

Armed attack in Yerevan: One policeman killed, two wounded



One policeman has been killed; two others are wounded after an armed attack on the headquarters of the patrol force regiment of Armenia's Police on July 17.

The group took a restricted number of policemen hostage, demanding the release of Zhirayr Sefilyan arrested about a month

ago on accusation of illegally purchasing, transporting and keeping weapons.

Two hostages have been freed, the Police said in a statement.

"The Armenian law-enforcement bodies keep control of the situation and take all necessary measures to settle it. At the

same time the National Security Service urges to disseminate information only from official sources, information from other sources contributes to the criminal actions, creates threat to the lives and health of the people.

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President Sargsyan congratulates Hollande on National Day, visits French Embassy

On the occasion of National Holiday of France, President Serzh Sargsyan visited on July 14 the Embassy of France in Yerevan. The President of Armenia congratulated Ambassador Jean-Francois Charpentier, the staff of the Embassy and in their person - the people of France. The President of Armenia underscored that he was glad to say once again on the occasion of the Holiday that Armenia is proud to have special relations with the friendly France. In the development and strengthening of the interstate relations, President Sargsyan stressed the importance and highly valued activities of the Embassy of France in Armenia and wished the diplomatic staff of the Embassy new achievements for the benefit of the two peoples and countries.

Ambassador Charpentier expressed gratitude to President Serzh Sargsyan for the visit to the Embassy, warm congratulations, good wishes and for the high assessment of the activities of the Embassy. He noted that it is a great honor and responsibility for him personally and for the staff of the Embassy through their daily work to further deepen the centuries-long friendship between Armenia and France which, according to the Ambassador, needs constant care.

On the occasion of the holiday, President Serzh Sargsyan also sent a congratulatory message to the President of the French Republic François Hollande.



"I cordially congratulate and send my best to you and the friendly people of the French Republic on the occasion of National Holiday.

The high level political dialogue between our two friendly nations and atmosphere of mutual trust constitute a solid base for the future comprehensive development and deepening of the Armenian-French relations. I am confident that through our joint efforts, we will continue to strengthen the ties binding together Armenia and France in the bilateral as well as multilateral formats for the benefit of our peoples.

Your personal persistent stance on the issue of the criminalization of the denial of the Armenian Genocide is highly appreci-

ated in Armenia; it once again underscores France's and personally yours devotion to the universal human values, particularly to the international fight aimed at the prevention of crimes against humanity.

We attach the utmost importance to the involvement and efforts of France, as a Co-Chair of the OSCE Minsk Group, together with Russia and the United States in the process of a peaceful settlement of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict for the benefit of peace and stability in our region.

I once again congratulate you on the occasion of National Holiday, wish you success and all the best, and I wish the friendly people of France greater advancement and prosperity," reads the congratulatory message of the President of Armenia.

Bulgaria's Ambassador concluding mission in Armenia

President Serzh Sargsyan received on July 14 the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Bulgaria in Armenia Georgi Karastamatov who is concluding his diplomatic mission in our country, President's Press Office reports.

President Sargsyan thanked Ambassador Karastamatov for his personal contribution to the consistent development of the Armenian-Bulgarian relations and underscored that in recent years the political dialogue between the two countries has noticeably intensified constituting a solid base and guarantee for the development and strengthening of the interstate relations in all areas.

Serzh Sargsyan expressed hope that the next ambassador of Bulgaria will also spare no effort to deepen the relations between Armenia and Bulgaria and to develop cooperation in a number of mutually beneficial areas. The President of Armenia wished all the best to Georgi Karastamanov in his future endeavors.

Ambassador Karastamatov thanked the President of Armenia for the high assessment of his work and for the assistance provid-



ed to him throughout his diplomatic tenure in our country. He assured that he was leaving Armenia with warm feelings and good impressions and would forever remain a friend of the Armenian people.

Armenian MFA: Stability in Turkey important for the region



Armenia expressed hope on July 16 that the political situation in neighboring Turkey will return to normal after a failed military coup attempt overnight that left scores of Turks dead.

