

Battles in Shushi continue – Armenia MoD



Artsakh – Shushi Fortress

The battles in Shushi continue, official representative of Armenia’s Ministry of Defense Artsrun Hovhannisyan says.

“The battles continue in Shushi. Wait and believe in our troops”, he said.

“Clashes take place inside and nearby Shushi. Our troops carried out stubborn and skillful fights. I can say that the separate battle for Shushi that went on during the last 3-4 days, will be over tomorrow. I don’t want to give an early prediction but I think tomorrow the battle for Shushi will be over”, Artsrun Hovhannisyan said on Public TV.

Artsakh’s Defense Ministry reported that overnight November 7-8 the battles with variable intensity continued in all directions of the Artsakh frontline. Heavy operations took place near Shushi and in the south-eastern part from the city. The Defense Army units inflicted targeted blows on the Azerbaijani forces, repelling multiple attempts to advance. During the battles in different directions a large amount of the adversary’s manpower has been eliminated, 4 tanks, 20 other armored equipment, 11 vehicles and 2 UAVs of the Azerbaijani side have been destroyed.

In line with the combat operations the adversary has also targeted Artsakh’s capital Stepanakert and Shushi with rocket-artillery systems. Civilian infrastructure has been damaged. At dawn, accumulations of the Azerbaijani equipment and manpower were observed in the south-eastern and north-eastern directions of the frontline.

The Defense Army units control the operative-combat situation and take countermeasures

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No meeting between Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev is planned for now, Armenian Foreign Minister Zohrab Mnatsakanyan told reporters in Yerevan.

As for a possibility of a meeting between the Foreign Ministers, Zorab Mnatsakanyan said: “We are working with the co-chairs on a daily basis. Our work with the co-chairs continue on all levels.”

Asked whether the US policy could



change depending on election results, Min-

ister Mnatsakanyan said “the US has been actively involved in the process, and this will continue to be the case in the future irrespective of anything.”

“We are confident that our work with the US – as a co-chair country – will continue, and they will continue to play an active role just like Russia and France. I am confident you all see that the interest of the co-chairing countries starts from the highest level,”

Zohrab Mnatsakanyan said.

Artsakh Ombudsman briefs Spanish MP Jon Inarritu, foreign journalists on Azerbaijani atrocities



Artsakh’s Human Rights Defender Artak Beglaryan received member of the Spanish Congress of Deputies Jon Inarritu and a number of foreign journalists.

The Ombudsman briefed them on the consequences of the humanitarian disaster in Artsakh as a result of the Azerbaijani aggression, and presented facts on atrocities and war crimes committed by the Azerbaijani armed forces, collected during the Ombudsman’s fact-finding mission.

The Ombudsman stressed that over the years, Azerbaijan’s isolation of Artsakh and the international community’s inaction have created an atmosphere of impunity for Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan openly

targets peaceful communities and civilians, tortures Armenian prisoners of war and mutilates the bodies killed soldiers, being certain that the international community will not adequately respond to these war crimes.

Therefore, he said, it is necessary for the international organizations and the human rights community to be represented in Artsakh urgently.

Spanish MP John Inarritu noted that he supports the struggle of the people of Artsakh, and expressed readiness to raise the need for unconditional protection of the rights of the people of Artsakh in Spain and various EU political platforms.

Trudeau, Macron discuss Nagorno Karabakh, stress the importance of dialogue

During a phone conversation on Thursday Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and French President Emmanuel Macron discussed the situation in Nagorno Karabakh.

Prime Minister Trudeau expressed Canada’s solidarity with the people of France following recent terrorist attacks and violence. The two leaders agreed on the importance of defending freedom of expression and human rights and on their shared commitment to fighting terrorism and violent



extremism.

“The Prime Minister and the President ex-

changed views on global issues, such as the tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean and the importance of dialogue and diplomacy in seeking a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh. The two leaders emphasized their commitment to continue working together in international organizations such as NATO, the G7, and the G20, and to advance common priorities such as protecting international peace and security, and fighting climate change,” Trudeau’s Office said.

Armenia's Pashinyan congratulates Joe Biden on US election win

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan has sent a congratulatory message to president-elect Joe Biden of the United States of America. The message reads, in part:

“Dear Mr. President-elect

Please, accept our heartfelt congratulations on your election as the President of the United States of America.

I am convinced that the wealth of experience and wisdom that you gained through your distinguished career in politics and legislature will guide you well, as you lead the United States and its people on the path toward continued progress and prosperity.

Throughout your service, you have made great contributions to the strengthening of the U.S.-Armenia friendship and mutually beneficial relationship. The Armenian people appreciate your principled stance on the recognition of the Armenian Genocide, and your support for the pursuit of their fundamental rights.



Bilateral relations between Armenia and the United States, are built on shared democratic values. I am convinced that our co-operation will continue to flourish during your presidency, consistent with the level of the strategic dialogue that underlies the relationship between our two nations.

That process, of course, benefits from the invaluable role that the Armenian American community plays, acting as a bridge between our countries.

