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Newly-appointed Ambassador of Georgia presents credentials to Armenia's President

On August 30, the newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Georgia to the Republic of Armenia Giorgi Saganelidze presented his credentials to President Serzh Sargsyan, President's Press Office reports.

The President of Armenia congratulated the Ambassador on assuming the position and wished him success in his diplomatic mission in our country. Serzh Sargsyan expressed confidence that the newly appointed diplomat will make a significant contribution to the development of the bilateral ties in different areas and to the strengthening of the Armenian-Georgian friendly relations. Noting with satisfaction that in recent years high-level interstate contacts have intensified, the President said that in Armenia we are looking forward to the upcoming official

visit of the Prime Minister of Georgia.

Ambassador Saganelidze assured that during his tenure he would do his best to deepen the existing close and good-neighborly relations between Armenia and Georgia and added that he was honored to work in a country whose centuries-long history and culture are well familiar to him.

The interlocutors underscored that the active interstate dialogue anchored in the historically traditional friendship and understanding of the two nations has become a strong base for the opening of new areas of cooperation.

President Serzh Sargsyan and Ambassador Giorgi Saganelidze concurred that along with the high-level political relations there also exist wide opportunities and still unused huge potential for the development of the trade and



economic ties, expansion of cooperation in a number of promising areas such as tourism, agriculture, energy, culture, etc.

The President of Armenia and Ambassador of Georgia stressed the importance of the active work aimed at the strengthening of the interparliamentary ties.

Armenian FM meets with German lawmakers

On August 29 Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian received the delegation of the German-Armenian Forum headed by Member of Bundestag Albert Weiner.

Minister Nalbandian hailed the activity of the Forum targeted at the further reinforcement and expansion of bilateral ties.

The interlocutors praised the high-level cooperation established between Armenia and Germany and discussed steps towards the deepening of relations.

Albert Weiner briefed Minister Nalbandian on the current activities and plans of the Forum.

Edward Nalbandian hailed the recognition of the Armenian Genocide by the German Bundestag and valued the efforts of the German-Armenian Forum in the process.

During the meeting reference was made to Armenia-EU relations



and the ongoing negotiations on a new legal framework with the EU.

The Armenian Foreign Minister briefed the German lawmakers on the efforts of Armenia and the OSCE Minsk Group targeted at the peaceful settlement of the Karabakh issue.

Nalbandian, Lavrov discuss Artsakh peace process

Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian and Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov on August 31 discussed issues regarding the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and bilateral cooperation via phone conversation.

On Thursday, September 1, the OSCE Foreign Ministers will have an informal meeting in Potsdam, Germany where discussion of the Karabakh issue will be on the agenda, the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said in a statement.

"In the crisis-ridden world of today, the OSCE is perhaps more important than ever – in crisis management in eastern Ukraine, Transnistria, Nagorno-Karabakh and other conflicts in Europe as well as in the maintenance of peace and security," he said.

Steinmeier added strengthening of fundamental freedoms and democratic standards will be discussed as well as addressing new challenges such as international terrorism or the consequences of flight and migration.

Discussion of arms control will also be on the agenda. "I think now is the right time to gain a momentum for more transparency, risk prevention and confidence building here," Steinmeier said.

The Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group on Nagorno-Karabakh



will meet in Moscow on September 8, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said on Wednesday.

"They will discuss important issues of the Nagorno-Karabakh settlement, where special attention is planned to be focused on the progress of the implementation of the agreements made at the Nagorno-Karabakh settlement summits in Vienna and St. Petersburg," Zakharova said.

Belgian MPs arrive in Armenia, to visit Artsakh

Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan received the delegation led by Els Van Hoof, MP of the Chamber of Representatives of the Kingdom of Belgium, and Head of the Belgium-Armenia parliamentary friendship group, said the presidential press service.

The President welcomed the guests to Armenia and highlighted the importance of the role of the parliamentary diplomacy and strengthening inter-state relations. Serzh Sargsyan stated that Belgium is perceived as a friendly and reliable partner in Armenia, and expressed hope that the Belgian parliamentarians' visit to Armenia will boost bilateral relations and cooperation in various fields.

Sargsyan welcomed the MPs' visit to Nagorno-Karabakh as well where they will have a chance to directly get acquainted with the essence of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and better understand the Artsakh people's aspirations, concerns, everyday life and its achievements over the past 25 years.

Sargsyan expressed gratitude toward the Belgian leadership and people for recognizing the Armenian Genocide stating that the Armenian people appreciate this step and accept it as Belgium's firm commitment over the condemnation and prevention of genocide.

At their meeting, both sides highlighted the parliamentary active contacts and the activity of the friendship group aimed to strengthen and deepen relations between Armenia and Belgium.

At the meeting, Sargsyan awarded Belgian MP Georges Dallemagne with a Medal of Gratitude for his significant input on the development of the Armenian-Belgian friendly ties and expansion of the parliamentary cooperation between Armenia and Belgium. Serzh Sargsyan said Dallemagne has also

worked in Armenia in 1988 as a doctor after the devastating earthquake.

Dallemagne said this medal is a great honor for him and that for 28 years, Armenia is in his heart, and is ready to contribute to the development of Armenia and its people.

On the same day, Armenia's Parliamentary Speaker Galust Sahakyan received the Belgian delegation.

Welcoming the guests, the Sahakyan highlighted the advancement of interaction and dialogue between legislative bodies of the two countries, which, in turn, promotes the development of inter-state relations.

Sahakyan expressed gratitude toward the Belgian legislatures for recognizing the Armenian Genocide in 2015.

He welcomed the Belgian MPs upcoming visit to Nagorno-Karabakh.

"These visits neutralize the information isolation of Nagorno-Karabakh and make the Karabakh people's voice heard in Europe, who strives for the recognition of freedom, justice and right to self-determination," Sahakyan said.

Speaking about the Karabakh conflict, the Sahakyan touched upon the four-day war in April and noted that Azerbaijan flagrantly violated the ceasefire agreement inflicting many casualties. In this context, he emphasized that the peaceful settlement of this conflict is one of the most important priorities of our country's foreign policy. According to him, Armenia sees the settlement of the conflict exclusively through peaceful means under the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs.

Attaching importance to the cooperation of the two country's parliamentarians through international organizations, Sahakyan noted that during the PACE Winter Session, Armenia received great support from the Belgian delegation to PACE at the voting against the

one-sided resolutions on Karabakh submitted by Azerbaijani lobbyists distorting the reality.

Hoof expressed gratitude for the warm reception, highlighted the strengthening of the Belgium-Armenia parliamentary friendship group activities. Underlining the adoption of the resolution recognizing and condemning the Armenian Genocide, he noted that all forms of genocides should be condemned for the exclusion of their repetition.

Regarding the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, Hoof quoted Federica Mogherini saying "At the beginning of April, the violence surged to a level that was unprecedented since the ceasefire agreement in 1994."

Hoof mentioned that they believe in the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs' activities and added that they see the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict through peaceful negotiations within the OSCE Minsk Group. She stated that a political dialogue should take place for the conflict settlement and expressed willingness within their competence to contribute to the conflict settlement.

The Belgian delegation visited Tsitsemak-berd Armenian Genocide Memorial later the same day.

They were accompanied by National Assembly MP and head of Armenia-Belgium friendship group Shirak Torosyan, according to Armenia's parliamentary press service.

The Belgian parliamentarians laid flowers at the Eternal Flame and paid tribute to the memory of innocent victims with a moment of silence.

They also visited the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute, got acquainted with the documents and exhibits about the Armenian great tragedy.

The guests left notes in the Honorary Guest Book.

Artsakh turns 25: September 2, 1991 changed the course of history

On 2 September Artsakh Republic President Bako Sahakyan sent a congratulatory address in connection with the Day of the Artsakh Republic.

Dear compatriots,

Today we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Artsakh Republic. On behalf of the republic's authorities and myself personally I express my cordial congratulations to all our people in connection with this significant state holiday.

September 2 of 1991 has become a turning point in the life of the Artsakh people and changed the course of its history. Raising its decisive voice in favor of free and independent Artsakh our nation embarked on the state-building process, started to build a democratic state in correspondence with the international norms and principles.

Our chosen path was hard and difficult. Azerbaijan responded to the Artsakh people's fair and legal claims with violence, massacres and unleashed a bloody war. We were forced to take up arms and by all means defend the freedom and security of our newly independent state, our people's peace and tranquility, our historical land and our rights.

During the days of ordeal as well as at all times Mother Armenia and the Diaspora were beside Artsakh. Due to the practical support and active participation of the world-spread Armenians we managed to overcome all the trials and difficulties with flying colors, gained victory in the war imposed on us and started to develop and strengthen our precious and cherished Artsakh, our Motherland.

