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Armenian FM briefs OSCE Rep. on consequences of Azeri aggression against Karabakh

Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian received on May 10 Ambassador Herbert Salber, the EU Special representative for the South Caucasus and the Conflict in Georgia.

Minister Nalbandian briefed Ambassador Salber on the harm the Azerbaijani aggression against Karabakh has caused to the negotiation process and presented the efforts targeted at the elimination of its consequences.

The EU Special Representative noted that there is no military solution to the Karabakh conflict and added that "the European Union supports the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group targeted at exclusively peaceful settlement of the issue.

The EU Special Representative mentioned that the issue has no military solution and the European Union supports the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs for exclusively peaceful settlement of the issue.

The interlocutors exchanged thoughts on the possibilities of resumption of the negotiations. In this regard, Edward Nalbandian stressed that currently any possible meetings could be aimed at the elimination of the repetition of Azerbaijan's aggression against Nagorno-Karabakh of early April, the uncon-



ditional implementation of the trilateral ceasefire and ceasefire consolidation agreements of 1994-1995, which have no time limitations, the creation of a mechanism for investigation of ceasefire violations. According to Edward Nalbandian, those steps would create appropriate conditions for the continuation of the negotiation process.

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia and the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia reflected on Armenia-European Union relations, negotiations on the legal basis of the relations.

Armenian FM, French Secretary of State for Europe discuss Karabakh settlement

Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian had a meeting with French Secretary of State for European Affairs Harlem Desir.

During the meeting reference was made to the stabilization of situation in the Karabakh conflict zone and the steps targeted at restoring the negotiation process.

In this context the parties underlined that the main objective of the Armenian and Azerbaijani Presidents proposed by the Minsk Group Co-Chairs is the reinforcement of the ceasefire established by the 1994 agreement and implementation of confidence-building measures with a view of restoring the negotiation process.

Minister Nalbandian and Secretary of State Desir discussed the Armenia-EU relations, and the current talks on formation of a new Armenia-EU legal basis.

Minister Nalbandian attached importance to the start of the dialogue on visa liberalization on the basis of the existing achievements.



The parties exchanged views on a number of urgent regional and international issues.

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Armenian PM: Armenia will recognize Karabakh in case of renewed Azeri violence

The time is still not ripe for Armenia to formally recognize Nagorno-Karabakh as an independent republic, Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan said on May 11.

Abrahamyan made clear at the same time that Yerevan will not hesitate to do so if Azerbaijan again attempts to forcibly regain control over Karabakh and Armenian-held districts surrounding the disputed territory.

"The president of the republic [Serzh Sargsyan] has made his position clear," he said. "If those attacks and hostilities continue, we will have to take that step."

"There is no need to do that yet," the Armenian premier told journalists.

Serzh Sargsyan threatened to recognize Karabakh following the April 2 outbreak of heavy fighting along the Karabakh "line of contact" which left at least 170 soldiers from both sides dead. His cabinet last week paved the way for parliamentary debates on an opposition bill mandating such recognition. It made clear, however, that the National Assembly dominated by government supporters could approve the bill only if Azerbaijan unleashes "new aggression" against Karabakh.

Earlier in the week, the Azerbaijani government warned Armenia against taking such a "provocative" step.

A spokesman for Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed hope, meanwhile, that Yerevan will not press ahead with the recognition. "We continue to expect the parties to avoid



any steps that could undermine the shaky ceasefire and lead to an escalation of tensions in Nagorno-Karabakh," he said.

Abrahamyan answered reporters' questions two days after visiting Karabakh and inspecting Armenian troops stationed along "the line of contact." He also took part in official celebrations of Karabakh's most important public holiday marking the anniversary of a key Armenian victory in the 1991-1994 with Azerbaijan.

Abrahamyan said he was "buoyed" by his meetings with Karabakh's political and military leaders as well as ordinary people and soldiers. They have "a great deal confidence in our future victories," he said.

U.S. Confirms Armenian-Azeri Summit

The presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan will meet in Vienna for talks that will be co-hosted by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and his Russian and French counterparts, the U.S. State Department said on May 13.

State Department spokesman John Kirby confirmed the meeting in a statement that detailed Kerry's travel schedule for the next few days.

"Secretary Kerry will travel to Vienna, Austria, May 16-17 ... Together with

Russia and France, the United States will also co-host a meeting on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict with Armenian President [Serzh] Sargsyan and Azerbaijani President [Ilham] Aliyev," Kirby said.

Plans for the Armenian-Azerbaijani summit in Vienna were first announced by senior Russian diplomats on Thursday. They said it will be primarily aimed at bolstering the ceasefire regime along the Karabakh "line of contact" following last month's

heavy fighting between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces deployed there.

Serzh Sargsyan's and Aliyev's offices did not confirm the upcoming meeting as of Friday evening, however.

"We report on the visits and meetings of the president of the republic in a proper manner and in due course," Sargsyan's press secretary, Vladimir Hakobyan, told RFE/RL's Armenian service. He declined to comment further.

The Vienna meeting most probably topped the agenda of Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian's talks with France's Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault and State Secretary for European Affairs Harlem Desir held in Paris on Thursday and Friday respectively. Ayrault, Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov will be present at the Aliyev-Sargsyan talks.

According to the Armenian Foreign Ministry, Ayrault and Nalbandian agreed on the need to introduce a mechanism for international investigations of truce violations and deploy more OSCE monitors in the conflict zone.



Decisions on Karabakh status and return of territories outside Armenia's competence, Deputy FM says



In order to continue the negotiations with the mediation of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, it's necessary to reinforce the ceasefire regime, Armenian Deputy Foreign Minister Shavarsh Kocharyan said in an interview with the Austrian Die Presse.

He reminded that despite the periodic violations, the ceasefire agreement signed in 1994 by Nagorno Karabakh, Armenia and Azerbaijan is still in place. "Azerbaijan violated the ceasefire on April 2, unleashing military actions. The ceasefire was restored under a verbal agreements reached on April 5. Azerbaijan is trying to foil the Minsk process. Now it's important to reinforce the ceasefire regime, because soldiers were killed even after April 5."

Asked why the escalation happened now, Shavarsh Kocharyan said "the issue should be addressed to Baku." "Azerbaijan pursues the policy of solving this conflict through force. Obviously, they cherished the illusion of solving the issue

through a Blitzkrieg, but failed. There is a great discontent in the country connected with the corrupt regime, and war is a means to divert the public attention," he added.

"War is a threat to all of us, both Armenians and Azerbaijanis," the Deputy FM noted.

Speaking about the ways out of the situation, Kocharyan said "international mediators should condemn Baku's attacks."

"Baku constantly demands return of "occupied territories," but keeps silent about the occupied regions of Nagorno Karabakh, which remain under Azeri control. The Madrid Principles speak about Karabakh self-determination and Azerbaijan's territorial integrity. There is an opportunity for mutual concessions," he added.

"Unilateral concessions are excluded. One should realize that there are questions outside Armenia's competence. Yerevan cannot declare about return of territories, because it's up to Nagorno Karabakh to decide. Yerevan is not authorized to make a decision on the status of Nagorno Karabakh. It's also up to NKR. We refrain from recognizing Nagorno Karabakh in order to maintain the negotiation process," Kocharyan said.

"If Azerbaijan unleashes large-scale aggression, it will lead to the recognition of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic by Armenia," the Deputy Foreign Minister stressed.

Speaking about Russia, Shavarsh Kocharyan said "Moscow is our ally, but has close economic ties with Baku; therefore, it will be inclined to keep the balance in the South Caucasus."

As for the sale of Russian weapons to Azerbaijan, the Deputy FM said Armenia has raised the issue on the highest level. "I stand for complete embargo on weapons for all conflicting parties. The Minsk Group co-chairing countries can reach that at the UN Security Council."

