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Journalist, Analyst, Armenian Intellectual Harutyun Khachatryan Kicked the Bucket



On July 27, after a long and severe illness, Noyan Tapan Information Center analyst Harutyun Khachatryan passed away, at age 61.

He started his journalistic career in the early 1990s. H. Khachatryan was one of the journalists who were working for the "outside world", who broke the news blockade of Armenia during the Nagorno-Karabakh War (1991-1994).

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The President Held a Meeting With The Representatives Of The Society, Authorities And Clergy

Today, the President of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan held a meeting at the Presidential palace with the representatives of the different segments of the society: cultural figures, representatives of healthcare, Mass Media, public and political figures, members of the Public Council, as well as with the representatives of legislative and executive bodies, heads of the standing bodies and with the representatives of Armenian clergy headed by the Catholicos of All Armenians. President of Armenia made a statement.

Address of the President of Armenia

Your Holiness,
Distinguished Colleagues,

Yesterday, the situation created as a result of the assault by an armed group on the Police station was finally resolved. It was resolved in a way which was probably the most acceptable for all of us: the National Security Service, Police, State Security Service, the Ministry of Internal Affairs through their consistent and coordinated activities compelled the members of the armed group to put down their weapons and surrender to the authorities. I am very glad that we were able to avoid the “classical” scenario of resolving situations such as this one even though the detailed plan for the implementation of such option was certainly on hand too.

We suffered two losses and have many injured. I express my condolences to the

family and friends of the Police Force serviceman, Sergeant Yuri Tepanosian. We convey our admiration and respect to the family of Colonel Arthur Vanoyan. He was a true devotee, who had steadfastly passed from the Artsakh liberation war up to the April war, but was killed by a bullet of his fellow citizen at the moment when he was carrying out his duty towards Fatherland. Glory to you, proud Colonel!

As I have already noted, the state bodies of the Republic of Armenia took all conceivable measures to avoid human losses. With this regard, I first of all express gratitude to the representatives of the law enforcement bodies for their work. Composure and magnanimity signify professionalism and understanding of one’s own power. You have manifested them in full measure. I thank you for your expert work.

I also thank those who took the Hippocratic Oath – our doctors and medical workers for their awe-inspiring stance; I bow to their professionalism, to their courageous spirit.

I express my thanks to our General, Hero of Artsakh Vitalyi Balasanian who these days has become the voice of reason.

Distinguished Colleagues,

The unacceptable situation has come to an end; however its full resolution lies ahead. First of all there needs to be made a thorough investigation, a comprehen-

sive and unbiased examination, and an open trial. Every single person must answer for his actions only and only before the law. There will be no other options; any attempt of personal vengeance will be stopped by the law. All processes unfolding in the Republic of Armenia will take place exclusively in the framework of the RA Constitution and laws.

The time has come to draw conclusions. A full analysis of these events will take a long time. However one thing is clear: the process of the radical changes in Armenia’s social and political life must be expedited. First of all, the very existence of the disastrous tendency to solve problems through violence must be eradicated. We have no right to tolerate even a intention of solving problems by force; the next one can be disastrous for our state.

Last two weeks and the losses we suffered in the course are unacceptable – human, social, loss of values and the huge blow which our economy has suffered. No country in the world can afford such thing to happen; moreover Armenia had no right to do it.

From now on we will allow no one to take our country hostage.

We will allow no one to undermine the foundation of our state.

Problems in Armenia will not be solved through violence or arms.

Yerevan is neither Beirut nor Aleppo. Let no one aspire to import Near East solutions of the previous century, of the Cold War to Armenia. Let those who don’t comprehend this need to look at the history of Lebanon’s civil war or at the consequences of the civil war going on the moment in Syria and draw conclusions.

I express gratitude to all political figures who have manifested themselves as true political and state figures and comprehending all that was going on from day one spoke about the unacceptability of the events. Unlike a few short-sighted persons, they understand only too well where ends the line of political competitiveness and starts the security of Fatherland. Critical situations often become litmus tests, pointing out for the society and history mature persons and singling our short-sighted one and adventurists.



I also thank our prominent culture figures, our public figures, our true intellectuals who understood very well that through the public condemnation of the unacceptable steps, conveying the word of reason to the members of the armed group, they contributed to a bloodless resolution of the situation, and showed these men a safe way out. Alas, those who were cheering them up unwisely didn't understand that spilling out the spite accumulated in them they did a terrible thing and in reality led the armed ones to destruction.

Thanks God, good reason is prevailing in our country.

In Armenia a simple truth, which it seems could not be debatable in the first place, has prevailed. That truth lives in our system of values, in our mentality, in our kind, and is about our heritage. Anyone can dislike the authorities, or the government, or the President, can be categorically against our policies. However, dislike cannot be a reason for glorifying those who attempt to solve problems with arms. Authorities

come and go; encouragement of terrorism will remain as cancer and will spread; it will ruin everything our nation has created. It is dreadful, it must be fully eradicated. Ladies and gentlemen, dear young people, the encouragement of terrorism is a mortal sin. Stay away from that horror no matter what's the reason, even if it's the most compelling reason. Say no to terrorism and all its manifestations. Say no in the name of our country, our nation, our generations, our Fatherland. Say no to that cancer. Toss it away, far away. I ask you.

Dear Friends,

I thank our journalists and reporters for their dedicated work and for working for a bloodless resolution of the situation. I also apologize to the journalists for the events which took on the night of July 30; during these events it was our greatest blunder. Certainly, conclusions will be made. I ask for our indulgence, I ask journalists but not the low enforcement personnel to forget about these events, because I am confident that it will never happen again. I also want these events to have no event subconsciously an impact on the freedom of your work.

Now about the criticism which has

been voiced. I am not talking about the armed persons that were acting in a distinct terrorist style and were hiding their intentions under the slogan of patriotic and social justice. I am talking about concern which is present in some segments of our society. Yes, it is true that the Armenian authorities are not perfect. Yes, it is true that there are many problems and complex issues in Armenia. Our goal is to give them a speedy resolution.

At this stage our goal is also to form



the authorities of national accord, in which issues will be solved under a wide consensus. The constitutional reforms are aimed at exactly that; the reforms have given a base for the formation of such authorities. A government of national accord is not about a lost someone who is trying to make his way to a high position; it is about the widest possible distribution and sharing of political responsibility, and have already provided for its entire institutional base. I state with confidence that only months later we will have a government of that kind, authorities of that kind.

We follow that route and that route is

about political forces and political figures. I state once again, it's about political figures but not about those who follow the route of armed terrorism and those who support them. Thanks God, as we have seen, today we have no shortage of political figures who share the values necessary for building a state and a country. There many of them in all political parties. And it makes the political wealth of our country.

