

It is the sovereign right of any country to have combat-ready army: Yerevan responds to Baku



Official Baku’s response to Armenia-France military-technical cooperation is puzzling, the Armenian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

“It is the sovereign right of any country to have combat-ready army equipped with modern military equipment,” it said.

“The Republic of Armenia recognizes the territorial integrity and inviolability of borders of all its neighbors. Armenia and Azerbaijan have agreed at the highest level that they recognize each other’s territorial integrity and sovereignty based on the 1991 Alma-Ata Declaration.

The Republic of Armenia adheres to this principle and has no ambitions beyond its internationally recognized territory of 29,743 square kilometers. The Republic of Armenia has practically proven this approach by demarcating four villages in the Tavush region of the Republic of Armenia and Ghazakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan,” the Foreign Ministry stated.

It called on Azerbaijan to put an end to the occupation of vital areas of more than 30 villages of the Republic of Armenia.

“Azerbaijan’s practice of predicting regional escalations at every opportunity is

thought-provoking and comes to justify the analyzes made by a number of centers that Azerbaijan will do everything to abort the process of concluding a peace agreement with Armenia, in order to undertake new aggression against the Republic of Armenia after the COP29 summit in Baku in November 2024,” the Ministry noted.

It draw the attention of the international community to this, as well as to the fact that official Yerevan’s proposal to conclude a peace agreement within one month remained unresponsive by official Baku.

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Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan received US Deputy Secretary of State Richard Verma.

The Prime Minister emphasized the consistent development of Armenia-US

strategic dialogue and the deepening of multi-sectoral cooperation. Nikol Pashinyan noted that Mr. Verma's visit will contribute to agenda issues of bilateral relations, programs aimed at strengthening democracy and economic empowerment, as well as expanding relations at the local self-government level.

Richard Verma emphasized the readiness of the US to strengthen cooperation with Armenia in various directions, including between local bodies and communities, as well as in the economy, education and other fields.

At the meeting, the interlocutors

discussed issues related to the implementation of the agreements reached at the Armenia-EU-USA high-level meeting held in Brussels on April 5, 2024.

Thoughts were exchanged on the discussions on the Armenia-Azerbaijan peace treaty, the border demarcation process between Armenia and Azerbaijan, the Crossroads of Peace project, the implementation of the recently approved government-approved housing program for people forcibly displaced from Nagorno Karabakh. Regarding the latter, Prime Minister Pashinyan emphasized the support of international partners.

Pashinyan, Erdogan reiterate political will to fully normalize relations between Armenia and Turkey

On 18 June, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan had a telephone conversation with the President of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The Prime Minister congratulated the President on Kurban Bayram, and the President congratulated the Prime Minister on the upcoming Vardavar – the Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ.

President Erdogan offered condolences to Prime Minister Pashinyan with regard to the recent floods in the northern regions of Armenia.



The leaders underlined their political will to fully normalize the relations between Armenia and Turkey without any

preconditions.

In this regard the leaders noted the importance of the continuation of meetings between the Special representatives of both countries and reconfirmed the agreements reached so far.

The leaders also commended the ongoing dialogue between high level officials of Armenia and Turkey. They also discussed recent developments in the region and international agenda.

I will always stand by Armenia's side: Estonian Ambassador to Armenia Holds Final Meeting with Alen Simonyan

The Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia Alen Simonyan, on June 18, received the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Estonia to Armenia Riina Kaljurand (residence in Tbilisi), who is completing her diplomatic mission in Armenia.

The head of the parliament thanked the ambassador for her effective work and cooperation, wishing her success in her future work.

“Thank you for your invaluable

contribution, efforts and dedication in the development of Armenian-Estonian relations. You can always consider Armenia as a country that shares the same value system with Estonia and the EU,” said Alen Simonyan.

Riina Kaljurand noted that cooperation with colleagues was high during her four years of mission in Armenia. She reaffirmed Estonia's readiness to support Armenia in ongoing reforms and to strengthen relations with the EU.

The interlocutors have stated the high level of Armenia-Estonia bilateral relations, emphasizing the importance of continuous mutual visits.

“I will always stand by Armenia's side,” said the ambassador.



Security Council Secretary meets with French Co-Chair of OSCE Minsk Group, French Presidential, Prime Ministerial advisers



Secretary of the Security Council of Armenia, Armen Grigoryan, as part of his working visit to France, on Wednesday had

a working lunch with Bertrand Buchwalter, Diplomatic Adviser of French President Emmanuel Macron and Brice Roquefeuil, Head of the Directorate for Continental Europe of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, French Co-Chair of the OSCE Minsk Group.

According to Grigoryan's Office, the working lunch covered agenda items related to the development of bilateral relations across various sectors between Armenia and France. Cooperation perspectives on both

bilateral and multilateral platforms were also discussed.

Secretary of the Security Council Armenia also held a meeting with diplomatic advisor to the Prime Minister of the French Republic.

The interlocutors discussed the comprehensive agenda of Armenia-France bilateral cooperation. In particular, the progress of implementing Armenian-French economic and investment programs and their prospects were discussed at the meeting.

Armenia ready to finalize and conclude the peace treaty with Azerbaijan within a month – FM

Armenia is ready to finalize and conclude the peace treaty with Azerbaijan within a month, Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan said at a joint press conference following a meeting with his Lithuanian counterpart Gabrielius Landsbergis.

