

Germany recognizes the Armenian Genocide



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President Sargsyan attends EEU session in Astana

"Integration unions can only succeed and develop in a secure environment. Security is the key basis for the development and prosperity of our states," Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan said, addressing the extended session of the Supreme Council of the Eurasian Economic Union.

"The fact that the countries forming the EEU are also members of the CSTO, an organization that aims to ensure comprehensive security in the region, is extremely important. The escalation of the situation at the Karabakh line of contact and the Armenian border by Azerbaijan in early April became a serious challenge to the security of the EEU region," President Sargsyan said.

"The danger is obvious. The EEU will either be viewed by our foreign partners as a zone of economic development, stability and security, where one can make investments and initiate long-term programs, or everyone will get used to this complex situation and will be guided by the circumstance that there are hearths of permanent tension and split here. I don't think the second scenario meets our interests," the President added.

"Armenia cannot stay aside in case of aggressive actions against Nagorno Karabakh on the part of Azerbaijan. Of course, the self-defense forces of Nagorno Karabakh were quick to restore the situation, taking it under control. An important role here is reserved to Russia, which Azerbaijan addressed with a request to re-establish the ceasefire," the President of Armenia stated.

Referring to the Vienna meeting mediated by the Minsk Group, President Sargsyan said "an agreement was reached on the confidence building measures, including the implementation of monitoring and investigation mechanisms."

"Armenia intends to work consistently towards implementation of those agreements and continue to seek ways for a peaceful settlement, which should be primarily based on the right of the people of Nagorno Karabakh to self-determination. Armenia agrees with the Minsk Group Co-Chairs that this principle forms the basis of settlement, along with the principles of the use of force or the threat of force and territorial integrity," President Sargsyan concluded.

Presidents of Armenia, Azerbaijan to meet this month

The United States, Russian and French mediators of the OSCE Minsk-Group said on June 3 that they have presented Armenia and Azerbaijan with concrete proposals aimed at preventing ceasefire violations in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone.

The three co-chairs also said the presidents of the two South Caucasus states have reaffirmed their readiness to meet again later this month.

Presidents Serzh Sargsyan and Ilham Aliyev met in Vienna on May 16 more than one month after the outbreak of the worst fighting between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces since 1994 which threatened to degenerate into an all-out war.

Serzh Sargsyan and Aliyev pledged to strengthen the shaky ceasefire regime in Karabakh, including through independent investigations of armed incidents that would be conducted by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. During the talks mediated by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and France's State Secretary for European Affairs Harlem Desir, they also agreed to expand an OSCE mission monitoring the ceasefire.

The Minsk Group co-chairs discussed these safeguards in greater detail during separate talks with Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov and his Armenian counterpart

Edward Nalbandian held on Tuesday and Thursday respectively.

"The Co-Chairs delivered to the Ministers for the consideration of the sides draft documents on expanding the existing office of the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and establishing an OSCE investigative mechanism," they said in a joint statement.

"The Ministers confirmed the Presidents' agreement on the next round of talks to be held in June with an aim to resuming negotiations on a comprehensive settlement," added the statement released by James Warlick, Igor Popov and Pierre Andrieu.

On his Twitter page, Warlick described the discussion with Nalbandian in Paris as "excellent." "We look forward to a Presidents' meeting in June," the U.S. mediator tweeted after Tuesday's talks with Mammadyarov.

Armenian officials have indicated that the holding of the next Azerbaijan-Azerbaijani summit is contingent on Azerbaijan's acceptance of the confidence-building measures proposed by the mediators.

An Armenian Foreign Ministry statement on Nalbandian's meeting with the mediators said those measures would "create necessary conditions for restarting the negotiation process."

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Germany recognizes the Armenian Genocide



In a move welcomed by Armenia but condemned by Turkey, Germany's parliament overwhelmingly passed on Thursday a resolution recognizing the 1915 massacres of some 1.5 million Armenians in the Ottoman Empire as genocide.

"With one vote against and one abstention, this resolution has been passed by a remarkable majority of the German Bundestag," Norbert Lammert, the speaker of the German lower house of parliament, declared after the vote, according to Reuters.

The resolution was drafted by lawmakers representing the main parliamentary factions, including Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Union (CDU). It says the Armenians' fate exemplified "the history of mass exterminations, ethnic cleansing, deportations and yes, genocide, which marked the 20th century in such a terrible way."

It also acknowledges that the German Empire, then a military ally of the Ottomans, did nothing to stop the killings.

"That we were complicit in this terrible crime does not mean that today we will be complicit in denying it," said Cem Ozdemir, the ethnic Turkish leader of the opposition Green Party and a stronger backer of Armenian genocide recognition.

"Only those who recognize the past can take part in shaping the future," Deutsche Welle quoted Franz Josef Jung, a former German defense minister and a senior CDU lawmaker, as saying. "We want this resolution to revive the process of reconciliation [between Turkey and Armenia]."

Turkey's AK Party responded swiftly to the vote, saying it has "seriously damaged" Turkish-German relations.

Armenia, by contrast, hailed the Bundestag resolution, with Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian praising "Germany's valuable contribution" to international recognition of the Armenian genocide and global efforts to prevent more crimes against humanity.

In a written statement, Nalbandian also said that the Turkish authorities "are continuing to obstinately reject the undeniable fact of genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire." "For 101 years, the international community has been waiting for Turkey to face up to its past," he added.

Although Merkel did not take part in the vote, she did back the genocide resolution in an internal party straw poll earlier this week. "She told me this morning that she sides with her parliamentary group," a spokeswoman for the chancellor reportedly said on Wednesday.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan telephoned Merkel on Tuesday to warn that Germany will seriously damage its "diplomatic, economic, trade, political, and military ties" with Turkey if it does recognize the Armenian genocide.

The German resolution might also jeopardize the European Union's agreement with Turkey aimed at stemming a massive flow of refugees from the Middle East to Germany and other EU states. Even before the Bundestag vote, the controversial deal hung in the balance due to Turkish demands for visa-free travel to the

EU.

German officials hope, however, that the non-binding resolution will not scupper the migrant deal or seriously harm ties between Berlin and Ankara.

"I can't imagine that Turkey, which is currently finding itself isolated in its foreign policies in the face of mounting pressure from IS and the PKK, could afford to sever its ties with Germany - one of its most reliable partners," said Michael Brand, the head of the Bundestag committee on human rights.

"This isn't about embarrassing Turkey but about articulating a historical truth. We cannot apply tact when it comes to the truth," Brand told reporters, according to Deutsche Welle.

Germany is home to an estimated 3.5 million Turks. More a thousand of them demonstrated against the resolution on Saturday in front of the Reichstag building in Berlin, reported Reuters.

Successive Turkish governments have claimed that Armenians died in much smaller numbers and as a result of war and turmoil, rather than a premeditated Ottoman government policy. In an April 2015 speech, Erdogan defended "the relocation of the Armenian population in Anatolia to southern lands" during the First World War.

Erdogan referred to a Syrian desert where hundreds of thousands of Armenians -- mostly women, children and elderly people -- were killed or starved to death. Scores of others died on their way to the Deir ez-Zor camps.

Most Western historians specializing in research of crimes against humanity have dismissed the official Turkish position. "The historical record on the Armenian Genocide is unambiguous and documented by overwhelming evidence," the International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS) said in a 2007 statement.

The Armenian genocide has also been recognized by two dozen other nations, including France, Italy, Canada and Russia.