"We are continuing to closely monitor developments taking place in Turkey," said the Armenian Foreign Ministry spokesman, Tigran Balayan.

"Stability and law and order in the neighboring country based on respect for democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms are important for the entire region," he wrote on Twitter.

Balayan tweeted earlier in the day that Armenian citizens in Turkey that are in need of urgent help should contact the Foreign

Ministry in Yerevan by phone or e-mail. "No country represents our interests in Turkey," he explained.

"According to preliminary information, no citizens of Armenia or [ethnic] Armenians have suffered from the events in Turkey," the Armenian Foreign Ministry said in a separate statement.

Armenia and Turkey have had no diplomatic relations ever since the break-up of the Soviet Union. Successive Turkish governments have made their establishment contingent on a resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict acceptable to Baku.

Despite the absence of diplomatic ties and an open land border between the two nations, there are regular flights between Istanbul and Yerevan carried out a private Turkish airline. According to the Armenpress news agency, the most recent of those flights scheduled for Saturday morning was cancelled because of the closure of Istanbul's Ataturk international airport.

Although the Turkish government said the situation in the country is "under control," President Recep Tayyip Erdogan posted a message on Twitter urging supporters to remain in the streets to prevent "a new flare-up" of coup activity.

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said on Haberturk television on Saturday that 161 people were killed and 1,440 others injured during the unrest the previous night. He did not appear to be including the 104 soldiers supporting the coup who were reported killed overnight, meaning the death total for the unrest would be 265.

Yildirim said 2,839 military personnel supporting the coup attempt were arrested.

Armenian among Nice attack victims

An Armenian national is reportedly among at least 84 people who were killed in the French city of Nice on Thursday night in an apparent terrorist attack strongly condemned by Armenia.

They died after a man drove a truck at high speed into a crowd celebrating Bastille Day along the city's famed Promenade des Anglais seafront. The driver opened fire on the crowd before being shot dead by French police.

French prosecutors launched a terrorism investigation into the attack that also left scores of other people injured.

The Armenian Foreign Ministry strongly condemned the attack on Friday morning before reporting that one of the victims is an Armenian citizen. "Details are being clarified," it said in a statement. "The Armenian Consulate General is in touch with the victim's relatives in order to provide necessary assistance." The ministry declined to immediately identify the victim

for what its spokesman, Tigran Balayan, called "ethical reasons." It was not clear whether the victim, which some media reports said was a woman, visited France as a tourist or resided there on a permanent basis. President Serzh Sargsyan said he is "deeply shocked" by the Nice attack in a

letter of condolence sent to his French counterpart Francois Hollande.

"France became the target of barbaric actions for the second time in the last 18 months," wrote Serzh Sargsyan. "They are a blow to not only France but also entire humankind."



Armenian Gunmen Told To Surrender

Yerevan (RFE/RL) -The Armenian authorities on July 17 warned gunmen that seized a police station in Yerevan to surrender themselves and rejected their demands to free the leader of their radical opposition group arrested last month.

General Hunan Poghosyan, the first deputy chief of the Armenian police, made clear at the same time that security forces will continue to negotiate for now with the members of Zhirayr Sefilian's Founding Parliament movement holding several police officers hostage.

"Negotiations are underway with them right now," Poghosyan told reporters near the police building controlled by the gunmen. "The police and other law-enforcement bodies are continuing to urge them to back away from their criminal plans and to surrender themselves to the authorities."

Poghosyan stopped short of setting any deadlines for their surrender. "We will continue to negotiate as long as we have hopes to resolve this situation through negotiations," he said.

"They have made only one demand: to free Zhirayr Sefilian," added the police general. Asked whether the authorities could meet it, he said: "Of course not."

The attackers also demanded President Serzh Sargsyan's resignation after they stormed the headquarters of an Armenian police unit tasked with protecting government buildings and patrolling streets.

The gunmen called on Armenians to join in their "rebellion." Very few people appeared to have taken to the streets after the appeal, however. Dozens of Founding Parliament members across Armenia were reportedly rounded up by the police in the following hours.