Armenian FM meets with French lawmakers

Foreign Minister of Armenia Edward Nalbandian met with Jean Bize, Chairman of the French Senate European Affairs Committee, in Paris.

The sides discussed efforts towards overcoming the consequences of large-scale military actions unleashed by Azerbaijan against Nagorno-Karabakh, possibilities of resumption of the negotiations.

Regarding that, Edward Nalbandian attached significance to addressed statement, issued by Jean Bize on April 7, assessment of the situation and proposed steps towards settlement of the issue. Necessity of implementation of a mechanism for investigation of the cease-fire violations was stressed.

During the meeting, Armenia-European Union relations, negotiations on a new legal framework for cooperation, start of the dialogue on visa liberalization were reflected on.

On the same day, Edward Nalbandian met members of Parliamentary Friendship Groups of the Senate of France and National Assembly of Armenia, with whom discussed a range of issues on the development of the Armenian-French relations, cooperation between legislative bodies of the two states, cooperation within Parliamentary Assemblies.



Overcoming of consequences of Azerbaijan's aggression against Nagorno-Karabakh was in the center of the meeting. Edward Nalbandian thoroughly presented to the French Senators efforts exerted by Armenia and the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs in this direction.

During the meeting, developments unfolded in the Middle East, fight against terrorism, migration crisis were touched upon.

Turkish human rights group confronts Parliament on Paylan attack



Asbarez

Istanbul's Committee Against Racism and Discrimination of the Human Rights Association of Turkey released a letter addressed to the President of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, regarding the attack against Garo Paylan in parliament on May 2. Paylan, Peoples' Democratic Party's (HDP) Armenian Parliamentarian, and other HDP representatives were attacked by fellow Parliamentarians in the Turkish National Assembly. Paylan said that he was personally targeted by members of the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP), and that the attack on HDP members was planned in advance. He called the attack a premeditated "lynching" campaign and that the fact that he is an ethnic Armenian made him a target.

Below is the letter written by the committee:

Dear Mr. President,

The physical assault by members of the Justice and Development Party against members of the Peoples' Democratic Party during the G.N.A.T. [Grand National Assembly of Turkey/Turkish Parliament] Constitutional Committee convention of May 2, 2016, which in fact left some members of the HDP injured, has thoroughly exposed the absence of the rule of law in this country.

The perpetrators of the physical attacks, which are reminiscent of lynching, against HDP members of Parliament, have committed an egregious crime at a time when significant efforts are made to sideline the Peoples' Democratic Party from politics, to imprison the MPs, and to prevent the necessary conditions for the representation of a people.

This crime is not only one of assault, battery, or injury.

This is also a crime of racial hatred:

HDP member Garo Paylan (Istanbul) has also been publicly subjected to racial slurs targeting his Armenian identity during these physical assaults. Those who have called him "the Armenian bastard" and "the ASALA boy" have not only exposed their own racism, but also marked Garo Paylan as a target for racist attacks.

With these words hurled at an Armenian Member of Parliament at a time when racial hatred against Armenians as well as Kurds has peaked in the press, on social media, on the street, and in daily life; the very laws reinstated by the Republic of Turkey have been egregiously violated by legislators themselves. Article 216 of the Turkish Penal Code defines the act of

"the public incitement of one group of the public to hatred and hostility against another group" as a crime under circumstances when "it constitutes an open and imminent threat."

This verbal and physical assault in fact meets the legal condition of "an open and imminent threat" for it to count as a criminal act: In this country, where Hrant Dink was murdered in front of his own newspaper [offices] and where Sevag ?ahin Bal?kç? also fell victim to ethnic-hate murder while on mandatory military duty in Batman, the kind of attack perpetrated against Garo Paylan sets the scene for further threats against his life.

This act of racism directed against Garo Paylan under the roof of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey also violates international conventions, signed by the Turkish state, which prohibit racism and discrimination. For instance, Article 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights prohibits discrimination in no uncertain terms. Moreover, the state of the Republic of Turkey has signed the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action of 1993, which obligate the signatory states to take precautions against racism.

The United Nations' International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, which Turkey has also consented to adopt, dictates the signatory states' obligations regarding the prohibition, investigation, punishment, denunciation, and compensation of the victims of racist acts and assaults.

National, international, and universal law was most egregiously violated in the National Assembly-the legislating organ of the country itself. Most importantly, the perpetrators of these acts have not been held accountable under the roof of the G.N.A.T. and have thus been tacitly condoned.

It thus appears that the legislators who claim to represent "the people"-as it is much exalted by politicians-continue to incite that same "people" to commit crimes against Armenians. In this country, where history is awash in bloody mass crimes, they mark individuals as targets for racist attacks by way of physical attacks and racial slurs under the very roof of the National Assembly.

Dear Mr. President,

You partake in the above-mentioned crimes by excluding this racial targeting, which has recurred on May 2, 2016, from your agenda, by not denouncing it, by not penalizing it, and by not declaring that you prohibit such acts.

You come first among the ranks of the state administration responsible for Garo Paylan's security of life, since you are the head of the legislating organ in which he has been targeted. You are responsible before the world and before history.

As advocates of human rights and defenders against racism and discrimination, we invite you to fulfill your responsibility, to denounce the acts against Garo Paylan in the Assembly room, and to declare that you stand against racism and that you will apply sanctions against racist assaults occurring under the roof of the National Assembly.

The Human Rights Association

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Committee Against Racism and Discrimination

IMF also expects slower growth in Armenia



Economic growth in Armenia is likely to slow to about 2 percent this year, a senior official from the International Monetary Fund said on May 11, echoing the World Bank's most recent forecast.

"I think that we have to be realistic for 2016," Teresa Daban Sanchez, the head of the IMF office in Yerevan, told RFE/RL's Armenian service. "I don't think that economic growth will be rapid. It should stand at around 2 percent."

"This growth rate is not bad ... given what is happening in Russia and the European Union," said Daban Sanchez.

The World Bank also forecast last month that the Armenian economy will likely expand by 2 percent in 2016.

The Armenian government recorded a growth rate of around 3 percent last year despite decreased domestic consumption resulting from falling remittances from Armenian migrant workers in Russia.

Separate government data for different sectors of the economy suggests that Gross Domestic Product increased more rapidly in the first quarter of this year. The National Statistical Service (NSS) registered 9 percent and 10 percent year-on-year increases in industrial output and services other than trade. The Armenian agriculture sector grew by 3.3 percent in the same period, according to the NSS.

These gains contrasted with a 1.1 percent drop in the volume of retail and wholesale trade reported by the government agency. It explains why first-quarter Armenian imports fell by 16 percent.

By contrast, Armenian exports soared by over 26 percent in January-March 2016. Russia generated most of this increase, NSS figures show.

"We are going to push the economy forward," Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamian said in March.

Analysts caution, however, that faster growth will not be sustainable unless the Armenian authorities genuinely crack down on tax evasion and end their privileged treatment of wealthy government-linked businessmen that control lucrative sectors of the domestic economy. The IMF and the World Bank have for years been pushing for such reforms.

PM Welcomes IMF Executive Director for Armenia

Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamian received IMF Executive Director for Armenia Menno Snel.

Hailing the ongoing effective cooperation with the IMF, the Prime Minister said his government will make consistent efforts to implement the commitments assumed under the Extended Financing Facility, including the ones relevant to the structural reforms. Hovik Abrahamian noted that the current pace of the program will allow the Government to complete all the planned reforms.

Dwelling on Armenia's economic position, the Premier pointed out that despite the impact of adverse developments in the region, the Government managed to maintain macroeconomic stability and a relatively low level of inflationary pressure, which provided the opportunity to address many welfare problems.