Armenia deeply values the role the United States plays in the peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, as a Co-

Chair of the OSCE Minsk Group. As you are aware, for over a month now, Azerbaijan and Turkey with the use of foreign terrorists have been fighting a war of aggression against Armenia and Artsakh in defiance of all efforts of the Co-Chairs to establish ceasefire.

As a candidate you have laid out a vision for the resolution of the conflict exclusively through peaceful means. I salute that vision.

I am hopeful that your Administration will take active steps to stop the war and bring about a comprehensive settlement of the conflict based on safeguards providing for the security of the people of Artsakh through the exercise of its right to self-determination.

Please accept my congratulations again on your election as the President of the United States, and my wishes for continued good health, and a successful and fruitful term in office”.

International community has missed out on Turkey's aggressive aspirations, Armenian President says

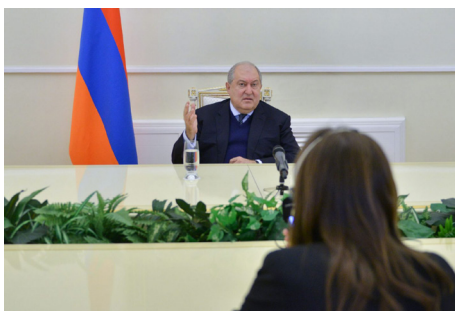
The international community is not responding decisively enough to the outbreak of war in Nagorno Karabakh, Armenian president Armen Sarkissian said in an interview with Swedish Sveriges Radio AB.

According to him, the world leaders underestimate Turkey's role in the conflict.

“Had Turkey not been involved, the military actions would have ended after two or three weeks,” the President said.

“The problem here is the Turkish equipment, the modern Turkish UVs, the technology, the F-16 fighters, the trained soldiers, the instructors, the officers, the generals who, in fact, lead the operations,” Armen Sarkissian noted.

“We all know that Turkey has one of the largest armies in the world, it is one of the most aggressive armies in the world. They are in a constant war in Iraq, in Syria, and now here. I would like the international community to act faster, to put real pressure on Turkey, because that country is a



source of instability. It is Turkey that does not allow Azerbaijan to agree to a ceasefire, Turkey wants to continue the conflict, because the longer it lasts, the deeper it will establish itself in Azerbaijan,” he added.

The President noted that Turkey's involvement in the conflict is a sensitive issue for Armenia and Armenians, for whom the memories of the Armenian Genocide in the Ottoman Empire more than a hundred years ago are still alive. At the same time, the President stressed that with its current leadership, Turkey is trying to spread its influence militarily, this time in the South

Caucasus

“The international community has missed out on Turkey's very aggressive aspirations over the past decade. The international community has failed by allowing Turkey to behave as it does today. They were not stopped in Syria, Iraq, and now in northern Lebanon. They were not stopped in the east of the Mediterranean, they were not stopped when they violated the territorial integrity of Cyprus, occupying half of it. They have violated the territorial integrity of Iraq and Syria, and now they have come to talk about the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan. This is what the international community ignores and does not want to notice,” President Sarkissian said.

“How can you have a NATO member state that exhibits such behavior? How can you negotiate with a country that declares its desire to join the EU, but its actions completely contradict all European values?” Armen Sarkissian added.

Moscow remains concerned about jihadist fighters in Karabakh



Russia has again voiced lingering concerns about the presence of fighters from the Middle East in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone.

“According to our information, members of terrorist organizations from the Middle East, who have a lot of blood on their hands, are being transported to the Karabakh conflict zone,” Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Maria Zakharova told reporters on November 5.

“We are talking about radical Jihadist mercenaries. All this cannot by worry us, as such development of the situation risks creating a new terrorist hotbed, this time in

the South Caucasus,” Zakharova said.

She noted that “Russia has been openly speaking about this from the moment we obtained relevant information.”

Zakharova said the situation in the Karabakh conflict zone remained tense during the week.

“We call on the parties to show restraint, to avoid targeting the civilian population and exclude the involvement of external forces,” Zakharova stated.

Artsakh’s Ombudsman briefs Dutch MPs on Azerbaijani-Turkish aggression

Human Rights Ombudsman of the Republic of Artsakh Artak Beglaryan participated in a special sitting of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Dutch Parliament dedicated to the Azerbaijani-Turkish aggression.

The online meeting was chaired by Joël Voordewind, the Vice-president of the Committee and Foreign Policy Spokesman of the Christian Union Party. Members of the Parliament, representatives of different parties, as well as members of the parliament staff were present.

The session was opened by the Secretary of the Federation of Armenian Organizations, Inge Drost, who presented the consequences of the aggression, stressed the



need to immediately stop Turkey and Azerbaijan, and impose sanctions.

Artak Beglaryan invited the attention of the participants to the humanitarian catastrophe, as well as, to the war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The Ombudsman underlined that the international community has a duty to take

practical measures to stop the Azerbaijani-Turkish aggression, which has caused a serious humanitarian disaster in Artsakh.