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Germany to foster Turkish-Armenian Dialogue

Germany will do more to facilitate dialogue between Armenia and Turkey after officially recognizing the Armenian massacres in the Ottoman Empire as genocide, a senior German diplomat said on June 3.

Matthias Kiesler, the German ambassador in Yerevan, argued that in its genocide resolution adopted on Thursday the German parliament, the Bundestag, also urged the country's government to promote Turkish-Armenian reconciliation by arranging more contacts between the two nations and their citizens.

"As regards the consequences of the resolution, one of them - and this was clearly stated in the resolution -- is that we should more for reconciliation between Turkey and Armenia," Kiesler told reporters.

"Germany already has a lot of projects to bring together the civil societies of Armenia and Turkey, and I think [the resolution] is an encouragement to do even more in this area," he said.

"In the long run, of course we would like to see that one day there will be diplomatic relations between Turkey and Armenia and the frontiers between the two states will be opened," added the diplomat.

Ankara and Yerevan agreed to establish diplomatic relations and open the Turkish-Armenian border when they signed two Western-backed protocols in Zurich in 2009. However, the Turkish government subsequently made their parliamentary ratification conditional on a resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict sought by Azerbaijan.

Armenia rejects this precondition, arguing that the protocols make no reference to Karabakh. The United States and the European Union have repeatedly called for their unconditional implementation by both sides.



The Bundestag resolution similarly calls on the German government to strive for the ratification of the Turkish-Armenian accords.

Ankara reacted angrily to the genocide resolution, accusing German lawmakers of distorting history and recalling Turkey's ambassador in Berlin for consultations. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said it will seriously damage German-Turkish relations.

Still, Yildirim stated on Friday that Germany remains a key NATO ally for his country. "Germany and Turkey are two very important allies," the AFP news agency quoted him as saying. "No one should expect that relations will suddenly deteriorate completely because of this decision or similar decisions."

"Whatever the circumstances, we will continue the relationship with our friends and our allies," added Yildirim.

By Sargis Harutyunyan

Foreign Ministers of Armenia, Iran discuss Karabakh conflict, economic ties



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif voiced the country's readiness to make whatever effort necessary for peace and security across the region, Tasnim News Agency reports.

In a meeting with his Armenian counterpart Edward Nalbandian in Tehran on Sunday, Zarif made a reference to Tehran's call on Armenia and Azerbaijan to show restraint in the wake of eruption of clashes in Nagorno-Karabakh in April, stressing that Iran is prepared for any effort to ensure regional peace

and security.

He also noted that Iran and Armenia can promote cooperation within the framework of international organizations.

Highlighting the positive results of Tehran-Yerevan cooperation in regional economic bodies, such as the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), Zarif expressed the hope that closer bilateral ties would contribute to economic development and welfare for the entire region.

He further called for efforts to boost economic relations with Armenia in different fields, including gas and electricity trade and railroad industry.

For his part, Edward Nalbandian praised Iran for its constructive efforts aimed at helping to settle the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and its insistence on peaceful approaches, describing the Islamic Republic as "a major country and an important player in regional affairs."

Nalbandian further described a lasting nuclear deal between Iran and six world powers as the most important political event in 2015, saying the accord can serve as a model for the settlement of conflicts.

He also voiced Yerevan's readiness to stimulate trade interaction with Iran and encourage Armenian investors to come to Iran.

Senior Defense Ministry Officials Arrested



Yerevan - (RFE-RL) An army general and two other senior Armenian Defense Ministry officials have been arrested in separate corruption investigations conducted by law-enforcement authorities, it emerged on Tuesday.

The general, Melsik Chilingaryan, was taken into custody late on Monday ten days after being sacked as head of the ministry's Department on Armaments which deals with storage, maintenance and repair of weapons and ammunition supplied to the Armenian Armed Forces.

Also arrested was Colonel Armen Markaryan, one of Chilingaryan's subordinates who was in charge of vehicles used by the army. Markaryan was fired earlier in May.

Armenia's Investigative Committee said the two men are suspected of abuse of power that resulted in "severe consequences."

The third suspect, Colonel Mher Papyan, holds a senior position in the Defense Ministry's Department on Material-Technical Procurements tasked with arms procurements. He was detained as part of a separate inquiry conducted by the Investigative Committee. The law-enforcement agency said Papyan risks prosecution on charges of "negligent attitude towards military service"

which also had "severe consequences."

A spokeswoman for the committee told RFE/RL's Armenian service that investigators will specifically look into the quality of various items which the arrested officials provided to the Armed Forces and determine whether they were purchased at inflated prices. She did not go into details.

Incidentally, President Serzh Sargsyan dismissed Papyan's immediate superior, Deputy Defense Minister Alik Mirzabekyan, as well as General Arshak Karapetian, the military intelligence chief, and General Komitas Muradyan, the commander of the Armenian army's communication units, in late April.

The sackings came more than three weeks after the outbreak of heavy fighting around Nagorno-Karabakh that nearly escalated into a full-scale Armenian-Azerbaijani war. A senior pro-government lawmaker attributed them to "shortcomings" in the Armenian military's response to an Azerbaijani offensive in Karabakh.

The Investigative Committee declined to clarify whether Monday's arrests are also connected with the April 2 offensive that left more than 80 Armenian soldiers and volunteers dead.

Azerbaijani troops captured several Armenian positions along the Karabakh "line of contact" but failed to advance farther. According to independent sources in Baku, at least 94 Azerbaijani soldiers, many of them members of Special Forces, died in action.

The four-day hostilities raised questions about the Armenian military's apparent lack of prior knowledge of the assault. Critics also suggested that Karabakh Armenian frontline troops did not have sufficient modern weapons and other military equipment when they came under attack.

President Sargsyan and other Armenian officials have insisted that the Azerbaijani offensive failed because it was aimed at achieving significant territorial gains that would have led to a "military solution" to the Karabakh conflict."

Karabakh: Initiative group to seek Babayan's appointment as defense minister

An initiative group has been set up in Nagorno Karabakh to push for the appointment of Lieutenant-General Samvel Babayan as defense minister and commander of the Republic's defense army.

Babayan, who returned from de-facto exile in Russia last month in the wake of Karabakh's brief war with Azerbaijan, served as the commander of Karabakh's army in 1993-2000.

Over the weekend the 51-year-old former strongman traveled to Stepanakert where he was reportedly greeted by several hundred supporters in a local square.

Babayan, who had harshly criticized the authorities in Armenia and Karabakh for the mistakes before and during the



April 2-5 hostilities, told media he was not going to engage in active politics yet.

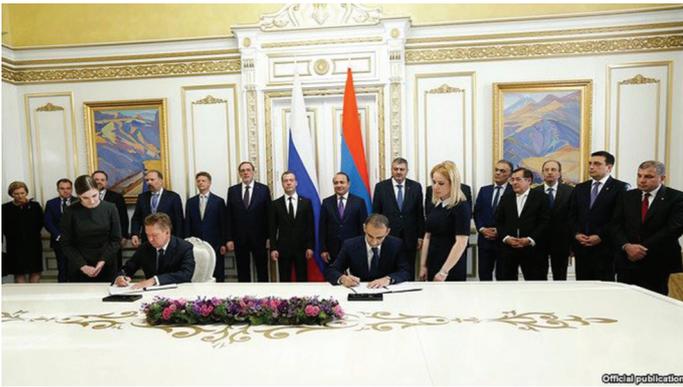
In recent weeks the Armenian media have been rife with speculation that Babayan could join a new opposition party set up by former Foreign Minister Vartan Oskanian and other political figures widely regarded as ex-Armenian

President Robert Kocharyan's supporters.