I would like to speak about another

issue, which we have spoken about on many occasions. It is about the Karabakh issue and so called "surrender of lands." My personal statements with regard to our clear-cut position on that are probably numberless. I repeat once again: there will be no unilateral concessions in the resolution of the NK issue. Never. Nagorno Karabakh will never be part of Azerbaijan. Never. I repeat once again: it is out of question. I have given my entire adult life to this. To get to the solution acceptable for my nation, I have always been ready

to sacrifice any position, and also my life. It is like that today, it will like that tomorrow.

Distinguished Colleagues,

In conclusion, I would like to stress that we as a state have emerged from that calamity event stronger. Today we are even more determined to move with doubled speed towards the implementation of the agenda of positive changes in our country. We will talk about it in a greater detail very soon.

Thank you.



Armenia standoff over: Members of armed group lay down arms

The opposition gunmen holed up in a police station in Yerevan laid down their arms late on Sunday, ending a two-week standoff with the Armenian authorities, which has left two police officers dead.

"With their consistent and coordinated actions, special units of Armenian law-enforcement bodies have forced members of the armed group to surrender to the authorities," Armenia's National Security Service (NSS) said in a statement. "Twenty terrorists have been arrested."

The NSS announced the "complete liberation" of the police compound located in the city's southern Erebuni district more than an hour after the leader of the gunmen, Varuzhan Avetisyan, said they have decided to give up themselves.

Speaking to the 1in.am news service by phone, Avetisyan said continued armed resistance would be meaningless as security forces have been methodically shooting and wounding members of his group linked to a radical opposition movement, Founding Parliament.

"We have shrunk substantially, there are approximately 20 of us remaining [barricaded inside the compound,]" Avetisyan said.

In these circumstances, he went on, the armed oppositionists chose to avoid further bloodshed and become "prisoners of war" instead.

The group reportedly had 30 or so members when it stormed and seized the Erebuni compound on July 17, demanding that President Serzh Sargsyan free Founding Parliament's jailed leader, Zhirayr Sefilian, and step down. They killed one police officer and wounded several others during the attack.

The authorities repeatedly rejected the gunmen's demanding, insisting on their unconditional surrender. They gave the gunmen until Saturday evening to surrender or face a large-scale security opera-

tion. Another policeman was shot dead shortly after the expiry of the ultimatum.

Avetisyan sought to put a brave face on the surrender, saying that he and his comrades have succeeded in dramatically increasing anti-government sentiment in Armenia.

"We consider our mission to have been accomplished," he told 1in.am. "We have caused the people to rise up."

The oppositionist, who was primarily known as Founding Parliament's chief spokesman before the attack, referred to virtually daily demonstrations that have been held in Yerevan for the past two weeks in support of his armed group. He said at the same time that the gunmen have failed to topple the ruling regime also because "the people were a bit slow to get going."

The protests organized by senior Founding Parliament members and other opposition figures drew up to several thousand people. They seemed to have lost momentum after the vast majority of the protest leaders were arrested by Saturday.

Most of them now risk prosecution on charges stemming from violent clashes between riot police and protesters which broke out near the seized police compound on Friday night. The police have been widely accused of using excessive force against the protesters.

The few protest leaders remaining at large said on Sunday morning that they are suspending the campaign because of the arrests. Nevertheless, about a thousand people sympathetic to the gunmen again rallied in Yerevan's Liberty Square and then marched through the city center in the evening.

A fringe nationalist group favoring a hard line on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, Founding Parliament has for years attempted to force Sargsyan into resigna-



tion with peaceful demonstrations. It held a series of such protests in December together with several other small opposition groups. Their campaign fizzled out due to poor attendance at those rallies.

Early this year, Sefilian tried unsuccessfully to team up with more moderate opposition parties represented in Armenia's parliament for another push for regime change.

On June 20, Sefilian was arrested for allegedly acquiring large quantities of weapons and forming an armed group to seize government buildings in Yerevan. The Lebanese-born oppositionist and his associates denied the charges as politically motivated.

Founding Parliament repeatedly demanded its leader's release in the following weeks. It claimed that Sefilian is prosecuted because he planned to thwart Armenian territorial concessions which President Sargsyan allegedly plans to make to Azerbaijan.

Following the shock attack on the Erebuni police compound, Serzh Sargsyan reportedly expressed readiness to meet with Sefilian and discuss his demands if the gunmen agree to surrender. Sefilian insisted, however, that he would negotiate with the president only after being allowed to meet his armed supporters holed up in the compound. He said Founding Parliament is prepared to reach compromise agreements with Sargsyan.

The Members of Sasna Tsrer are Heroes and Their Demand is the Demand of the Whole Nation: Aram Harutyunyan

"The members of Sasna Tsrer are heroes and their demand is the demand of the whole nation". On July 26 in Noyan Tapan News Agency press center this was announced by the president of National Agreement party Aram Harutyunyan.

According to him, there is no other way of affecting nowadays' government and changing the regime as even the four-day war of April didn't awake them.

He noticed that after July 17 the events happening in Armenia are the results of April's war and the war was the result of President Serzh Sargsyan's robbery. He claimed that Serzh Sargsyan doesn't have other way and must voluntarily leave the government as the majority of the population supports Sasna Tsrer whereas the only



support of President Serzh Sargsyan is Levon Ter-Petrosyan and some of the intelligentsia who gain money from the president.

Aram Harutyunyan stated that the members of Sasna Tsrer must not be blamed for they never wanted to spill blood and the only reason to take the guns is self-

protection. By this statement he outlined that only state authorities are responsible for the killed Police Colonel.

"National Agreement party is ready to support Sasna Tsrer as in the given situation their actions are right", said Aram Harutyunyan and persuaded all the representatives of political authorities to forget inner disagreements and lead the nation.

Answering to the journalist's question about sacred leader Catholicos Garegin II, Aram Harutyunyan answered that nowadays the church is the worst bunch of authorities and it would be better for Garegin II to reside in the residence of the president because besides baptism, birth and Memorial Days nothing else connects the church with our nation.

U.S. Embassy urges all parties to work for a peaceful resolution of the situation in Armenia

The U.S. Embassy has issued a statement on the events in Yerevan late on Friday:

The U.S. Embassy is deeply concerned by the shocking images and credible reports of violence and excessive use of force by the police to disperse protestors during the night of July 29-30. We are just as concerned by credible reports that journalists and their equipment were specifically targeted by the police during these operations, in what appears to be clear violations of the freedom of the press. We urge the Armenian government to take immediate steps to prevent a repeat of last night's actions and to direct the Armenian security forces to maintain order in a manner that upholds all Armenian citizens' rights to freedom of expression and to peaceful assembly - freedoms that are guaranteed in the Armenian Constitution and are the core values of any strong and functioning democracy. At the same time, we also urge protestors to responsibly exercise their freedom of assembly by exercising restraint, eschewing violence, and avoiding the active standoff at Erebuni police building.

