** Sale. Genre: Tragicomedy, Author: Vigen Stepanyan, Director: Vigen Stepanyan, Scenography by: Davit Minasyan, Musical arrangement/Composer: Vahe Hayrapetyan.// Sos Sargsyan Hamazgayin Theater.

**19:00.** Goat-Rite. Author: Anahit Shirinyan, Director: Zhirayr Dadasyan, Set Designer: Shamir Shahiryan, Composer: Vache Sharafyan.// Yerevan State Pantomime Theater.

**19:00.** Money is Your God. G. Sundukyan, Comedy in 2 acts, Staged by Yervand Ghazanchyan, Director: Gohar Pokrikyan.// State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan.

**19:00.** Amnesia. Melodrama, Staging:

Gor Margaryan, Cast: Luiza Nersisyan, Rafael Yeranossyan.// Yerevan State Chamber Theater.

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

**22 April**

**16:00.** Little Red Riding Hood. Author: Charles Perrault, Staging: Arpi Maghakyan.// State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

**19:00.** Physiology of Race. Genre: Tragicomedy, Author: A. Ayyvazyan, Staging: Narine Malyan, Cast: Ara Sargsyan, Kristine Hovakimyan, Samvel Topalyan, Levon Ghazaryan, Georgi Hovakimyan, Levon Meloyan, Movses Stepanyan, Hayk Sargsyan, Liza Azizyan, Vahagn Gasparyan. // H. Malyan Theater of Film Actors.

**19:00.** Mama Mia. Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan

**19:00.** Four Reasons for Marriage. Premiere, Author: Richard Baer, Comedy in 2 acts.// State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan.

**15:00.** The Snow Queen. Tale, Based on Evgeni Shvartz's "The Snow Queen".// M. Mkrtychyan Artistic Theater.

**19:00.** Dilemma. Genre: Contemporary dance, Director: Ani Abrahamyan, Scenography by: Nare Hovhannisyanyan, Musical arrangement/Composer: Ani Abrahamyan, Artistic director of the performance: Vardan Mkrtychyan, Duration: 1 hour.// Sos Sargsyan Hamazgayin Theater.

**16:00.** Anush. Drama, Author: H. Tumanyan, Director: Davit Hakobyan.// State Musical Chamber Theater.

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

**12:00.** That Same Huri. Author: Hovhannes Tumanyan, Author of Play: Y. Manaryan, Director: Ruben Babayan, Music by: Martin Vardazaryan, Stage Design: Anzhela Galstyan.// State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

**19:00.** The Winged One. For adults, Author: G. Garcia-Marquez, Director/Producer: Z. Antonyan.// State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

**19:00.** Operation Nemesis. References: French historians Gerard Chalian, Ives Ternon, Jacques Derouge, Based on "All Rise, the Court is in Session" by Perch Zeytuntsyan.// State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

**23 April**

**19:00.** Operation Nemesis. References: French historians Gerard Chalian, Ives Ternon, Jacques Derouge, Based on "All Rise, the Court is in Session" by Perch Zeytuntsyan.// State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

**19:00.** The Emperor.// M. Mkrtychyan Artistic Theater.

**19:00.** Gayane. Staging: People's Artist of Armenia, Vilen Galstyan, Conductor: Atanes Arakelyan, Painter: Honoured Painter of Armenia, Minas Avetisyan, Costume designer: Rubina Hovhannisyanyan.// National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian.

**12:30, 14:00, 15:30.** The Dog and the Cat. Based on Hovhannes Tumanian's tale. Staging: Anna Elbakyan.// State Marionette Theater.

**19:00.** The Last Stop. Tamar Hovhannisyanyan, Serious comedy in 2 acts.// State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan.

**19:00.** The Last Clown. B. Slade, Comedy in 2 acts.// Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.

**19:00.** Concert in memory of the victims of the 1915 Armenian Genocide. Program: Dvorak: Requiem Armenian National Philharmonic Orchestra, Artistic Director and Principal Conductor: Eduard Topchjan, National Academic Choir of Armenia, Artistic Director and Principal Conductor: Ohannes Tchekidjian, Conductor: Eduard Topchjan.// Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall.

**12:00.** Little Red Riding Hood. Author: Charles Perrault, Staging: Arpi Maghakyan.// State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

**12:00, 14:00.** Tom & Jerry. Children's Musical Fun Show, Staging: Artur Saribekyan, Music by: Armen Margaryan.// State Musical Chamber Theater.

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

**24 April**

**19:00.** Paris Verdict. P. Zeytuntsyan, Drama in 2 acts.// Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.

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## Zodiac Weekly Forecast

### Aries (March 20-April 19)



Mars is your avatar in the zodiac. You likely will experience delays in activities concerning the law, education, and travel. This is not time to file suit or make legal threats! If traveling, you may be going back to someplace where you have previously been.