Moreover, he said, it is within the duties of the international community to ensure human rights protection in all the corners of the world, including in Artsakh, regardless of international status.

The Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia Tigran Balayan delivered a speech on the reasons and consequences of the aggression of Azerbaijan and Turkey. The participants of the session had the same opinion on an urgent ceasefire and on the necessity of bringing the war crime perpetrators to responsibility.

Fatalities among Turkish-backed Syrian mercenaries fighting for Azerbaijan jump to 250 – SOHR

Syrian Observatory activists have monitored the arrival of a new batch of bodies of the Turkish-backed Syrian mercenaries, after being killed in Nagorno-Karabakh battles while fighting on the side of Azerbaijan against Armenia.

The new batch comprised 12 bodies of Syrian fighters transported to areas under the control of Turkish forces and their proxy factions in northern Syria, said the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR).

On the other hand, SOHR activists have documented the death of at least ten mercenaries in the past few hours in the fierce battles in Azerbaijan, bringing the total

number of fatalities among the Turkish-backed factions since the Turkish government sent them to the frontlines in late September to at least 250 dead, including 195 fighters whose bodies were brought to Syria while the rest of bodies remain in Azerbaijan. Moreover, the Armenian forces have captured at least three Syrian fighters.

SOHR says the number of fighters thrown into Nagorno-Karabakh battles has risen to at least 2,580, of whom 342 fighters returned to Syria, giving up everything including their payments.

Turkey has been struggling to recruit more fighters to send to Nagorno-Karabakh



region, as a large part of the fighters refuse to fight alongside Azerbaijani forces due to the “sectarian” factor and the heavy human losses among the mercenaries.

Some of fighters sent to Azerbaijan were not even aware that the Azerbaijani forces belong to the Shiite community, and many have returned after learning about the fact.

Russia says Turkey's intelligence involved in events in Nagorno Karabakh



Sergey Naryshkin, Director of Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service, has spoken

about the sources of information on the presence of militants from Syria in the hostilities in Nagorno Karabakh, RIA Novosti reports. "We receive this data from a number of countries, from various sources and from our various partners, partner services in the Middle East," Naryshkin said in an interview with Dmitry Kiselev, director general of the Rossiya Segodnya

news agency.

He stressed that the Intelligence Service "has accurate information about the participation of militants from Syria in Karabakh."

He further noted that Turkey's intelligence is involved in the events in Nagorno-Karabakh.

"The Foreign Intelligence Service feels and sees separate elements of this work," Naryshkin stated.

Aliyev's emotional reaction to Lavrov's words unclear to Moscow – MFA

Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev's emotional reaction of to the words of Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov about foreign mercenaries in Nagorno-Karabakh is unclear to Moscow, TASS quotes a source in the Foreign Ministry as saying.

"To be honest, we do not quite understand the emotional reaction of respected Ilham Aliyev to Sergey Lavrov's comments," the agency's interlocutor said. "Maybe the presidential aides showed him someone else's material, or presented their own interpretation."

The source recalled the exact quote from Lavrov's interview to the Kommersant newspaper on November 3: "We are, of course, concerned about the internationalization of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the involvement of militants from the Middle East. We have repeatedly called on external players to use their capabilities to suppress the transfer of mercenaries, whose numbers are already approaching two thousand. This topic, in particular, was raised by Russian President Vladimir Putin dur-



ing a telephone conversation with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on October 27, in regular contacts with the leaders of Azerbaijan and Armenia. We persistently continue to promote our position through various channels."

"As you can see, there are no reproaches in the commentary either against Azerbaijan or any other country," the agency's interlocutor continued.

The interlocutor of the agency noted that Moscow has always approached its role as a mediator with the utmost care. "President Aliyev himself has repeatedly stated this. We reaffirm our commitment to promoting a peaceful, political and diplomatic settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh con-

flict. At the same time, we remain convinced that the penetration of mercenary militants into the Caucasus threatens the stability and security of all countries in the region, including Azerbaijan and Russia," the interlocutor summed up.

Commenting on Lavrov's statements, Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev said: "I, frankly speaking, regret that high ranking officials of the countries which are supposed to be neutral and are supposed to be acting within their mandate that was given to them by the OSCE use this unverified, groundless so-called information and rumors."

"Second, we do not have any mercenaries. I have said it many times. We do not need them. We have an army with 100,000 fighters and we can recruit several times more if we announce total mobilization, which we don't do, unlike Armenia. There is no evidence of any foreign fighters fighting on our side. No evidence during this time," Aliyev stated in an interview with Spanish EFE,

Turkey says “France is completely dependent on Armenian circles”



The Turkish Foreign Ministry on November 4 criticized France’s move to ban Turkish ultra-nationalist Grey Wolves group, accusing it of “becoming completely captive of the Armenian circles,” and saying

that France ignores “the rising incitement of the fanatical Armenian diaspora” within its borders, as well as threats and attacks targeting Turkish people and diplomatic missions in recent months.