We welcome the Armenian Human Rights Ombudsman's efforts to document the reports of violence against protestors, journalists, and

passersby, and to advocate for the rights of those in detention. The Prosecutor General's launch of a criminal case into violence against journalists is a positive initial step, and we call on the government to allow a full, independent, and transparent investigation into all allegations of human rights violations, and to prosecute all those involved to the fullest extent of the law. We also urge the government to take immediate steps to ensure similar violations of Armenians' constitutional and human rights do not recur.

As friend to Armenia and a partner in its democratic development, the U.S. Embassy is deeply concerned by what the events of last night indicate about the rule of law and protection of civil rights in Armenia. We remain committed to working in partnership with civil society and individuals within the government who are truly committed to strengthening rule of law. At the same time information gleaned by the investigations into police misconduct as well as information gathered by credible independent reports, will inform future decisions about participation in Embassy programs and activities.

Amidst the calls for further protests this evening, we strongly urge all parties to sincerely work for a peaceful resolution of the situation.

EU: Latest developments in Armenia worrying

"The latest developments in Armenia's capital Yerevan, related to the seized Erebuni police station, are very worrying. We call for an immediate release of the medical staff that is being held hostage," Maja Kocijancic, Spokesperson for EU Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, said in a statement.

"At the same time, we reiterate our call on the Armenian authorities to refrain from excessive use of force by the police in handling public manifestations. Likewise, demonstrators need to refrain from violence in the exercise of their civil rights," she added.

"Use of force and violence to achieve political change are not acceptable. Conflicts need to be resolved through political dialogue with a respect for democracy, rule of law and fundamental freedoms," the Spokesperson said.

OSCE: The situation in Armenia should be resolved in compliance with the rule of law

The Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan has issued the following statement on the events in Armenia:

"We are following developments with growing concern. We deplore the death of another police officer this afternoon and wish to express our condolences to his family.

With a view to the growing risk of escalation, we call on all sides to show maximum restraint from violence and to refrain from provocations. The situation should be resolved and public order restored in compliance with the rule of law.

Address to the Governments of the United Nations Member States and to the Governments of the States Having Ratified the Treaty of Sèvres

Concerning the Internal Situation of the Republic of Armenia and the Peaceful Resolution of the Questions Related to Artsakh

"One of the most important causes for the abrupt rise of tensions in Armenia is the emergence of a new option to resolve the questions related to Artsakh, including the eventuality of territorial retrocession and other similar options which are extremely sensitive for the Armenian society. It is obvious that such approaches will not lead to the bloodless resolution of the armed opposition nor to a just and definite resolution of the Artsakh question.

Consequently, we would like to attract Your attention, in the present case, to the fact that such fundamental questions related to Artsakh, the Republic of Armenia, the Near East, Western Armenia may and must be solved exclusively within the legal field, considering all the decisions regarding Armenia and Armenians that have been made throughout the 1920s and have not yet been implemented. Among these decisions are: the 92nd article of the Peace Treaty of Sèvres concerning the boundary between Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan, the articles of the Treaty of Sèvres concerning Armenia, the 28th President of the United States of America - Woodrow Wilson's Arbitral Award concerning the boundary between Armenia and Turkey.

We would like You to acknowledge that Armenians living in the Republic of Armenia, Artsakh, the Near East, Western Armenia and everywhere else are entitled to dignity, sustainable development and perspective.

We would like You to consider that during the recent period, starting from 1988 the Armenians living in Artsakh, the Republic of Armenia, the Near East have been the target of hostile plans and actions, such as, aggression, assault, deportation and blockade. Furthermore, these assaults and destruction have not only been enacted on Armenians and Armenian citizens in the region, not only on cities and villages but also on the Armenian civilizational heritage at large - churches, schools, historic and cultural edifices.

It is undeniable that Armenia and Armenians have immensely suffered and that this cannot last any longer. It is high time to fundamentally change the situation in the region and ensure peace and development.

The meaning of the present Address is to encourage Your positive, constructive response and action."

Government of Republic of the Western Armenia, Press Office

25/07/2016

Armenia ready to invest in Iran's jewelry industry

Armenian ambassador to Tehran said his country is willing to make investments in the Iranian Jewelry industry, Mehr News Agency reports.

Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to the Islamic Republic of Iran Artashes Tumanyan made the remarks during a meeting held in the Iranian capital with Head of Tehran Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture Masoud Khansari.

The Armenian official said Yerevan is a pioneer in area of jewelry turning adding "Armenian traders are also eager to participate in Iran's IT industries."

He also noted that Armenia's Central Bank holds proposals for monetary and banking ties between the two countries.

Tumanyan recalled the inked MoU for holding Armenia's specialized exhibitions in Tehran saying "the first edition of the exposition will be held in Tehran International Permanent Fairground within months providing Armenian industrial and financial firms with the opportunity to introduce their capabilities."

Ambassador of Armenia to Tehran



enumerated further venues for bolstering bilateral ties including internet provision, livestock and poultry industry.

Head of Tehran Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture Masoud Khansari, for his part, referred to great economic and industrial potentials held by the two parties noting "identifying venues for cooperation can play and important role in expanding bilateral relation between Tehran and Yerevan."

The Iranian official, while recalling

Armenia's presence in the Eurasian Union, added "mutual collaboration between the two states must lead to joint participation in third-party markets."

"Development of economic relations between the two countries requires targeted policies like strengthening the joint chambers of commerce and conducting joint exhibitions as well as the deployment and adoption of trade delegations between the two sides," Khansari recommended.

Armenian Government reports progress in talks with EU



Armenia and the European Union have made further progress in ongoing negotiations on a new agreement to deepen their political and economic ties, a senior Armenian government official said on Tuesday.

Deputy Economy Minister Garegin Melkonyan could not say, however, when the talks, which began in December, will be completed.

"We have already reached agreements on some chapters," he told reporters. "Discussions are continuing on many other chapters."

"We plan to hold two more rounds of negotiation before the end of the year," said Melkonyan. "At this point we have no acute problematic issues that can be described as sticking

points."

The planned accord is supposed to serve as a substitute for an Association Agreement negotiated by Armenian and EU officials in the summer of 2013. President Serzh Sargsyan precluded its signing with his unexpected decision in September 2013 to seek Armenia's accession a Russian-led alliance of ex-Soviet states.