Babayan, however, denied that he would join any party or be involved in any list of candidates in next year's parliamentary elections in Armenia, but he reserved himself the right, as a citizen, to support a political party that would share his views. He did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, Hayk Khanumyan, an opposition member of Karabakh's parliament, announced through his Facebook account that organizational work for an assembly to push for Babayan's appointment as defense minister would be launched from Monday. "We will announce the date, hour and other details connected with the assembly in advance," he said in a post.

Gas price cut for Armenian households



In a move stemming from the decreased cost of Russian natural gas supplied to Armenia, state utility regulators approved on May 31 a 6 percent reduction in the retail gas price for Armenian households and small businesses.

Russia's Gazprom monopoly lowered its wholesale gas tariff by 9 percent, \$150 per thousand cubic meters, nearly two months

ago. The price cut was formalized during Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev's visit to Yerevan.

The Armenian government requested a deeper discount early this year, citing the collapse in international oil prices. Gazprom's market-based tariff for European countries has plummeted from an average of \$350 to below \$200 per thousand cubic meters in the last two years, making the Russian discount for Armenia much less significant.

The Public Services Regulatory Commission (PSRC) lowered the domestic tariff for individual consumers from 156 drams to around 147 drams (30 U.S. cents) per cubic meter. The measure was formally requested by Armenia's Gazprom-owned gas distribution network in late April.

The price cut will take effect on July 1, meaning that the Gazprom-Armenia operator will earn an estimated 9 billion drams (\$19 million) in extra revenue by that time. Gazprom-Armenia's chief executive, Vartan Harutyunyan, said the company will use that money to refurbish some of its outdated gas transmission and distribution facilities.

Armenia, Iran plan to establish visa-free regime

Armenia and Iran plan to sign an agreement on abolishing visas. The Government is expected to approve the conclusion of a corresponding agreement during its upcoming session on June 2.

The agreement is aimed at further development of relations between the two countries, strengthening of mutually beneficial economic, trade and other relations and regulation of the regime of visits of both countries' citizens.

According to the document, Armenian and Iranian citizens will not need entry visas for a stay of up to 90 days in a period of 180 days. The corresponding authorities in both countries will reserve the right to extend the period of stay.

The signing of the agreement will promote the development of



tourism, in both countries and will create favorable conditions for the reciprocal visits of the citizens.

Armenian FM, Iran's VP discuss urgent regional, international issues

On a visit to Tehran, Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian had a meeting with Iran's Vice-President, Head of the Atomic Energy Organization Ali Akbar Salehi.

The interlocutors discussed issues related to the development of bilateral relations and exchanged views on urgent international issues.

Ali Akbar Salehi briefed Minister Nalbandian on the implementation of the agreement on Iran's nuclear program.

The same day Minister Nalbandian had a meeting with Ali Shamkhani, Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council of Iran.

The joint steps towards the further deepening of mutually beneficial cooperation and the process of implementation of the agreements reached on the highest level were discussed.

The Armenian Foreign Minister briefed Mr. Shamkhani on the efforts towards elimination of consequences of the large



scale-military actions Azerbaijan unleashed against Nagorno Karabakh in April. The interlocutors agreed that there is no alternative to the peaceful resolution of the Karabakh conflict.

During the meeting reference was made to urgent international and regional issues and the efforts towards their settlement.

Eurasian Union blamed for Armenian revenue shortfall



Armenia lost 4 billion drams (\$8.3 million) in projected tax revenue in the first quarter of this year due to an economic downturn in Russia and other members of the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), a senior official said on May 31.

Armen Alaverdyan, a deputy head of the State Revenue Committee (SRC), referred to proceeds from uniform import duties that are collected by the EEU member states and then distributed among them on the basis of fixed quotas. In his words, Armenia received 11 billion drams in such revenue, down from 15 billion drams that had been anticipated by its government.

"There were fewer allocations [to

Armenia] from the common EEU fund because Russia's, Kazakhstan's and Belarus's imports were down compared with the same period last year and so were customs revenues from them. We therefore didn't get as much as we had planned," Alaverdyan told the Armenian parliament's committee on economic affairs.

Alaverdyan singled out on the sharp depreciation of the Russian ruble resulting from a collapse of oil prices as the main factor behind the revenue shortfall. "Nobody could imagine such fluctuations of the [exchange rate of the] Russian ruble," he said.

With oil prices beginning to rally in

January, the Russian currency has strengthened by nearly 20 percent against the U.S. dollar since the beginning of this year.

Alaverdyan stressed the importance of this "elements of stabilization" for Armenia's economy and budgetary revenue. "Nothing keeps us from expecting that Russia's economic indicators will improve in the second half of this year and next year and will live up to our expectations," he said, presenting a first-quarter tax report to lawmakers.

Accordingly, the official dismissed suggestions that the shortfall is further proof that membership in the Russian-led trade bloc cannot be beneficial for Armenia. "The amount of customs revenue alone cannot determine whether or not we should be part of this union," he said. "If the ruble remains stable our exports to Russia will definitely grow."

According to official statistics, Armenia's exports to Russia more than doubled in January-March 2016 after shrinking by almost 27 percent last year because of the ruble depreciation.

Armenia mostly exports agricultural products, prepared foodstuffs, brandy and wine to Russia. The National Statistical Service has reported significant first-quarter increases in export revenue from these products.

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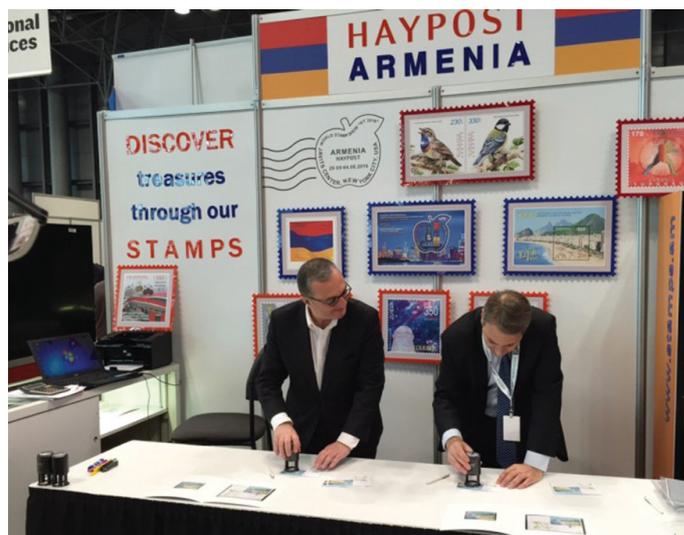
The souvenir sheet depicts the panoramic view of Rio de Janeiro. The stamp of the s/sheet depicts the famous Copacabana beach of Rio de Janeiro, with the images of some of the sports which Armenia will present during 31st Summer Olympic Games..