As the Prime Minister noted, even in the face of the

forementioned unfavorable trends, GDP grew by three percentage points last year. The annual growth of economic activity was 5.6% in the first quarter of this year. Vigorous efforts are underway to promote exports.

Appreciating the effective cooperation between the Government of Armenia and the IMF, Menno Snel for his part expressed satisfaction with the pace of joint programs. He stressed the need for consistency and follow-up in pension reform. Highlighting the adoption of the new tax code, he noted that the Government has done a large amount of work in this direction. Armenia's monetary policy was described as efficacious and conducive to macroeconomic stability and economic development.

The parties went on to exchange views on regional developments. Reference was made to other issues of mutual interest.

No essential change in prices recording in Armenia in Jan-Apr

Senior National Statistical Service (NSS) official Gurgun Martirosyan, summing up price changes in the consumer market so far this year, said that after a high inflation in Armenia's consumer market at the beginning of the year, "deflation trends" have appeared.

According to him, as a result, the overall cost of goods, compared to December, has not undergone any essential changes.

"In January 2016, a significantly high inflation, 2.2 percent, was recorded in consumer market, and then deflation was recorded in the next three months. In particular, the decline recorded in the last three months, made up 2.1 percent, he told media on May 2.

According to him, the highest deflation was recorded in the town of Hrazdan, the lowest was in the towns of Gyumri and Vanadzor, whereas in capi-



tal Yerevan the deflation amounted to 0.2 percent.

"The highest inflation rate was recorded in the case of fruit, amounting to 4.7 percent. A total of 0.1 percent increase was registered in prices of bread products, while prices for meat have increased by 0.3 percent. The prices of confectionery products have gone up by 0.2 percent.

Prices for vegetables have dropped by 4.3 percent. The deflation of dairy products has amounted to one percent, while the prices for eggs have gone down by 2.6 percent," said the NSS representative.

The level of inflation in the 2016 state budget is projected at 4 (±1.5%) percent.

Donor funding secured for street repairs in Gyumri

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and other Western donors have allocated 22 million euros (\$25 million) in funding for badly needed repairs of streets in Armenia's second largest city of Gyumri.

The EBRD will finance most of the project with a 14.6 million-euro loan disbursed to the Armenian government on May 11.

"The project will be co-financed by investment grants to a total amount of 7.3 million euros provided by the EBRD Special Shareholder Fund (SSF) and other international donors," the London-based bank said in a statement on a loan agreement signed by its managing director for Eastern Europe, Francis Malige, and Armenia's Deputy Prime Minister Vache Gabrielyan.

"The street rehabilitation program will include new asphalt pavements, upgraded drainage infrastructure, improved facilities for pedestrians and overall road safety improvements," said the statement. "The street lighting refurbishment will introduce new energy-efficient LED lighting, a control and monitoring system, pole replacement and renovation as well as power cable replacement."

"The new LED lighting is expected to cut

the cost of energy consumption significantly and will result in annual electricity cost savings for the municipality," added the EBRD.

Gyumri's roads have been in an increasingly poor condition in the last few years. Most of them are now dotted with deep potholes and thick layers of mud. Some streets are practically impassable, placing residents of nearby buildings beyond the reach of public transport and taxis.



With the tacit approval of the municipal administration, the city council drew up in 2014 a list of six major streets that were in a particularly urgent need of repairs estimated to cost \$2.6 million. The central government rejected the council's request to finance the road works, citing a lack of funds.

The rebuff only added to a growing sense

among local residents that they are paying the price for President Serzh Sargsyan's poor showing in Gyumri during Armenia's last presidential election held in February 2013. Most of them voted for the main opposition candidate, Raffi Hovannisian, at the time.

In 2013, the government also effectively froze the protracted construction of new homes for hundreds of Gyumri families still living in temporary shelters 27 years after a catastrophic earthquake that ravaged their city. Government officials denied any political motives behind those decisions.

Just two days before the December 2015 referendum on his controversial constitutional changes, Serzh Sargsyan announced that the government will spend \$25 million on capital repairs of Gyumri's streets and lighting network. He also promised free housing to hundreds of local families who lost their homes in the 1988 earthquake.

Despite the last-minute promise, most local voters rejected the constitutional amendments seen as vital for Sargsyan's political future. Gyumri was one of Armenia's few urban communities where the Central Election Commission (CEC) registered a "No" vote in the nationwide referendum.

EU wants 'real' fight against corruption in Armenia

The European Union will provide 15 million euros (\$17 million) in additional aid to Armenia if its government tackles widespread corruption in the country in earnest, a senior EU diplomat said on May 13.

Piotr Switalski, the head of the EU Delegation in Yerevan, complained about a lack of "visible" results of anti-corruption initiatives that have repeatedly been announced by the Armenian authorities.

"The government of Armenia has adopted a number of very important and very good documents," Switalski said, referring to its most recent anti-graft strategy and a council headed by Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan.

"But what we need now ... is not only new plans, new words and new declarations," he told a seminar in Yerevan. "I think the people of Armenia expect real facts and visible proof that the fight against corruption is progressing in Armenia."

"We have 15 million euros committed to help the government of Armenia fight against corruption," added Switalski.

"But when I say committed I mean committed, not distributed or spent, because ... there are conditions."

"We want to see concrete results. If we don't see such concrete results, these 15 million euros will not be transferred to the government of Armenia," warned the diplomat.

The remarks came the day after Prime Minister Abrahamyan announced that the government will embark on major reforms in order to confront new security challenges facing Armenia after the escalation of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. Those reforms will include a tougher fight against corruption, he said.

Abrahamyan's influential chief of staff, Davit Harutyunyan, insisted on Friday that the government is committed to strengthening the rule of law despite skepticism voiced by opposition politicians and civil society representatives. "If you think that once a decision is made the results will be immediately visible, you are wrong," he told reporters. "It requires some work and the prime minister has ordered the start of that work."

Commenting on Switalski's statement, Harutyunyan said: "Nobody expects money from Mr. Switalski for combatting corruption. The fight against corruption is not conditional on European Union funding."

Abrahamyan said on Thursday that the government is open to any proposals from opposition and civic activists and even ordinary Armenians. He said such proposals should be e-mailed to Harutyunyan.

Justice Minister Arpine Hovannisyian, who was also taking part in the seminar, said that as part of the promised reform drive the government plans to introduce criminal liability for high-ranking Armenian officials underreporting their personal incomes. She said a relevant bill drafted by her ministry will be approved by Abrahamyan's cabinet next week.

Armenia ranked 95th out of 168 countries evaluated in Transparency International's 2015 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI). It was 94th in the 2014 CPI that covered 174 countries and territories.



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•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

LANDS

- 2122.**Davitashen**, 1800 sq.m., water, gas, electricity, possible to sell separately 600 sq.m., and 1200 sq.m. Price: 150 USD per sq.m.
- 2121.**Demirchyan str.**, 1338 sq.m., building permits. Price: 2million USD.
- 2013.**Cascade**. 1000 sq.m. building permits, first line, gas, water and electricity possibilities. Price 460.000USD
- 1402.**Hr. Kochar Str.**, 1100 sq. m. facade -25 m. Price negotiable.
- 2090.**Lori region**, close to Stepanavan, Gyargyar village, 6 hectares, forest 2 hectare has building permits, 3 water source, electricity. Price: 100.000USD.
- 2406.**Avan**, Mher Mkrtyan block, 1000 sq.m.,

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

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

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

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

PRIVATE HOUSES

•3739.**Nork Marash** Land- 2000sq.m, two separate houses, total bld-600sq.m, 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, hjeating 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 Antarayin str.**, 14 floors, 65-133sq.m, capially renovated, parking. Price: 900-1300 USD

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

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

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

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

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

•130.**Antarayin 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 sq.m., 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, capially repaired, central heating, furnished, equipped. Price: 1000 USD
- 2367. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 9th floor, 98 sq.m., 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



- 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.