According to the ministry, “the provocative and hypocritical decision of the French government was reminiscent of the country’s bad record in fighting terrorist organizations groups.”

Official Ankara also claims that the Grey Wolves organization does not exist at all, and the decision of the French government is “imaginary, hypocritical and provocative” in nature.

The statement comes after Turkish ultra-nationalist Grey Wolves group was banned in France.

The decision to outlaw the group was made after a memorial to the Armenian genocide near Lyon was defaced with pro-Turkish slogans.

The Grey Wolves, an international organization, is seen as allied to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The memorial was daubed with yellow graffiti that included Erdogan’s initials.

Beringer AERO suspends deliveries to Turkish UAV manufacturers

In a letter to the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA), Beringer AERO announced that it has suspended all deliveries for Turkish drones

Earlier this week, the ANCA documented the discovery of Beringer “Sealed Fuel Reservoirs” in Turkish Bayraktar drones in a fact sheet, which has been widely circulated to government officials and policy-making circles in Washington, DC.

Beringer has locations in Greenville, SC and Tallard, France.

Beringer’s full statement reads:

Beringer AERO suspends all deliveries to Turkish UAV manufacturers after having found out about its products mounted on



drones equipped with weapons and deployed over the Nagorno-Karabakh region to fight against the Armenian forces.

The company wants to stay in line with its ethical policy and has never allowed the use of its products on vehicles that could threaten human life (see ethical charter in attachment).

BERINGER products are designed and manufactured in

France for General Aviation and civilian purposes. They are sold worldwide through different channels and are standard off the shelves for all vehicles, including UAVs.

Therefore, the European Union Control List of Dual Use Items does not list the these products as dual use items.

Garmin company says will investigate use of its technology in Turkish drones

Garmin Ltd., an American multinational technology company, has responded to the concerns of the Armenian community related to the use of its technology in Turkey's Bayraktar drones employed by Azerbaijan in the attacks against the Armenian population of Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh)

"It has been brought to Garmin's attention that one of our products has been incorporated into drones that are being used in Bayraktar UAVs to kill innocent civilians in Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh). We condemn this violence in the strongest terms, and we are heartbroken for the loved ones of those who have been killed," the firm said in a letter to the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA).

"The Garmin product used in these drones is a commercial, non-military product that is widely available for purchase. It is not designed or intended for military use, and it is not even designed or intended for use



in drones. We are investigating how our products ended up in these drones, and we will take appropriate action following our investigation to guard against our products being used again in this manner," the company added.

ANCA earlier shared battlefield evidence confirming that Turkey's Bayraktar drones – deployed by Azerbaijan against civilians in Artsakh and Armenia – contain parts and technology from U.S. firms, U.S.-based affiliates of foreign firms, and firms located in NATO ally countries (UK, France, Germany, Austrian, and Netherlands), re-

ported the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA).

"As Americans of Armenian heritage, we will not – as a matter of U.S. law, legal liability, and basic morality – allow American parts or technology to be used by Turkey and Azerbaijan to kill civilians across Artsakh and Armenia," said ANCA Executive Director Aram Hamparian. "Join with us in demanding legislative action from Congress, a ban by the State Department, and the immediate halt by each of these firms of any current, pending, or future sales or transfers to Ankara and Baku."

The ANCA has organized a two-pronged campaign, targeting both Congress and the U.S. companies selling drone parts that have been used by Turkey and Azerbaijan to kill Armenians – asking Congress to enforce Arms Export Control laws and the companies themselves to cease any and all sales or transfers that place Armenians at risk.

France to provide emergency medical assistance to Armenia



In response to the humanitarian needs expressed by the Armenian authorities in the context of the armed conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh, France is providing emergency medical assistance to the health system of the Republic of Armenia, French Ambassador to Armenia Jonathan Lacôte said in a Facebook post.

"A mission of surgeons specialized in the

fields of orthopedics and reconstruction arrives in Yerevan today, accompanied by several deliveries of medical equipment and drugs," the Ambassador said.

"This aid illustrates France's solidarity with the victims of the conflict," he added.

This aid comes in addition to the assistance provided by local authorities of France.

Fifty tons of humanitarian aid from Moscow reach Armenia

Fifty tons of humanitarian aid from Moscow has reached Armenia, Diaspora High Commissioner's Office reports.

The aid includes medicines, medical supplies, clothing, as well as other essentials. Cargo from a number of other Russian cit-

ies, as well as France, Germany and Spain will soon be in Armenia.

The humanitarian aid arriving in Armenia from the Diaspora is coordinated by the Office of the High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs.



Unity is the guarantee of our victory, Armenia's President says

Armenian President Armen Sarkissian believes our unity is the guarantee of our victory.

Address by Armen Sarkissian, President of the Republic of Armenia, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund

Dear compatriots,
For more than a month, Artsakh, Armenia, and the entire Armenian people have been fighting

in a patriotic war, a war unleashed by Azerbaijan and Turkey, and a war against international terrorism.