Kind and honest people from various corners of the world, who value humanity and

defense of democratic principles above everything else, have been beside us too. The Artsakh people are deeply grateful to all the friends and appreciate their contribution to the formation and development of our independent statehood.

Dear compatriots,

On this festive day we remember with special gratitude all our martyrs, brave sons of the Armenian people, those, who on the cost of their lives paved the path to our Motherland's bright future. We ought to always keep the memory of our devotees. The best way to do it is the consistent development and strengthening of the free and independent Artsakh.

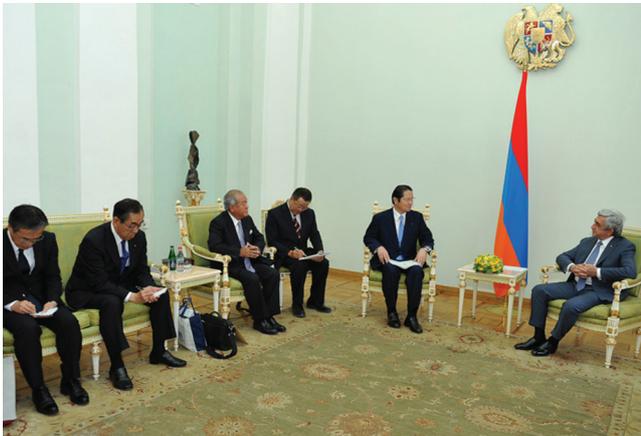
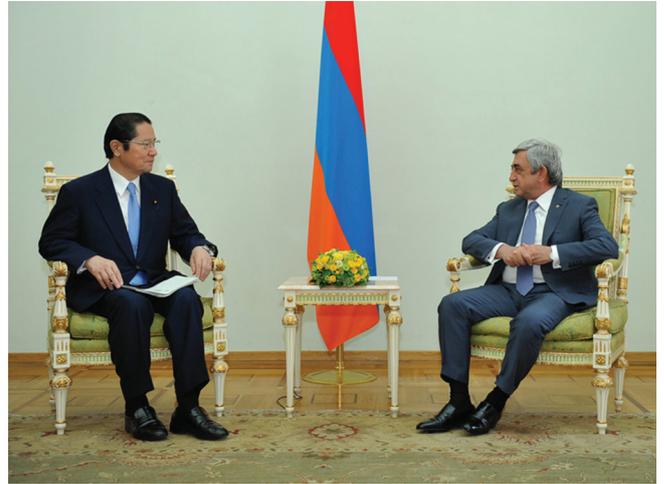
I once again congratulate all of you on this memorable holiday and wish robust health, successes and all the best to you, peace and welfare to our people.

President Sargsyan meets with Chairman of Japan-Armenia Parliamentary Friendship League

President Serzh Sargsyan received on August 31 the delegation headed by the President of the Japan-Armenia Parliamentary Friendship League, Seishiro Eto.

Welcoming the first visit of the delegation to Armenia, the President of Armenia underscored that Japan holds a special role in Armenia's relations with the countries of East Asia, and our country is striving to develop multifaceted and mutually beneficial cooperation with the friendly Japan. Serzh Sargsyan expressed hope that the visit of the delegation headed by Seishiro Eto will become a new impetus for the development of the interparliamentary relations between Armenia and Japan and will elevate the Armenian-Japanese cooperation in that area to a qualitatively new level.

At the meeting, the parties noted with satisfaction that the official visit of President Sargsyan conducted to Japan in



2012 which according to them opened new opportunities in the expansion and deepening of bilateral cooperation.

President of the Japan-Armenia Parliamentary Friendship League Seishiro Eto stressed the importance of parliamentary diplomacy in the interstate relations, expressed readiness to do his best to invigorate the ties between the members of the two Parliaments and promote the strengthening of the Armenian-Japanese interparliamentary relations and to translate them into a solid base for the development of the economic relations between the two countries.

The parties discussed opportunities and potential of developing mutually beneficial partnership in different areas and in the framework of international organizations.

Levon Mnatsakanyan: Possibility of resumption of military actions high

The probably of resumption of military actions is high, NKR Defense Minister, Colonel General Levon Mnatsakanyan said in an interview with Regnum agency.

"The behavior of the rival allows to conclude that it has not completely refused from its plans. Therefore, the resumption of military actions is possible any time in the future," the Minister said.

He added, however, that "the April war has somewhat restrained the rival." "This can be seen in their statements. Before they were declaring they would win the war in three days, while now they refrain from such rhetoric," Colonel General Levon Mnatsakanyan said. He voiced hope the Azeri side would completely refuse from its intentions.

Speaking about Azeri threats to hit capital Stepanakert and civilian objects from Smerch multiple rocket launchers, the Minister said: "If Azerbaijan strikes Stepanakert, corresponding measures will be taken," he did not go into detail about



the measures, but noted that the response would be incomparable.

Referring to the losses the NKR Defense Army sustained during the April war, Minister Mnatsakanyan said: "Who says the losses were great? Of course, every loss is important to us, we deem any loss unacceptable. The military actions are cruel in the respect that they lead to human and material losses. Therefore, it is unacceptable to give any assessment

as to whether the number of losses was great or not." He added that "the losses of the Azeri side were several times greater than ours, even considering that they used the unexpectedness factor and elite military units. That's why I consider that the NKR Defense Army has coped with its task with honor and valor. The rival has understood that all its aggressive steps are doomed to fail in the future."

"We lost some positions as we did not expect attacks all along the line of contact," he said, adding that "it actually did not affect the capacities of the Defense Army." "The troops fulfill their task at the frontline. Of course, it would be better had we not lost the posts. However, in the short period of time we had before the ceasefire, we regained considerable part of the positions. Should the military actions continue, we'll have broader opportunities. Nevertheless, I don't think the losses are irretrievable. I believe we'll still have a chance to regain our lost positions," Minister Mnatsakanyan said.

Artsakh has always been a part of Europe says Deputy Parliament Speaker

Deputy Speaker of Armenian Parliament Hermine Naghdalyan delivered a speech about Nagorno-Karabakh during a parliamentary meeting of Central and Eastern European countries on August 31 in Warsaw, Poland. The discussion was entitled "Revival of the European Union and the Regional Cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe" which was organized within the framework of "Solidarity and Sovereignty."

In her speech, Naghdalyan said the meeting was a good opportunity to discuss and raise issues of concern and which need urgent solutions. She talked about the difficult and tense situation in the region and highlighted the importance of cooperation in the political dialogue on security issues in Karabakh.

She noted that war zones, the growth of political extremism and the expansion of international terrorism are major challenges endangering the regional peace and security and require joint efforts to fighting against them.

Naghdalyan presented Armenia's difficulty regarding being surrounded Turkey in the west and Azerbaijan in the east. She added that Azerbaijan has an aggressive military policy against Armenia from the east, and Turkey has been implementing a border blockade from the west, grossly violating international law.

Naghdalyan reminded the European lawmakers of the recent military aggression unleashed by Azerbaijan against Nagorno-Karabakh in early April, targeting not only the armed forces, but also the civilians.

"Colleagues, the issue today is about the Nagorno-Karabakh people's security; their

right to live. Nagorno-Karabakh is a part of Europe regardless of its status, and its people belong to the European family," she stated.

"At various levels, the EU has expressed its readiness to support the activities of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs which is the only internationally authorized body aimed at working towards the peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict based on the three principles of the international law: the right to self-determination, territorial integrity and non-use of force," she stated.

Naghdalyan expressed hope that the EU's unbiased stance and its dedication to create a favorable atmosphere for the comprehensive settlement of the conflict may succeed to break the ice of the Azerbaijani policy and become a bridge in promoting confidence-building, which will not be easy as long as our neighbor rejects all forms of cooperation.

"Ladies and gentlemen, Karabakh is an established state with all its attributes of statehood and institutions, the Constitution, active civil society and vibrant economy," the Naghdalyan said.

"With its independence, Karabakh proved that it is a reliable, predictable and responsible partner for the international community, and is consistent with its actions aimed for the maintenance of regional peace and stability," she said.

"The EU is a symbol of democracy. Based on its main principles and values, the Union must be together with people who fight for democracy, human rights, freedom and equality. These people have expectations, and the EU can help fulfilling them," she concluded.

Germany's Merkel "Not Distancing Herself From Armenian Genocide Resolution"

Reuters - German Chancellor Angela Merkel told the parliamentary leader of her conservative party that she is not distancing herself from a Bundestag resolution on the 1915 massacre of Armenians by Ottoman forces that has strained ties with Turkey, according to sources briefed on the matter.