The new framework deal is expected to contain many political and even economic provisions of the cancelled Association Agreement. But it will have no free trade-related component due to Armenia's membership in the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU).

Serzh Sargsyan expressed hope last month the deal will be signed "within a reasonable period of time."

Melkonyan, who is one of the main Armenian negotiators in the process, would not be drawn on when that might happen. He said only that the talks are going according to plan

"I want to note that not all texts relating to the [agreement's] section on trade and investment have been made available yet to the Armenian side by the European Union," said the official. The Armenian government will need some time to look into the anticipated EU proposals, he added.

Melkonyan also said that Yerevan is careful to ensure that the agreement's economic provisions do not run counter to Armenia's EEU commitments. "We compare every norm and arrangement under discussion with our obligations to the Eurasian Economic Union," he said.

Government reports tax revenue shortfall



The Armenian government's tax revenue increased but still narrowly fell short of a government target in the first half of this year despite continued economic growth in the country, according to official statistics.

The State Revenue Committee (SRC) said on Wednesday that it collected 511.3 billion drams (\$1.1 billion) in various taxes and duties in that period, up by 2.2 percent year on year but down from almost 520 billion drams envisaged by Armenia's 2016 state budget.

In a statement, the SRC quoted its first deputy head, Armen Alaverdyan, as attributing the shortfall to a drop in customs duties collected from imported goods and especially cars.

Alaverdyan singled out vehicles imported from Russia and other Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) member states. In March, the Armenian authorities abolished a 20 percent value-added tax on those vehicles under pressure from the EEU's Moscow-based executive body.

According to the National Statistical Service (NSS), overall imports of goods and commodities to Armenia were largely flat in January-May 2016. By contrast, Armenian exports rose by 20 percent on the back of sharp increases in shipments of Armenian brandy and agricultural products to Russia.

The stagnant imports are consistent with a 4 percent decrease in the volume of retail trade registered by the NSS in the five-month period. That in turn seems to have resulted from a continuing fall in remittances from Armenians working abroad and Russia in particular.

Nevertheless, the government maintains that economic growth in the country accelerated this year. It says that the Armenian economy expanded by 4.4 percent in the first quarter of 2016 thanks to major gains in manufacturing and services. It recorded a growth rate of 3 percent in 2015.

Both the government and Western lending institutions forecast earlier that full-year growth will slow to roughly 2 percent in 2016 due to lingering effects of a recession in Russia.

The SRC figures show that Armenia's 517 largest companies accounted for almost 55 percent of the government's first-half tax revenue. The total amount of taxes paid by them rose by around 8 percent.

Alaverdyan said the tax authorities applied "softer administration" to small and medium-sized firms in the same period. In particular, he said, they decreased the number of tax audits of such firms.

The government's tax revenue has increased considerably in the past several years. But it is still equivalent to only one-fifth of Gross Domestic Product, a low figure even by ex-Soviet standards. The modest proportion stems, in large measure, from widespread tax evasion, corruption and privileged treatment of wealthy entrepreneurs linked to the government.

S&P intends to enter Armenian market



The Director of Corporate Ratings at Standard and Poor's (S&P) international rating agency Alexander Griaznov stated on July 29 that a number of Armenian companies are interested in being rated by S&P.

Alexander Griaznov made this statement in Yerevan, at "S&P Global Ratings: New Opportunities for Growth" seminar jointly organized by the Central Bank of Armenia and HSBC Bank Armenia.

According to S&P representative, their potential clients are banks and other financial institutions at this moment, as experience shows that these organizations are the first to apply for rating.

Alexander Griaznov stated that although they don't work on Armenian market, they follow it, and respective negotiations are underway.

"Armenian market is underdeveloped from investors' point of view, but has potential for growth," Alexander Griaznov stressed.

Deputy Chairman of the Central Bank of Armenia Nerses Yeritsyan noted that ratings from large agencies have a significant meaning in ensuring access to global finances for Armenian companies.

"Rating is necessary for all the companies that strive to expand and enter global capital markets," he observed.

According to Nerses Yeritsyan, ratings allow to receive unsecured foreign finances from institutional investors, whose "capital is measured in trillions of dollars".

Moreover, ratings are important for directing internal savings to investments, which, according to Deputy Chairman of the Central Bank, are on a low level at this stage of development of Armenia.

"At present, Armenia has received sovereign credit ratings from two international agencies, Moody's and Fitch. We also consider the possibility of getting rating from S&P in the future," Nerses Yeritsyan stated.



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- 1715- **Sayat Nova Ave.**, 5/4, 70sq.m, stone bld, h-4m, 1 bedroom, capitally repaired, heating system. Price: 110.000 USD
- 1680- **Mashtots Ave.**, 5/4, 68sq.m, 1 bedroom, old repair, possibility of gas. Price: 86.000 USD.

2 ROOMS

- 3003. **Sayat-Nova str.**, 5/3, 105sq.m, 2bedrooms, stone building, capitally repaired. Price: Negotiable
- 1560. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 10/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price: 400.000 USD.
- 2818. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 120sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, furnished. Price: 400.000USD
- 1156. **Komitas Ave.**, Hambardzumyan str. 5/3, 110sq.m, 2 bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, kitchen is furnished. Price: 150.000 USD negotiable.
- 2949. **Aram str.**, Newly built, 1st floor, 143 sq.m, 2 bedrooms, zero state, Price: 2000 USD per sq.m.
- 2300. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 6/2, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: 400.000 USD.



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- 3090 **Dzorap Newly built**, 190sq.m, 2 bedrooms, study, 2 bathrooms, capitally renovated, parking, Price: 460.000 USD
- 3090. **Busand str./Near Republic Square/**, Newly built, /6th floor, 116sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms one in master bedroom, capitally renovated, open balcony. Price: 350.000 USD negotiable
- 3012. **Aram str**, Newly built, /7th floor, 136sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking, facing to bulvar, Price: 300.000 USD negotiable.
- 2998. **North Ave**, Newly built, 9/6, 181sq.m, 3bedrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, parking, Price: 700.000 USD
- 2682. **Aram Str.**, Newly built, 13/6 187sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 open balconies, capitally repaired, heating system, 2AC, 2 garages, view to garden. Price: 550.000 USD negotiable.
- 2958. **Pushkin str.**, 5/2, 140 sq.m., stone building, 4 bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system. Price: Negotiable.
- 2895. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 300sq.m, 3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, AC. Price: negotiable
- 2802. **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 8/4, 166sq.m, 3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, central heating, AC, security system. Price: 320.000 USD.
- 1104. **Komitas Ave.**, **Aram Khachatryan str.**, 5/2, 125sq.m., stone bld, h-2.75m., 3 bedrooms, office, 2 bathrooms, old repair, gas, garage. Price: 130.000 USD
- 2836. **Pushkin str.**, 4/4, 5, 400sq.m., 3 bedrooms,

3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC. Price: 460.000 USD.