During a meeting in Vilnius, the Foreign Ministers of the two countries discussed international and regional security issues. The Armenian FM briefed his counterpart on the process of normalization of relations with neighbors and efforts to build lasting stability in the South Caucasus.

"As you are aware, we started delimitation of the border with Azerbaijan based on the 1991 Alma-Ata declaration. In this regard, we of course appreciate the position expressed by Lithuania's MFA following the delimitation agreement in April," the Foreign Minister said at the



press conference.

"Now it is very important to ensure the continuity of the delimitation based on the same Alma-Ata declaration and reaffirmation of mutual recognition of territorial integrity, as it is vital for ensuring clarity on the border and avoiding any provocations in the future. It is also of utmost importance to finalize the peace treaty between Armenia and Azerbaijan: we have sent very constructive proposals to the Azerbaijani side, and we are ready

to finalize them and conclude the treaty during the upcoming month as we have already proposed. Unfortunately, we have not been hearing from the Azerbaijani side so far. Moreover, Azerbaijan is bringing new issues which at least raises questions about their genuineness towards the final goal of establishing peace in our neighborhood and broader region," Ararat Mirzoyan stated.

The Foreign Ministers of Armenia and Lithuania also exchanged views on their vision of a peaceful South Caucasus and possibilities of economic development, touched upon the topic of connectivity as well as the Crossroads of Peace initiative.

"There is no doubt that if implemented it can bring significant benefits for our region and beyond, both for the public and private sector as well," the Armenian Foreign Minister said.

Armenia and France discuss prospective defense programs

The Minister of Defense of the Republic of Armenia, Suren Papikyan, on June 19 held a meeting with the Military Adviser and Chief of the Military Staff to the President of France, General Fabien Mandon.

During the meeting, they discussed the ongoing cooperation between Armenia and France in the field of defense, as well as prospective programs, according to a

statement from the Ministry of Defense of Armenia.

The Minister of Defense provided an update on the reforms within the Armenian Armed Forces and the level of support of France in this context.

Additionally, issues related to regional and international security were addressed.



Blinken urges Aliyev to sign peace deal with Armenia, release all those unjustly detained

US Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken spoke with Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev. The Secretary recognized ongoing progress by Armenia and Azerbaijan toward a peace agreement and underscored the significance of concluding an agreement without delay. He reiterated the United States remains willing to support further engagement in any way useful to the parties.

Emphasizing the importance of the



U.S.-Azerbaijan bilateral relationship, the Secretary highlighted constructive cooperation with Azerbaijan on the shared

climate and energy goals, adding the United States was committed to helping make COP29 a success.

He called for a renewed and stronger bilateral relationship between the United States and Azerbaijan. He again urged Azerbaijan to adhere to its international human rights obligations and commitments and releasing all those unjustly detained. He called on Azerbaijan to do so expeditiously.

Richard Verma meets with ambassadors of India, France, and EU to Armenia

Richard Verma, First Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources of the United States, as part of his visit to Armenia, had a meeting with the Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the USA, India, and France to the Republic of Armenia, Ambassador Vassilis Maragos, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Armenia, as well as Paruyr Hovhannisyan, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Armenia.

Richard Verma mentioned in a post on X that the meeting took place in a warm and productive atmosphere.

“A warm and productive meeting with likeminded fellow diplomats and Armenian officials to discuss Armenia’s growing role in the global arena. Together, we are committed to promoting regional stability and security,” said the American official-emphasizing that here’s to a future of continued partnership and shared prosperity.



Armenian Parliament Speaker, German Ambassador discuss security situation in the South Caucasus



The President of the Armenian National Assembly Alen Simonyan, on June 18 received the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to Armenia Viktor Richter. The Ambassador completes his diplomatic mission in Armenia.

According to the readout issued by

the National Assembly, the Head of Parliament thanked the Ambassador for the efforts made in the development of Armenia-Germany and Armenia-EU relations and underscored the importance of stable development of interaction.

“The parliamentary multi-layer cooperation and the deputies’ active mutual visits, the availability of the Friendship Groups in parliaments are speechless testimony of high level dialogue between our countries,” the NA President noted.

Viktor Richter highly appreciated the collaboration established between the two countries and underlined that inter-parliamentary contacts have key role in deepening the relationship.

The interlocutors discussed the

security situation in the South Caucasus and the procedure of the normalization of Armenia-Azerbaijan relations.

Viktor Richter reaffirmed the commitment of the Federal Republic of Germany to support the support of the negotiations on the peace.

“The ongoing reforms in the Republic of Armenia and the establishment of peace in the South Caucasus are of political priority,” the Ambassador noted.

Ideas were exchanged on the perspectives of expanding of Armenia-Germany cooperation and the current programmes. The interaction was highlighted in the cultural, educational, economic and energy spheres.

Armenia recognizes the State of Palestine



The Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Armenia has issued a statement on the recognition of the State of Palestine.

“The catastrophic humanitarian situation in Gaza and the ongoing military conflict are among the primary issues on

the international political agenda that require settlement. The Republic of Armenia categorically rejects the targeting of civilian infrastructure, violence against the civilian population and the hostage-taking of civilians during armed conflict, joining the international community’s demands for their unconditional release.

“The Republic of Armenia has joined the resolutions of the UN General Assembly calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Furthermore, the Republic of Armenia is genuinely committed to establishing peace and stability in the Middle East and lasting reconciliation between the Jewish and Palestinian peoples. On

various international platforms, our position has consistently been in favour of a peaceful and comprehensive settlement of the Palestinian issue, and we support the “two-state” solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We are convinced that this is the only way to ensure that both Palestinians and Israelis can fulfil their legitimate aspirations.