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,

- 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



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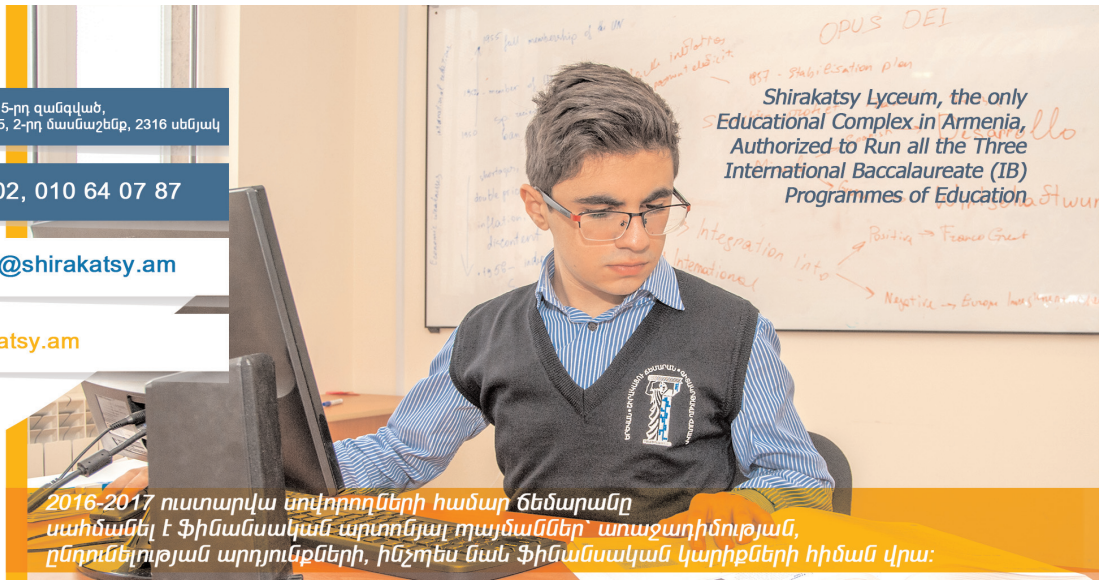
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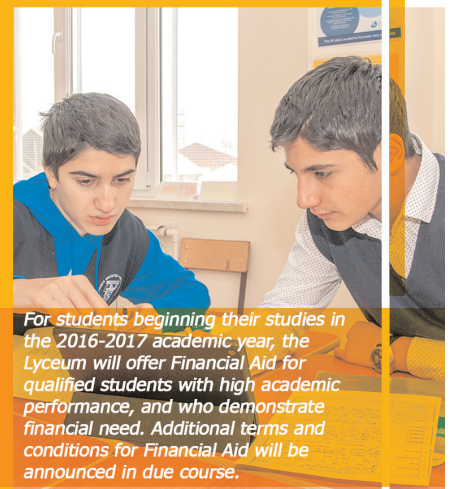
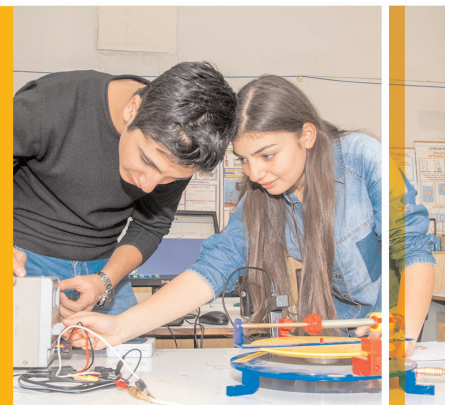
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- The programme lasts 2 years (based on the RA Ministry of Education's September 18, 2014 decision), and is conducted entirely in English.
- Admitted students will also be able to receive the RA Certificate (Attestate) of Complete Secondary General Education.
- The IB Diploma Programme offers students an education that is parallel to the quality, standards, and structure of education abroad, offering matchless opportunities and advantages (like, university admissions examination exemptions), when applying to over 2000 of the world's most renowned international universities (e.g. Cambridge, Oxford, Stanford, Kent, and many others).



For students beginning their studies in the 2016-2017 academic year, the Lyceum will offer Financial Aid for qualified students with high academic performance, and who demonstrate financial need. Additional terms and conditions for Financial Aid will be announced in due course.

Ralph Yirikian: "We are Strong Together..."

The 2016 Housing Project Implemented by VivaCell-MTS and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia Launched

...As a Result of Joint Works the 100th House is Being Built

The 2016 housing project implemented jointly by Fuller Center for Housing Armenia and VivaCell-MTS launched in Margara village of Armavir Region with the construction of house for the Gevorgyan family. It is noteworthy that the house is the 100th milestone house being built by the financial investment of VivaCell-MTS.

In the frames of the housing project the partnering organizations have clear vision to assist families by improving their housing conditions and by giving

life. Years ago, my father started the construction of our house. After he passed away, I tried to continue the construction but could not complete it. Now I have my own family; I'm a father of four and I do want my children to grow up in a healthy environment. My family income covers only the daily expenses. Many thanks to both organizations for making the dream of my family a reality," said the father of the family, **Hovhannes**.

"Today is a special day: the housing program in a success cooperation continues. It is both a pleasure and a matter of concern. If viewed from an optimistic perspective this program solves a major

"It has become a nice tradition to work with our major housing donor and the best partner. This year VivaCell-MTS invested around AMD 105 mln. for the housing project (in 2015 it was AMD 100mln.). This is a beginning of a new life for 41 families" (!!! - No comments - The Highlights), said Ashot Yeghiazaryan, Fuller Center for Housing Armenia President.

Since 2007, in the frames of the housing project, 93 families benefited from the financial support of VivaCell-MTS. This year the number will be replenished by another 41 families assisted with the total number reaching 134.



them the opportunity to raise their children in decent housing conditions.

A few days ago VivaCell-MTS and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia were still summing up the results of the housing project of the last year. Today they already help another extended family to build their dream home.

The Gevorgyan family of 7 has lived in a two-room soil house without basic housing conditions with the danger of the house to collapse each moment.

"I have grown up in a soil house and have dreamed of a decent home all my

problem for the 100th family. However, we most concerned with the fact that there are still families who are deprived of homes. And they need to be supported. We have to continue the work we have started years ago. That is the only way to solve the pertaining problems. The support is more than important for those who live here; here our task is not just the support to the villagers, but to disarm our enemy by our will and commitment. We are strong together," said VivaCell-MTS Founding General Manager Mr **Ralph Yirikian**.

Editor's note. When the day will come, after all, when others, especially, the "SOME" (tycoons, called here "oligarchs" so loving OFFSHORE etc.....) will follow the thing that in fact was brought to Armenia by Ralph Yirikian - (CORPORATE) CITIZEN RESPONSIBILITY??

And how many wars (and victims) they need to realize, AFTER ALL, that... "WE ARE STRONG TOGETHER"?? (See the headline of this report).

German art workers urge Chancellor Merkel and the Bundestag to recognize Armenian Genocide

German-Turkish film director Fatih Akin and other artists urge Chancellor Angela Merkel and the Bundestag to finally call the Armenian genocide as such, *Die Zeit* reports.

In an open letter the artists call "to take a stand on 2 June and to refer to the crimes committed against the Armenian people as "genocide." This is more than a historical period, more than an apology to the descendants of the victims. "Imagine you lived in Germany and the Holocaust would be denied - would that not be a continuation of the actual fact?"