Volker Kauder, the head of the Christian Democrats in parliament, told a meeting of party members that he had spoken with Merkel and she emphasized her position, said the sources, who attended the meeting.

Kauder said Merkel also noted that she had voted to support the resolution recognizing the massacre as genocide during a party meeting before the vote, although she was not present when the vote took place in June. Economy Minister Sigmar Gabriel and Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier were also not present, the sources said.

Ankara banned German lawmakers from visiting 250 German soldiers stationed at Incirlik Air Base in Turkey in response to the Bundestag resolution. German officials have said the resolution is not legally binding and that the lawmakers must be allowed to visit the base.

Matthias Schaefer, spokesman for the German Foreign Ministry, said Turkish and German officials remained in talks about the issue. He said it remained to be seen how Turkish officials responded to requests from lawmakers to travel to Incirlik in October.

Yerevan seeks russian explanation for deportation

Armenia has asked Russia to explain why it refused entry to a prominent Armenian political analyst critical of Moscow, a senior Armenian lawmaker said on September 2.

Stepan Grigoryan, who runs a private think-tank in Yerevan, says he was detained at Moscow's Sheremetyevo international airport on Tuesday and deported to Armenia after flying to the Russian capital to visit his late father's grave.

Grigoryan says Russian border guards told him that he has been barred from entering Russia until 2030. But they gave no further explanations, according to him.

The Armenian Foreign Ministry has so far avoided commenting on the reported incident, saying only that it is looking



into the matter. But according to Gagik Melikyan, a senior parliament deputy from the ruling Republican Party of Armenia (HHK), the Armenian ambassador in Moscow, Oleg Yesayan, has demanded

an explanation from relevant Russian authorities.

"I think that there has to be an official statement on that travel ban before we can decide what happened in reality," said. "An official statement in response to an explanation demanded by Armenia's ambassador to Russia."

Melikyan disagreed with Grigoryan's suggestions that he was barred from entering Russia for political reasons. "I don't think that we should look for political motives," said the pro-government lawmaker.

Grigoryan is known for his strong support for Armenia's closer ties with the West and his criticism of Russian policies in the region.

Economy Minister charts course for combating monopolies

Armenian Minister of Economy Arts-vik Minasyan presented at a conference on September 1 the steps which the Armenian Government is going to take for the fight against monopolies in the near future.

“Today our legislation, unfortunately, does not provide an opportunity to apply effective mechanisms for the fight against monopolies. But this, of course, is not an obstacle for us to take a number of important steps,” he said.

Minasyan said one of the steps is the possible easing of import restrictions and eventually eliminating them. The second is the demolition of the wholesale and retail chain.

The third important step the government must take is to more consistently control the processes of acquiring positions inside the market. He said there are cases in Armenia when a person gains power in the market and ignore the existing legislative requirements. There are no appropriate mechanisms to prevent such actions.

As a main body and responsible for de-



veloping this policy, Minasyan formed a team that works towards improving the legislative field. “We are working also with inter-state bodies, such as the State Commission for Protection of Economic Competition, the international structures

in order to have a modern legislation. We might not be able to review the legislation completely and make amendments this year, but I am sure by the middle of the next year we will implement it,” Minasyan said.

Fresh European Court data on Armenia released

The European Court of Human Rights has handed down 20 rulings against the Armenian authorities since the beginning of 2014, costing them over 335,000 euros (\$375,000) in damages, a senior official said on September 3.

Davit Harutiunyan, the chief of the Armenian government staff, publicized the figures during a weekly session of Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan’s cabinet. He said the government lost eight of those cases, filed by Armenian citizens, this year.

Armenia fell under the European

Court’s jurisdiction when it joined the Council of Europe in 2001. Its government lost the first case in Strasbourg in 2007.

The court ruled against the authorities in Yerevan on more than 40 occasions from 2007 through the end of 2013, awarding plaintiffs more than 500,000 euros in total damages. Many of those cases were filed by Armenian opposition activists arrested and prosecuted during former President Robert Kocharian’s rule and the February-March 2008 handover of power to Serzh

Sargsyan, which was marred by the use of deadly force against opposition protesters in Yerevan.

The Strasbourg-based tribunal also ordered the Armenian authorities to compensate dozens of Yerevan residents displaced as a result of controversial redevelopment projects overseen by Kocharyan.

Commenting on the latest data revealed by Harutiunyan, Abrahamyan admitted that the European Court continues to fine Armenia because of “mistakes committed by our judicial system.” “Of course, there can be mistakes in the judicial systems of all countries, but when possibilities of rectifying those mistakes are exhausted people appeal to the European Court of Human Rights,” he said.

Ever since the mid-1990s, the Armenian judiciary has undergone sweeping structural changes that were supposed to make it less susceptible to government pressure or influence.

Nevertheless, Armenian courts are still not perceived to be independent, rarely acquitting criminal suspects or making other decisions going against government and law-enforcement bodies. In particular, the courts usually ignore defendants’ claims that they falsely confessed to crimes under duress.



Nagorno-Karabakh Forum launched in Montevideo, Uruguay



Agencia Prensa Armenia – The launch of the Nagorno-Karabakh Forum was held in Montevideo, Uruguay on Friday September 2 with a team of social activists, academics and lawmakers “whose task will enrich and promote the country’s position of support for a peaceful position in the conflict between the Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh and Azerbaijan”.

The Forum is composed of Senators Ruben Martinez and Rafael Michelini Huelmo, Deputies Pablo Abdala, Susana Pereyra and Daniel Radio, as well as the lawyer Oscar Lopez Goldaracena, historian Gerardo Caetano and former Vice Foreign Minister Belela Herrera. The latter two co-chair the group.

The members of the Forum signed of a manifesto which, among other things, confirms the work of the participants in favor of “a peaceful settlement of the question of Nagorno-Karabakh” and “defending the right of its population to develop a free and sovereign in their ancestral homeland, without threats or violence.”

The document also endorses “the mediation efforts by the Minsk Group of the Organization for Cooperation and Security in Europe” and urges the international community to continue its efforts to “ensure respect for the agreements

reached, put a stop on war rhetoric and discourage the parties to further deepen the wounds that the conflict has caused with new armed clashes.”

“We want them to know that in Uruguay, thousands of kilometers away from Karabakh, there are other people who are not indifferent,” said Deputy Radio after reading the manifesto. “What we are doing is an act of justice,” added Senator Michelini. Lopez Goldaracena, meanwhile, spoke from the perspective of law: “The people of Nagorno-Karabakh have already ‘self-determined’, because they chose their model of a free sovereign state.”

“We are launching an initiative that we hope will be replicated throughout the world,” said former Vice Foreign Minister Herrera. Caetano warned that Uruguay is “not for sale” and that while “Azerbaijan is powerful and knows how to buy wills” they firmly believe in the independence of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Senator Ruben Martinez Huelmo said that the Forum is called to “overcome the threats,” while Deputy Susana Pereyra stressed the commitment of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh to democracy from her experience as an election observer in 2012. Deputy Abdala remarked that the “path that starts today will sooner or later lead to the independence, freedom and self-determination of Nagorno Karabakh.”

The event was inaugurated by Viken Boyadjian, member of the Armenian National Committee of Uruguay, who thanked the members of the Forum and recalled the commitment that keeps Uruguay with the Armenian people, Mario Nalpatian, member of the International Armenian National Committee and vice president of the Socialist International, and Robert Avedisyan, Permanent Representative of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic to the United States.

Avedisyan brought the message of President Bako Sahakyan, who thanked Uruguay for being a “leading democracy” and encouraged Forum members to remain “independent” in its decisions and attached to the values of human rights and justice, despite the “possible opposition from oppressive and oil-rich regimes and its allies.”

Armenia to present expositions at Army-2016 forum in Russia

Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Pakistan will present their national expositions at the Army-2016 military-technical forum, Russian Defense Ministry official told reporters TASS reports.



“It is planned to deploy four national expositions: the Republic of Armenia – 5 enterprises, the Republic of Belarus – 9 enterprises, the Republic of Kazakhstan – 6 enterprises, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan – 9 enterprises,” Alexander Mironov said at a meeting with foreign military attaches from more than 50 countries of Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Asia-Pacific region.

Companies from Germany, India, Israel, Ireland, China, Malaysia, Thailand, France and Switzerland are also planning to take part in the forum. Mironov recalled that 28 foreign companies from 7 countries took part in the forum in 2015.

A total of 107 have been invited to the forum, 86 of them have confirmed their participation, while 45 countries are planning to send official delegations. In 2015, 73 countries attended the forum, 38 of them sent official delegations.