Our brave military units and volunteers fight selflessly, without sparing their lives.

They are fighting for freedom and dignity, for their Homeland.

We bow to our fallen heroes and their families.

My condolences to all mothers and fathers who lost their sons, wives who lost their husbands, sisters who lost their brothers, grandparents who lost their grandchildren...

For us victory in this war means defending our home, our culture, our values, and our faith, it means doing everything to prevent a second genocide, It means a war for the memory of our heroes, the memory of our martyred heroes ...

The patriotic war that started about 30 years ago continues. I have often been asked how we managed to win with our unhealed wounds, a devastated economy and almost unarmed after the earthquake thirty years ago.



Our victory may have seemed impossible to some people, but not to us. Thirty years ago, we did not have a strong economy, roads, fuel, we did not have enough weapons.

However, we won because we had the most powerful weapon, ourselves and our unity. Even today, some people ask me: what is the guarantee of our victory today?

My answer has not changed: our unity.

I want to urge our political forces, politicians and public figures:

Be united and consolidated as people, follow the example of the people ...

Dear compatriots,

Besides the enemy attacking Artsakh, we have another enemy, the coronavirus epidemic, which takes lives every day.

My condolences to the families and relatives of our compatriots who fell victim to the epidemic.

In the fight against coronavirus, too, victory depends on us, on how united, consolidated, organized and disciplined we will be ...

I would like to express my special thanks to the vanguard of this struggle, to all health care workers, from doctors to nurses and

male nurses, paramedics, ambulance drivers and technical staff, who selflessly fight the coronavirus day and night. They are on the fore of another front ...

Dear compatriots in Artsakh, Armenia and in the Diaspora,

Thank you for all your efforts and aspirations, for your compassion and warmth, for your unity and organization, for your support that you

provide in various ways and means.

Continue your support, material and moral, through donation and charity, connections and knowledge, your direct participation or remote presence.

Realizing the seriousness of the moment and the urgency of uniting around the homeland, all the Armenians immediately joined in the work of the All-Armenian Fund, which turned into a nationwide movement.

I would like to thank all the donors from the Diaspora and Armenia.

Making donations to the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund, you are helping to address the plight of Artsakh families and refugees in Armenia, and to rebuild destroyed schools and homes.

I call on all Armenian businessmen, benefactors, unions, organizations, individuals living in Armenia, throughout the Diaspora, to do their utmost for the security of the Armenian people.

Our hope is ourselves and our true friends.

We will build our victory together.

God bless Artsakh, Armenia and all our people.

ECHR urges Armenia and Azerbaijan to comply with mechanisms for protection of persons captured in conflict



The European Court of Human Rights has urged Armenia and Azerbaijan to comply with the international mechanisms for the protection of persons captured during armed conflict.

The Court said in a statement that since 27 September 2020 it has received several requests for interim measures in the context of inter-State applications concerning the ongoing armed conflict in and around Nagorno-Karabakh.

By a decision of 29 September, the Court applied Rule 39 of the Rules of Court, calling on both Azerbaijan and Armenia to refrain from taking any measures, in particular military actions, which might entail breaches of the Convention rights of the civilian population, including putting their life and health at risk, and to comply with their engagements under the Convention, notably in respect of Article 2 (right to life) and Article 3 (prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or

punishment) of the Convention.

On 6 October the Court decided to apply Rule 39 again, now calling on all States directly or indirectly involved in the conflict, including Turkey, to refrain from actions that contribute to breaches of the Convention rights of civilians, and to respect their obligations under the Convention.

Subsequently, on 18 October the Government of Armenia lodged a request against Azerbaijan, mainly alleging violations of international humanitarian law in the treatment of prisoners of war and other persons captured during the conflict. On 26 October the Government of Azerbaijan introduced a request against Armenia, in particular alleging that civilian targets were being attacked and raising issues of territorial sovereignty.

The Court notes that, while based on serious concerns, the two inter-State requests address several subject-matters that do not fall within the Court's jurisdiction. In so far as the requests relate to the rights

under the Convention of individuals concerned, it is reiterated that the above decisions of 29 September and 6 October specifically mention the rights of civilians but also call on all States involved to comply with their engagements under the Convention. The latter expression includes also the Convention rights of those who are captured during the conflict and those whose rights might otherwise be violated.

In these circumstances, the Court finds that the issues raised in the new inter-State requests, to the extent they concern rights under the Convention, are covered by the decisions already taken. The Court reaffirms these decisions and does not see reason to indicate any further general interim measures under Rule 39.

The Court has also received numerous requests under Rule 39 concerning individual captives, lodged either by the Governments of Armenia and Azerbaijan or by relatives of the captives. In these cases, the Court has suspended the examination of Rule 39 and invited the respondent Government to provide information on whether the named individuals have been captured and, if so, under which conditions they are currently held, including any medical examinations or treatment they have undergone. The Court will keep these requests under review. At this point it further notes the existence of international mechanisms for the protection of persons captured during armed conflict and urges both Armenia and Azerbaijan to participate in the relevant procedures.