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

PRIVATE HOUSES

•3739.**Nork Marash** Land- 2000sq.m, two separate houses, total bld-600sq.m, 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, heating 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

•3712 **Cascade** Newly built, land-450sq.m, 4 storied bld-600sq.m, zero state. Price: 550.000 USD

NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 ROOMS

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



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

PRIVATE HOUSES

- 1335 **Baghramyan str.**, Land-200sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3bathrooms, capially repaired, furnished. Price: 3000 USD
- 1336 **Aygedzor**, Land-1000sq.m, 2 storied bld-240sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, furnished. Price: 2000 USD
- 1337 **Davtashen** Land-406sq.m, 3 storied bld-306sq.m, 4bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capially repaired, furnished. Price: 3900 USD
- 1323. **Monument, Babayan str**, Land-400sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m, 4bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capially repaired. Price: Negotiable
- 1248. **Aygedzor**, Land - 1021 sq m ,3 storied bld. - 501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, capially repaired, central heating, AC, sauna, boiler room garden, swimming pool, garage, alarming system, security system. Price: 8000 USD.
- 999. **Aygedzor**, Land -1000 sqm, basement + 2 floors- 310 sqm, capially repaired, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, newly furnished, equipped, sauna, swimming-pool. Starting Price: 5000 USD.
- 1094. **Noy block**, Land-450sqm, 2 storied building - 220sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden. Price: 2000USD.

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

PREMISES

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

International Children's Day Marked at the Viasphere Technopark



By Gourgen James Khazhakian
Chief Correspondent

On 1 June The Intl Day for Protection of Children was celebrated in various places in Yerevan. Among them was Viasphere Tecnopark.

There The Highlights correspondent met an impressive crowd of the children and their parents - employees of the IT/hi-tech companies residing at the Technopark gathered on the grass around fruit trees, a huge cake, tables with various meals etc.

According to *Lilit Papikyan*, HR Manager at SCDM company, it is for several years already their company has been organizing celebration of the Intl Children's Day at the territory of Viasphere Technopark to give their employees a chance to spend a couple of hours with their children "to show that their children belong not only to themselves but also to us the company". According to her, other companies of Technopark organized such a celebration at their own offices, and "ArtLunch", a catering



company working for Viasphere Technopark, on that day provided treating children with ice-cream and tattoos.

Tony Moroyan, CEO and Chairman Viasphere Intl, Inc., said in particular: "This event takes place every year... It's very nice atmosphere as it combines the campus environment, the garden, the fruits that the kids actually can eat right from the trees...You know, employees of the companies residing at the Viasphere Technopark are very hard working people so it is nice to bring their families here to see where and how do their fathers



work, this is a good interaction, and we encourage this very much as when a person is happy, his family is happy, he works more productive..."

Sona Sardaryan, spouse to an employee of SCDM, said she "was happy" for this event as it was a good tool "for team building" as well as an interesting one for the kids themselves. She said she was not here a year ago and regretted about it, but this year she brought here even their mere 40 day old son Davit.

Photos by Anahit Kirakosyan

Aurora Prize: Nominations open for \$1 million Global Humanitarian Award

Nominations open on June 1 for the Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity, an annual international humanitarian award. The Aurora Prize is seeking personal stories of individuals who have put themselves at personal risk for the sake of others. Nominations are open to the public from now until September 9, 2016 at www.auroraprize.com.

Anyone can nominate a candidate they believe has overcome great personal challenges to make an exceptional impact on preserving human life and advancing humanitarian causes.

Every year, an Aurora Prize Laureate is honored with a US\$100,000 grant, as well as a US\$1,000,000 award to be donated to charitable organizations that inspired their work.

"Like the winner of the inaugural Aurora Prize, Marguerite Barankitse, I, too, have witnessed firsthand the terrible atrocities that humans are capable of inflicting upon one another," said Elie Wiesel, Aurora Prize Co-Chair. "It has given me a profound appreciation for those individuals who put themselves at risk to help their fellow man. These are the very people we are honoring with the Aurora Prize."

The first-ever Aurora Prize Laureate, Marguerite Barankitse of Maison Shalom, was honored in April for saving and caring for 30,000 children, orphans and refugees during Burundi's civil war.

"This Aurora Prize was consolation to me for the whole of Burundi's people," said Barankitse. "Success is not what you have, but who you are. My mission is to give everyone hope—hope for success, for compassion, and for love. I'm so grateful for the opportunity the Aurora Prize has afforded me, the three organizations I nominated for the award, and the people of Burundi."

Barankitse is one of many remarkable stories. She and her

fellow 2016 Aurora Prize finalists—Dr. Tom Catena from Mother of Mercy Hospital in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan; Syeda Ghulam Fatima, the General Secretary of the Bonded Labor Liberation Front in Pakistan; and Father Bernard Kinvi, a Catholic priest in Bossemptele in the Central African Republic—are just a handful of the extraordinary individuals making a difference around the world.

The Aurora Prize is the philanthropic vision of co-founders Vartan Gregorian, Noubar Afeyan and Ruben Vardanyan, who sought to express gratitude and memorialize those whose heroic actions saved lives during the Armenian Genocide more than one hundred years ago. Continuing the cycle of giving, the Aurora Prize carries forward that legacy of gratitude.

"Last year's call for nominations helped to shine a light on a number of remarkable humanitarian heroes," said Co-Founder and Selection Committee Member Vartan Gregorian. "We're thrilled to again open the call for nominations, during which we hope to unearth even more inspiring stories of selflessness and hope."

The second annual Aurora Prize will be presented on April 24, 2017, in Yerevan, Armenia.

On behalf of the survivors of the Armenian Genocide and in gratitude to their saviors, an Aurora Prize Laureate is honored each year with a US\$100,000 grant as well as the unique opportunity to continue the cycle of giving by nominating organizations that inspired their work for a US\$1,000,000 award. Recipients are recognized for the exceptional impact their actions have made on preserving human life and advancing humanitarian causes. Marguerite Barankitse of Maison Shalom was named as the inaugural Aurora Prize Laureate at a ceremony held in Yerevan, Armenia on April 24, 2016.



Distinguished talk given by a distinguished Minister of Justice

Minister of Justice Her Excellency Miss Arpine Hovhannisyan has given a significant talk at the Embassy of Lebanon on 31/05/2016 in the presence of a special group of Ambassadors and guests.

Ambassador of Lebanon Dr. Jean Makaron said in his welcome words:

"I am honored to welcome Her Excellency Minister of Justice, I truly appreciate your kindness for accepting my invitation to give a talk and secondly I commend and favor you for choosing an excellent and outstanding topic which is interesting not only to public opinion but also to our diplomatic corps.

I am pleased to say that you are not only a special Lady but also a special minister and you distinguished yourself by your remarkable presence, your hard work and by doing your best to make a difference in your ministry."

And he highlighted that there are 5 points in common between justice and diplomacy as follows: They have the same goal which is promoting peace in our society. They are dealing with the same subject that is resolving conflicts between 2 parties or more. They use the same means such as negotiation, investigation, inquiry.

And they aim to reach the same result which is - compromise, transaction, deal, mutual concession.

And they both need power because if they are not backed by power they become useless and ineffective.



envisaging the norm by which the person avoids punishment if after 3 days from the moment of getting the bribe, informs the legal bodies and helps to the disclosure of the crime.

Effective governance supposes several components: the rule of law, transparency, accountability, participation. I would like to emphasize the participation of the society in the governance. Thus we will be able to break the stereotype of the society in the issue of fight against corruption. "

This important event was attended by His Excellency Mr. Karen Nazaryan Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and by the



Minister of Justice spoke about the best way to fight corruption and to ensure good governance and she said:

"The Ministry of Justice makes and presents to the government normative-legal acts regulating this sphere, examines and makes analysis of branch legislation, discusses the suggestions presented by other state bodies, representatives of civil society, international organizations.