“Based on the foregoing and reaffirming our commitment to international law and the principles of equality, sovereignty, and peaceful coexistence of peoples, the Republic of Armenia recognizes the State of Palestine,” the statement reads.

Political consultations held between Foreign Ministries of Armenia and Moldova

On June 19, in Chisinau, political consultations were held between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Armenia and Moldova. The consultations were conducted by Deputy Foreign Minister of Armenia Mnatsakan Safaryan and State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Moldova Sergiu Mihov.

During the consultations, the parties commended the dynamics of relations developing on a friendly basis and discussed cooperation in bilateral and multilateral formats as well as the ways of further promoting it.

Views were exchanged on the prospects of cooperation in the spheres of



trade, transport, tourism and energy. The importance of activating the work of the bilateral intergovernmental commission was touched upon.

The Moldovan side was presented with the situation in the region resulting from

Azerbaijan’s aggression and the occupation of the sovereign territory of Armenia, as well as the efforts of the Republic of Armenia aimed at normalizing relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Mnatsakan Safaryan briefed the Moldovan delegation on the “Crossroad of Peace” initiative presented by the Government of the Republic of Armenia, which aims to ensure stability and economic development in the region.

The parties also touched upon various international and regional security issues, as well as the European integration agenda.

Armenian Ambassador briefs Cyprus lawmakers on regional security issues

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Armenia to Cyprus Tigran Mkrtchyan (residence in Athens) had a meeting with members of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Foreign Relations, led by the Chairman of the Committee, Harry Georgiadis.

The Armenian Ambassador briefed the MPs on regional security issues, particular the border delimitation between



Armenia and Azerbaijan, and negotiations on a comprehensive peace treaty. He also presented the bilateral efforts to further deepen Armenia-EU relations and

mentioned the constant support of Cyprus.

The RA ambassador emphasized the role of parliamentary diplomacy in the context of the work in that direction and thanked the deputies for their support to Armenia.

The meeting was also attended by Vartkes Mahdessian, representative of the Armenian community in the Cyprus House of Representatives.

Armenian Economy Minister, US State Department Special Representative discuss issues of trade and economic cooperation

Minister of Economy Gevorg Papoyan Tuesday received the US Department of State Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs, Sarah Morgenthau. Deputy Minister Narek Hovakimyan also attended the meeting.

According to the Ministry of Economy, Gevorg Papoyan noted that Armenia highly appreciates the active support of the United States in establishing long-term peace in the region, as well as in preserving Armenia's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

According to the source, Sarah Morgenthau reaffirmed the willingness of the United States to consider new economic opportunities in relations with Armenia



and to expand the scope of cooperation. She also expressed support for the restoration of infrastructure damaged by the recent flash floods in Armenia.

The parties discussed Armenia-US trade and economic cooperation, the diversification of Armenia's exports, and

the consideration of the American continent as a new export market. They also talked about developing an export strategy for Armenia with the help of USAID, which is currently under active consideration.

Reference was made to the regular event of the Americas Competitiveness Exchange program to be held in the Republic of Armenia this year in autumn which provides a unique opportunity to demonstrate Armenia's economic potential and promote new business ties with North and South America.

According to the ministry, Gevorg Papoyan presented to the delegation the opportunities and principles of the Armenia's "Crossroads of Peace" project.

Armenia to acquire CAESAR howitzers from France

Armenia will acquire CAESAR howitzers from France, French Minister of the Armed Forces Sébastien Lecornu said in a post on X.

He called the signing of the agreement an "important milestone."

"We continue to strengthen our defense relationship with Armenia. Warm and productive interview with my counterpart Suren Papikyan, on the sidelines of Eurosatory," Sébastien Lecornu said after talks with the Armenian Defense Minister.

CAESAR is a French 155 mm, 52-caliber self-propelled howitzer that can fire



39/52 caliber NATO-standard shells. It is installed on a 6x6 or 8x8 truck chassis.

Equipped with an autonomous weapon network incorporating an inertial navigation system and ballistic computer, the CAESAR can accurately strike targets more than 40 kilometers away using "Extended Range, Full Bore" (ERFB) ammunition with base bleed, or targets over 55 kilometers away using rocket-assisted or smart ammunition.

The CAESAR was developed by French defense contractor GIAT Industries (now Nexter Systems) and has been exported to various countries.

Amendments to SFOPS bill propose increased funding for Armenia, end to Azerbaijan aid



Armenian Caucus Co-Chair, Rep.

Frank Pallone (D-NJ) has offered a bipartisan amendment with Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY) to the FY 2025 State and Foreign Operations (SFOPS) Appropriations Bill, which increases funding for the Republic of Armenia by \$100,000,000 under the AEECA account, reports the Armenian Assembly of America.

This funding will support victims from Nagorno Karabakh currently residing in

Armenia, who were forced to flee their ancestral homeland amid Azerbaijan's full-scale attack in 2023.

Rep Mike Lawler (R-NY) has offered a bipartisan amendment to the FY25 SFOPS Bill, which prohibits funding to Azerbaijan until the President confirms to Congress that Azerbaijan has ceased offensive actions Armenians.

EU provides €100 000 in aid to flood-affected population in Armenia

Following the flash floods in Armenia's Lori and Tavush regions in May, the European Union is providing €100 000 in humanitarian funding to assist the most affected villages.