The Army-2016 international military-technical forum will be held on September 6-11 in the Russian Defense Ministry’s Patriot Park in the Moscow region.



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- 2012.**Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1,2, 140sq.m.,window glasses, capitally repaired, AC. Price: 1.100.000\$ negotiable

- 2155.**Mashtots ave.**, 3storied building, 540sq.m., each floor-180sq.m, window glasses,parking. Price:3.600.000 USD

- 2020.**Hr. Kochar str.**, Land-300sq.m,1st line, 4storied building, 1080sq.m.,each floor-270sq.m, h-3.6m,without divisions, parkings, 3 access. Price:1.400.000 USD negotiable

- 2167.**Sayat Nova str.**, newly built, 38sq. m, capitally repaired. Price: 200.000 USD

- 2175.**Tumanyan str.** Ground and 1st floorof the building, 600sq.m, ground floor300sq.m, 1st floor-220sq.m, basement-80sq.m., - 1st line, zero level, 2 entrances, facade-15m, 4 window glasses, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, Price: 3500 USD per sq.m,

- 2172. **Isahakyan str**, 92sq.m, 1st line, 7 degrees above zero level, facade-9m, 2 window glasses, h-3.20m, 2 halls, cabinet, bathroom, capitally 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 Mkrtchyan 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

- 3802.**Vahagni distr.** Newly built, land- 1550 sq.m, 3storied bld-880sq.m, 9bedrooms, capitally renovated. Price: 880.000 USD.

- 3739.**Nork Marash** Land- 2000sq.m, two separate houses, total bld-600sq.m,capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally repaired, hjeating system,elevator. Price: 2.300.000 USD.

- 3583.**Nork-Marash**, Land-1100sq.m,2 storied bld-520sq.m,6 bedrooms,5 bathrooms, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally repaired. Price: 1.300.000 USD

NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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1 ROOM

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

2 ROOMS

- 2362. **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, /5th floor, 160sq.m, 2bedrooms, a study, 2 bathrooms, capitally renovated, furnished, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 942. **Teryan str.** 4/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: 1500 USD.
- 1950. **Buzand/Mashtots area.** Newly built, 8th floor, 163 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, furnished, open balcony. Price: 2500 USD.
- 1681. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 6/2, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- 1535. **Busand str.**, Newly built, 7/4, 82sq.m, 2bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable.
- 1738. **Amiryan str.**, 8/8, 159sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable
- 1951. **Busand str.**, Newly built, 13th floor, 122sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control. Price: 2500 USD
- 1406. **Sayat Nova ave.**, 7/3, 110sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking, equipped. Price: Negotiable
- 2243. **Buzand str.**, Newly built, 17/4, 125sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD
- **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 14/5, 120sqm, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, partly furnished. Price 2000 USD

3 ROOMS AND MORE

- 2373. **Tumanyan str.**, 6/3, stone bld, 100sq.m, 3bedrooms, capitally renovated, furnished. Price: 1300 USD
- 2363. **Arami str**, Newly built, /4th floor, 120sq.m, 2 bathrooms and a guest toilet, a dressing room, capitally renovated, furnished. Price: 2000 USD
- 2358. **V. Sargsyan str**, Newly Built, 7/4, 145sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, one guest toilet, capitally renovated, furnished, underground parking. Price: 3000 USD negotiable
- 2347. **Teryan str.** Newly built, 10/8, 320sq.m, 3bedrooms, office, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, furnished. Price: Negotiable
- 2277. **Kievyan str.** duplex, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, with or without furniture. Price: Negotiable.
- 2310. **Busand str.**, Newly built, 190sq.m, 3bedrooms, 3bathrooms, capitally repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2500 USD
- 2316. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 6th floor, 227sq.m., 4bedrooms, 2bathrooms, guest toilet, capitally repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2500

- USD
- 2303. **Hanrapetutyun str** Newly built, 9/5, 165sq.m, 3bedrooms, 1bathroom, 1 guest toilet. capitally repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 2005. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/8, 130 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished, parking. Price: 2200 USD.
- 1723. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/4., 170 sq.m 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, open kitchen, capitally repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD.
- 1981. **Vardanants Str.**, Newly built, 14/14, 140 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, 3 open balconies, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- 1793. **Teryan str.**, Newly built, 8th floor, 260 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, climat control, parking, unfurnished (possible to furnish), Price: 3500 USD.
- 1720. **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 16/10, 179 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, central heating, AC, cellar- 25sq.m, with or without furniture, parking, Price 3000 USD negotiable
- 2195. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 300sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capitally repaired, climate control, AC, parking. Price: 5000 USD

- 1142. **Djrvej**, Bagrevand community. Land-1000 sq.m., 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, pantry, playing room, capitally 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, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, swimming pool, garden. Price: 7000 USD
- 327. **Nork-Marash**, Land-500sq.m., 4 storied building-600 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable
- 1317. **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-900sq.m., 5 storied building-800sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally 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, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable



- 2084. **Tumanyan str.**, 4th floor, 200sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- 2252. **Northern ave**, 7th floor, 350 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, open balconies, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price Negotiable.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- 1335. **Baghramyan str.**, Land-200sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3bathrooms, capitally repaired, furnished. Price: 3000 USD
- 1336. **Aygedzor**, Land-1000sq.m, 2 storied bld-240sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, furnished. Price: 2000 USD
- 1337. **Davtashen** Land-406sq.m, 3 storied bld-306sq.m, 4bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capitally repaired, furnished. Price: 3900 USD
- 1323. **Monument, Babayan str**, Land-400sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m, 4bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired. Price: Negotiable
- 1248. **Aygedzor**, Land - 1021 sq m , 3 storied bld. - 501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden. Price: 2000USD.
- 1195. **Nork, Armenakyan str.**, Land - 2000 sq.m, 4 storied bld-520 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, sauna, gym, furnished, swimming-pool, garden. Price: 4.000 USD 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 Baghramyan str./, 2 storied building, 600 sqm. ground floor- hall and kitchen, 1st floor 5 rooms, bathroom, open balcony, capitally repaired, gas, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable.
- 1462. **Teryan str.**, 3 storied building, 800 sq.m., capitally repaired, AC, parking. Price: 10.000 USD.
- 1945. **Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1, 2, 140sq.m., window glasses, capitally repaired, AC. Price: 8000 USD
- 1943. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m., 1st line, capitally repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 7000 USD
- 1868. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m., 1st line, facade-55m., capitally repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: 15.000 USD.
- 2087. **Northern ave.**, Ground floor of the building, 100sq.m, 1st line, zero level, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally repaired. Price: 4.000 USD

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Paros Chamber Choir Wins 2 Silver Medals at the Choir Olympics

Choir General Partner is VivaCell-MTS

The 9th World Choir Games were held in July 2016 in Sochi, Russia. From 2000 onwards the biennial Games have brought together cultures and nations from all over the world to meet and sing together – meanwhile the event organized by INTERKULTUR has established as the world's largest international choir competition. Over 20,000 singers from 35 countries (China, Australia, Jordan, Germany, Sweden, South Africa and others) participated in the 9th Games.

The Unison NGO's Paros Chamber Choir (Conductor: **Raffi Mikaelian**) was the only representative of Armenia in this major contest. Paros was also the only inclusive choir participating in the Choir Olympics: the majority of its members are wheelchair users and singers with other disabilities.

The World Choir Games also known as the Choir Olympics offer The Champions Competition and The Open Competition. These two competitions allow choirs to participate at the appropriate level. The Champions Competition is for choirs that have corresponding international competitive experience and have already proven their ability in concerts and international choral competitions. Choirs competing in The Champions Competition are by the decision of the artistic committee. The Open Competition gives all choirs the chance to get valuable experiences in an international competition regardless of their present artistic level of achievement.

Paros was selected to participate in The Champions Competition and won two silver medals in the categories "Musica Sacra a Capella" and "Mixed Chamber Choirs". The Armenian choir performed compositions by Komitas, V.Sargsyan, A.Schnittke, J.Brahms and others.

Paros not only competed in 2 categories but also participated in the Friendship Concert. In addition, a reception for the Choir members was organized by the Sochi branch of the Union of Armenians in Russia.

Moral support of local Armenians and the logistical assistance of the Sochi Mayor played an important role in the Paros success. The victories of Paros became

possible due to the financial assistance of the Armenian Ministry of Culture and the Paros Foundation (U.S.). *The General Partner of the Paros Chamber Choir is VivaCell-MTS.*

The 10th World Choir Games will take place in Tshwane, South Africa. Paros is ready once more to successfully represent Armenia in this and other major choral events.