•2990. **North Ave.**, Newly built, 11th floor, 295sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price: Negotiable.

PREMISES

- 1789. **Charents str.** Land-1270sq.m, 5 storied building, each floor-400sq.m., basement, capitally repaired, parkings. Price: 4.000.000 USD negotiable
- 1598. **Komitas, Nairy Zaryan str.**, 1000 sq.m., working restaurant, 1st line, capitally repaired. Price: negotiable.

- 1603. **Northern Ave.**, Ground floor of the building, 160 sq.m., zero level, window glasses. Price: 2.600.000 USD.
- 2035. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m., 1st line, facade-55m., capitally repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: Negotiable
- 2013. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m., 1st line, capitally repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 1.300.000\$ negotiable
- 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 floor of the building, 600sq.m, ground floor 300sq.m., 1st floor-220sq.m, basement-80sq.m., - 1st line, zero level, 2 entrances, facade-15m, 4 window glasses, 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, 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

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. **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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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, 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, 80sq.m., 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

- 2362. **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, /5th floor, 160sq.m, 2 bedrooms, a study, 2 bathrooms, capially renovated, furnished, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 942. **Teryan str.** 4/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capially repaired, heating system, furnshred, 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, 2 bedrooms, 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
- 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

3 ROOMS AND MORE

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

USD

- 2303. **Hanrapetutyán str** Newly built, 9/5, 165sq.m, 3bedrooms, 1bathroom, 1 guest toilet. capially repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 2005. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/8, 130 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, furnished, parking. Price: 2200 USD.
- 1723. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/4., 170 sq.m 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, open kitchen, capially repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD.
- 1981. **Vardanants Str.**, Newly built, 14/14, 140 sq m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially 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, capially 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, capially 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, capially repaired, climate control, AC, parking. Price: 5000 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 bathroom, 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. **Djrevej**, Bagrevand community. Land-1000 sq.m., 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, pantry, playing room, capially repaired, no furniture/ can be furnished, if necessary /garage for 2 cars. Price: 4 000 USD.
- 1293. **Nork-Marash**, Land-1100sq.m, 2 storied bld-520 sq.m, 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, swimming pool, garden. Price: 7.000 USD
- 327. **Nork-Marash**, Land-500sq.m., 4 storied building-600 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking. Price-4000 USD
- 1306. **Tsarav Akhbyur** /near Botanical garden/, Land-1000sq.m., 3 storied building-750sq.m., 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capially repaired, heating system swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking, with or without furniture. Price: 6000-8000 USD negotiable
- 1288. **Tsarav Akhbyur** /near Botanical garden/, Land-560sq.m., 4 storied building-560 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, a kitchen, office, capially repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden, 2 car parking. Price: 5000 USD
- 1197. **Blur**, Land-779sq.m., 2 storied building-720sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, study, capially repaired, heating system, sauna swimming pool, garden. Price: 8000 USD
- 1312. **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-450sq.m., 4 storied building-470sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable
- 1317. **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-900sq.m., 5 storied building-800sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable.
- 1323. **Monument, Babayan str.**, Land - 400 sq.m, 3 storied bld-300sq.m, each floor-100sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable

PREMISES

- 2049. **Teryan str.**, ground floor+basemnet, 1st line, 200sq.m, repaired. Price: 6.000 USD
- 1693. **Malatia-Sebastia** 4 storied building, 1200sq.m, each floor-300sq.m, 2 separate entrances, climate control, 2 elevators, basement, parking. Price: 15USD per sq.m.
- 1526. **Byuzand str.**, 5/semi-basement, 170 sqm., 4-5 degrees below zero level, window glasses, cellar - 50 sq.m., 6 rooms, the largest is 30 sq.m., 2 entrances, 2 lavatories. Price 2000 USD per month, negotiable.
- 1408. **Zarobyan str.**, /parallel to 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

Resolution on Armenian Genocide recognition submitted to Egypt's Parliament

A request submitted by independent MP Mostafa Bakri has called on parliament and the government to recognize the death of 1.5 million Armenians at the hands of the Ottoman state in 1915 as a 'genocide,' Ahram Online reports.

Independent Egyptian MP Mostafa Bakri said that he and 336 MPs have called on parliament to approve a draft resolution in favor of recognizing the death of 1.5 million Armenians at the hands of the Ottoman state in 1915 as a "genocide."

"Parliament must hold a special session on this subject because it was a crime of mass extermination that should be condemned by all world parliaments," said Bakri.

"New historical evidence has exposed the slaughter of 1.5 million Armenians at the hands of Ottoman Turks between 1915 and 1922," Bakri said, adding that his proposal "comes after the German parliament voted last month in favor of recognizing the 1915 massacre as a genocide, and many other countries are expected to follow suit."

Turkey does not officially recognize that the Armenian genocide took place. Following Germany's recent recognition of the genocide, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan recalled Turkey's ambassador to Germany for "consultation,"

with the Turkish government saying that the move by Berlin was "null and void."

Bakri concluded that "while the Ottomans committed the 1915 massacre, the Erdogan regime is now moving to commit another crime against his political opponents and minorities that seek independence."

The proposal comes after another Egyptian MP, Emad Mahrous, demanded on Sunday that the government grant political asylum to exiled Turkish opposition figure Fethullah Gulen.

Mahrous accused Erdogan of exploiting the failed coup against him this month to detain hundreds of his political opponents and turn Turkey into a Muslim Brotherhood dictatorship.

Talaat Khalil, an MP who supported Bakri's draft resolution, told reporters that genocide should be condemned by all world governments and parliaments.

"Besides, the perpetrators must admit their crimes or even apologise for them," Khalil added.

"But it is clear that the arrogant Erdogan regime will never admit that this massacre [took place] because he believes himself to be a new Ottoman sultan," said Khalil.

Khalil added that Egypt had close relations with both the Armenian people and the Turkish people.

"Egypt has always been a shelter for the Armenians since the 1915 massacre," said Khalil, arguing that "out of its political responsibility, Egypt's parliament must move to recognize the [genocide] against Armenians."

Khalil concluded by saying that "this should not be taken as a hostile move by the Egyptian parliament against Turkey, but should be seen as a move that comes out of purely humanist considerations."