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



Activities concerning taxes, insurance payoffs, government funding, and loans will likely be delayed, and maybe even denied. This is a good time to talk with your partner about issues concerning joint resources. It is not a good time to attack,

but to discuss and look for jointly favorable solutions. Seeking a loan is not a good idea now. The cost is too high.

### Gemini (May 20-June 20)



Mars, the god of war, is in your partnership territory. Therefore it is particularly important not to attack another, verbally or physically. If you have enemies, let them make the first move and you will

be assured of ultimate victory over the issue. Old issues in your primary relationships may be surfacing. If so, consider it an opportunity to handle it with greater maturity this time.

### Cancer (June 21-July 21)



The warrior energy is now in your 6th house of work and health. Since early March you have been moving as quickly as you can to cover all the bases and still maintain your health routines. While

Mars is retrograde it is common to plateau on physical goals, such as weight loss, but that is temporary. Don't let this plateau discourage you from what works long-term.

### Leo (July 22-August 21)



Mars is retrograding in the house concerning romance, children, gambling, and playful activities. While retrograding you may be strongly inclined to "go back" to a former condition in one or more of these

areas. Newer romantic relationships may be put on hold for a few weeks.

### Virgo (August 22-September 22)



Mars is retrograding in your territory of home and property. Because Mars rules machinery and tools of all kinds, there may be breakdowns of household gadgetry or vehicles that require repair. It is

best to avoid buying new mechanical items while Mars is retrograding. Therefore it is generally better to repair or rent items until Mars is direct.



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

Mars is retrograding in the horoscope sector that relates to vehicles, tools, and communication. Mars in this territory may represent the need to make repairs on

various objects. It is possible that you are irritated with siblings, roommates, or neighbors. It is OK to respond to them, but do not initiate battle.



### Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Mars is in the sector related to income and outgo. You may feel absolutely compelled to purchase something expensive and impractical. It is more favorable to

wait out the transit and see how you feel about it in late June-early July. Meanwhile there may be more outgo than income, so use careful judgment about expenditures.



### Sagittarius

#### (November 22-December 20)

Mars retrograde in your sign leaves a big "Stop!" message that continues through June. Now is the time to chill.

Recognize that the real you is so much bigger and stronger than the ego, which simply has a loud voice. This is a time to back off, rethink everything, and reevaluate as the dust settles in July. Search for the truth, not just the answers that satisfy your ego.



### Capricorn (December 21-January 19)

You may have an experience in which you feel a figurative sniper at your back. Defend yourself if you absolutely must, but life will be easier if you ignore it.

Your sniper will not recognize or admit it even if you point it out, and the confrontation may become embarrassing.



### Aquarius (January 20-February 17)

You may be recognizing the need to back off or back out of some of your friendships and community associations during this period. At minimum you will be reassessing why you are involved and

whether you wish to continue in the future. If your motive for pursuing these activities is merely habit, maybe you need a break. Friends and associates from the past may resurface.



### Pisces (February 18-March 19)

Issues of career and future direction are highlighted during this Mars retrograde. You may have thought you were headed in one direction, and now suddenly you are shifting into neutral or reverse.

If so, this period offers a message to think this one over for a while. You probably need a better foundation or a stronger sense of drive.

## Armenia's Nazik Avdalyan wins gold at European championships

Five years after receiving a serious spinal trauma, Armenia's female weightlifter Nazik Avdalyan has won a gold medal at European championships, putting up a dazzling performance in the Norwegian city of Fjord.

Competing against eight other athletes in the 69-kg weight division, the 29-year-old from Gyumri showed a combined result of 237 kilograms in snatch, clean and jerk exercises to win the European title on Thursday.

In 2011, Avdalyan was seriously injured in a car crash and doctors did not recommend her to continue her sporting career because of her spine problems. The athlete appeared to have conformed with her status when in 2014 she called it a career and joined the junior national team as a coach. Later, however, she restarted her trainings and today has managed to triumph in Europe.

During her career, Avdalyan already once won at the European championships - in 2008. In 2007 and 2009 she was a runner-up in



Europe. Avdalyan also won a gold medal at the world championships in 2009.

Earlier, Avdalyan did not hide her ambitions to compete for Armenia in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Avdalyan's gold medal is the second one won by Team Armenia representatives at the current championships.

On April 13, 21-year-old Andranik Karapetyan won in men's 77-kg event, leaving another Armenian weightlifter Tigran Martirosyan in second place.

In an interview published on the official website of the National Olympic Committee of Armenia on Thursday, Karapetyan said that he had dedicated his victory to the Armenian soldiers who have died defending the borders of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh.



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