Ten days ago I have presented to the government structure changes in the Ministry. I have been working on these changes from the moment of assuming the office, having the vision of conduction of the governance which will really work, is cost-effective and efficient. In the result of internal changes we have created a department dealing with corruption issues. We are in daily cooperation with such international anticorruption organizations such as Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), UNCAC, EC in the framework of cooperation projects, Group of states against corruption (GRECO).

As a step made in the fight against corruption I should mention the adoption of Criminal Code along with the Election Code,



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attended this event: Mrs. Anna Christina Schirinian- CEO Fruitfull Armenia, Representative of IMF, Miss. Kristina Grigoryan, Mr. Samir Khnaizir-owner of Café du Brazil, Mr. Ralph Yirikian-General Manager of VivaCell-MTS, Honorary consul of Portugal Mr. Sam Samuelian, Mr. Nicholas Tawil-General Manager of Sanitek, Mr. Krikor Jabourian-Managing Partner Airpotech and Mr. Hovig Eordekian-acting director of AGBU.

It should be noted that this event is organized in the framework of the idea of "Ambassadors without Borders".

And it is worth noting that all attendees of this event were very interested about the talk of Minister of Justice and they highly appreciated what she said.

Entre Rios province of Argentina recognizes the Armenian Genocide



The province of Entre Rios, Argentina, has approved a bill recognizing the Armenian Genocide, which establishes every April 24 in Argentina as the "Day of Action for Tolerance and Respect between Peoples," Agencia Prensa Armenia reports.

The Senate of Entre Rios unanimous passed the bill "in commemoration of the genocide against the Armenian people and with the spirit that its memory is a permanent lesson for the present and our future goals."

Also on Tuesday, May 31, the Deputy Governor of Entre Rios and President of the Senate, Adan Humberto Bahl, along with Senator Lucas Larrarte, Chairman of

the General Law Committee of the Senate, met with Nicolas Sabuncuyan and Jorge Dolmadjian, members of the Armenian National Committee of South America.

"The meeting was extremely positive and we deduce that the Government will enact the law. In addition, this will be the beginning of a way to work together with the province in the issues of human rights in different areas," said Jorge Dolmadjian.

The bill (File No. 20783), was filed on March 30, 2015 by the then deputy Maria Laura Stratta, who is now Minister of Social Development. On May 12 of the same year it obtained the initial approval in the Chamber of Deputies of Entre Rios.

Among the grounds, it is mentioned that "the memory of the Armenian Genocide interpellates modern society about the consequences that can lead to intolerance and discrimination, and invites us to reflect on the meaning of respect between peoples and individuals and the importance of active memory and ongoing injustice and impunity. The recognition, condemnation and denunciation are the basis for preventing the repetition of this abhorrent crime."

"Ten years after the enactment of the law that put Argentina in first place in the struggle for the recognition of the Armenian Genocide, it is very important that the representatives of the people of Entre Rios decided to join that path," said Nicolas Sabuncuyan, Director of the Armenian National Committee of Buenos Aires.

The Article 4 of Law 26,199, that was enacted on December 13, 2006 and promulgated on 11 January 2007, invited provincial governments to "adhere to the provisions of this law." The provinces that have already joined the recognition law are: Buenos Aires, Catamarca, Chaco, Chubut, Córdoba, Corrientes, Jujuy, La Pampa, Misiones, Neuquen, Rio Black, San Juan, Santa Cruz, Santa Fe, Santiago del Estero and Tierra del Fuego.

ISIS style beheadings and torture: Armenian Deputy FM presents Azeri atrocities in Berlin

Armenia was the first to condemn the crimes against the Yazidis in Iraq and Armenians in Deir Zor and Kessab committed by the Islamic State and the Al-Nusra Front, Armenia's Deputy Foreign Minister Ashot Hovakimyan said at an anti-terrorism conference on "Preventing Terrorism and Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization" in Berlin.

According to him, it's necessary to pay greater attention to the prevention of crimes committed on the basis of hatred, since they immediately link violent radicalism to terrorism.

The Deputy Foreign Minister said 'the existing conflicts create a fertile soil for violent extremism, especially when the state authorities use the conflicts to restrict human rights and seed hatred towards conflicting parties.

"Unfortunately, the recent developments in our region come to prove the concerns of the Armenian side. Following the example of Ramil Safarov and Islamic State, the Azerbaijani armed forces were beheading and torturing not only servicemen, but also civilians, including elderly people and women. The perpetrators of these crimes not only escaped criticism, but were also

awarded by Azerbaijani President," Ashot Hovakimyan said.

The Deputy FM stressed that any attempt on the part of states to make radicalism and terrorism serve their goals should be strongly condemned.



France hails German recognition of Armenian Genocide



France pledged to strive for greater international recognition of the 1915 Armenian genocide in Ottoman Turkey after welcoming a corresponding resolution adopted by Germany's parliament on Thursday.

"I welcome the Bundestag vote for recognition of the Armenian genocide," French Secretary of State for European Affairs Harlem Desir wrote on Twitter shortly after the passage of the resolution.

"France will continue to fight for universal recognition of the Armenian genocide," added Desir.

France is one of 24 countries of the world that have officially recognized as genocide the 1915 slaughter of some 1.5 million Armenian subjects of the Ottoman Empire. It did so with a special law enacted in 2001. French President Francois Hollande was among foreign leaders who attended in April 2015 official ceremonies in Yerevan marking the centenary of the Armenian genocide.

Four years ago, the French parliament passed another law

which made it a crime to publicly deny the genocide. France's constitutional court subsequently struck it down as unconstitutional, however. The law was initiated by Hollande's predecessor, Nicolas Sarkozy.

Unlike Germany, France is home to a large Armenian community that mostly consists of descendants of genocide survivors. The CCAF, an umbrella structure uniting the community's main organizations, was quick to welcome the Bundestag vote as a "fatal blow" to Turkey's long-running policy of genocide denial.

"This vote marked a decisive stage in the fight for Turkey's recognition of this historical fact, universal condemnation of the genocide, and justice and reparations for the Armenian people," the CCAF said in a statement.

The leading Armenian advocacy groups in the United States also hailed the German resolution angrily condemned by Ankara. They have for decades been lobbying for an official U.S. recognition of the genocide.

"The Armenian Assembly of America applauds the Bundestag's principled stand, especially as Turkey continues to blockade Armenia, refuses to normalize relations with Armenia and unconditionally supported Azerbaijan's recent attempt to once again wipe Armenians off the map in Nagorno-Karabakh," said its executive director, Bryan Ardouny.

The Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA), for its part, used the "historic vote" in Berlin to again decry President Barack Obama's failure to honor his past pledges to refer to the Armenian massacres as genocide. "There is still time for President Obama to follow Germany's lead, reject Turkey's gag-rule, and speak honestly about the Armenian Genocide," said Aram Hamparian, the ANCA director.

Armen Gevorgyan appointed Secretary of the National Security Council

Armenia's former deputy prime minister and minister of territorial administration Armen Gevorgyan has been appointed secretary of the National Security Council by a corresponding order issued by President Serzh Sargsyan on June 6.

The post has been vacant since spring 2014 when its holder Artur Baghdasaryan resigned after his Orinats Yerkir (Armenian Revival) party quit the governing coalition.