Czech MPs condemn Azerbaijani aggression against Armenians, slam involvement of Turkey



A number of deputies of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Czech Republic, have expressed their support and solidarity with the Armenian people, condemning the aggressive artillery shelling and the use of prohibited weapons against the peaceful Armenian population and civilian objects in Stepanakert and other parts of Nagorno-Karabakh, Member of the Armenian National Assembly Gayane Abrahamyan informs.

The deputies condemned the involvement of members of terrorist organizations and Turkey in the conflict, and stressed their support for the provision of humanitarian aid to the peaceful population of Nagorno-Karabakh.

recalling the 2017 resolution of the Chamber of Deputies on the recognition of the Armenian Genocide, express our support and solidarity.

In regard with the resumption of the armed conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh initiated by the Azerbaijani army in late September and the double violation of the ceasefire regime between the two warring parties we

- condemn the aggressive artillery and air strikes, including the use of prohibited weapons against the Armenian population and civilian facilities in Stepanakert and other parts of Nagorno-Karabakh;
- feel that the current situation is disas-

Below is the full text of the statement:

“We, the undersigned deputies of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament, acknowledging that the Armenian people are the heirs of the first Christian kingdom that was often threatened by foreign ene-

trous and could become one of the biggest humanitarian catastrophes in recent years;

- understand that the involvement of members of the “Islamic State” or other terrorist organizations will endanger the security of the whole world;
- do not agree with Turkey’s involvement in this conflict, as it could destabilize the situation in the entire Caucasus region; and we call upon the Turkish government to stop its military involvement in the conflict;
- call on all parties of the conflict to cease hostilities, to abide by ceasefire agreements, and to make dignified burial possible;
- ask all actors to return to the ceasefire and peaceful negotiations, which will allow to find an effective, lasting solution to the mutual disputes;
- fully support the urgent need for humanitarian assistance to the civilian population of Nagorno-Karabakh;
- ask the Czech Government to be guided by the spirit of the above principles in the European Union, the UN and other international organizations.”

Armenian American Representatives Jackie Speier and Anna Eshoo win re-election

The Armenian Assembly of America (Assembly) welcomes the re-election of Members of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues. The Assembly looks forward to working with newly-elected Representatives to increase awareness of priority issues and strengthen the Caucus even further.

“The Armenian Assembly congratulates members of the Armenian Caucus on their election day victories,” said Assembly

Executive Director Bryan Ardouny. “The leadership of Representatives Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), Jackie Speier (D-CA) and Adam Schiff (D-CA), as well as the support of the Caucus membership, have been especially important given Azerbaijan’s military offensive against the people of Nagorno-Karabakh, with the active backing of Turkey, and confirmed reports of jihadist mercenaries being recruited and deployed to fight against

Christian Armenians. The activism of the Caucus has been critical as manifested by its numerous congressional initiatives.”

Founded in 1995 by Congressman Frank Pallone and then Congressman John Porter (R-IL), the Armenian Caucus is a bipartisan group of legislators dedicated to strengthening U.S.-Armenia relations and raising awareness about key issues.

“We welcome all newly-elected Representatives to learn more about the issues

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facing Armenian Americans and invite them to join the Armenian Caucus when the 117th Congress convenes in 2021,” continued Ardouny.

“We also express our gratitude to those Members who will be leaving Congress, in particular House Appropriations Chair Nita Lowey (D-NY), House Foreign Affairs Committee Chair Eliot Engel (D-NY), Armenian Caucus Vice-Chair Peter King (R-NY), and longtime friends and Caucus Members Reps. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI), Peter Visclosky (D-IN) and Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI).”

“There is much work ahead, and the U.S.



must take decisive action, including the enforcement of Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act and sanctions against Turkey. The Assembly looks forward to working with Congress and the Caucus to address these critical issues,” Ardouny concluded.

The Assembly notes with pride that Ar-

menian American Representatives Jackie Speier and Anna Eshoo (D-CA) won re-election, and also applauds the election victories of Armenian Americans who ran for office at the state level, including: State Senator Dick Harpootlian (D-SC-20) (Harpootlian serves as the Assembly’s volunteer State Chair in South Carolina), State Rep.

Katherine Kazarian (D-RI-63), State Rep. Mari Manoogian (D-MI-40), State Rep. Mary Lou Marzian (D-KY-34), State Rep. David Muradian, Jr. (R-MA-9), and State Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian (D-CA-46).

Fresno County Board of Supervisors adopt resolution on recognition of Artsakh

Five members of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors have unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the acts of violence against Artsakh and Armenia and calling upon the United States Congress to support an immediate ceasefire, and reaffirming its support for a free and independent Nagorno-Karabakh Republic (Artsakh).

In the resolution, the supervisors stated that Turkey and Azerbaijan have attacked Artsakh and Armenia, targeting non-combatant civilians, threatening the security and sovereignty of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic (Artsakh) through hostile acts.