Poghosyan confirmed that one police officer was killed and several others wounded during the unprecedented armed attack. He identified the victim as Colonel Artur Vanoyan. Another colonel is among the wounded officers, he said.



"The entire law-enforcement system will take necessary preventive and operational measures if our appeals go unheeded," warned Poghosyan. "We are capable of neutralizing them. You can't deal with murderers otherwise."

Poghosyan again spoke to journalists at the scene later in the day, at 6:30 p.m. local time. He said that anti-terrorism forces deployed around the seized police compound are at the ready but have not yet received an order to attack it because the negotiations are going on.

"We just don't want more bloodshed and are again urging them to surrender to the authorities," added Poghosyan.

He denied unconfirmed reports that Sefilian is also involved in the talks with the gunmen.

One of the leaders of the armed group, Varuzhan Avetisyan, effectively denied, however, any negotiations with the authorities. "Only Zhirayr Sefilian can negotiate on behalf of us," he told the "Haykakan Zhamanak" daily. "We ourselves are not negotiating."

Avetisyan, who is a senior member of Founding Parliament, also said that the attacker's main demand is President Serzh Sargsyan's resignation and the formation of a "government of popular trust."

Serzh Sargsyan in emergency meeting on Yerevan hostage crisis

President Serzh Sargsyan held an emergency meeting with Armenia's top law-enforcement officials on Sunday hours

after an unprecedented armed attack in Yerevan launched by members of a hard-line group seeking to oust him.

A short statement by the presidential press office said they discussed details of the seizure of a police building and efforts by Armenian security services to retake it and free several police officers held hostage by the militants affiliated with the group called Founding Parliament.

"It was emphasized that law-enforcement bodies fully control the situation and are taking all necessary measures to resolve it," said the statement.

No other details were reported. Serzh Sargsyan did not make public statements during or after the meeting.

The Armenian president travelled to Nagorno-Karabakh on Saturday and was apparently there when the gunmen stormed the police building in Yerevan's southern Erebuni district.



Visa liberalization with Armenia on the agenda of the next Eastern Partnership summit



The action plan for beginning the visa liberalization with Armenia will be on the agenda of the next Eastern Partnership summit in 2017, Head of the EU Delegation to Armenia, Ambassador Piotr Switalski said at the "Civil Society Perspectives on EU-Armenia Relations" conference in Yerevan.

"There is an increasing interest in Armenia concerning the future of relations with the European Union, and we are now going into a very busy period in our relations. The negotiations on a framework agreement are under way. We will soon start discussing the partnership priorities between Armenia and EU within the framework of the Neighborhood Policy," the Ambassador said, addressing the conference.

Outlining the EU priorities in Armenia, the Ambassador said they want to contribute to the economic stability of the country and enhance good governance. The third priority is connectivity, he said.

"We want Armenia to be better connected to Europe in terms of infrastructure, roads, electricity connections, but also in terms of people-to-people contact, cultural exchanges, intellectual con-

nectivity," he added.

"Another priority is the security cooperation. The EU wants to help its neighbors to deal with security challenges. Of course in Armenia, the security component has a very concrete connotation, because the country faces very material military threats. But from the European perspective, we speak about a very broad range of security issues -ranging from cyber security to terrorism," Amb. Switalski noted. Another priority is the outreach to civil society and issues relating to human rights.

Speaking about the reasons why the European Union has been trying to develop a political agenda and build bridges with Armenia, Ambassador Switalski said: "We want to show that it is possible to be a loyal member of another integration project and live with European standards and have good relations with the European Union, that there is no contradiction between membership in another integration project and European values."

The Ambassador said they now have a common understanding with Armenia on issues such as fight against corruption, economic governance, etc. and the conclusion of the framework agreement will open a new chapter in the relations.

"It is the Armenian party determining the ambition in our relations. On countries like Armenia we are not trying to pursue anything, to impose egoistic agenda on the part of the European Union," Piotr Switalski stressed.