Relations between Turkey and Egypt have been strained since the 2013 ouster of Egypt's Islamist president Mohamed Morsi, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood group and a close ally of Erdogan's AKP government. Erdogan has repeatedly slammed Morsi's removal as an "unacceptable coup."



Knesset Education Committee recognizes Armenian genocide

The Knesset's Education, Culture and Sports Committee on Monday announced it recognizes the Armenian genocide and urged the government to formally acknowledge the 1915 mass slaughter of 1.5 Armenians as such, the Times of Israel reports.

"It is our moral obligation to recognize the Armenian genocide," said committee chair Yakov Margi (Shas) at a committee meeting.

Margi expressed regret that the State of Israel does not currently recognize the genocide by Ottoman Turks 101 years

ago, and called on Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein to do so.

Israel's refusal thus far to formally recognize the Armenian slaughter as genocide is based on geopolitical and strategic considerations, primary among them its relations with Turkey, which vehemently denies that Ottoman Turks committed genocide. Israel and Turkey signed a rapprochement deal in June, upgrading their diplomatic relationship after years of frosty ties worsened by a fatal melee between IDF soldiers and Turkish activists aboard a Gaza-bound

ship in 2010.

During Monday's meeting, Meretz MK Zehava Galon, Zionist Union MKs Zouheir Bahloul and Nahman Shai, and Joint (Arab) List MK Dov Khenin voiced support for the measure.

Earlier this month, Edelstein (Likud) urged Israel to recognize the Armenian genocide, despite the friction it might cause with Turkey.

"We must not ignore, belittle or deny this terrible genocide," Edelstein declared as the Knesset marked the 1915 mass killing. "We must disconnect the



current interests, bound to this time and place, from the difficult past, of which this dark chapter is a part.”

President Reuven Rivlin, who was one of the most outspoken advocates for recognition of the genocide during his time as Knesset speaker, eschewed using the term during the centenary commemoration last year, disappointing Armenian leaders. He used it, however, several weeks earlier at a different event.

Israel’s ongoing denial of the Armenian genocide has thus far survived several debates in the Knesset and even efforts by a former education minister to add the topic to school curricula.

Which VP Candidate has a Better Record on Armenian Genocide Recognition?



By *Harut Sassounian*

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Now that Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have selected their vice presidential candidates, Armenian Democrats are claiming that Sen. Tim Kaine has the better record on recognition of the Armenian Genocide, while Republican Armenians are insisting that Gov. Mike Pence is the clear-cut favorite on this issue. The more important question is: does it really matter?

During his years as Mayor of Richmond and Governor of Virginia, Kaine was supportive of various Armenian issues, including Armenian Genocide recognition. As U.S. Senator, he did not cosponsor the Armenian Genocide Resolution, but voted for it in the Foreign Relations Committee in April 2014, only after demanding that all references to Turkey be removed from the Resolution. He wanted to acknowledge the Armenian Genocide, without offending the Turkish government! Sen. Kaine has also not cosponsored the currently pending Armenian Genocide Resolution.

Sen. Kaine received a C+ grade from the Armenian National Committee of America in 2014 because he:

- 1) Insisted that the text of the Armenian Genocide Resolution be watered down before he voted for it;
- 2) Did not make remarks in remembrance of the Armenian Genocide in the Senate;
- 3) Did not participate in the Capitol Hill Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide;
- 4) Did not cosponsor the Haiti and

Armenia Reforestation Act.

Gov. Pence of Indiana, Donald Trump's vice presidential nominee, also has a checkered record on Armenian Genocide recognition, while serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, 2001-13. As a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, he voted for the Armenian Genocide Resolution in 2005, but voted against it in 2007 and 2010 out of concern for its possible fallout on US-Turkey relations, while acknowledging the Armenian Genocide. In 2012, his last year in Congress, Pence received a C grade from the Armenian National Committee of America.

Below are excerpts from Cong. Pence's remarks in the Committee on Foreign Affairs on March 4, 2010:

"...I believe a genocide was committed against the Armenian people in the early part of the last century and it should never be forgotten.... The fact that more than 1 million Christians were killed makes the loss even more personal to me."

Cong. Pence continued: "While we should never forget this genocide and the lives that were lost and the lives that are still marred to this day, I sadly cannot support this Resolution.... Now is not the time for this Committee or the American Congress to take up the measure that is before us.... Turkey is a strategic partner in our ongoing efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. They share our interest in defeating international terrorism.... I rise today in respectful opposition to this Resolution, but I do so with deep respect for those on this Committee and those who would be looking on that would have the Armenian people be heard on this point. While I cannot support this Resolution, let them at least note that this American identifies with their loss, acknowledges those

tragic events of so many years ago and offers my condolences to the families who still bear the burden of what was in fact a genocide. I urge my colleagues to oppose this Resolution...."

Having reviewed the records of both candidates on this issue, one should keep in mind that:

1) Vice Presidents do not decide policy; Presidents do!

2) There is no need to argue over which candidate would recognize the Armenian Genocide, since it has been repeatedly recognized by the U.S. government as follows:

1. a) Official document was submitted to the World Court in 1951;
2. b) Pres. Ronald Reagan issued a Presidential Proclamation in 1981;
3. c) House of Representatives adopted two Resolutions in 1975 and 1984.

Consequently, Armenians should no longer seek Genocide recognition, but justice! The candidates' position on this issue matters only if they have either denied the Armenian Genocide in the past or promised to recognize it, but did not keep their word!

There are, however, several other important Armenian issues that should be discussed with political candidates, such as, supporting Artsakh (Karabagh), pressuring Turkey to restore confiscated Armenian properties, providing larger U.S. foreign aid to Armenia and Artsakh, hiring qualified Armenian-Americans, and improving trade and economic relations with the Republic of Armenia.

Unfortunately, regardless of what the issues are, one can never be sure that promises made by presidential candidates during the campaign will be remembered and kept, once the President is elected and comfortably installed in the White House!

Protests continue in Yerevan



Yerevan - (RFE/RL)

More than a thousand people blocked a major street in central Yerevan late on Saturday in continuing demonstrations held in support of an armed opposition group demanding President Serzh Sargsyan's resignation.

The crowd unblocked Marshal Bagramyan Avenue leading to the presidential palace after a police warning issued two hours later. Only up to 200 protesters remained there by that time.

The protest took place despite the arrests of several more opposition and public figures that have organized daily demonstrations since gunmen affiliated with Founding Parliament, a fringe opposition movement, seized a police compound in Yerevan's Erebuni district on July 17.