Among the signatories of the open letter are Markus Rindt, Head of the Dresden Symphony Orchestra, German-Turkish-Armenian composer and guitarist Marc Sinan director of Kampnagel theatre in Hamburg Amelie Deuffhardand the general director of the Saxon State Library, Thomas Bürger.

In the open letter to Merkel and the deputies the art workers write: "We therefore call on you today to stand by the fundamental European values and find the correct wording. The Armenian Genocide denial creates the basis for violence in the

present. In 1915 the Armenians were called terrorists, their property was expropriated, only in 2015 more than 5,000 Kurds have been killed in Turkey because they are supposed to be terrorists. This became possible because Turkey systematically refuses to face its history."

"The Bundestag and its predecessor institutions have been silent on the Armenian Genocide for 100 years now," the artists say.

The Bundestag is set to vote on a cross-party bill on Armenian Genocide on June 2.

Turkey warns Bundestag against Armenian Genocide recognition

Turkey on May 9 called on German lawmakers to "act reasonably" when considering a bill next month on recognizing the deaths of Armenians in 1915 as "genocide".

Tanju Bilgic, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said Ankara had been following the preparation of the resolution and its "politicizing" of history, Anadolu Agency reports.

"It is possible that if the resolution is approved Turks living in Germany and Turkey will react seriously," he said at a weekly news conference in Ankara. "In this framework, we expect the German parliament to act in common sense and reasonably."

German lawmaker Albert Weiler announced in Armenia Friday the Bundestag would consider a resolution on recognizing the events of 1915 as "genocide" on June 2.

Last year, parliamentary parties approved the resolution in principle but sent it to committee for further work.

"These [politicians] are further complicating the issue," Bilgic said. "Genocide is not an issue that can be abused with political aims."

He reiterated Turkey's call to establish a joint commission to investigate the killings.

38 Armenians linked to evasion via off-shore holdings

Publication of more names of Armenian citizens found in Panamanian documents has raised a new wave of discussions in the media and social networks, the majority of which single out the negative impact of the financial drain on the economy.

To evade taxes by transferring resources from Armenia to off-shore zones first of all reduces the country's budgetary flows regardless of who owns that money.

Hetq online newspaper previously reported that the name of Mihran Poghosyan, the head of the Justice Ministry's powerful Service of Mandatory Execution of Judicial Acts (SMEJA), figured in the leaked confidential documents that provide detailed information about more than 200,000 Panamanian offshore companies. After the revelation the official submitted his resignation, which was followed by a criminal case filed by the Special Investigation Service (SIS) on his alleged illegal entrepreneurship.

Besides Poghosyan, there were 37 more names of Armenian citizens in those documents including scholars, lawyers, and even relatives of criminal authorities, under whose names companies have been registered in the Bahamas and the British Virgin Islands, Panama or in other offshore zones.

Most of them, by moving their funds to offshore zones, hide their identity and/or avoid taxes, says economic analyst Hayk

Gevorgyan.

"If hiding the identity of a person does not have much importance for us, concealing income is directly related to how we fill up the state budget. The money which is siphoned to offshore zones, should have been included in our state budget", the economic analyst told RFE/RL's Armenian Service.

Gevorgyan's words are in tune with the data of the Central Bank of Armenia published by Hetq, according to which, during the last 5 years, a total of \$1.8 million was transferred to Panama, while only about \$244,000 came back from Panama during the corresponding period of time.

The analyst, however, believes that this is only a small part of the actual amount of money.

"According to some analysis, as much as \$10 billion got siphoned off Armenia over several years," said Gevorgyan.

Armenian authorities will also conduct probes in relation to other Armenian citizens, whose names have been included in Panamanian papers, said Vahram Baghdasaryan, the head of the Republican faction, adding that there is no need to hurry.

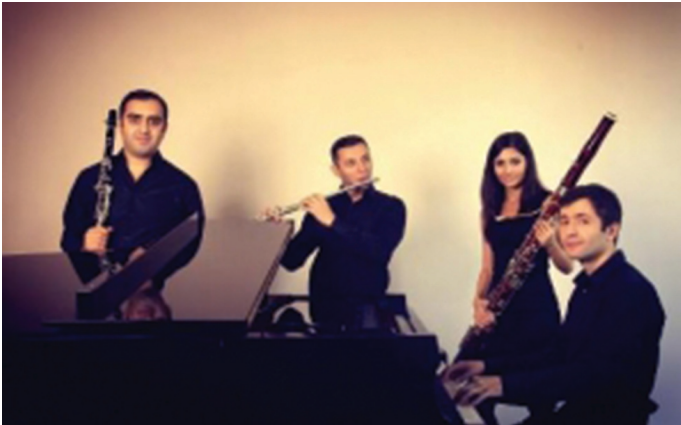
"You can already see that there are responses. If there are names, probes will be carried out in relation to these names. No need for assumptions," said the official.

Sergey Smbatyan A Winner of the First International Concert Competition "Debut at the Berlin Philharmonic Hall"

By Gourgen James Khazhakian
Chief Correspondent

Armenia's State Youth Orchestra Founding Artistic Director and the Principal Conductor Honored Artist of Armenia **Sergey Smbatyan** has got the first place at the First International Concert Competition "Debut at the Berlin Philharmonic Hall" in "conducting" category. The contest was held in five nominations - violin, cello, piano, composition and conducting.

The Competition aims to attract maximal attention to young talented musicians and thus promote their career. The winners will perform at the legendary Berlin Philharmonic Hall with the Berlin Symphony Orchestra.



It should be noted that the Berlin Philharmonic Hall, together with New York Carnegie Hall, the Vienna Musikverein, Grand Hall of Moscow Conservatory has been considered one of the world's best and most prestigious concert halls, its history is tied closely with the great conductor Herbert von Karajan's name.

Members of the Jury were such famous musicians who began their careers at this Concert Hall - violinist **Victor Tretyakov**, cellist **Leonid Gorokhov**, conductor **Mikhail Yurovski**, composer **Krzysztof Meyer** and others.

Sergey Smbatyan, as a First Prize winner, will perform at the Berlin Philharmonic Hall with the Berlin Symphony Orchestra on the 1st of June. He will be accompanied by the Second Prize winner in "conducting" nomination **Georgios Balatsinos** (Bern, Switzerland), violin competition winner **Nathan Meltzer** (New York, USA), "cello"

category winner **Lee Mon-Puo** (of Taiwan Chinese origin, Madrid, Spain) and pianist **Fabio Martino** (Karlsruhe, Germany). The concert program includes Prokofiev, Schumann, Dvorak and Paganini.

And as we've touched upon the Youth Orchestra's Head, we believe it is also a proper thing to inform The Highlights readers that (relatively recently created) Youth Orchestra's Ensemble, - Alexander Haroutiunian Woodwind-Piano Quartet will be on a tour to China on May 10-23. **Lilit Zakaryan** (piano), **Gevorg Avetisyan** (flute), **David Gyulamiryan** (clarinet) and **Nikolay Poghosyan** (fagot) will have six concerts in six cities of China. Popular pieces by Bach, Mozart, Bizet, Tchaikovsky, Prokofyev, Rakhmaninov, Bernstein, Khachaturian, Harutiunian will be presented in a special quartet setting made by **Andranik Berberyan**.

It should be noted also that the quartet has recently released its first CD.



Berliner Symphoniker

Prokofiev, Paganini, Dvorak, Schumann
Sergey Smbatyan, Leitung
Georgios Balatsinos, Leitung
Nathan Meltzer, Violine
Mon-Puo, Cello
Fabio Martino, Klavier



Strategy based on historical experience

To the President of Russian Federation



Dear Vladimir Vladimirovich!

I, Mikaelian Artashes, have been a citizen of Russian Federation for 23 years. During these years I have been cherishing a great wish to share with You, Dear President, my thoughts and reflections about historical role of Russia in the world's economic and political life. My thoughts and conclusions are the result of a thorough analysis of the events that take place in the world and in our country.