The Ambassador said in the Eastern Partnership there are two groups of countries - association countries and non-association countries. The first group includes Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, while Armenia is put together with Azerbaijan and Belarus. He added however, that the offer presented by the European Union is still non-discrimination. "Even without the association agreement the countries can enjoy a lot from the European Union," he said.

Karabakh conflict settlement to be a priority for Austrian presidency of the OSCE

The settlement of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict will be a priority for Vienna during Austria's OSCE chairmanship, Foreign Minister Sebastian Kurz told the OSCE permanent Council.

"Continuous dialogue is necessary to further the negotiation process," Kurz said.

According to the Minister, Austria will pay close attention to the settlement of all conflicts within the OSCE area.

In his first address to the OSCE Permanent Council as incoming OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Austria's Minister of Foreign Affairs Sebastian Kurz said that the fight against radicalization will be the main priority of Austria's 2017 OSCE chairmanship.

In his presentation of the Austrian OSCE chairmanship program, Minister Kurz highlighted three major threats to security and stability, that all OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation face today: the continuing increase of military conflicts; the growing threat to internal security through radical-

ization and terrorism; and the continuing loss of trust between states, as well as between citizens, on the one hand, and states institutions and organizations that need to safeguard their freedoms and values, on the other.



U.S. Embassy works with Armenian government to protect nation from disease



Armenia is better prepared to monitor, track, investigate, and stop dangerous viruses, bioweapons, and disease thanks to a series of labs renovated and modernized by the United States. The latest, a new centralized national joint facility in Yerevan, was opened on Wednesday, July 13, 2016, by the Minister of Health Dr. Armen Muradyan, the Minister of Agriculture Mr. Sergo Karapetyan, and U.S. Ambassador to Armenia Richard Mills, Jr.

The Ministry of Health's National Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ministry of Agriculture's State Service for Food

Safety Central Facilities are housed in the two buildings that were built and renovated thanks to funding from the U.S. Department of Defense's Defense Threat Reduction Agency. The construction comes as part of the Agency's Cooperative Biological Engagement Program, designed to track and secure especially dangerous pathogens in Armenia and around the globe. The efforts will strengthen Armenia's ability to detect and monitor disease patterns in order to reduce the risk of outbreaks of dangerous diseases, whether human or animal.

"The opening of this new national

central facility and our cooperation with the Ministries of Health and Agriculture benefit not just Armenia, keeping this nation safe, but the larger world by helping fight the spread of disease," Ambassador Mills said. "We know that in today's globalized and interconnected world, diseases have no boundaries. That is why we must all work together to prevent the proliferation of bioweapons."

Along with the two updated national facilities in Yerevan, the U.S. has also recently completed the renovation of the Tavush and Shirak regional laboratories and will complete the construction of three more facilities in Lori, Gegharqunik and Syunik in 2017. All of these regional laboratories will be linked to the national central facility in Yerevan.

In addition to building new labs, renovating existing labs and providing upgrades, the U.S. is providing training and equipment to support the Armenian staff working in these labs.

"These new central facilities - which contain the latest equipment and meet the highest standards - along with the ongoing training provided to the staff, will dramatically increase the capability of Armenia to detect, diagnose, and report disease outbreaks throughout the country," said Ambassador Mills, who was joined at the new facility opening by Dr. Elizabeth George from the U.S. Department of Defense's Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

Iran to increase the volume of gas supply to Armenia

Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan had a phone conversation with Iran's First Vice-President Eshaq Jahangiri on July 12.

The interlocutors hailed the relations between the two countries, which keep developing in an atmosphere of mutual trust.

The parties discussed a wide range of issues related to the further expansion and deepening of economic cooperation between Armenia and Iran.

PM Abrahamyan asked Eshaq Jahangiri to increase the volume of gas supply to Armenia, considering that the delivery of Russian natural gas to Armenia has been halted for a month



because of reconstruction works on the damaged parts of the pipeline on the Georgian territory. The response from the

Iranian side was positive.