This EU funding supports the Armenian Red Cross in delivering much needed relief assistance, including cash assistance and essential supplies.

This humanitarian aid aims to directly benefit 5060 individuals in total, including 2,500 individuals who will receive cash assistance for their most immediate needs and 2,760 individuals who will receive support with gaining access to shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene. The assistance is targeting families whose homes, crop fields, livestock or food supplies were destroyed during the floods.

The funding is part of the EU's overall contribution to the Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

On May 26, 2024, heavy thundery rain showers across Armenia led to significant rainfall, with up to 100 mm recorded locally. This caused the sudden overflowing of the Debed, Aghstev, and Tashir rivers, exacerbating the flood impact in the Lori and Tavush regions.

The European Union and its Member States are the world's leading donor of humanitarian aid. Relief assistance is an expression of European solidarity with

people in need all around the world. It Response Emergency Fund (DREF). Funds



aims to save lives, prevent and alleviate human suffering, and safeguard the integrity and human dignity of populations affected by natural disasters and man-made crises.

Through its Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations department, the European Union helps millions of victims of conflict and disasters every year. With headquarters in Brussels and a global network of field offices, the European Union provides assistance to the most vulnerable people on the basis of humanitarian needs.

The European Union is signatory to a €8 million humanitarian delegation agreement with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to support the Federation's Disaster

from the DREF are mainly allocated to "small-scale" disasters – those that do not give rise to a formal international appeal.

The Disaster Response Emergency Fund was established in 1979 and is supported by contributions from donors. Each time a National Red Cross or Red Crescent Society needs immediate financial support to respond to a disaster, it can request funds from the DREF. For small-scale disasters, the IFRC allocates grants from the Fund, which can then be replenished by the donors. The delegation agreement between the IFRC and ECHO enables the latter to replenish the DREF for agreed operations (that fit within its humanitarian mandate) up to a total of €8 million.

Air Cairo starts flights to Yerevan

Air Cairo has started operating flights on Cairo-Yerevan-Cairo route, "Armenia" International Airports" CJSC informs.

The flights were inaugurated on June 20 and will be operated once a week

– every Thursday.

For the availability of air tickets, their acquisition and other details, it's necessary to contact the local travel agency.



Irrefutable evidence of Armenian massacres found in Turkish archives: new revelations on Armenian Genocide

ARMENPRESS. German scholar and turkologist Hilmar Kaiser, along with genocide researcher and archivist Mihran Minasyan, are preparing to publish two books based on their joint study of Turkish, Ottoman, and Armenian archival documents and original manuscripts about the Armenian Genocide. These publications are planned to be released on the eve of the 110th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

According to the authors, the books will complement each other, and their publication aims to dismantle the last line of defense in Turkey's denial of the Armenian Genocide. These books are based not only on Armenian sources but also on Turkish archives, whose identity and consistency, as demonstrated by the studies, prove the truth of the research conducted.

In a conversation with Armenpress, the book's authors being prepared for publication told what the researched Turkish and Armenian sources are and what these materials are. This is significant considering that thousands of archives and memoirs about the Armenian Genocide have already been studied, proving the indisputable reality of the murder of millions of Armenians by the Ottoman rulers at the beginning of the 20th century.

The director of the "Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute" Foundation, Edita Gzoyan, speaking about the importance of the joint work of the two scientists, noted that Hilmar Kaiser has access and the opportunity to work in Turkish archives, which is extremely important.

She added that more in-depth research can be conducted by joint forces, which could be a breakthrough for this area and for strengthening the Institute's position in the international scientific community.

"Mr. Minasyan has long been a perfect specialist in the field of archives. He is mainly a connoisseur of the archives of the Middle East, and shares information from his scientific sources with our scientists," Gzoyan emphasized.

At the beginning of the conversation,



German Turkologist and archivist Hilmar Kaiser noted that he had repeatedly given lectures in Turkey related to these documents and the topic of the Armenian Genocide. This led to expressions of dissatisfaction from the Turks and even threats against him. He also added that he gave an interview to a Turkish journalist on this topic. The journalist faced persecution from Turkish law enforcement agencies but still published the interview, which caused significant concern among Turkish nationalists.

Dr. Kaiser, regarding the question of which Turkish archival documents and manuscripts related to the Armenian Genocide are being discussed, noted that the study of the documents in his hand clearly shows that Turkish and Armenian documents on this issue coincide. He himself is studying the Turkish archives, and Mihran Minasyan is studying the Armenian ones.

"I'm coming from the Turkish side, Minasyan – from the Armenian side. We found that the Turkish and Armenian documents match. There are no contradictions. In the past, Turkey has always maintained that Turkish documents tell a different story. But no. They tell the same story with different accents. If Mihran's material represents the experience of the victim, then mine represents the approach of the criminal. So, if you combine these two perspectives, you get the full picture. So I have half the image, he has the other half. We work together here to create a whole picture," Kaiser said.

According to him, these materials are official documents of Talaat Pasha,

the Minister of Internal Affairs of the Ottoman Empire, who was the main organizer of the displacement and murder of Armenians, and they are currently located in the Turkish State Archives in Istanbul.

"All documents we receive are catalogued, certified and have an archive number. The authenticity of this material is not in dispute. By comparing documents and working with these archives from an expert point of view,

we can show that many important materials are still not open to us, for example, files on Armenian property.