Gevorgyan, 42, served at different senior positions in Armenia before unexpectedly quitting the government system in October 2014.

Since then he headed the IDEa Foundation and also participated in a general management course at the business school of Harvard University, USA.

According to the presidential press service, introducing Gevorgyan to the Council's staff on Monday, President Sargsyan, in particular, said: "Armen Gevorgyan has the sufficient experience in order to be able to perform the difficult duties of the National Security Council secretary... I am sure that within a short period of time with our assistance he will be able to show



to our public and state once again that the National Security Council is an important link in our state government system."

"As you all know, the National Security Council is an advisory body, but there has not been a single major issue that would not be discussed at the Council and that a decision would not be made on it as a result of this discussion," the president added.

Gevorgyan, for his part, said: "I am sure that through our joint efforts we will, indeed, be able to do so that all expectations from this body are justified."

Death threats mount against German Green leader Ozdemir over Armenian Genocide vote

German Green party leader Cem Ozdemir, a German-Turk who proposed a resolution to recognize the 1915-16 mass killings of Armenians in Turkey as genocide, is under police protection after receiving death threats, the Sunday edition of Die Welt reports.

"We are thoroughly used to abuse and insults, but we have never experienced such a high number of death threats," the head of Ozdemir's office Marc Berthold told Die Welt.

The Berlin police increased their presence around Ozdemir's flat on Thursday following the almost unanimously approved resolution in the German parliament recognizing the killings of up to 1.5 million Armenians by the Ottoman Empire as genocide.

Ozdemir said that extremists were not unique to Germany. "Right-wing radicalism is not a German privilege. Unfortunately it also exists in Turkey and among German Turks," Ozdemir told the newspaper.

Most death threats come from Turkish nationalists. "I will come to Germany and kill you," one man tweeted. Another tweet



reads: "We should honor this loose assimilated German Cem Ozdemir with a shoot in the head."

The threats, whether they arrive with flyers, mail, e-mail or Twitter, are now forwarded by Ozdemir office directly to the Federal Criminal Police Office of Germany and analyzed there.

Erdogan says Turkey may abandon Europe after German vote on Armenian Genocide



Turkish president Erdogan has threatened to "leave" Europe to deal with its migrant crisis alone, saying that Germany "blackmailed" Ankara by recognizing the Armenian Genocide. He also called out the Germans over their "history" of mass killings, Russia Today reports.

Speaking before students at Sebahattin Zaim University on Sunday, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan claimed that Germany has no moral right to blame Turkey for mass killings, given the Holocaust committed by Nazi Germany and a genocide in Namibia perpetrated by the German Empire.

"Germany! I am telling again: first, you have to give an account of the Holocaust. How you decimated, killed over 100 thousand Namibians in Namibia, you should give an account of that," he said, as cited by The Daily Sabah. Erdogan added that Germany is the "last country" to make judgements on genocide, given its "history of massacres."

The German Empire carried out racially-motivated mass killings of tens of thousands of Namibians during colonial wars

waged on the territory of modern-day Namibia from 1904 to 1907. According to various estimates, between 24,000 and 100,000 ethnic Herero and 10,000 Nama tribal people died as a result of starvation, abuse, and diseases during the course of the warfare and in concentration camps.

However, in contrast to Ankara's defiant stance on the Armenian Genocide, the German parliament admitted that the Namibian killings were a part of a "race war" that should be considered a "genocide" in 2015.

Erdogan praised Turkish history as one "of mercy and compassion," while blaming the West for exploiting millions of African immigrants for cheap labor.

"Under the elegant pavements of Berlin, Paris, Brussels are lives, blood, efforts and elbow greases of Africans," he said.

Despite the strained relations between Armenia and Turkey due to Ankara's vehement denial of the genocide, Erdogan claimed Armenians are welcomed in Turkey.

"If we were a country that was an enemy of Armenians, we would have sent all of these people back to Armenia," he said, referring to the community of more than 100,000 Armenians living in Turkey at the moment.

Earlier on Saturday, the Turkish leader threatened to stop helping Europe alleviate its refugee crisis if the EU continues to put pressure on Turkey for refusing to acknowledge the atrocities, stressing that Turkey "will never accept the accusations of genocide," according to the Hurriyet Daily newspaper.

"Either we find solutions to our problems in a fair way, or Turkey will stop being a barrier in front of the problems of Europe. We will leave you to your own worries," Erdogan warned, accusing the EU of employing "propaganda machines, Armenians, or terror groups" to shatter its international positions.

"Stream of Light" & "Armenians in Mexico": ACCEA to host two ethnographic exhibitions

From June 13 to July 2, 2016, the entire Armenian Center for Contemporary Experimental Art (ACCEA) in Yerevan will be subsumed with ethnographic photography and documentation touching upon the little known world of diaspora Armenians during their 'great' repatriation to Soviet Armenia after World War II to the early 1970s in an exhibition entitled, Stream of Light. Equally, viewers of the ACCEA will have an opportunity to learn about one of the oldest settlements of Armenians in the diaspora: Mexico from 1632 to 1950s, in a side exhibition entitled, Armenians of Mexico. The opening reception will be held on Friday, June 17 at 18:00, with a special film screening at 19:30.

Armenians of Mexico

While the numbers are not many, Armenians traveling or doing business in Colonial Mexico (New Spain) has a history of over three hundred years ago. By the nineteenth century, some Armenians became well known in Mexican society, such as Jacobo Harootian, who was the first Armenian to be given status as a General in the army. The vast majority of Armenians who settled in Mexico were not there to search for adventure, but were victims of persecution, stemming from the genocide.

Over the years, the Armenians in Mexico failed to create the necessary institutions to preserve their identity, but some members of community kept their dreams of returning to their homeland very much alive. They considered their displacement in Mexico to be temporary and maintained strong bonds to other Armenian communities, especially in the United States. Today, the assimilated Armenian community has re-started a

connection with their past and their identity. This exhibition is part of their process to maintain their memory and reconstruct their connection to their Armenian identity.

Major sponsorship for Armenians of Mexico comes from the Chitjian Foundation, the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia in Mexico, and CIESAS.

Stream of Light: Post-WWII Repatriation to Soviet Armenia

The post-WWII repatriation to Soviet Armenia indelibly changed the lives of those Armenians from the diaspora who entered the communist country in 1946 to 1949. As a young child I never fully understood my place within this anthropological phenomenon, born in Soviet Armenia to an American-Armenian father and a French-Armenian mother at the height of the cold war. This exhibition documents the historic and ethnographic path of Armenians in the Diaspora from the 1940s to the early 1970s with photographs from surviving repatriates and documents from national archives.

At great cost, the collective cultural and economic contribution of the repatriates illuminated a country placed in darkness during the Stalin years. Based on research of survivors, including interviews, and the collection of documents and photographs, the exhibition aims to enlighten those unaware of the sacrifices made, the lives shortened, and the lies endured in what was essentially a life-altering decision to 'go home' and live at the foot of Mount Ararat. Major sponsorship for Stream of Light: Post WWII-Repatriation to Soviet Armenia comes from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.