VivaCell-MTS and "Fuller Center for Housing Armenia" building a house in Goris

The heads and staff members of VivaCell-MTS and the "Fuller Center for Housing Armenia" participated in the construction of the half-built house of the

For years, the Hasratyan family has been living with the hope of having a home. The family father, Vardan, is a serviceman of the Defense Army. The nature of his job and the fact that the family did not have a house of their own made them rent houses in different locations in the course of many years: in Ijevan, Kapan, Vayk. In 2002, they managed to buy a half-built construction in one of the districts in Goris, but were not able to complete it and have a house of their own.

"In the course of our life, we have lived in many houses. My children grew up not knowing the happiness of having a decent home. My daughter is already a student. My son is serving in the army. My second son is a schoolchild. I hope that we will no longer have to move from one house to another. Now, when our lifetime dream is coming true, it is impossible to describe my happiness," said Nazeli, the mother of the family.

In 2016, the housing problem will be solved for 41 families; 21 families will finish the construction of their half-built house and 20 families will do renovation works, preventing the houses from destruction.

"In our lifetime all of us come across problems that demand continuous efforts and strong willpower to be solved. When people feel that they are not alone, they acquire confidence in overcoming the hardships. This project has two objectives. The first one, and the visible one, is to bring positive changes into people's lives. The second objective is to reject the indifference, which is even more important. One should stand firmly on the ground and react to the situations properly. If we want to solve the problems in the society, we should learn to be compassionate and united," said VivaCell-MTS Founding General Manager **Ralph Yirikian**.

The most vigorous phase of the construction works comes to its end, and the harvest time approaches. Our program does have its harvest time, when the last construction works are done on the half-built houses that seemed so far from being completed. There comes the time when the house is filled with colours and life, and the family feels that the dream nurtured for so many years has become a reality. The time comes for the families to have a strong roof," said "Fuller Center for Housing Armenia" President **Ashot Yeghiazaryan**.

In 2016, VivaCell-MTS allocated about AMD105 million for the housing project (in 2015, AMD 100 million was invested).



Hasratyan family in the town of Goris, Syunik region.

As a result of the five-year housing project implemented by the partners, 134 families from all regions of Armenia have already experienced the joy of having a comfortable home. Four families have benefitted in Syunik region.

Tatyana Hayrapetyan: A Long Life Dedicated To Music And The Education Of The Young Generation

By Gourgen James Khazhakian
Chief Correspondent

It seems it was yesterday as we celebrated a glorious 90-year jubilee of **Tatyana Bagratovna Hayrapetyan** who headed for thirty (!) years the Yerevan special music school after Pyotr Tchaikovsky, Honored Teacher of Armenia, holder of the "Badge of Honor" Order and "Movses Khorenatsi" Medal...

In the early morning of 12 August Tatyana Bagratovna passed away ...

... The first generation of her students are Professor of the Yerevan Komitas State Conservatory, People's Artists of Armenia who already have their own grandchildren, and those grandchildren were students Tatyana Hayrapetyan yet yesterday...

... A graduate of the Tchaikovsky School, later - a professor of the Komitas Yerevan State Conservatory **Zara Ter-Ghazaryan** in preface to autobiographical book by T.B. Hayrapetyan entitled "Melodies of My Memories ..." (Yerevan, 2004) writes: "*Tatyana Bagratovna: a half-century and one House, the guardian and protector of light and undying fire of which she was... unique bright personality - one-piece and in full harmony in her external and internal unity.*

Live view, burning eyes always ready to smile, lips clenched in apparent rigor. A person of a rare combination, always and everywhere rousing homage by her greatness, but at the same time you have a strong belief that she can be your friend as an equal one. Active, expressive, loud, but at the same time quiet and attentive listener who knows how to listen, to listen to other people's advice, to convince and to be convinced if it is worth. She is a true friend and knows how to evaluate and distinguish the true from the false, the essential from the inessential in human relations. And if she loves someone, then with devotion and for good, and if not - for ever. Romantic and pragmatic Tatyana Bagratovna whose heart can worry, but her flexible mind will always find the surest and the shortest way. Endlessly devoted to her job, the school. Always keeps her principles and vocation. The strong supporter to her family.

She is a warrior, and will rush into the fire first for each student. Tatyana Bagratovna, a name that plays a noble and gratifying role in the field of Armenian music for already more than half a century.

A woman with a male character: Heart and director of the Yerevan Special Music School after Tchaikovsky, our native and beloved alma mater, Tatyana Bagratovna Hayrapetyan. Our Tanya ...

... At an early age Tatyana Hayrapetyan lost her father, and then, when the children were still at a young age, her husband, a military that has passed the Great Patriotic War from the be-

ginning to the end, and after, - a talented architect **Bagrat Smbatyan**, and then - also the elder son **Sergey**, but she never gave up.

Even not finishing the Romanos Melikyan Music College in Yerevan, Tatyana Hayrapetyan entered the Moscow Conservatory, but soon the War began, and she was forced to return to Yerevan. Fortunately, a number of professors of the Moscow and Leningrad conservatories were evacuated to Yerevan in those hard times. As Tatyana Hayrapetyan writes in her book, "*... in those years, the Yerevan Conservatory experienced a large rise - **Igumnov, Kushnaryov, Pavlyuchenko, Tigranov, Gabrielyan** were its professors... So I became a student of **Avet Gabrielyan**, and when we were invited back to Moscow, I continued studies in the class of renowned professor **Yakov Rabinovich** ...*"



During her studies in Moscow T. Hayrapetyan's classmates were musicians such as **Arno Babajanyan, Edward Mirzoyan, Alexander Harutyunyan, Adam Khudoyan, Geronty Talalyan**. Actually, in those years in the dormitory of the Armenian Culture House in Moscow, in addition to the above-mentioned future stars of the Armenian, Soviet and world music, eminent art workers such as **Yervand Kochar, Laert Vagharshyan, Yuri Yerznkanyan, Nikolay Nikoghosyan** and others were frequent guests. In its rehearsal rooms great **Aram Khachaturian** himself, the founder of the Quartet after Komitas and Armenian violin performing school **Avet Gabrielyan** worked.

By the way, genius Khachaturian in his letter dated mid-70s wrote: "*I am pleased that in my native Yerevan there is such a wonderful musiciansmithy as Tchaikovsky School, headed by my old friend, a gifted Tatyana Hayrapetyan ...*"

According to Tatyana Bagratovna, "*... In our House of Culture in Moscow we were hosting*

often already famous Armenians like Pavel Lisitsian, Vahram Papazian, Ashot Arzumanyan, Sergo Mikoian..."

... During the WWII, a conservatory student Tatyana Hayrapetyan often performed in hospitals for wounded soldiers, and if some of them were Armenians, they were asking to play something of the Armenian composers.

After graduating from the Moscow Conservatory with the Excellence Certificate, Tatyana Hayrapetyan who with no special effort could stay in the capital of the Soviet Union, to find a good job there, returned to her native Armenia.

And it is very natural that a student of brilliant performers such as Gabrielyan, Rabinovich, Yampolsky, the great Aram Khachaturian as well began an active concert/performing activities: symphonic orchestra, ensembles, radio performances, concert evenings. But when in parallel with this she started working as a teacher, then, in her own words, "*I felt that it was my vocation, credo, and I was completely absorbed in teaching soon*".

Tatyana Hayrapetyan met her future husband during studies in Moscow ...

And the feeling of Bagrat Smbatyan towards her was so strong that he left his job, ties, house in the center of Moscow and moved to Yerevan. And at the Polytechnic Institute they saw all his talent of architect and educator.

Tatyana Bagratovna writes in her book: "*Twenty years with Bagrat, and then almost forty without him ... But with memories of him, thoughts and our children who are the greatest gift of our lives, and each of them inherited the best features of their father. The intelligent modesty, polite behavior; book loving, patriotism of Sergey I see Bagrat. Armen's (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Prof. **Armen B. Smbatyan**, Adviser to the President of Armenia for the Intl Humanitarian-Cultural Cooperation) kind soul, his helpfulness, compassion, diligence and patriotism once again reminds me Bagrat. They, all three of my favorite men, are alike to each other and close to me with a special warmth of the soul...*"

By her own admission, the best features of her eldest son, untimely deceased **Sergey** Tatyana Bagratovna was able best to convey the beloved disciple and grandson, **Sergey Smbatyan Jr.**, now - Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia. "*... I want to see in Sergey all my implemented and unfulfilled dreams and goals*", Tatyana Bagratovna writes in her book on her younger grandson.

Tatyana Hayrapetyan, in her own words, with each student of the Tchaikovsky Music School was becoming a mere seven year old child and studying with him/her for eleven years, growing up and competing the school...