In 1983-1984, the Turkish government published the "book of denial" of Talaat Pasha, in which they [Turkish government] reprinted the files of the Ottoman journals. Forty years later they are still not in the catalogue. We do not have access to log books. They don't give them to us, which means they are hiding something. But then suddenly they reproduce several pages. If you compare journal entries with documents in the archives, you will see documents in the journal that are not in the archives. Where are these documents? So there are contradictions. This means that our task is not only to work on the documents that we have, but also to try to find out what is missing," said Hilmar Kaiser.

According to the scientist's observation, the main institution for the execution of Armenians was the Public Security Department, which was the main office of the Turkish Minister of Internal Affairs.

"Recently, a certain unqualified Armenian historian attacked the Armenian government when one of the representatives of the Armenian government [Andranik Kocharyan, member of the "Civil Contract" party of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia] suggested trying to identify each victim. The historian said it was impossible. This is not true: whoever said this has never read the archives. He doesn't even know the catalogue. It is obvious that he has never

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dealt with literature about the Genocide. But the reality is this: when the Armenians were evicted, they were taken out of the village, placed in the square, after which they began to register. This lasted for about two days. Every Armenian family and its members were registered, and the Turks compiled three identical lists of all displaced persons. One copy of the list was kept in the registration book at the place of residence. The second copy was sent to the central office in Istanbul. The third copy was handed over to the gendarmes for deportation. And if someone died, his name was removed from these lists..." Kaiser emphasized.

He also said that only two such lists are currently available. One is in the Jerusalem Patriarchate, and the other was given to him by Turkish friends. He noted that such lists exist, but they are not accessible.

"I can't say whether all the lists exist, but those who were officially displaced have always been on these lists," he said.

Hilmar Kaiser emphasized that as a result of the research, it turned out that in Istanbul, in the Ministry of Internal Affairs, there was a huge map of the Ottoman Empire, on which small flags were placed, with the help of which the Turkish leaders had perfect and complete control over what was happening to the Armenians.

"Every 4-6 months they kept records throughout the empire: how many Armenians remained there, how many were deported, how many reached the desert? They did this for three years, so they knew exactly how many Armenians died. The important thing is that this is not just statistical material. This data was collected to make decisions," said Hilmar Kaiser.

According to research by Hilmar Kaiser, it is known from Ottoman data that there were about 1,750,000 Armenians living in the Ottoman Empire, but this is a small number. 1,400,000 out of 1,750,000 people were killed in two years. This is 80%, therefore they knew that they killed 80 percent of the Armenians.

He also noted that documents show that a very radical man, Mehmed Reshid, lived in the province of Diyarbakir. He was known as "the butcher" and was responsible for approximately 250,000 murders.

"He wrote to the Turkish Minister of Internal Affairs Talaat, informing him of his desire to kill Armenians. He wrote that he wanted to receive 500 Turkish liras in return, and this amount was sent to him. So we have Rashid's offer, the telegram, and that the 500 lira was sent to him," the scientist noted, adding that the Turks were afraid to write the name under the telegram, they simply wrote minister, because it was an official document and an order to kill.

"Basically, these are coded telegrams. To understand the meaning of the order coming from Constantinople to Diyarbakir, you need to understand what happened before. You have to connect them together. If you don't connect them, nothing seems to happen. The most innocent document is the bloodiest. So, it is clear that they wanted to kill the Armenians.

During my research I found a document where Talaat says "kill the Armenians and kill them there", but he uses a different language. I have an order from Talaat, in which he says "kill them there," and Mihran has research on where the bones and relics of the Armenians are located. So we not only have the order, but also the location of the bodies of those killed," Kaiser said.

According to him, all these archival documents simply destroy the last line of defense of the Turkish government, which is lying to its population that there was no order for the murder.

Answering the question of what he plans to do with such important archival documents, Hilmar Kaiser said that both the Turkish archives he has been studying and the documents studied by Mihran Minasyan would be published in book form on the 110th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

"Everything that we have will be published next year, on the 110th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, there will be a presentation of the book with all the evidence and Talaat's signature on the killing order," he said.

Mihran Minasyan also presented details regarding the book to be published in 2025 and the Armenian archival documents that are the basis of it.

"I would like to note the importance of

Armenian sources regarding the Armenian Genocide. Today, both in Armenia and abroad, there are thousands of documents about the Genocide, be it in the form of simple documents, letters, newsletters, telegrams, memorandums, until today they have not been introduced into scientific circulation, they have not been published, not studied. 110 years after the Genocide, we have so much unstudied material in the National Archives of Armenia, and in the archives of the Genocide Museum-Institute, and in the archives of the Museum of Literature and Art after Yeghishe Charents, and in the Matenadaran, and in Armenian-foreign and foreign institutions," Minasyan said and added that in 1915, Armenian intellectuals began to collect documents and materials related to the Genocide. These were historians, these were people who knew the value of historical documents, one of whom was Aram Antonyan, as well as Gevorg Mesrop, Arshak Alpayachean and others were able to collect and compile a huge amount of materials - memoirs, documents, testimonies.

According to Mihran Minasyan, the Armenian National Union, created in Aleppo in 1918, provided some budget to Aram Antonian, and he began to record the stories of all the people involved in the Genocide.