At least four of them were taken into custody after leading supporters the previous night to the Sari Tagh neighborhood overlooking the compound. Riot police used force against the protesters after they refused to disperse. More than 60 people were injured in the crackdown condemned by mainstream opposition parties and human rights groups.

The police also detained at least 165 people in Sari Tagh and on Khorenatsi Street leading to the scene of the standoff between security forces and the gunmen. Twenty-three of them were formally placed under arrest on Saturday on suspicion of organizing

"mass disturbances" just a few hundred meters from the Erebuni police premises. The others were apparently set free.

The arrested persons included two senior members of the opposition Zharangutyun party, Armen Martirosyan and Davit Sanasaryan, the former presidential candidate Andrias Ghukasyan and a well-known Armenian pop musician, Yeghishe Petrosyan.

Another protest leader, Alek Yenigomshyan, was arrested and charged with aiding the gunmen earlier this week. Yenigomshian is a leading member of Founding Parliament.

Martirosyan's lawyer, Givi Hovannisyan, said his client considers his arrest an act of "political persecution." He insisted that neither Martirosian nor the other oppositionists provoked the Sari Tagh violence.

"Armen Martirosyan on the contrary tried to prevent the clashes," Hovannisyan told RFE/RL's Armenian service (Azatutyun.am).

Sanasaryan was detained at a Yerevan hospital where he was taken early on Saturday to receive treatment for injuries suffered during the police assault. He fainted while being dragged away several plainclothes officers.

Saturday's demonstrations was led by other, less famous individuals. They refrained from staging another march to Sari Tagh or the Erebuni street section.

Instead, the protesters marched through the city center before starting a sit-in on Marshal Bagramyan Avenue. Several rows of riot police were deployed nearby to prevent them from advancing towards the presidential palace.

At one point, a middle-aged man tried to set himself on fire in a show of solidarity with the gunmen. Although other protesters quickly put out the flames, he appeared to have suffered serious burns and was hospitalized.

The remaining protesters agreed to unblock the street after a senior police officer told them that the gathering is illegal and can be forcibly dispersed.

U.S. Deplores "excessive use of force" by Armenian police

The U.S. ambassador to Armenia, Richard Mills, criticized the Armenian police on Saturday for using excessive force against protesters and assaulting journalists during an anti-government demonstration in Yerevan.

The violence unfolded as the police broke up a demonstration held in support of opposition gunmen occupying a police station in the Armenian capital. Three RFE/RL journalists were among reporters beaten up by plainclothes men thought to be law-enforcement officers or their agents.

"All of that was very troubling but it's particularly troubling, when journalists are targeted for excessive violence," Mills told RFE/RL's Armenian service. "I'm very concerned about what happened last night."

"I also came to RFE/RL [bureau in Yerevan] today to meet with the team here ... to express my support for what they're doing and my hope that tonight, throughout the weekend and the coming days as this situation continues there will be restraint on the part of government authorities and everyone who is exercising their constitutional right to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression," he said.

"We urge the Armenian government to take immediate steps to prevent a repeat of last night's actions and to direct the Armenian security forces to maintain order in a manner that upholds all Armenian citizens' rights to freedom of expression and to peaceful assembly," the U.S. Embassy in Yerevan said in a separate statement.

"At the same time, we also urge protesters to responsibly exercise their freedom of assembly by exercising restraint, eschewing violence, and avoiding the active standoff at Erebuni police building," it said.

Mills also called for "full investigation" into Friday's violence. He warned that Armenian law-enforcement officials responsible for human rights abuses could be sanctioned by the U.S. government.

"We have mechanisms in place to ensure that those who might have been involved or responsible for excessive violence last night, as determined by investigations and credible reports, are not allowed to participate in any U.S. government funding program or training," the diplomat said. "And we will ensure that that happens."

Journalist, Analyst, Armenian Intellectual Harutyun Khachatryan Kicked the Bucket

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H. Khachatryan was one of the people who founded Noyan Tapan. The inner political problems of Armenia, Nagorno Karabakh conflict, Armenia's economic situation and reforms were within the framework of his interests.

One of his famous works about Karabakh conflict resolution is the book

"The Nagorno Karabakh Conflict. Solution options: Ideas and Reality" co-worked with Azerbaijani expert Ali Abasov. The book has two editions and has been translated into four languages.

H. Khachatryan was editor-in-chief of the Noyan Tapan Highlights which is being published since 1993.

He was also the representative of Sweden-based Central Asia-Caucasus

journal in Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh.

H. Khachatryan had worked in The Institute of Molecular Biology (IMB) of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia and had a Ph.D. in Biological Sciences.

H. Khachatryan will stay in our memory as a decent person with high human values.



Team Armenia: 33 Olympic athletes

Armenia will be represented by the record number of 33 athletes at the Rio-2016 Olympic Games due to be held on August 5-21.

For 17 days, Armenian athletes of 8 sports will compete to win the champion title. Armenia set another record for this Olympics, as it is the first time that 8 female athletes are on the national Olympic team.

Armenia will compete in the following sports in the Rio-2016 Olympic Games:

Greco-Roman wrestling

European Games silver medalist Mihran Harutyunyan (66 kg), European and World champion, Olympic silver medalist Arsen Julfalakyan (75 kg), Maksim Manukyan (85 kg), and four-time European, two-time World champion, Olympic bronze medalist Artur Aleksanyan (98 kg).

Freestyle wrestling

Garnik Mnatsakanyan (57 kg), European and World champion Davit Safaryan (65 kg), World champion,

Olympic bronze medalist Georgi Ketoev (97 kg), and World Championship bronze medalist Levon Berianidze (125 kg).

Weightlifting

European champion and World Championship bronze medalist Andranik Karapetyan (77 kg), European champion Arakel Mirzoyan (85 kg), Junior Olympic and Youth World champion Simon Martirosyan (105 kg), European Championship silver medalists Ruben Aleksanyan and Gor Minasyan (+105 kg), and European Championship silver medalist Vanik Avetisyan (69 kg) as a substitute.

European and World champion Nazik Avdalyan (69 kg) and Youth European Championship silver medalist Sona Poghosyan (75 kg).

Boxing

Artur Hovhannisyan (49 kg), Narek Abgaryan (52 kg), European bronze medalist Aram Avagyan (56 kg), Hovhannes Bachkov (64 kg) and Vladimir Margaryan (69 kg).

Gymnastics

World Championship bronze medalist, European championship and World Cup winner Harutyun Merdinyan (pommel horse), European Championship silver medalist and World Cup winner Artur Davtyan (vault) and Houry Gebeshian (vault).