Other issues of mutual interest were also discussed.

IFC and IAB International Academy of Business help strengthen Armenia's bank sector



IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, is partnering with IAB International Academy of Business to help Armenian banks strengthen risk management systems, so that they continue providing much-needed finance to businesses, amid the challenges in operating environment.

IFC's advisory team and IAB International Academy of Business are launching a series of workshops for banks on risk management and non-performing loans (NPLs) over the next 12 months, part of efforts to reinforce the stability of the financial institutions and prevent further NPLs. The initiative also aims to help financial institutions introduce innovative solutions for small and medium enterprises

(SMEs), helping the banks expand this line of business and increase lending to smaller businesses. Access to finance was identified as the main challenge for SMEs by the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report 2015-2016.

"Given increased volatility, it can no longer be assumed that financial institutions will continue operating as they used to in the past. Additional measures are required to help develop the foundation of the financial sector and support its growth," said Araksya Martirosian, CEO of IAB International Academy of Business. "This is an exciting initiative for the development of Armenia's economy and we are delighted to be partnering with IFC for its delivery."

"In challenging economic times, financial institutions tend to tighten their lending and focus on mid-size and large businesses. This results in credit becoming less accessible to SMEs," said Jan van Bilsen, IFC Regional Manager for the South Caucasus. "This initiative aims to help Armenian banks strengthen their risk man-

agement practices and continue financing small businesses, a key engine of economic growth."

The efforts also aim to help Armenian financial institutions understand their capital adequacy models, especially important in light of increased minimum capital regulatory requirements. It is part of the IFC Strengthening Financial Systems in Europe and Central Asia project, funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO).

Armenia became an IFC member in 1995. Since then, IFC's long-term investment commitments have totaled \$340 million, including nearly \$23 million mobilized from other lenders, financing 47 projects across a range of sectors. IFC has also supported trade transactions worth around \$130 million through its trade finance program, and implemented a number of advisory projects focused on private sector development.

In fiscal year 2015, IFC invested almost \$18 billion in developing countries worldwide.

House Committee approves \$24.1 million in non-military assistance to Armenia

The U.S. House Appropriations Committee approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (SFOPS) Appropriations Bill, which covers assistance to Armenia and the region, the Armenian Assembly of America (Assembly) reported. The bill maintains Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act and includes language for aid to nations hosting Syrian refugees.

Specifically, the SFOPS Report highlighted the need for additional assistance to "vulnerable populations in Syria and in neighboring countries," comprised of Syrian refugees, Christians, and other minorities afflicted by the Syrian civil war and persecuted by the Islamic State (ISIS). According to the bill, funds "shall be made available for programs in countries affected by significant populations of internally displaced persons or refugees."

The Committee also recommends the expansion of humanitarian programs to ensure services reach these vulnerable

populations. In addition, the House has incorporated a section on Genocide Victim Memorial Sites, where funds are appropriated "to establish and maintain memorial sites of genocide."

Similar to Fiscal Year 2016, this year's Committee report did not delineate funding levels for the South Caucasus generally, however, the Senate approved version provided \$24.1 million in non-military assistance to Armenia as well as called for continued aid to Nagorno Karabakh.

"As Congress finalizes the House and Senate Appropriations Bills, the Armenian Assembly will continue to push for additional assistance to help Armenia cope with the influx of refugees fleeing from violence in Syria, as well as for much needed humanitarian assistance to help Nagorno Karabakh rebuild after the April war launched by Azerbaijan," Assembly Executive Director Bryan Ardouny stated.

Earlier this year, 33 Members sent a letter to the House Appropriations Committee outlining funding and policy

issues for the region. Ardouny, in testimony submitted to the Committee, outlined nine key policy priorities for the Armenian American community, including assistance to Christian Armenians in the Middle East, the majority of whom are descendants of survivors of the Armenian Genocide. According to Ardouny's testimony: "The Assembly also urge[d] enhanced assistance to Christian and other minority communities at risk in the Middle East, with a particular focus of concern regarding the continued unrest in Syria, particularly the battleground city of Aleppo where Armenian churches and other institutions have come under attack."