"Even those who wrote down their memories and did not want to give the original to Aram Antonyan brought them to this office, and he copied them. Today there is one of these copies, which is kept in the Nubar Library in Paris, but the original does not exist, it is probably lost," Minasyan emphasized, adding that these documentary materials were used during the trial of the former leaders of the Ottoman Empire in 1919.

"In 1928, the Nubarian Matenadaran was created in Paris, and Aram Antonyan became its director and transferred all the collected and distributed materials there. Today, the Aram Antonyan Foundation contains more than 60 works. I selected all the memoirs, all the materials that relate to memoirs related to the camps created today in Syria," Minasyan concluded, noting that he has been and is working only on Syrian camps for many years and hopes to finish this work next year publish.

Over 20 U.S. Senators press Biden to sharply boost aid to Artsakh refugees



Senate Armed Services Committee Chair Jack Reed (D-RI) and Senate Budget Committee Chair Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), along with some twenty of their Senate colleagues, have called on President Biden to significantly increase U.S. humanitarian aid to Armenian refugees forcibly displaced from Artsakh, work toward their safe and dignified return to their indigenous homes, and hold Azerbaijan accountable for their genocidal actions.

“With well over 115,000 Armenians still at-risk, facing challenges in access to housing, food, power, employment, and medical care, we welcome this principled call by Senators Reed and Whitehouse and their colleagues for a major boost in Biden Administration humanitarian assistance to Artsakh’s Armenians,” said ANCA Executive Director Aram Hamparian. “We need to see this aid provided parallel to concrete steps to hold Azerbaijan accountable and a sustained American campaign to secure the safe return of Artsakh Armenians to their indigenous homeland under international protection.”

In the June 20th letter to President Biden, the Senators stress that “As we recently recognized the 109th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, the United States must take steps to ensure that the persecution of ethnic Armenians never takes place again. This includes providing additional humanitarian and economic

support to Armenia, bolstering U.S.-Armenia ties, and holding Azerbaijan accountable, including the possible imposition of sanctions for any human rights violations that took place during the ethnic cleansing of Armenians from Azerbaijani territory last year.”

Joining Senators Reed and Whitehouse in urging the Biden Administration to ensure robust humanitarian assistance to Armenia are Senators: Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Laphonza Butler (D-CA), Bob Casey (D-PA), Richard Durbin (D-IL), John Fetterman (D-PA), Angus King (I-ME), Ed Markey (D-MA), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Christopher Murphy (D-CT), Alex Padilla (D-CA), Gary Peters (D-MI), Jacklyn Rosen (D-NV), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Raphael Warnock (D-GA), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), and Ron Wyden (D-OR).

Noting that Armenia is currently housing more than 115,000 refugees, including 36,000 children, forcibly displaced by Azerbaijan, the Senators state that it is estimated Armenia may require up to \$2 billion in additional urgent humanitarian assistance to provide ongoing resources for the refugee population and ensure that basic needs are met. To date, the U.S. has provided only \$15 million in humanitarian assistance to Armenia – of which only a small portion has been directly allocated

to refugees. In urging the United States to provide a “sizeable amount” of this estimated humanitarian funding requirement through funds appropriated in the recent national security supplemental package, the Senators also call on the Biden Administration to encourage international partners to respond in kind.

“Unfortunately, U.S. humanitarian assistance to Armenia to date is barely a fraction of what is needed to support Artsakh’s Armenians,” remarked ANCA Eastern Region board member and ANC-Rhode Island activist, Steve Mesrobian. “In light of this dire humanitarian crisis, we thank Senators Reed and Whitehouse for their leadership in support of Artsakh’s Armenians – and for their continuous efforts to ensure Azerbaijan is held accountable for its genocidal aggression.”

In addition to requesting humanitarian assistance and calling for accountability for Azerbaijan’s war crimes, the Senators also urge the United States to take a leadership role in negotiations with Azerbaijan to ensure refugees are afforded the right to return to their homes under safe and secure conditions with international guarantees. While several U.S. officials have publicly expressed support for the right of Artsakh’s Armenians to return to their homes, Washington has not taken any meaningful action to compel Azerbaijan to uphold its international legal obligations nor establish international protections that will ensure Artsakh’s Armenians can return to their homes free from persecution and subjugation by Azerbaijan.

POLITICO’s Miles Herszenhorn and Eric Bazail-Eimil broke news of the Senate letter in the **National Security Daily**, stating, “21 Democratic Senators are calling on the Biden administration to allocate more humanitarian aid to Armenia to support refugees affected by Azerbaijan’s invasion of the contested Nagorno-Karabakh exclave last September.”

The full text of the letter is **available here**.

Pashinyan hosts “iGorts” participants: deep changes are taking place in Armenia



Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan hosted the participants of the “iGorts” program for the involvement of diaspora specialists in the state administration bodies of the Republic of Armenia.

The Prime Minister welcomed them, stressing that such meetings have become traditional, which provide an opportunity to discuss various issues. Nikol Pashinyan emphasized the importance of the “iGorts” program, noting that it is the only one that attempts to connect our compatriots of the diaspora with the state system, as

mentioned in the Government’s statement.

Nikol Pashinyan noted that deep changes are taking place in Armenia today, which are primarily of social and psychological significance.

“These are changes in thinking, and I think that these changes are inevitably happening and will happen in the diaspora as well. And it is critical that we map this changing mindset correctly. As a result, we must inevitably record that the Armenian statehood, the Republic of Armenia, is at the core of it,” the Prime Minister said.