My desire to write a letter to You, Mr. President, reached its peak on March 16, when our country was celebrating the second anniversary of Russia's reunion with the Crimea. In March 15 all Russian TV channels showed the film devoted to the Crimean events. Our victory in the Crimea is an event of great significance for future generations of our people. The creators of this victory made an eternal monument to themselves in the hearts of millions of people who love their Motherland. All this was achieved under Your guidance.

Every Armenian worldwide with deep respect and joy shares this victory of historical justice and people's will. Your words: Restoration of historical justice and people's will were received by Armenians all over the world as a national idea of the Armenian people and Armenian state. These feelings of the Armenians sound more convincing

against the background of Russian - Armenian friendly relations. Since early XIX century Russia was the only state that supported Armenia in her fight for establishing her national sovereignty. Thus, in 1804 an officer of the Russian army, major Mantresor, and his detachment was fighting against Persians and perished in Armenia in the region of Spitak. The heroic deed of the Russian officer was immortalized by Armenian classic writer Khachatur Abovyan in his historical novel Wounds of Armenia. In his introduction to the book the author writes: Blessed be the hour when the foot of the Russian soldier stepped on the sanctified Armenian land. Many generations of Armenian people were brought up in this spirit of the writer.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, Russia opened her doors before people from the sovereign Republic of Armenia. With the help of the kind-hearted Russian people coupled with their creative labor Armenians managed to get integrated into the Russian reality and thus to provide an average life standard for their families in Armenia. If our classic writer Khachatur Abovyan were alive, he would exclaim: Blessed be the Russian sanctified land that lavishly rendered to Armenians shelter and a possibility to live and prosper.

Historical facts tell that in the period of XII - XV centuries Russia was fight-

ing with Turkey 12 times; and every time a lot of Armenians glorified both Russia and their own country by taking part in Russian - Turkish wars. Among them the following names are to be mentioned: A. Suvorov (whose mother was an Armenian duchess Manukova), I. Aivazovsky, A. Vaganova, A. Khachaturian, P. Lisitsian, Z. Dolukhanova, the Lasarevs, Marshals of the USSR I. Bagramyan, A. Babadjanyan, S. Khudyakov (A. Khanferyants) (all the three born in Nagorno - Karabakh), Admiral of the Fleet I. Isakov, a number of Soviet generals, nuclear physicists N. Shelkovnikov (Metaksyan) and A. Alikhanov, general constructor of Soviet ammunition S. Kocharyan, creator of the Soviet lunar rover A. Kemurdjan, aircraft designer A. Mikoyan, Hero of the Soviet Union - elite of Soviet foreign intelligence service G. Vardanyan and many other outstanding personalities who became famous as "children" of the Russian people.

The greatest event of the XXth century was the Second World War of 1941 - 1945 in which about 600000 Armenians took part. During the war the population of Armenia was equal to 1 mln. people while the US population exceeded 100 mln. people, viz. 100 times as many as Armenian population. The losses in killed Americans made 250000 people while the Armenian losses made 350000 people. During the Second World War Armenians who live abroad rendered substantial help to the Soviet Union: with the material means collected by Armenian diasporas under the direct leadership of all-Armenian Catholicos Chorenkchyan (by agreement with I.V. Stalin) two squadrons (an air squadron and a tank squadron) were formed and sent to the front. The squadrons were named after Marshal I. Bagramyan and Hero of the Soviet Union Nelson Stepanyan.

In spite of the great men losses in the war and due to the power of Armenian spirit the Armenian people managed to restore science, culture, education and economy of their Republic and to make a considerable contribution into the cause

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Strategy based on historical experience To the President of Russian Federation

of development of the post-war Soviet Union.

It is proved by the history that during the last three centuries Armenia was constantly in the blockade ring on the part of Turkey and Azerbaijan. Under such conditions Russia has always been a most friendly country and the only strategic ally of Armenia. Good friendly relations with Russia contribute to the preservation of national identity and geopolitical and economic independence of Armenia. Friendship and fraternity of the two ancient peoples have been checked by centuries-old history. No market partner interests should get a priority in the relations and policies between Armenian and Russian peoples and states.

Both Russians and Armenians are committed to Christian religion; they possess rich centuries-old cultures, invincible national spirit and are able to resist any home and foreign violence and intervention. Historically confirmed friendly relations based on mutual confidence and respect are the basis of eternal friendship between our countries. These values allow our states in case of conflicts to communicate at the round table of talks and, what is more important, to share a stable common doctrine and strategy of national ideology and policy.

Russia is a polyethnic state on the Eurasian continent. It possesses 40% of the world natural resources. The Russian people are committed to Orthodoxy. The outstanding Russian Tsar Peter I who "opened the window into Europe" brought to Russia German education system: in the Russian court the nobility, Russian by origin, spoke German and French. In fact Peter I "opened the window into Russia", the window through which Europeans with the help of English mediators exported from Russia its wealth: furs, timber and other natural resources that enriched European countries. England, and later the USA, considered Russia to be raw material appendage for the development of their national industry and financial oligarchy.

As early as the beginning of the XVIII century in the circles of Russian thinkers and intelligence there was a discussion about political and economic orientation of Russia, the discussion result-

ed in favor of the Europeans. It is well-known that the great Russian writer A.S. Pushkin considered that Russia with her rich history and ancient culture should build "a strategy" of her own based on her own experience and history. The great poet wrote: "Only barbarians do not need and do not love their own history."

The history of the last three centuries testifies that underestimation of national identity of the country, its raw materials and other values of the Russian state brought to a considerable man power and brain drain and flow of the greater part of national wealth out from Russia. Russian immigrants have become powerful donors that contributed the development of advanced science, technologies, culture and economies in Europe and America. Unfortunately, nowadays this process is still going on. It is worth mentioning that if the so-called world financial empire was not able to subdue Russia by turning it to their raw material appendage, in the last hundred years it managed to inflict serious losses to Russian economy and politics by means of thoroughly planned political diversions, crises and colour revolutions, which in their turn, brought a lot of harm to Russian statehood.

For about three last centuries the world economy and state policy under the guidance of "invisible" financial empire realizes its goal according to the pattern: "the world lived, the world lives and the world will live in the regime of a permanent economic war." This policy is accompanied by various armed activities and political diversions. The final ideological and political goal of the financial empire (US and European Unity) is to acquire maximum profit. The events of the XX and XXI centuries have shown that for the financial empire human life, nation and state are of no value. If something or somebody prevents it from getting due profit, the empire destroys everything and everybody without taking into account either the world community or the UNO. A great number of cases are an eloquent proof to this.

It is only strong political will and state doctrine, people's unity, confidence, persistence in achieving the goal and

wise strategic and tactic monitoring of the situation that can resist the world financial empire and win in the fight with it.

The Crimea operation will undoubtedly enter the textbooks on military strategies. In 1954 according to the decision of Central Committee of CPSU an act of historical injustice was committed in relation to the Crimea: a part of land from mother- Russia was cut off and annexed to the Ukraine. Reuniting of the Crimea with Russia was received by the Russian people as a demonstration of execution of its will. It was a historic reality. This act makes the beginning of a new epoch and a new way of thinking in the history of the world politics.

After the collapse of the USSR, Russia by opening her doors wide before the civilized world showed her readiness to establish good- neighbor relations with the whole world. The planet of Earth is made in such a way that rivers and oceans often make natural borders between countries and states. The rivers' banks and oceans' shores should become reliable supports for building bridges of friendship and fraternity between people. Russia has always followed and is still following this logic.