The House Appropriations Bill, similar to the Senate's, maintains Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act as well, restating the six customary exemptions for humanitarian and other assistance to Azerbaijan. Section 907 of the 1992 FREEDOM Support Act was enacted to address Azerbaijan's hostile actions against Armenia.



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- 1440. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 110 sq.m., 1 bedroom, h-3m, euro repaired, heating system, furnished, parking. Price: 350.000 USD.
- 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.



3 ROOMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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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. **Dirvej**, 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

U.S. Instructors Train Armenian Demining Troops

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U.S. military instructors are holding the first training course for Armenian army sappers that are due to join multinational peacekeeping operations abroad in the next few years.

The three-week course which began at an Armenian military base earlier this week stems from Armenia's plans to expand its participation in such missions.

Addressing a UN peacekeeping summit in New York last September, President Serzh Sargsyan said the Armenian government will commit specialized medical and demining units for that purpose.

The Armenian military explained afterwards that it will be ready to deploy medics and sappers trained to defuse improvised explosive devices (IEDs) planted by "terrorist groups." It said the training process will likely take between two and three years.

"The course is focused on collecting intelligence data on IEDs and theoretical and practical exercises on detecting and defusing them with robots and manual mine detectors," the Armenian Defense Ministry said in a statement released on July 8.

The statement said that the U.S. military will not only hold such courses periodically but also supply relevant demining equipment to an Armenian army brigade that contributes troops to the ongoing



NATO-led missions in Afghanistan and Kosovo. The United States and other NATO member states have already provided considerable assistance to the brigade.

Armenian demining experts have until now dealt with only conventional landmines. Many of them have been trained at a demining center near Yerevan which the Armenian army opened in 2002 with financial and technical assistance provided by the United States.

The demining instructors specializing in IEDs were sent to Armenia by the U.S. Army Europe. Its commander, Lieutenant General Ben Hodges, discussed growing U.S.-Armenian military ties during a visit to Yerevan in May.

Meeting with Defense Minister Seyran Ohanyan, Hodges praised a 32-strong medical unit of Armenian peacekeeping brigade which took part in U.S.-led exercises held in Germany in April. During the three-week drills, the medics deployed a mobile field hospital that was donated to Armenia by the U.S. military in 2007.

U.S. instructors also trained last year the first group of 12 teaching personnel for the Armenian army's newly established paramedic school. Ohanian personally attended their graduation ceremony.

A total of about 130 Armenian soldiers are currently serving in Afghanistan, Kosovo as well as Lebanon. Yerevan expressed readiness late last year to also join a UN peacekeeping mission in Mali.

Armenia, Lithuania keen on developing defense cooperation



On a working visit to Lithuania, Armenian Defense Minister Seyran Ohanyan had a meeting with the country's Minister of National Defense Juozas Olekas and Foreign Minister Linas Linkevičius.

The Defense Ministers of Armenia and Lithuania discussed the perspectives of defense cooperation between the two

countries and the programs implemented under Armenia-NATO Individual Partnership Action Plan.

The parties referred to the current stage of Armenia-EU negotiations, the opportunities provided by the Eastern Partnership Program.

The interlocutors attached importance to the need of exchange of experience. Within that framework representatives of RA Armed Forces will continue the training in military-educational institutions of Lithuania.

Seyran Ohanyan and Juozas Olekas referred to security issues around Armenia and Lithuania, including the Karabakh conflict. Minister Ohanyan briefed his Lithuanian counterpart on the situation around the conflict.

Minister Olekas, in turn, expressed concern over the unprecedented escalation of the situation in April, offering his condolences over the loss of life. He noted that "there is no military solution to the Karabakh conflict."

Seyran Ohanyan and Linas Linkevičius discussed the perspectives of bilateral cooperation and referred to the negotiations on the Karabakh conflict settlement.

The Lithuanian Foreign Minister voiced his support to the peace talks within the framework of the OSCE Minsk Group co-chairmanship.