About Carlos Antaramián

After studying International Affairs at the National University of Mexico (UNAM), Carlos Antaramián got an M.A. (2001) and a PhD (2006) in Social Anthropology from El Colegio de Michoacán (México). His research interests focus on migration and transnational communities, genocides, Armenian communities and the commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. He has published the book *From Ararat to Popocatepetl. Armenians in Mexico* (2011), and a documentary related to the settlement of

Armenians of Mexico

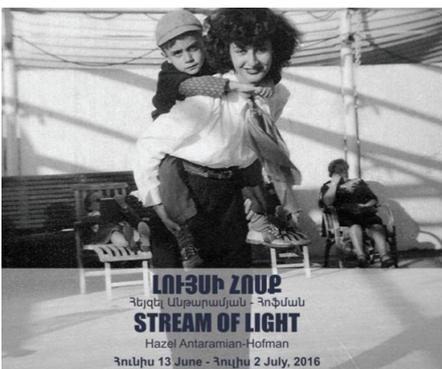


Armenians in Mexico City after the genocide The Armenians in La Merced (2012). He was the curator of the Exhibition *Armenia, an Open Wound* in Museo Memoria and Tolerancia in Mexico City (2015) and at the Brand Library in Glendale (2016).

About Hazel Antaramian Hofman

With a background in both the sciences and arts, Hazel Antaramian Hofman has a M.Sc. in Environmental Policy and Planning (1994) and an M.A. in Art and Design (2011). She is an adjunct art instructor at Fresno City College, an independent scholar, and an artist with Fig Tree Gallery in Fresno, California. Her current independent project encompasses a six-year ethnographic project on the post-WWII repatriation to Soviet Armenia. She has presented her illustrated lectures on the topic nationally and internationally, and published work on the repatriation in the Paris publication, *Nouvelles d'Arménie*. Her latest article on the topic was published in a special edition of the Spanish publication, *ISTOR, Armenia Una Historia*.

More recently, Antaramian Hofman has been working with other visual artists as a videographer in documenting the making and philosophy of their art. She was a contributing art writer to the art catalogue, *Body/Land: A 25-Year Retrospective of Anne Scheid* (2016); the photograph catalogue of Saroyan: *His Heart in the Highlands* (2008), and the Fresno Art Museum art catalogue, *Vostanik Adoian: aka Arshile Gorky* (2006). She is a board member of the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research and the College of Arts and Humanities at Fresno State University.



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100 years ago Syrians took in Armenians; now, Armenia is a refuge for Syrian families

Elizabeth MacBride
Forbes

One month ago, one more Syrian restaurant opened this one in Yerevan, Armenia.

"I love Armenia. It's my job, I think, to love it. I want to live here. I don't to go anywhere else," said Shaghig Rastkelenian. She fled to Armenia about four years ago from Aleppo with her family. Her two sisters and mother are working in the restaurant, which seats 35-40 and is called Zeituna.

"My mom is professional cook. She cooks Arabic food and Syrian food, and everybody knows her," said Rastkelenian. "We decided to go ahead, to make money, because nobody can live in a place without working."

As the Syrian refugee diaspora spreads across the world, one of the first signs of their integration into the communities where they land is turning out to be restaurants.

Syrians are known throughout the Middle East for their craft skills, which include cooking.

Syrian restaurants opening on Medina Street were an early effect of the refugee crisis in Amman. I've heard of a catering kitchen in Cairo, called Zeit Zeitoun, being run by Syrian refugee women, set up with the aid of the Syrian diaspora in Cairo. One of the first stories I wrote about refugees in the Middle East almost two years ago was about a Syrian woman who was supporting her family by making the savory pastry



kibbeh. There's an upcoming discussion of the culinary as part of the Syrian identity.

Stories of Syrian refugees rebuilding their lives in Armenia resonate because of the history of the connection between Syria and Armenia.

"I think for hard-working people they can find life where they want," Rastkelenian said. "The only problem here is that you can do only small businesses. The economy is slow."

She estimated that you can open a small restaurant in Yerevan for about \$10,000.

Stories about the Syrian refugees in Armenia have particular resonance because of the history of connection between the two countries. One hundred years ago, during the Armenian genocide, Syria became a refuge for families that survived forced marches and mass violence in the desert between the two countries. Now that the tables are turned, Armenia is welcoming Syrian refugees: a population of about 17,000 has reportedly come to the country of about 3 million.

Before the genocide, Aleppo had had an Armenia community dating to the Silk Road that led from China to Venice and passed through both Syria and Armenia, according to lawyer Harout Ekmanian, a Syrian who worked for a few months in Armenia in 2012 before moving to New York. When the genocide happened, the Armenians living in Aleppo led the humanitarian effort, and as a result, grew an even stronger community in the city, one that lasted and sustained its culture until now. Rastkelenian grew up speaking Armenian and attended an Armenian school.

"They call Aleppo as the mother community of the whole Armenian diaspora," he said.

Despite Armenia's high poverty rate - 30% - and its fairly slow growth, Syrian refugees by all accounts are finding a welcome in Armenia. Though they aren't able to continue in their same lines of work or businesses - a shopkeeper in Aleppo might find a market stand in Yerevan - they are finding community and support. For instance, Rastkelenian said, Syrian Armenian students attend school for free. (She finished college in Armenia).

Rastkelenian, 24, who also works as a model, has also set up an Instagram and Facebook campaign with two friends called LiveLoveArmenia, which sells bracelets emblazoned with the motto for about \$4. Their first project, she said, was hiring a Syrian-Armenian family to knit scarves and hats, which they donated to a orphans in Yerevan.

Armenia elected to UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

The 6th session of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage was held at UNESCO headquarters from May 30 to June 1.

Elections to the Intergovernmental Committee for the term of 2016-2020 were held within the framework of the session.

Armenia was unanimously elected member of the Committee from the second regional group (Eastern Europe) for a four-year term.

Countries elected from other regional

groups include Cyprus, Austria, Guatemala, Columbia, Cuba, Philippines, Zambia, Senegal, Mauritius, Palestine and Lebanon.

The core functions of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage are to promote the objectives of the Convention, provide guidance on best practices and make recommendations on measures for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage.

The Committee will further examine requests submitted by States Parties for the inscription of intangible heritage on the

Lists as well as proposals for programmes and projects. The Committee is also in charge of granting international assistance.

The Members of the Intergovernmental Committee are elected by the States Parties meeting in General Assembly according to the principles of equitable geographical representation and rotation.

States Members to the Committee are elected for a term of four years, and every two years, the General Assembly shall renew half of them. A State Member of the Committee may not be elected for two consecutive terms.

We, Armenians, no matter whether Catholic or Orthodox, love the Pope: Archbishop Raphael Minassian

Expectations in Armenia are high preceding the visit of Pope Francis to the country. "The Holy Father is coming to strengthen us Armenians in our faith. We Armenians no matter whether Catholic or Orthodox love him. After all, he recognized the genocide of our people. We will always remember him for that," Armenian Catholic Archbishop Raphael Minassian, who is responsible for Eastern Europe, told the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) in an interview.

Pope Francis will visit Armenia from 24th to 26th June. "In the past year, the pope showed strong moral leadership when he called the genocide committed against our people one hundred years ago by its name and recognized it as the first genocide of the 20th century. This is extremely important to us Armenians." The archbishop then emphasized that in this respect, one needs to understand the psychology of the Armenian people. "For one hundred years we have worked to have our suffering recognized, but to all intents and purposes without success. We only received empty promises from nations and politicians and were at the mercy of interests. The pope, however, is not a politician. He is the representative of Christ on earth, and he is concerned with truth and human rights," the archbishop said. He further declared that, despite being on the periphery geographically, Armenia is of great significance to Christianity worldwide.