The document also states that in April



2013, the County of Fresno became the first County in the State of California to officially recognize the independence of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic (Artsakh). In that resolution, the Supervisors of the Fresno County noted that Artsakh is a historic Armenian province and has since maintained all the characteristics of a free country, despite continued attacks by Azerbaijan.

Prior to the adoption of this document, on October 12th, the Council of the City of Fresno adopted a resolution recognizing Artsakh as a free and independent country. The document also stated that Turkey and Azerbaijan have begun attacking Artsakh and Armenia, targeting civilians, using sui-

cide drones and ISIS mercenaries, with the mission of continuing genocide.

The Consul General of Armenia in Los Angeles Ambassador Armen Baibourtian commended the efforts of Berj Apkarian, the Honorary Consul of Armenia in Fresno and requested him to convey his profound gratitude to the Fresno County Supervisors and Fresno City Councilmembers.

Armenians hold silent protest in Prague, condemn Azerbaijani aggression against Artsakh



Dozens of people took part in a silent protest in the center of Prague to raise awareness about the ongoing war in Nagorno Karabakh. Dozens of candles were lit for the victims, Novinky.cz reports.

The participants in the demonstration held banners condemning Azerbaijan's aggression and urging the Czechs not to be indifferent to the conflict. The event was

organized by the Association of Armenian Youth of the Czech Republic.

Protesters in the square, under police surveillance, set up and lit candles to commemorate the victims.

The protesters held banners with slogans "Peace for Armenians", "Stop the Azerbaijani

aggression", "Don't be blind", "Prevent another genocide", "Killing of civilians must end" and "Czechs, speak."



Germany's Left Party urges to follow France's lead and ban the Turkish Grey Wolves group



The Left (Die Linke) parliamentary group of the German Bundestag urges the government to follow France's lead to ban the Turkish Grey Wolves ultra-nationalist group in the country.

"The federal government must harshly reject the Turkish government's anti-Armenian conspiracy theory and stand behind France's decision to ban the Grey Wolves.

Die Linke calls for the dissolution of the Federation of Associations of Turkish Democratic Idealists (ADÜTDF) — the umbrella organization of Turkish ultranationalist groups in the country," said Sevim Dagdelen, chairwoman of The Left (Die Linke) parliamentary group.

She noted that the movement is not a 'fantasy product' as assumed by the Turk-

ish government, but with around 170 local associations and 7,000 members it is one of the largest extreme right-wing anti-constitutional organizations that polarize with their agitation against Kurds, Armenians, Alevis, Greeks and Jews and aim at disintegration in Germany.

Turkish ultra-nationalist Grey Wolves group was officially disbanded in France on Wednesday.

The decision to outlaw the group comes after a memorial to the Armenian genocide near Lyon was defaced with pro-Turkish slogans.

The Grey Wolves, an international organization, is seen as allied to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The memorial was daubed with yellow graffiti that included Erdogan's initials.

Turkey has been cultivating and nurturing 29 terrorist groups in Syria, Armenian Ambassador tells OSCE Permanent Council

A state, profiting from the services of terrorists and jihadists, cannot claim any right to sovereignty over Artsakh - Armenian Ambassador

“A state, which condones and profits from the services of terrorists and jihadists, cannot claim any right to sovereignty over Artsakh and its people,” Ambassador Armen Papikyan, Permanent Representative of Armenia to OSCE stated on November 5 at the 1288th Permanent Council meeting. The Ambassador’s remarks came during a discussion on the ‘Aggression of Azerbaijan against Artsakh and Armenia with the direct involvement of Turkey and foreign terrorist fighters.’

In his speech, the Armenian Ambassador pointed to Turkey’s direct role in recruitment and deployment of terrorist fighters and mercenaries to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict zone. “For almost a decade, Turkey has been cultivating and nurturing 29 different terrorist groups in Syria, according to some estimates. It channeled arms and money to them, provided safe passage through its territory. For the last couple of years, we have seen the active use of



foreign terrorist fighters and jihadists in Syria, in Libya and now also in Artsakh. The gross violations of human rights committed by members of these groups against the local population in Syria have been presented by relevant international enquiries and reports,” said Papikyan.

He recalled the data of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, suggesting the total confirmed number of Syrian fighters at the Artsakh-Azerbaijani battlefield amount to 2,580. 342 fighters returned to Syria after they “had given up and forgone their payments”. The presence of terrorist fighters in the Karabakh conflict zone is also confirmed by interrogation of two captured fighters. “Their interrogation revealed the exact routes and schemes used for the recruitment and transfer of FTFs and jihadists to fight against Artsakh. They

have confirmed that they were recruited by Turkey to fight against “infidels”, they were promised a salary of 2,000 US dollars per month and additional 100 dollars as a reward for every severed head of the “infidels,” said the Armenian representative.