Minister Linkevičius also attached importance to the negotiations under way between Armenia and the European Union.

Bundestag's Turkish Member: 'Young Turks Are Traitors; Talat and Enver Criminals'



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Cem Ozdemir, co-chair of the Green Party, delivered a passionate speech in the German Parliament (Bundestag) on June 2, 2016, in support of the resolution recognizing the Armenian Genocide by Ottoman Turkey, while acknowledging Germany's complicity in this mass crime.

Ozdemir, born in Germany, is son of Turkish-Circassian (Cherkess) migrant parents. He was the first person of Turkish descent elected to the Bundestag (1994-2002). He reentered the German Parliament in 2013, after serving in the European Parliament from 2004 to 2009.

With support from all political parties in the Bundestag, the Armenian Genocide resolution, which Ozdemir had long championed, was adopted by the German Parliament almost unanimously, with one no vote and one abstention.

Below are translated excerpts from the remarkable speech Ozdemir delivered in German in the Bundestag on June 2nd, while wearing on the lapel of his suit the 'forget-me-not' button symbolizing the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide:

"There can be no question about the appropriateness of time when talking about unimaginable savagery like genocide. We know that after lengthy and tiresome back and forth, Germany, as an accomplice to the crime, is openly calling the event by its proper name.... This constitutes a chapter of German history." Ozdemir recalled the callous and cruel words of German Imperial Chancellor

Bethmann Hollweg: "Our whole purpose was to keep Turkey on our side during the entire course of the war. Whether Armenians were to be destroyed or not, made no difference."

In a powerful statement, Ozdemir directly addressed the Armenian guests attending the Bundestag's session on June 2nd: "Just because we were complicit in this horrible crime in the past does not mean that today we are going to side with the deniers."

Ozdemir went on to urge the millions of Turkish residents of Germany to be proud of the "heroic Turks" who rescued Armenians during the Genocide, and not "criminals like Talat and Enver."

The Turkish-German Parliamentarian then declared that the ugliest expression which causes him great pain is that 'Armenian' is used as a 'swear word' in Turkey. "They ask me if I am Armenian. I don't view someone being an Armenian as an insult. Being a descendant of a Sunni Muslim family, Eastern Christianity does not make me uncomfortable."

Ozdemir quoted his Turkish Armenian friend Hrant Dink who was assassinated in Istanbul by an extremist Turk: "If Armenians lived in Van today, that city would be the Paris of the Orient." During his visit to Armenia in March 2015, Ozdemir elaborated on Dink's statement in an interview with Civilnet: "I went to the Genocide museum and read the names and professions of the people we have lost. They were the most forward looking and brightest intellectuals of Istanbul and they were killed starting with architects, intellectuals, journalists, writers.... The Ottoman Empire exterminated the most pro-

gressive citizens in its history. The Ottoman Empire lost immensely. I think one of the reasons why Turkey isn't among the most developed countries today is because the Young Turks were not heroes, but traitors. They harmed Armenians, Assyrians and Turks as well."

The Turkish German Parliament member ended his nine-minute speech, which was repeatedly interrupted by thunderous applause, by stating that "members of Bundestag should not be threatened for expressing their thoughts. I am sure that I will not be arrested on my way home from the Parliament or that my parliamentary immunity will not be lifted; I will not be beaten up or killed. I cannot say the same thing about my colleagues in Turkey!"

Nevertheless, Ozdemir did not anticipate that after Bundestag's approval of the Armenian Genocide resolution, he and ten of his Turkish colleagues in the German Parliament would be placed under police protection after receiving numerous death threats from Turkish extremists.

In an announcement reminiscent of Hitler-era racial profiling, Pres. Erdogan advocated that the 11 Turkish members of the German Parliament who had supported the Armenian Genocide resolution undergo a blood test to prove their 'Turkishness.' Meanwhile, officials of Tokat, Turkey, Ozdemir's father's hometown, stripped his name from the list of honored sons of that city.