Rest in peace, dear Tatyana Bagratovna, we will always remember you ...

Sergey Smbatyan: "This Megaproject is Unprecedented for Armenia"



By Gourgen James Khazhakian

Chief Correspondent

On 21 September marked in Armenia as the Independence Day the "Generation of Independence" Pan-Armenian Orchestra and Choir will perform at the Yerevan Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concert Complex.

Below is an interview with the Project Director, Founding Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia *Sergey Smbatyan*.

- *Maestro Smbatyan, please tell us about the idea of this project.*

- The idea for this megaproject have emerged the last year, it is to show what talented young people we have in our young 25 year-old state which is the bearer of high spiritual values such as classical music, and which itself may establish such values, living and creating in our independent Motherland. We are proud of our past, but we need

prevail in our country ...

- *As far as we know, musicians from different Marzes (regions) of Armenia participate in the Project...*

- We have young performers from all the regions of Armenia and Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh Republic), and the main criterion for selection was the quality of the play.

There is one more very important thing: within these Pan-national orchestra and choir, we want to consolidate these talented young people from all the regions of our country around the classical music, and, of course, contacts with them will be ongoing ones after the festive concert on 21 September as well. The strategic goal of this



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Project is to identify level of young musicians from Armenia and Artsakh, to raise that level of performance through master classes as well as involvement of talented performers in various national and international programs in the coming years.

The youngest musician is nine years old, the oldest is thirty.

Musicians of the independence generation are those who have begun to receive music education already in independent Armenia.

- *Perhaps it was quite a laborious task, - to bring such a huge number of performers in Yerevan, provide housing, organize everything...*



to show on this great holiday that we have also a young generation which is creating the country's present today, and tomorrow it will create its future.

- *In total, how many performers involved in the orchestra and choir?*

- There will be about 800 musicians at the stage which is an unprecedented number.

It is symbolic that the celebration of the main holiday of our country, especially of a jubilee, by performance of classical music clearly shows which values



- Frankly, after the convention of the 24/04 Orchestra last year, for the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide in the Ottoman Empire 1915 (which (the project) was an unprecedented event for Armenia) our team thought that it could not be more complex things than this project. .. But this time we are dealing with the Armenian talents, each of which is a bright personality (*Maestro Smbatyan smiling*), and we should add to this the fact that they all live in different Marzes of Armenia... Frankly speaking, it was not very easy to consolidate

all of them, but because our team is confident in the success of this very important project, we will be able to do everything to implement it perfectly.

- How many days rehearsals will last?

-We started rehearsing on August 21 - exactly one month before the Independence Day, rehearsals will go on for several days more, after which the musicians among who there are many mere 10-11-12-year-old kids who have not played in the orchestra, will have their own rehearsing in order to resume rehearsals September 15 and to successfully complete their preparations for the concert.

- The concert has

for centuries no lesser significance than the letters of our ancient and legendary alphabet... So it is no mere accident that in Soviet times Armenia was the leader by the number of music schools in.

I will say more: the people having skepticism to this megaproject have no place in the Armenian society...

- What is the concert program, and how

10-year-old trumpet player **Arsen Safaryan** from Stepanakert came to Yerevan with his first music teacher, his grandfather Albert Safaryan, a trumpeter.

As Safaryan elder said, they were very proud of the fact that Arsen has been selected to participate in this Project. He also said that for the performance of the unofficial anthem of the Karabakh movement, - "The Call" with the orchestra, his grandson was awarded a trumpet by NKR Minister of Culture Narine Aghbalyan with which he participates in the project.

Hasmik Mkrtychyan, 13, and **Anna Adalyan**, 16, harpists from Gyumri have not played in an orchestra before this Project. The atmosphere in this huge band they called



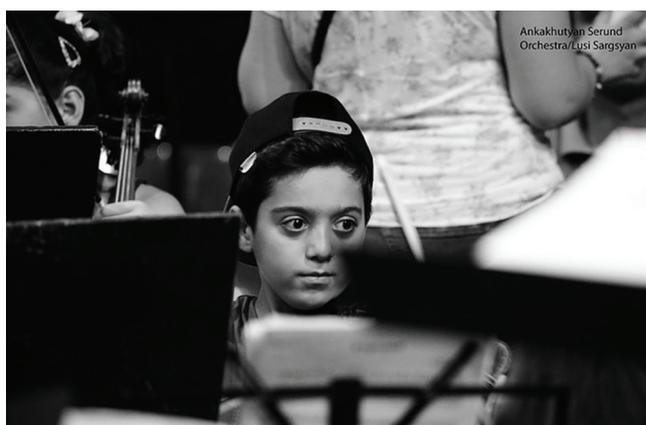
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been officially included in the Armenia's Independence 25th Anniversary festive events list by the Armenian government which means that your project has been convincing for the officials ...

- Our concert will be the main event of the anniversary celebrations ...

I think that anybody who is more or less familiar with our culture and history, is able to understand that the musical notes for an Armenian child have been having

much the concert will last?

- We will perform works by the Armenian composers exclusively - Khachatourian, Harutyunyan, Baghdasaryan, Smbatyan. The concert will last about one and a half hour.

This author spoke with several participants of the Project.

"excellent" and stressed that it has been a great pride for them to take part in the concert dedicated to the 25th anniversary of Armenia's independence.

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After Coup Attempt, Turkish Scholar Boldly Speaks on Armenian Genocide

By *Harut Sassounian*

On July 13, two days before the coup attempt in Turkey, Prof. Halil Berktaý of Istanbul's Sabanci University answered six written questions on the Armenian Genocide posed by El Pais, Spain's largest newspaper. But when El Pais did not publish his answers, Dr. Berktaý decided on August 15 to post his interview on a Turkish website, Serbestiyet, under the title: "With or without the coup, genocide was and is genocide."

Prof. Berktaý, a liberal Turkish scholar, told El Pais that he has repeatedly recognized the Armenian Genocide ever since 2002. He described the genocide as "the near-complete extermination and annihilation of Ottoman Armenians." Dr. Berktaý acknowledged that for his honest views on the Arme-



nian Genocide, "especially before 2002, and even afterwards (though no longer by the government), there has been a huge amount of informal, extra-legal pressure, blackmail, threats or other forms of psychological terror brought to bear on people like me, which I and others have all had to face."

Answering a question from El Pais: "why does Turkey refuse to review the past?" Dr. Berktaý responded: "Back in the 1980's and 90's... the denialism of the past was based on ancestor worship or ideological allegiance to Unionism and Atatürkism. What had happened to the Armenians in 1915 was seen as a black blot for Turkish nationalism. Also, while it was not committed by or under the Kemalist Republic, because the Republic had ended up inheriting

the mantle of a territory ethnically cleansed of the Armenians, it was in the nature of an inadmissible impurity for the desired lily-white legitimacy of the Kemalist Revolution. So a taboo was placed on it; it became part of the unmentionable and undiscussable. Here and there a few academics, mostly living and working abroad, did speak up. They were lonely voices in the wilderness." Prof. Berktaý then added: beginning in 2000, "things began to change," with an increasing number of Turkish scholars speaking out on the Armenian Genocide.

The most interesting part of Dr. Berktaý's interview is his stated rea-

son for the Turkish government's reluctance to acknowledge the Armenian Genocide: "It may be that the Turkish government does not know what might happen if it were to go ahead and say yes, it was genocide. What would Armenia likely do or demand? Is it going to ask for material compensation, or even land? That is what the Dashnaks as radical Armenian nationalists have been saying all along: Three R's, as they put it, Recognition, Reparation, Restitution (of land). Certainly the last is something that no Turkish government can possibly ever concede. It is very likely, therefore, that before they take any further step, they would like Armenia to show its hand. Conversely, as long as Armenia keeps its cards close to its chest, recognizing the genocide as genocide will have to wait."

A careful reading of the Professor's above statement indicates that he finds the return of lands to Armenia by Turkey not possible, but does not rule out reparations. In my view, while Armenians rightly claim their historic lands, they are willing to accept reparations as an initial step.

Perhaps the most controversial aspect of Prof. Berktaý's answers is his explanation of Turkey's reasons for refusal to face its sordid past: "Faced with the peculiar challenge of recognizing the Armenian genocide, large sections of the Turkish public as well as the AKP keep asking, and will keep asking: Why us? And why only us? Are all nations being

asked to atone for their past equally stringently? Or is it just Turkey? Meanwhile, what about what 'they' did to 'us' in the first place? If we recognize the Armenian genocide, will they, too, ever so slightly recognize the tragic plight of the Muslim Turks of Crete, mainland Greece, Bulgaria or Serbia? Who speaks for the Turk? Do we have any friends in the world?"