Athletics

Levon Aghasyan (triple jump), Amalia Sharoyan, Gor Nerkararyan (long jump), Diana Khubeseryan, Gayane Chiloyan (sprints), and Lilit Harutyunyan (hurdles).

Swimming

Vahan Mkhitarian and Monica Vasilyan (50m freestyle).

Shooting

Hrachik Babayan (10m air rifle).

Judo

Hovhannes Davtyan (66 kg).



"Nubar" Ensemble to represent Armenia at Euroradio and Viljandi Folk Festivals



Armenia will take part in the 37th Euroradio and 24th Viljandi Folk Festivals later this month.

From 28 to 31 July, the 37th Euroradio Folk Festival (EFF) will be held in Estonia, in conjunction with the 24th Viljandi Folk Festival, where some 50 artists/bands will perform (Armenia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, South Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Norway, Ukraine, Poland, Ireland, Portugal, Russia, Switzerland, Spain, Slovenia, Iceland, Sweden, Finland). Of that total, the EFF is represented by 27 groups entered by 21 EBU Members and Associates and selected by Estonian Public Broadcasting to be recorded and offered to EBU Members and Associates as part of the Euroradio concert exchange.

In a ceremony broadcast live by EBU Members Estonian Television and Estonian Radio, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, President of Estonia, will deliver the opening remarks at the 37th Euroradio Folk Festival (EFF), to be held from 28 to 31 July. Taking place in Estonia for the first time ever, this annual EBU event, launched in 1980, will be held in conjunction with the 24th Viljandi Folk Festival, presenting the best of folk and traditional music from Europe and well beyond.

Other featured speakers at the opening ceremony will include the CEO of Estonian Public Broadcasting, Margus Allikmaa, and the Euroradio Head of Music, Pascale Labrie.

Kanteles, fiddles, accordions, balalaikas, throat singing, yodeling: these and many more can be heard at the annual Euroradio Folk Festival, where bands and artists redefine the frontiers of folk music through their ethno, jazz, traditional and crossover projects. More than a mere festival, this event is a platform presenting the incredible diversity of musical genres and sounds of all lifestyles in European folk music. It aims to preserve the unique tradition of local and regional roots, while being open to the latest trends, migrations and encounters. It reflects the lives of Europeans in all their richness: who we are, where we come from, and where we are going.

Since it was launched in 1980, the Euroradio Folk Festival has been an unprecedented opportunity for over 2,000 vocal and instrumental musicians to present the multitude of traditions in Europe, but also other continents, and connect with one another. Thanks to the Euroradio network concert exchanges, many

artists have become known far beyond their borders.

The theme of this year's Viljandi Folk Music Festival is devoted to one of the most beautiful and expressive natural sound in the world - the woman's voice. But why women, one might ask. Does that not hint at inequality and discrimination? Older Estonian folk songs have always been strongly influenced by the gender binary. You can usually identify whether the songs were sung by women or men based on the themes and motifs. These themes are still relevant today because these songs were sung straight from the hearts of our ancestors and we are able to listen to them today thanks to archival records and notes. This year, we are concentrating on what our female ancestors used to sing.

This year the folk festival will welcome around 150 journalists from all over the world.

On the kind invitation of Estonian Traditional Music Centre and EBU, Public Radio of Armenia will also take part in the 37th Euroradio and 24th Viljandi Folk Festivals. Armenia and Public Radio of Armenia will be represented by "Nubar" Folk Song and Dance Ensemble. The concert will take place on July 30, at 20:00 at Traditional Music Center, Viljandi, Estonia.

Watch the live gala show on July 28, 2016 at 19:00 (GMT) on the official website of Public Radio of Armenia (www.arm-radio.am).

Armenian Traditional, Folk Dance-Song Ensemble "Nubar" is a unique Armenian ensemble that is revealing the already forgotten folk songs giving them a new sound and a new soul. "Nubar" is preserving and disseminating the Armenian folk traditions, songs and dances revealing the specifications of Armenian traditional music. From time to time the ensemble organizes outdoor master classes for public attendance teaching the passers-by the art of Armenian singing and dancing.

The main goal of "Nubar" is to preserve the heritage of our ancestors and pass it from generations to generations. From this point of view that is symbolic that all the members of the Ensemble are young enthusiastic people who are willing to be well aware of their roots and save their identity.

"Nubar" was founded in 2006 in Yerevan, Armenia. Lusine Nazaryan is the founder and artistic director of the Ensemble. This year the Ensemble is celebrating its 10th jubilee anniversary. The band has recorded 2 CDs with folk and ethnographical songs of different regions of Armenian. It has an outstanding repertoire and gives year-round concerts in Yerevan, Armenian regions, Artsakh, Georgia, as well as participates in various festivals both in Armenia and abroad. The Ensemble is always invited to have a participation in the local traditional events, fests and concerts, among these are the annual "Gutan" national song and dance festival, Dvin Festival for Armenian-Iranian friendship, Fresco International Festival of Cinematography, "Armenia on the Crossroads of Peace" annual international festival, etc. Up to now the Ensemble has given concerts in all the 10 administrative divisions - regions of Armenia and in the capital Yerevan. The Ensemble is actively involved in the activities of Armenian Public TV and Radio, including the New Year events, music programs, charity concerts, etc.

Apartment For Rent

A comfortable apartment in the center of Yerevan on the second floor of the house.

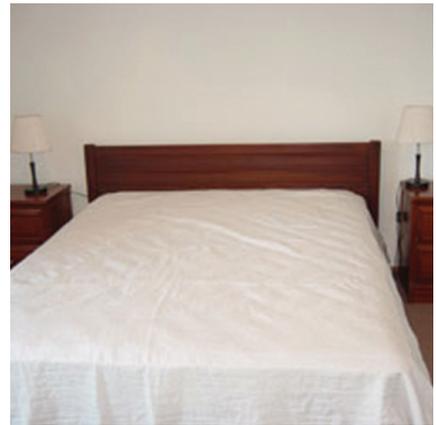
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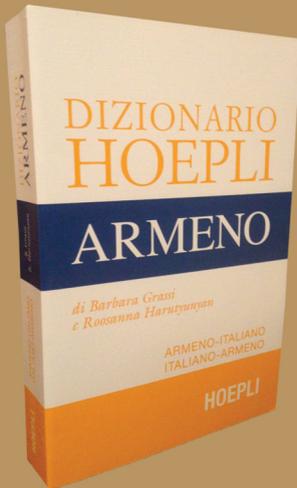
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New Armenian-Italian/Italian-Armenian dictionary released in Italy



A new Armenian-Italian, Italian-Armenian dictionary has been published in Italy. The authors of the dictionary, Rosanna 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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