At the same time, according to the Prime Minister, the “iGorts” program is becoming more important because it gives our compatriots in the diaspora an opportunity to see Armenia from all angles, creating an organic link between the Republic of Armenia and the diaspora.

High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs Zareh Sinanyan thanked Prime Minister Pashinyan for his high assessment and provided details on the progress of the project. In particular, it was noted that 7 out of 50 participants of the program in 2023-2024 have already received Armenian citizenship and decided to move to Armenia permanently. According to Sinanyan, 70 percent of the participants of the last three years decided to link their future with Armenia and move to their homeland.

The participants of the “iGorts” program thanked the Armenian government for the opportunity to work in various state departments of the country and presented their activities and shared their impressions.

Next, Nikol Pashinyan answered the questions of the participants of the meeting, which related to cyber security, government programs in the fields of tourism, education, the functioning of the state administration system and other topics.

Raya Nazaryan elected Chair of Bulgaria’s National Assembly

GERB-UDF MP Raya Nazaryan was elected National Assembly Chair on June 20. She received 131 votes in favor, 66 MPs voted against, and 39 abstained. Nazaryan was backed by her parliamentary group, the Movement for Rights and Freedoms (MRF) and TISP, the [Bulgarian News Agency](#) reports.

Nazaryan’s election became possible after There Is Such a People (TISP) deputy leader Toshko Yordanov said the party would support all nominations.

Four MPs were nominated for head of Parliament. Here is how the legislature voted on the other three:

Silvi Kirilov of TISP: 17 votes in

favor, 108 against, and 108 abstentions. Petar Petrov of Vazrazhdane: 53 votes in favor, 111 against, and 71 abstentions. Yuliana Mateeva of Velichie (Grandeur): 13 votes in favor, 105 against, and 105 abstentions.

Under the Constitution, electing a chairperson of the National Assembly requires a simple majority of the MPs present. GERB-UDF have 68 seats, the Movement for Rights and Freedoms 47, Continue the Change – Democratic Bulgaria 39, Vazrazhdane 38, BSP for Bulgaria 19, TISP 16, and Velichie 13.

Born in Varna on September 16, 1985, Nazaryan has practiced law for more than

12 years, of which ten specializing in the law of obligations, real law, insurance law, family law and succession law. She has amassed ample experience in commercial, civil and administrative proceedings before Bulgarian courts.

A specialist in mediation and out-of-court settlement of legal disputes. Member of the Sofia Bar Association. Associate and co-founder of a law firm.

On June 9, Nazaryan was elected MP for a third term. She topped the GERB-UDF candidates list in Sofia’s Multimember Constituency No. 24. She entered politics in 2022.

She is single, with one child.

The delegation led by Hakob Arshakyan attends a presentation of Armenian books in China



The delegation, headed by the Deputy Chairman of the Armenian National Assembly Hakob Arshakyan, took part

in the presentation of Armenian books in China. It was held as part of the 30th Beijing International Book Fair, where more than 220,000 books in Chinese and foreign languages were presented.

The delegation included Andranik Kocharyan, Lena Nazaryan, Taguhi Ghazaryan, Hayk Tsurunyan from the Civil Contract party and MP from the Hayastan party, Gegham Nazaryan.

5 books translated from Armenian into Chinese were presented at the fair - "Gevorg Marzpetuni", "History of Armenia"

by Movses Khorenatsi, "Stories" by Grigor Zohrab, "Wounds of Armenia" by Khachatur Abovyan and "Armenian Folk Tales" which were translated as part of the China-Armenia Classics Mutual Translation Project, as mentioned in the statement of the Public Relations and Information Department of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia.

Currently, one of the largest book fairs in the world has become one of the key platforms for copyright trading.

ESMT Berlin and Matena School to launch joint EMBA program in Armenia



Tens of entrepreneurs and leaders of major companies from Armenia visited Germany on June 19 to discuss joint educational programs between one of Europe's top business schools, ESMT Berlin, and the Armenia-based Matena International School. They also explored the upcoming double-degree EMBA program, which will last 1.5 years and is specially designed for executives, to be conducted in Armenia, Germany, Cyprus, and Dubai.

Besides the founders of major companies and bank CEOs, the meeting was attended by the Armenian Minister of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports

Zhanna Andreasyan and her delegation, as well as the Armenian Ambassador to Germany.

Welcoming the guests, ESMT Berlin President Jörg Rocholl emphasized that, being founded by companies such as Mercedes-Benz, Deutsche Bank, Siemens, McKinsey, etc., they are very selective in choosing partners. The partnership with Matena is based on trust and the high global quality of business education, proven

through their joint short-term programs.

Matena co-founder and CEO Ruben Hayrapetyan, in turn, noted that the joint program between one of Europe's top business schools and Matena could become the best not only in Armenia but also in the entire region, attracting international participants.

Krisp co-founder Artavazd Minasyan and Adobe Armenia managing director Lianna Hayrapetyan shared the view that with such a program available, they would no longer need to seek world-class executives and managers for their companies only from abroad. Business leaders commented on the importance of having such high-quality business education in Armenia.

The joint EMBA program of ESMT Berlin and Matena is expected to launch within a year



TUMO Labs' Initiative, Climate Net installing new weather data devices across Armenia

26 IoT (Internet of Things) climate devices will be installed this summer in rural communities of Armenia to collect climate data, allowing for the research, prevention, and prediction of weather crises and analysis of local climate patterns. The project is implemented through the Climate Net initiative run by TUMO Labs – an educational hub that provides free education in engineering and technology for individuals over the age of 18.