While I do not agree with some of Prof. Berktaý's explanations, I cannot expect him to have the same position on Armenian issues as I do. After all, he is a Turk, but a righteous Turk, which is not what one can say about Turkish leaders and large segments of Turkish society that still deny the historical facts of the Armenian Genocide!

Prof. Berktaý has taken a great risk by posting his answers on the Armenian Genocide on the internet, particularly in the current brutal atmosphere since the July coup attempt when tens of thousands of innocent Turkish citizens have been summarily arrested and thrown into jail!

Land and Culture Organization completes 20th project in Armenia



ing renovation of community centers, schools, construction of solar dryers, and historical church restoration in Armenia and Artsakh.

In addition to the completion of Sourp Stepanos, LCO/OTC began work on a new project in southern Armenia. This year's campaign brought 40 dedicated volunteers from the United States, France, Canada, Mexico, Russia, Armenia, and Artsakh to spend three-weeks in the Syunik region, rebuilding the 17th-century historical Sourp Hovannes (St. John) church in Armenia's southernmost point of Meghri. The Meghri restoration project will take four to five years to complete. During the campaign, workdays of physical labor participating in the renovation of this Armenian Church is just one part of the LCO/OTC experience. Volunteers live in a very modest rural home and spend non-working hours bonding with village residents, while enjoying local activities and their surroundings. In addition to experiencing village life, the volunteers go on excursions of Armenian historical sites.

Summer 2016 marked another successful campaign for the Land and Culture Organization (LCO)/Organization Terre et Culture (OTC). After three summer campaigns of volunteers, and four years of historical archaeologists, local workers and artisans, LCO/OTC celebrated the completion and consecration of the its fifth historical restoration project 16th century Sourp Stepanos Nakhavegah (St. Stephen the Protomartyr) church in the village of Shikahogh. Shikahogh is located in the southern Syunik region, adjacent to the Shikahogh Forest Reserve 20 miles south of Kapan. Being near the Armenian-Artsakh border, the Azeris shelled Shikahogh during the Karabagh conflict. Now, they are hoping to develop ecotourism in the Shikahogh State Reserve area.

Sourp Stepanos was blessed on August 6nd by Holy Etchmiadzin Bishop Hovannes Hakopyan and clergy of the Syunik Diocese. Present at the consecration ceremonies were Kegham Kevonian President of UIOTC (Union of Land and Culture International), Haig and Hilda Manjikian and Nazaret Kevonian of LCO-USA, project architect Stepan Nalbandian of LCO/OTC Armenia "Yergeer Yev Meshagiut", along with LCO/OTC volunteers and members. Over two hundred members of the Shikahogh community neighboring villagers and mayors from surrounding villages are attended the ceremonies. It was an emotional moment for all present following the culmination of years of hard work by volunteers and local craftsmen. Some community elders remember being baptized at Sourp Stepanos.

Throughout the project's duration, 60 volunteers from the diaspora lived in

Shikahogh and worked on Sourp Stepanos. Volunteers participated in every aspect of the project from archaeological digs, clearing the exterior and interior of the church, fixing the roof, rebuilding the altar and more. Since 1989, LCO/OTC has worked on 20 projects includ-



German Incirlik visit depends on stance on Armenian Genocide vote: Turkish FM

Reuters – Turkish permission for German lawmakers to visit the Incirlik air base will depend on the German government distancing itself from a resolution branding a 1915 massacre of Armenians as “genocide”, Turkey’s foreign minister said on August 29.

Turkey, angered by a resolution passed by the German parliament in June that described the 1915 massacre of Armenians by Ottoman forces as a “genocide”, has denied German lawmakers access to the base near the Syrian frontier.

Six German surveillance jets and a refuelling tanker are using it to support the U.S.-led coalition’s strikes on Islamic State. Some German lawmakers have threatened to end the mission unless Ankara allows them to visit.

“It depends on the steps taken by Germany. If they take the necessary steps we will enable this visit,” Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu told a news conference in Ankara, when asked about allowing the German lawmakers access to the base.

“But unfortunately I have to say that those that mingle and manipulate our history in an unfair manner cannot be allowed on this visit,” he said, in reference to the Armenian resolution.

Foreign ministry officials said “necessary steps” meant the German government distancing itself from the parliamentary resolution and making clear it did not support it.

Germany’s European Affairs Minister Michael Roth, who just returned to Germany from a visit to Ankara, earlier told broadcaster Suedwestrundfunk that the two countries had made progress in resolving the dispute over Incirlik.

“I have the impression that there is great movement here,”



Roth said. “I hope and wish that parliamentarians from our Bundestag will soon be able to visit our soldiers.”

Roth said he was received warmly and openly in Turkey during a visit aimed at rebuilding German-Turkish ties.

Tense relations between the NATO allies soured further after Turkey’s failed July 15 coup, with Turkey unhappy about what it saw as a slow German response in condemning the action.

Roth said Germany had immediately condemned the coup attempt, but could have responded more compassionately.

Helping Armenian families affected by flooding in Louisiana

Massis Post – In a directive issued to all Eastern Diocesan churches Primate Archbishop Khajag Barsamian has asked all parishes to assist in fundraising drives aimed at assisting Armenian community members affected by the devastating flooding in Louisiana earlier this month.

Vasken Kaltakjian, the parish council chair of St. Garabed Armenian Church in Baton Rouge, has reported that three Armenian

families were forced to flee their homes, and one community member lost his business in the wake of the severe flooding that caused widespread damage and loss in the State capital.

According to Mr Kaltakjian, one family experienced minor damage to their property and has already returned to their home. They are expecting to begin renovations soon.

One family’s house was completely sub-

merged in water. Everything in the house remains unsalvageable, including such basic items as clothing and other personal belongings.

A third family was forced to evacuate their home and will not be able to return for at least six weeks. The first floor of their house was completely flooded, and they lost all furniture, appliances, and other items on the first floor to water damage.

The fourth family experienced damage at their place of business, where two parking lots were flooded and 82 cars were destroyed. In addition, the family owned two rental houses and a fishing camp, all of which were submerged in water.

Two of these families did not have flood insurance as their properties were not located in a flood zone, Mr. Kaltakjian said. Those forced to evacuate their homes are now staying with friends and relatives in the area.

The parish council of St. Garabed Church has been in touch with these Armenian families to provide emergency assistance. Their goal is to provide short-term relief while the families await aid from insurance companies and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



Armenian emoji app launched

Asbarez – A Southern California App Developing company, ZaRRian Corp, has launched an emoji app much to the delight of the Armenian community around the world.

ARMOJI is an emoji keyboard that celebrates the rich Armenian culture and adds color, culture and laughter to text messages. The app features 170

fascinating emoji's that play on Armenian stereotypes and culture that makes texting more fun. But that's not all. The developers are currently working on more emojis that will be released soon.

Although ZaRRian Corp developed the app, ARMOJI is the brainchild of Angineh Nazarian – head of the team and an Armenian-American who has

lived in California as part of the Armenian community for most of her life.

When asked about how the idea came about for the app, Angineh said "It really came down to a simple phrase. I constantly found myself saying: 'I wish we had an emoji for so and so.' And I'm sure this is something that many people have expressed! For me, this phrase finally turned into a declaration. After discussing it with other Armenians in the community I realized it wasn't just me; we all needed an Armenian version of emojis, hence ARMOJI!"

Many users are already enjoying the Armenian Emoji app. One user of the app said "I love this app! Being Armenian I feel it's the best way I can express myself! I can't believe it took this long for us Armenians to get an app like this! Great added bonus is that the app runs very smoothly and it's super easy to use!"

ARMOJI is only available on the App store for a download price of \$1.99. However, plans are afoot to release the Android version in the near future.



The Other Side of Home: Armenian Genocide-themed film to screen in Los Angeles

Massis Post – Naré Mkrtchyan describes her film, *The Other Side of Home*, as "a universal story of identity, denial, and how the experience of genocide creates a ripple effect for future generations on both sides."

In 2015, a Turkish woman named Maya discovers that her great grandmother was a survivor of the Armenian Genocide. As Maya wrestles with this new reality, she comes to embody the conflict that remains unresolved between the two peoples. She has two conflicting identities: one that suffers and the other that denies the suffering and its causes. *The Other Side of Home* is a documentary that follows Maya as she goes to Armenia to take part in the 100th commemoration of the Genocide and to explore her new-found roots.

The USC Institute of Armenian Studies is co-hosting the screening with the USC School of Cinematic Arts and the USC Shoah Foundation. The 40-minute film will be followed by a conversation with the film's director and USC Institute of Armenian Studies Fellow, Filmmaker Eric Nazarian.