"Armenia was the first country on earth to adopt Christianity. This was more than 1700 years ago. Our people continue to be influenced by the faith today. Over the centuries we have also given Christianity millions of martyrs. I always say: the Jewish people prepared the first coming of Christ. Through our martyrs, we Armenians are preparing the way for the second coming of Christ. We are bearing witness to Christ for the entire world."

The vast majority of the Armenian population belongs to the Armenian Apostolic church. The Armenian Catholic church, which is united with Rome and has about 160,000 members, emerged from this church. Archbishop Minassian said that the ecumenical relations between Catholics and the Orthodox majority are now excellent.

"I have been bishop in Armenia for six years. At no point during this time have I felt a divide between us Catholics and the Armenian Apostolic church. On the contrary, I have always been met with cooperation and sympathy. When it now became definite that the pope was coming, the head of the Armenian Orthodox church said to me that he would give his best for the visit. The relationship between our churches would become even stronger. I am also convinced of this."



He then said that the differences between the Armenian Orthodox and Armenian Catholic churches were minimal anyway. "We have the same faith, celebrate the same sacraments and have the same liturgy. The only difference is in the recognition of the pope in Rome. But other than that, there are no differences. And in any case, the Armenians, no matter whether Orthodox or Catholic, feel they are one people and one church."

The anticipation within the Armenian Catholic church for the papal visit is great, the archbishop said. "We already have a lot more applications from people who want to attend the public Mass that will be celebrated by the pope than can fit into the square. We will therefore broadcast the service on a screen set up in a second square, which the Holy Father will visit after holding the Mass. In all, we are expecting more than 50 000 people to attend the large divine service." More than 300 volunteers will ensure that the service will proceed in an orderly fashion. "They are already preparing for it with Masses and meetings. Our entire church with its forty parishes is filled with great anticipation. We hope that this will lead to a real deepening of our faith."

According to Archbishop Minassian, the situation of the church in Armenia is completely different from that in other parts of Western Europe. "There is no secularism here. The Armenians are a religious people. The people have faith. This is a fixed part of life. And our church is alive, even though there are not many of us. But for that we have many charitable projects for the poor, old and disabled. However, we as a church only have limited funds. This makes us even more grateful to Aid to the Church in Need and its benefactors for their generous support. I would like to thank them expressly for this. But now I would like to ask them specifically to pray that the papal visit will be a success."

Zodiac Weekly Forecast

Aries (March 20-April 19)



You have no new aspects this week. However, your planetary avatar, Mars, continues to be retrograde. As the ancient god of war, he represents a struggle occurring within you. The battle may be represented by a conflict of internal values or an impasse about how to access what you want. The material, moral or ethical cost of moving forward could be causing your hesitation.

Taurus (April 20 -- May 20)



You may be taking a sober look at one or more relationships. Even the very closest friends cannot know each other from the inside. Sometimes we forget this fact and need to become aware that we are actually separate beings, helping when we can. Sometimes our energy is too low to be there for one another.

Gemini (May 20-June 20)



You are in a reasonably good place with yourself at this time. Your heart and mind are flowing together. You have no conflict between your feelings and your thoughts about those feelings. This is a time for reflection on important subjects. You can make good decisions now. Family activities and traditions are comforting now.

Cancer (June 21-July 21)



Day to day life is favorable at present. There are no big conflicts between you and anyone of importance. Social life is favored with partner, friends, and neighbors. Short trips to interesting nearby places could prove refreshing and educational. Contractual agreements are favored now.

Leo (July 22-August 21)



There is the possibility that you will attract someone who is needy, causing you to feel that you should help. Before you go very far, talk to your friends and ask who this person is. He or she might be a "vampire," one who takes far more than he can give. Outside of that, there is also the possibility of an encounter with the ethereal world.

Virgo (August 22-September 22)



This is a time in which your exuberance and enthusiasm may carry you farther than you really intended to go. You will certainly have more energy to do whatever you choose, but take care that you don't promise way more than you can deliver. Your warm and generous heart will have a heyday. If money is an issue, leave the credit card(s) at home.



Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

For any number of reasons, circumstances may leave you out of the social loop this week. It's possible that you do not feel well. Astrologically this is a time for self-reflection and not self-condemnation. Having a quiet week is appropriate at this time. Don't turn this into a negative belief about yourself. Enjoy the time to be still and enjoy the quiet.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Your ruling planet, Mars, is retrograding in your sign. Your physical and libidinal energy may go into a dip for a while. You may be surprised to find that you have changed your mind about circumstances and people in your life. Do not worry. You haven't lost your mind. Your desire to back away is a signal that you are burning out and tired. Rest for now.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 20)

Don't allow fear and pessimism to interfere with your pleasure in life. If something is nagging at you, take a clear and direct look at it. Is there really anything there, or have you invented your own worry? The blues may be your companion for a couple of days over the weekend, but the cloudy time is short.



Capricorn (December 21-January 19)

Issues among people in the workplace may be prominent now. This is the time to seek out win-win solutions for anyone involved. If you have been focused on a physical self-improvement program in recent months, now is the time for display of the outcome. You will be compensated as you deserve.



Aquarius (January 20-February 17)

Aspects are not the best for the Waterbearers at this time. You may feel isolated or as though no one around you can possibly understand who or what you are. In some way life circumstances may be preventing you from communicating. This is a test of Faith. The inner critic could overrun your mind if you allow it. Remember that feelings come and go like waves. They never remain the same.



Pisces (February 18-March 19)

It is possible you will feel a sense of fatigue this week. Maybe something has caused you to be disappointed with yourself. Don't take the blues seriously or worry about yourself. In a few days you will feel much better. It is a temporary mood swing. Get some extra rest. Stay in touch with good friends.

Carolyn Rafaelian joins Forbes' list of Richest Self-Made Women



Forbes

Armenian American designer Carolyn Rafaelian has joined the Forbes' annual list of America's Richest Self-Made Women.

Carolyn Rafaelian founded fashion jewelry company Alex and Ani in 2004, taking over what had been her father's Rhode Island jewelry factory to manufacture the new age, celestial-chic bangles

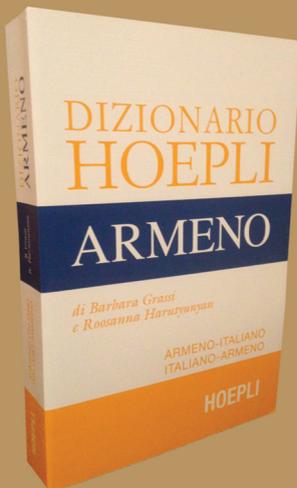
that have become the brand's staple.

To say growth has been explosive would be an understatement. In 2010, Alex and Ani - named after two of Rafaelian's daughters - did an estimated \$4.5 million in revenues. By 2015, sales had hit \$500 million, catapulting the 49-year-old onto Forbes' second annual list of America's Richest Self-Made Women thanks to her majority ownership.

Rafaelian joins the ranks at #22, with an estimated net worth of \$700 million, making her the second richest newcomer to the list, after Gail Miller, billionaire owner of basketball's Utah Jazz.

She's the richest self-made woman in the nation to derive her wealth from jewelry, and joins an impressive group of fashion and retail moguls on Forbes' ranking that includes Spanx founder Sara Blakely, preppie-chic designer Tory Burch, and bridal tycoon Vera Wang.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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