“We warned that the proliferation of international terrorism to the region of South Caucasus will have a dramatic effect for

each and every country of the region and beyond. Therefore, it is more than obvious that we should reinforce our efforts towards eradication of terrorism, and we should particularly concentrate on stopping the financing of terrorist and jihadist groups and their supporters. In this context, we should highlight again that Turkey with its recruitment scheme, supports the terrorism,” Ambassador Papikyan stressed.

In his words, only international recognition of the right of the people of Artsakh to exercise self-determination and create an independent State can provide the necessary political and legal remedies for ensuring the safety and security of the people of Artsakh and protection of their inalienable rights.

Nowhere in the world have as many Bayraktars been shot down as here

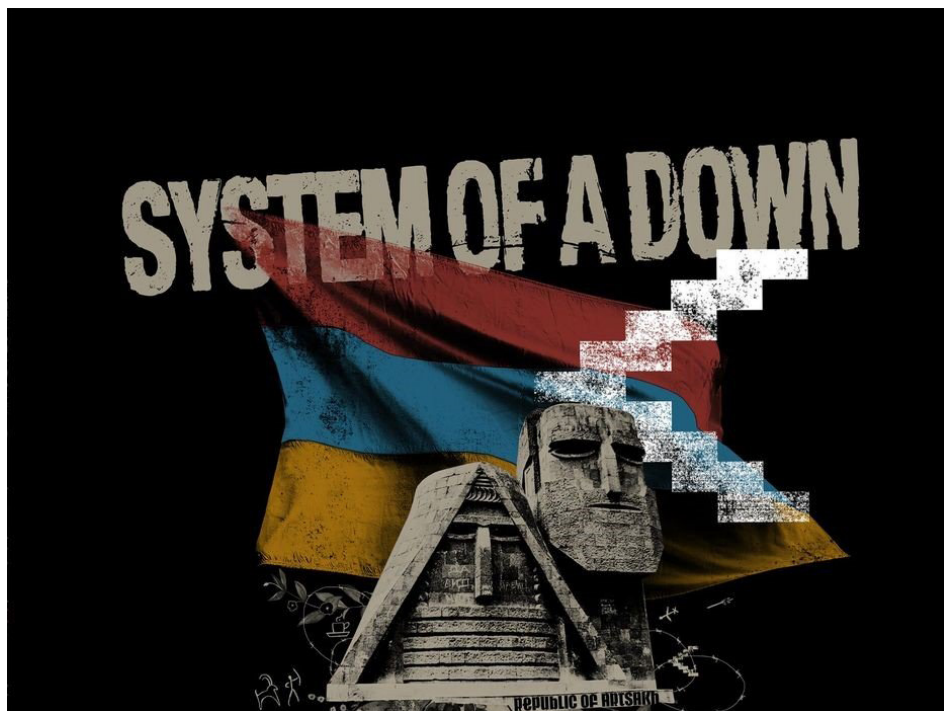


Nowhere in the world have as many Bayraktars been shot down as here, says Artsrun Hovhannisyán, official representative of Armenia’s Ministry of Defense.

The latest of the Turkish-made combat drones was shot down by the Defense Army in the southeastern direction on November 8.



System Of A Down releases new music to raise awareness about Artsakh



System Of A Down has released new music for the first time in 15 years.

“The time to do this is now, as together, the four of us have something extremely important to say as a unified voice,” SOAD said.

The two songs, “Protect The Land” and “Genocidal Humanoidz,” both speak of a dire and serious war being perpetrated upon our cultural homelands of Artsakh and Armenia.

“The current corrupt regimes of Aliyev

in Azerbaijan and Erdogan in Turkey not only want to claim Artsakh and Armenia as their own, but are committing genocidal acts with impunity on humanity and wildlife to achieve their mission. They are banking on the world being too distracted with COVID, elections and civil unrest to call out their atrocities. They have the bankroll, the resources and have recruited massive public relations firms to spin the truth and conceal their barbaric objective of genocide,” the band said.

“Between these two dictatorships, there’s a lot of disinformation and silencing of voices within their own countries. Freedom of speech is not something that is enjoyed by everyone, but it is enjoyed here, so part of that responsibility is getting the truth out there whenever possible. We’re here to protect our land, to protect our culture, and to protect our nation. This is not the time to turn a blind eye. As SOAD, this has been an incredible occasion to put everything aside and speak out for our nation, as one, as four Armenian guys,” SOAD said.

“Protect The Land” and “Genocidal Humanoidz” are now available for purchase on our official Bandcamp page SyatemOfAD-own – where band proceeds go toward the ArmeniaFund. The funds from Bandcamp + pre-orders of our new merch collection will be used to provide crucial, desperately needed aid and basic supplies for those affected by these hideous acts. Please consider the opportunity to download these songs as an act of charity irrespective of how you choose to listen to them today, tomorrow and for years to come.

“The music and lyrics speak for themselves. We need you to speak for Artsakh,” SOAD said.

Armenian schools and places of worship in France guarded by Police

Faced with intimidation and threats by Turks and Azerbaijanis, Armenian schools and places of worship in France are being protected by Police and soldiers of the Operation Sentinel.



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