Naré Mkrtchyan is a filmmaker living in Los Angeles, CA. She graduated from the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts. Her passion is telling unique human stories that connect people and move beyond the boundaries of nationality, gender, and religion.

Born in Armenia and raised in Los Angeles, Eric Nazarian is also a graduate of the USC School of Cinematic Arts. He has lectured on the origins of cinema and the Armenian Genocide on campuses across the U.S. and Europe. Nazarian is currently working on the film adaptation of *The Sandcastle Girls*, Chris Bohjalian's critically acclaimed bestselling nov-

el. He is a member of the Writers Guild of America.

Salpi Ghazarian, the director of the USC Institute of Armenian Studies, says, "After the Genocide, most of the Armenian survivors who stayed in Turkey took on new identities – sometimes voluntarily, often not. These were the hidden Armenians who knew who they were. But as the genocide generation disappears, the third and fourth generations who are slowly discovering their roots are shocked and unprepared for their new identity. This film adds to the conversation about this difficult transition."



MEGERIAN CARPET ARMENIA WILL HOST & SPONSOR MER DOON'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mer Doon will officially celebrate its 10th Anniversary on October 10, 2016

Echmiadzin, Armenia – Mer Doon is pleased to announce that Megerian Carpet Armenia will host and sponsor its 10th anniversary celebration on October 10, 2016 at Megerian Carpet Factory Showroom. The entire proceeds from the evening will go to Mer Doon. Due to limited space, the event is by invitation only.

The party will feature amazing silent and live auctions, a gourmet buffet by stations, entertainment by Martin Aharonyan and Marine Hakobyan, and notable guest speakers, including former and current residents of Mer Doon. The silent auction will feature small hand woven rugs, which have been specially created by Mer Doon's orphaned young women.

Karen Ayvazyan, Megerian Carpet Marketing Director, stated, "Our company is excited to host and sponsor Mer Doon's 10th anniversary party. We first discussed this idea in April and have been working for months to make sure that the event will be unforgettable. We greatly admire Mer Doon's work with orphaned and disadvantaged girls in Armenia, and know that this partnership will be a lasting one."

"It's truly an honor that the Megerian family has generously offered to host and sponsor our anniversary festivities. Mer Doon has survived the test of time and, 10 years later, our program is stronger and more vibrant than ever. We have welcomed and nurtured nearly 50 girls in our program and are extremely proud of the upstanding, educated, talented, and compassionate women they have become. We have taken diamonds in the rough and turned them into sparkling gems," stated Tigranuhi Karapetyan, Mer Doon's Executive Director.

The Megerian Family has been involved in selling, restoring, and manufacturing fine Oriental rugs for over four generations. Originally from Armenia, the Megerians established their rug trade business in the United States in 1917. The Megerian tradition and integrity in the fine craft of handmade rug making as well as the restoration of rugs and tapestries is world renown. The Megerian family has been

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Mer Doon's mission is championed by many corporate, organizational, and individual supporters. Mer Doon's corporate and organizational partners include U.S. Embassy Women's Mentoring Program, Embassy of Lithuania, Microsoft Armenia, Megerian Rugs & Carpet, Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR), Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief (SOAR), Echmiadzin Municipality, Gavar Orphanage, Vanadzor Orphanage, Armenia Tree Project, Armenian Eyecare Project (AACP), SOS Children's Village, and St. John Armenian Church – Detroit Women's Guild.

Mer Doon provides orphaned and disadvantaged young women (ages 18-24) a loving and nurturing place to call "home." Our mission is to educate and empower girls with skills to live independently in mainstream society. The organization's Co-Founder and Executive Director, Tigranuhi Karapetyan, manages the daily operations of the program.

Mer Doon is located in Echmiadzin, Armenia. It is a registered nonprofit organization in the State of Connecticut and a nongovernmental organization registered in the Republic of Armenia. It has no political or religious affiliations. Visitors are always welcome!

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Aries (March 20–April 19)

It is time to shift gears and focus attention on organizing all the details of your life, your body, and work. Clean out file cabinets, closets, and drawers. Organize your computer files and create a backup system. Keep your eyes on the target, the goal, or your daily regimen. Physical health is a priority.



Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

On the weekend an opportunity to expand your social life brings smiles. You may be invited to a party or you might meet someone new. This aspect is from Venus, goddess of love and creativity. The muse may be at your side as you produce a particularly creative idea or solution to a problem.



Gemini (May 20–June 20)

You are drawn to all things beautiful and truly tempted to buy the wonderful items you see, especially those for your home. If you need to watch your dollars, leave your credit cards at home and wait a couple of days before making a big purchase. Think twice and measure three times before you make any important changes to your environment. You may easily change your mind after it is done.



Cancer (June 21–July 21)

This is not your best week unless you plan to get a lot of hard work accomplished. If you become aware that you are easily angered, use caution concerning tools or machinery. Your reflexes may not be on target. Avoid speeding because there may be police on every corner.



Leo (July 22–August 21)

Listen closely to your inner self. If you have tolerated a rule well beyond its time, you may rebel and demand to do something different now. This is so even if you are the one who made the rule. Surprise and changeability are the qualities prominent during this period. It may be a time that calls for you to do something outrageous.



Virgo (August 22–September 22)

Mercury is your ruling planet and it is going retrograde, it is probable that you will change your mind about a recent decision. This is a time to be creative and check out all possibilities before you are finally committed. It is also a period that lends itself to sociability. Have a party at your place.



Libra (Sep. 23–Oct. 22)

Do not allow others to use you at this time. This period may be difficult for those on a diet or other self-improvement program. You are prone to self-indulgence right now. You need to be taking good care of yourself both physically and emotionally. Follow any pursuit that is uplifting to your spirit and soul.



Scorpio (October 23–November 21)

Prepare for a period of scarcity between now and the end of Sept. This could be due to debt or lack of income. Make every effort to not in-debt yourself further. You will need your savings for back up. Otherwise you must work extra hours to manage your resources. Many will have prepared already because they saw this time coming.



Sagittarius (November 22–December 20)

The Powers That Be in your life may seem totally unyielding at this time. Remember that the small force of relentlessly dripping water can wear away a stone. Give attention to the most minor of details and prepare to move slowly and deliberately forward. If the idea is not worth that effort, let it go.



Capricorn (December 21–January 19)

You have been hoping to scale a cliff that could propel you into forward motion. Gradually you have been recognizing that “something” will impair your plan. This week it becomes very clear. Unfortunately, this just isn't the time that you can project yourself into the outer world. Slow down and stop churning. Mars moves into your sign at the end of Sept. and the path will be more obvious.



Aquarius (January 20–February 17)

A significant amount of physical work may be on your agenda at this time. Whatever the project, it involves considerable lifting, pushing, pulling, and grunt work. Be very conscious of good body posture. The emotional pressure may set you up for an accident. Take your time and ask for help rather than forcing the issue.



Pisces (February 18–March 19)

Your attitude about yourself is not altogether accurate right now. You may think way too much of your ideas, or alternately, you may see yourself as lower than scum. Neither is accurate and you should probably not make decisions of any importance this week. Spiritual pursuits are given a “go” signal.

Oscars: Armenia selects 'Earthquake' for foreign-language category

Hollywood Reporter – A dramatized recreation of one of the Soviet Union’s most devastating natural disasters — the Spitak earthquake in northern Armenia in December 1988 — has been chosen as Armenia’s submission for best foreign-language film Oscar consideration.

The \$3 million disaster movie Earthquake (Zemletryasenie) was directed by Sarik Andreasyan and produced by Moscow-based Mars Media, headed by Ruben Dishdishyan, who founded Russia’s top independent production company Central Partnership in 1995 before stepping down five years ago.

Earthquake tells the story of the massive quake that destroyed more than 300 communities and killed 25,000 people. Focused around the story of two young men, Andrey Berezhnov and Robert Melkonyan, whose fates were already intertwined by an earlier tragedy — a car crash caused by Andrey that killed Rob-

ert’s parents — the film brings them together in the same rescue squad as they struggle to cope with a disaster that eclipses their own personal stories.

Shot in Armenia and in Moscow on specially built sets — to spare the people of Gyumri (formerly Leninakan) the distress of recreating earthquake damage in a city where memories after nearly 30 years remain raw — the film, long tipped as this year’s Oscar entry from Armenia, beat two other shortlisted films in a secret ballot of the National Film Academy of Armenia.

In comments posted on his Facebook page, Dishdishyan wrote: “This is amazing news! Thank you very much to the [National Film Academy members] for their trust! We will try to justify it. We’ve still got a long way to go, but it’s a start. Thank you to all the filmmakers and participants in the movie and especially the director, Sarik Andreasyan.”

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