After Russia's reuniting with the Crimea the world financial empire under the leadership of the US and EU, announced a new economic war against Russia. However, powerful economic potential and sufficient resources allow Russia in a short historical period to pass to a new model of self-sufficiency and antisancional policy by banning the import into Russia of goods from the US and EU countries. In the opinion of some European analysts application of sanctions on the part of the USA and EU means Russia's loss in the economic competition with the West. Meanwhile Russia has adequate antisancions to oppose to any acts of violence and to any sanctions. It is a common truth that any loss is a lesson of victory. In the present serious geopolitical situation Russia confronts two serious challenges - the sanctions on the part of the USA and EU and a "stab in the back" on the part of Turkey.

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Why We Need to Contain the Caucasus Crisis

Thomas de Waal

Armenia and Azerbaijan are two or three steps away from a Bosnia-style conflict that could be deleterious for the wider region. What can be done to stop that from happening?

Four days of violence in April unfroze the generation-old Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

A new truce was signed to halt the recent outbreak of violence in the Caucasus between Armenians and Azerbaijanis. But it is fragile and has already been broken. As Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan acknowledged, there could be more fighting "at any moment."

It is no exaggeration to say that Armenia and Azerbaijan are two or three steps away from a Bosnia-style conflict that could be deleterious for the wider region. What can be done to stop that happening?

The Karabakh conflict is as old as it is intractable. From 1991-94 Armenians and Azerbaijanis fought a hot war over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region. The territory was part of Soviet Azerbaijan but its population was three-quarters Armenian. The Armenian side prevailed, leaving 20,000 dead and displacing more than 1 million.

A ceasefire was signed in 1994. Armenians were given de facto possession not just of Nagorno-Karabakh itself, but (in whole, or in part) of seven Azerbaijani regions unrelated to the original dispute. The Armenians called the territory a protective buffer zone.

The 1994 ceasefire was supposed to be a prelude to the peace agreement that never came. The international community's eyes and ears in the region consist of just six monitors from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The ceasefire has been under heavy strain for a couple of years now. Azerbaijan has been building up its store of heavy weapons and both sides have engaged in rhetoric more extreme than at the height of the conflict in the 1990s.

The ceasefire finally cracked on April 2. The most likely cause was an Azerbaijani attempt to test the Armenians' defenses and force them to negotiate from a weaker position. The

Azerbaijani military regained some slivers of lost territory - and an awful lot of lost pride. But the human price was high. Officially, several dozen people were killed. Experts put the death toll nearer to 200, including many civilians.

The four-day war stirred up long-seated anger and sharpened mutual insecurities. Azerbaijanis still feel humiliated by defeats suffered more than 20 years ago. There was a patriotic upsurge of euphoria through-out the country, a useful distraction from the socioeconomic crisis that has seen its currency, the manat, devalued twice in the last year. The temptation - and, worryingly, the public pressure - to try this kind offensive again is enormous.

Armenia saw a similar surge of nationalist emotion. Caught flat-footed by fighting, the country witnessed a sobering few days. Young Armenians volunteered to join the front line.

Given the massive arsenals of weaponry both sides now possess, new fighting could easily escalate into an all-out conflict far more destructive than the 1991-94 war. Baku and Yerevan could invoke their military assistance treaties with Turkey and Russia respectively. Neither wants to get involved, but would be under big pressure to honor their commitments in the region.

Other regional neighbors are also alarmed. Georgia, in particular, could become caught in the cross-hairs. Armenians and Azerbaijanis constitute Georgia's two biggest minorities. The BP-run Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline that runs through the country could also become a target.

A security vacuum has opened up around Karabakh. It will only be filled by serious peace talks - or by more fighting.

The formal peace process has been close to moribund for five years. Neither President Ilham Aliyev nor President Sargsyan has said anything constructive or conciliatory. The conflict's three mediators and co-chairs of the OSCE's "Minsk Group" - France, Russia and the United States - have had to limit themselves to shuttle diplomacy. Their modest ideas are routinely rejected.

The three co-chairs have said they want to launch "comprehensive negotiations." These could take the form of a peace conference chaired by the three

foreign ministers.

It's an important step, but the two presidents want very different things. The Azerbaijani side wants new negotiations and to use its military force as leverage. The Armenian side is digging in harder - they are reluctant to agree to anything that might look like submission to Azerbaijani military pressure and have demanded "security guarantees."

Can this crisis be contained before it escalates? We first need to challenge one common preconception: the idea that Russia can fill that security vacuum and manage the conflict.

Russia's top officials did swing into action and negotiate a verbal ceasefire on April 5. But Russia has done little since then. Its problem is that it has simultaneously mediated and destabilized the conflict.

The Russians have been selling arms to both sides. An estimated 85 percent of Azerbaijan's weaponry comes from Russia, while Russia has a military alliance with Armenia, sealed by a new treaty signed in 2010.

This balancing game means that Russia is unable to set the agenda in Karabakh. Both Baku and Yerevan are skeptical of Russia's intentions.

In Armenia especially, the new backlash against Russia is significant. Because Russia has no military presence on the ground and no monopoly on the peace process, both countries can block plans for a Russian peace-keeping force that would reassert its influence in the region.

So the common belief that, if things get worse "Russia can handle it," is misplaced. This poses a challenge to the United States and France. Neither has done enough to offer a balanced international plan.

Unless progress is made now, more fighting is likely to break out after the international spectacle of Azerbaijan's much-coveted Formula 1 race in Baku ends in late June. We can only hope that the prospect of more intense fighting in the Caucasus, and its dangerous implications for the region, will concentrate minds on solving a conflict that has been ignored for too long.

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Aries (March 20-April 19)

Your planetary ruler, Mars, is retrograde throughout this month. This planet represents your aggressive and self-protective side. It is best used on behalf of someone less well off than yourself. You are drifting through a prolonged stasis period (Apr 17-June 27) in which it is a challenge to make forward motion. Accept this as a time of natural rest and let go of fighting the river.



Taurus (April 20 -- May 20)

You may change your mind about a previously made decision this week. You have the opportunity during this period to expand your social territory. You may also be experiencing gifts and benefits offered to you from others. This generosity in turn, is absorbed into your psyche and you want to share with those in your life who have been important.



Gemini (May 20-June 20)

It may be necessary to review financial business this week, but it will pay off around May 30th with positive results. Give consideration to your blessings and for the people around you that you love. You have an eye for that which is beautiful, shapely, and of fine design.



Cancer (June 21-July 21)

During this week you will enjoy home, hearth, and family. That also includes those whom you think of as an extended family, such as coworkers or maybe a special circle of friends. The arts and all things of beauty are of a special pleasure to you now.



Leo (July 22-August 21)

You may be tending to your own or another's healing on either the physical or emotional level. The emotional wound is old and is tied to a previous sense of abandonment that once occurred in your life. Somehow that old ache is being soothed at this time and you feel less isolated in the world.



Virgo (August 22-September 22)

Love and social life are high on your priority list now. You may not have the time to attend to all your invitations! Short distance trips, errands, and education, whether it involves teaching or learning, are all on the A rated list. You have a need to communicate the ideas that rush through your mind.



Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

At long last! Money or resources that have been owed to you are beginning to return. That will relieve your mind. A tax return may be in order now. Romance and creativity continue to be on your plate in a positive way. During this period you can readily make a necessary or decorative item out of nothing of value.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

The next couple of weeks are especially good for discussing important subjects with partners. You each are in a cooperative frame of mind and communications flow well. You can give and receive mutual help at this time and improve the overall energy in the relationship.



Sagittarius

(November 22-December 20)

Your physical and libidinal energy are in a dip for a few weeks. You may be surprised to find that you have changed your mind about circumstances and people in your life. Do not worry. You haven't lost your mind. You are needing a rest and will return refreshed if you relax now. Let things be as they are for the moment.