The devices are installed on top of TUMO Boxes – mini TUMO centers made of recycled containers that serve as satellite TUMO locations in smaller communities. Five TUMO Boxes in Artik, Maralik, Azatan, Panik, and Vazgen Sargsyan University have already been equipped with these devices.

The IoT climate devices are created and deployed by TUMO Labs students who receive educational training where they learn how to make both the hardware and software for the device. The devices



measure temperature, humidity and pressure, air quality, air speed, direction, rain, light intensity, and spectral information. This data is open for anyone to use and analyze via the Climate Net website (climatenet.am). The collected data can help predict and reduce the damage of severe weather. In the future, students at TUMO Labs can use this data to create different kinds of weather maps.

Climate Net project manager, Ruben Mirzoyan states, "Armenia is a landlocked country that is susceptible to weather

changes and natural disasters, and we don't have the data gathered in one place. When we do have it, it is often scattered. This new data allows for predictions, research, and even testing."

The summer stage of installment is part of a larger project to design, construct, and deploy a total of 78 IoT climate observatories and weather forecasting stations at various TUMO Box locations before mid-2025.

Climate Net is a project run by TUMO Labs, a tuition-free education program that connects higher education with industry and enables students to acquire knowledge and practical skills in the fields of technology, applied science, and engineering. TUMO Labs hosts projects from international and national companies, allowing students to work and develop these projects and learn up-to-date skills. Climate Net is one of these projects. Climate Net started in January of 2023 in an effort to make weather data in Armenia comprehensive and available to all.

COAF's English language textbooks win Armenian Government competition



The Children of Armenia Fund (COAF) has announced that their English language textbooks, created by the English Programs teams for the 3rd, 6th, and 8th grades, have been selected by the Armenian government to become the new English language textbooks for public schools across the country. These textbooks emerged as the winners in a competitive open call for new public school textbooks.

"This prestigious recognition

underscores the invaluable contributions of our content development team and the dedicated teachers who authored the textbooks. These teachers bring first-hand classroom experience and a deep understanding of the needs and challenges faced by students, ensuring that the materials are not only educational but also relevant and engaging," COAF said.

The U.S. Embassy in Armenia has been a true partner to COAF in the development journey of these textbooks. Content from the textbooks were rigorously piloted and enhanced in the English language educational programs realized in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy in Armenia over the last two years. The students who have already studied with the original materials not only improved their language skills but also gained valuable soft skills such as public speaking, critical thinking, and

research skills.

"This is a monumental achievement for COAF," said Liana Ghaltaghchyan, CEO at COAF. "Beyond imparting excellent English language knowledge and skills, our textbooks foster essential soft skills such as independent thinking, public speaking, critical thinking, teamwork, and research skills. We are honored that our textbooks will play a crucial role in shaping the next generation of Armenians."

COAF is committed to providing high-quality educational resources that not only enhance language proficiency but also equip students with the skills necessary to succeed in the 21st century and help broaden their horizons. We look forward to seeing the positive impact these textbooks will have on students across Armenia.

Serj Tankian slams Imagine Dragons for playing controversial Azerbaijan gig

System Of A Down frontman Serj Tankian has criticized Imagine Dragons for going ahead with their controversial gig in Azerbaijan, stating that he has “zero respect for those guys,” [NME](#) reports.

The dispute came over a show that Imagine Dragons had plans for in the country’s capital city, Baku, which some perceived as being an endorsement of Azerbaijan’s authoritarian President Ilham Aliyev.

Last summer, the System Of A Down frontman reached out to the band and wrote them a “kind” personal letter, urging them to pull out of the Baku Olympic Stadium show. In the letter, he stated that proceeding with the gig “would help whitewash the dictatorial regime’s image.”

“I really feel that performing in Azerbaijan would have a negative impact on your brand as well,” his letter added, also making a nod towards a news report which stated that the country was preparing genocide against ethnic Armenians



in its Nagorno-Karabakh region. “I’m confident that you can decipher all the facts for yourselves to decide whether to cancel your concert.”

Further pressure to back out also came from fellow musicians including Brian Eno, Thurston Moore and Pink Floyd’s Roger Waters, who shared an open letter last August, asking them to pull the

show. “Performing in Baku under these circumstances, regardless of intent, can only help the government of Azerbaijan cover up its crimes,” a section of it read.

Tankian also called the band out on social media for having a “disregard for this humanitarian catastrophe,” following the members not acknowledging his plea.

Nvidia becomes world’s most valuable company

Nvidia became the world’s most valuable company after its share price climbed to an all-time high on Tuesday, the [BBC](#) reports.

The stock ended the trading day at nearly \$136, up 3.5%, making it more valuable than Microsoft. It overtook Apple earlier this month.

Nvidia makes computer chips needed for artificial intelligence (AI) software, and demand for its products has boosted its sales and profits over the last few years.

Many investors believe its earnings can grow even more, which has caused



its share price to soar, though some have questioned its sky-high valuation.

Tuesday’s share price rally means the

market now values the company at \$3.34tn, with the price having nearly doubled since the start of this year.

Eight years ago, the stock was worth less than 1% of its current price.

Competition among AI developers is fierce. Microsoft, Google-owner Alphabet, Meta and Apple are just some of the tech heavyweights battling to create a world-beating product.

This competition benefits Nvidia, which dominates the vast majority of the AI chip market.

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