Capricorn (December 21-January 19)

Your creative energy bulges with the arts. Artistic pursuits, love and romance, along with relationship(s) to children are open for your enjoyment. Someone from the past may cross your path. If it is to be, then the connection will be repeated near May 30th with greater intentionality.



Aquarius (January 20-February 17)

You continue to be in a holding pattern while you wait for the debris to clear out of your way. The thing for which you wait requires time. It is a lesson in patience. Don't turn it into negative self-talk. Hang in there while mentally visualizing your desired outcome.



Pisces (February 18-March 19)

This week is about finding healing on either the physical or emotional levels. You may be the healer or the healee. It is possible that alternative medicine may play a role. If a friendship or a more significant relationship needs mending, now is the time to do so. The willingness to open your heart and mind to give and to receive is yours at this time.

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

17 May

19:00. Hamo Sahyan: Don't Mark Me Absent. "Zartonk" presents: Poetry reading by: Honoured Artist of Armenia Silva Yuzbashyan, Honoured Artist of Armenia Greta mejluman, Arsen Ghazaryan, Armen Kushkyan, Elfiq Zohrabyan, Zaruhi Hovhannisyanyan, Karine Avagyan. Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall

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

20:00. As a Beginning. Hrachuhi Utmazyan, Artur Utmazyan. // Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.

19 May

19:00. Flowers Manuscript. Mimodrama in 1 act, Author and Director: Zhirayr Dadasyan, Music by: Vahan Artsruni, Duration: 55 min. // Yerevan State Pantomime Theater

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

19:00. Oh, Those French Things. J. Bricker and M. Laseg. // Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski.

19:00. Mikhail Kokzhayev - 70. National Chamber Orchestra of Armenia

Artistic Director and Principal Conductor: Vahan Mardirossian. Boris Livschitz, violin /Switzerland/, Yana Daryan, viola, Armen Mayilyan, trumpet, Artem Kokzhaev, piano /Russia/. // Chamber Music House after Komitas.

19:00. Traviata. Conductor: Honoured Worker of Art of Armenia, Ruben Asatryan

Director: People's Artist of Armenia & Lithuania, Gegham Grigoryan, Stage Designer: Honoured Painter of Armenia, Avetis Barseghyan, Ballet Master: People's Artist of Armenia, Hovhannes Divanyan, Choir Master: Zoya Karapetyan, Artistic Director of the Theater: People's Artist of Armenia and Lithuania, Gegham Grigoryan. // National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian.

19:00. I'm Here. Performance in Russian, for adults. Author: T. Dorst

Director: Tatevik Melkonyan, Animation: Lusine Khandilyan, Cast: Aram Karakhanyan, Samvel Tadevosyan. // State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

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

19:00. Tales. Author: H. Tumanyan, Staging: Henrik Malyan

Cast: Ara Sargsyan, Levon Ghazaryan, Samvel Topalyan, Levon Meloyan, Georgi Hovakimyan, Vahagn Gasparyan, Movses Stepanyan, Gurgun Sargsyan, Varduhi Rushanyan, Liza Azizyan, Astghik Abajyan, Kristine Hovakimyan, Karine Voskanyan. // H. Malyan Theater of Film Actors.

19:00. Memorial Prayer. // Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski.

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

19:00. Mama Mia. K. Ludwig, Comedy in 2 acts. // Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.

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: Marina Zalinyan, mezzo-soprano: Perj Qarazyan, tenor: Hovsep Nshanyan, baritone: Marianna Gevorgyan, qanon. // Chamber Music House after Komitas.

19:00. Cellist Ramon Jaffe with Armenian National Philharmonic Orchestra. Program: Saint-Saens: Dance Macabre, Don Jaffe: Symphony-concerto Exodus (1971), Dukas: Fanfare (Armenian premiere), Dukas: "The Sorcerer's Apprentice"

Faure: Pavane, Sibelius: En Saga, Soloist: Ramon Jaffe, cello (Germany), Conductor: Harutyun Arzumanyan. // Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall.

19:00. Royal Concert. Musical-amusing show, Author and director of the play - Ara Yernjakyanyan. // Yerevan State Chamber Theater.

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19:00. Royal Concert. Musical-amusing show, Author and director of the play - Ara

Yernjakyanyan. // Yerevan State Chamber Theater.

19:00. Oh, Anna, Anna or Passionate Sunday. Marc Camoletti, Romantic comedy in 2 acts, Staged by Armen Barseghyan. // Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.

12:30, 14:00, 15:30. True Friend. Ruben Marukhyan, Musical performance

Staging: Anna Elbakyan. // State Marionette Theater.

19:00. The Left Breast of Aphrodite. Y. Polyakov. Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski.

13:00. Masha and the 3 Bears. // Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski.

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.

12:00. The Tailless Fox. Author: Hovhannes Tumanyan, Author of Play: S. Muradyan

Staging: Ruben Marukhyan, Stage Design: A. Manaryan, Music by: A. Smbatyan. // State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

16:00. 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.

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19:00. Romantic Comedy. B. Slade, Tragicomedy in 2 acts. // Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan.

19:00. Nazar, Nazar, Till the End. Cast: Andranik Harutyunyan, Ketrin Manasyan, Rafael Yeranossyan, (Mkhitar Avetisyan, Hasmik Danielyan, Irina Danielyan). // Yerevan State Chamber Theater.

12:30, 14:00, 15:30. The Adventures of Buratino. Alexei Tolstoy, Director: Armen Elbakyan. // State Marionette Theater.

12:00. Goldfish. Author: Alexander Pushkin, Director/Producer: Tigran Zahalyan, Performance in 2 acts, for children aged 3+. // State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan.

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

19:00. Khanuma. Russian Drama Theater after K. Stanislavski.

19:00. State Dance Ensemble of Armenia. National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian.

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Eurovision 2016: Ukraine's contestant wins "politicized" song contest



Armenia's Germany-based representative Iveta Mukuchyan finished seventh among 26 participants in Eurovision song contest final that was won by Ukraine's half-Armenian singer Jamala who performed a rather politicized song.

In contrast to Iveta Mukuchyan's upbeat LoveWave tune about romantic feelings, Jamala (Susana Jamaladinova), whose father is a Crimean Tatar and mother is an Armenian, sang about Stalin's 1944 deportation of Tatars from the peninsula that is now a bone of contention between Russia and Ukraine.

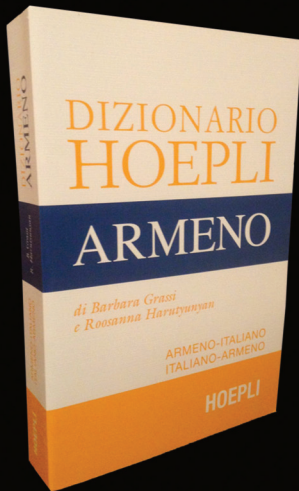
Organizers of the competition held in Stockholm, Sweden, this year did not, however, find that the 32-year-old Ukrainian contestant's song contained any political message reflecting Russia's controversial annexation of Crimea in 2014.

Earlier, the European Broadcasting Union, the alliance of public broadcasters that produces the annual contest, reprimanded Armenia for Mukuchyan's waving a Karabakh flag during an intermission at the first semifinal on May 10. It said Armenia's public broadcaster would face "yet-to-be-determined" sanctions and warned that "any further breach of the rules of the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest could lead to [Armenia's] disqualification from this year's event or any successive editions."

Iveta Mukuchyan, who was named Eurovision's best-looking female participant in 2016, admittedly staged a fairly memorable performance. The 29-year-old leotard-clad stunner did not repeat the flag-raising during the final. But a plane with the sign "Karabakh LOVE Iveta" was noticed flying over Stockholm's Globen Arena before the start of Eurovision's grand finale on Saturday.



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, Roosanna 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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