However, after making bombastic threats of retaliation against Germany, Pres. Erdogan was forced to restrain himself, realizing that such irresponsible steps would only lead to a devastating effect on the faltering Turkish economy!

Successors of killed Armenian family file complaint with ECHR against Russia

Legal successors of a family killed in the Armenian city of Gyumri in 2015 have lodged a complaint with the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) against Russia, Helsinki Citizens' Assembly's Vanadzor office informs.

The family, including a six-month-old baby, was killed as a result of an armed assault on January 12, 2015. Valery Permyakov, a soldier at a Russian base in the Armenian town of Gyumri, was arrested and later charged with the murder of two or more persons under the Armenian Criminal Code.

On August 12, Permyakov was found guilty of desertion, theft of weapons and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

The murder case was singled out for considering it in a separate procedure and passed to the Armenian authorities.

On October 13, Permyakov was found sane. According to experts, he was not in the heat of passion while committing the crime. He also could recognize the consequences of his actions.

On October 16, Permyakov was additionally charged with armed assault, home-invasion robbery and attempted border crossing.

He has pleaded guilty to killing seven members of the family.

In late June, a court in Armenia dismissed a lawsuit filed by the killed family successors seeking €450,000 in compensation from Russia for moral harm.

In the application filed with the ECHR the successors alleged that their rights had been violated under Article 2 (Right to life)



and Article 13 (Right to effective remedy) of the European Convention of Human Rights.

They claim that Russia has not fulfilled its obligation for prevention of obvious threat to the victims' lives, allegedly knowing that Permyakov could not be conscripted into the army and had no right to use weapon. They also insist in the complaint that Russia has not informed Armenian law enforcement officers about Permyakov's desertion in time.

The fact that the successors of the murdered family have not received access to investigation conducted by Russian authorities is mentioned among procedural faults. Thus, the applicants blew their chances for enforcement of their rights in the case including the right to file motions, challenge investigators' decisions and others.

#ARTSAKHSTRONG Telethon raises \$112,175 from Armenian-Australian community

The #ARTSAKHSTRONG Telethon, held across Australia on Monday, 18th July 2016, raised \$112,175 for the "Republic of Nagorno Karabakh Independence, Security and Peace Foundation" from the Armenian-Australian community, Armenia Online reports.

The Telethon under the auspices of Australia's Permanent Representative to the Republic of Nagorno Karabakh, Kaylar Michaelian, by the Armenian Revolutionary Federation - Australia, Hamazkaine, Homenetmen, Armenian Relief Society, the Armenian National Committee of Australia, Armenian Youth Federation of Australia and Armenia Media, Inc. with the active involvement of the entire Armenian-Australian community.

The event featured volunteers fielding calls from the Armenian Cultural Centre in Willoughby (Sydney) and the Armenian Centre in Springvale (Melbourne), as well as live interviews with the heads of all

contributing organisations on Armenia Radio and on Armenia TV (Facebook) from Sydney and Melbourne.

Nora Sevagian and Nerses Baliozian expertly directed the Armenia TV Facebook coverage, while Azniv Ingilizian, Hovsep Kopoushian and Nishan Basmajian ran the Armenia Radio coverage.

In his interview, NKR Representative Michaelian passed on the gratitude of the Artsakh government to the Armenian-Australian community.

"The financial contributions of our community will go a long way to helping secure Artsakh and the people of Artsakh, who face a constant threat to their rights to self-determination by the aggressive Azerbaijan regime," he said.

"We encourage all your donations and are humbled by this tremendous show of support by this mighty community."

The Telethon began at 7PM, and when the final total was read out at close to 11pm, over 340 donations were recorded

with the total at \$110,625. This was greeted by rapturous applause from the volunteers at the Donation Centres. The amount was further increased to a total of \$112,175 by the time the Telethon reached its conclusion.

Chairman of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation in Australia, Haig Kayserian congratulated the community.

"Our relatively small community has sent out a message today to our brothers and sisters guarding our Motherland in Artsakh, that although we are 14,000kms away from the frontlines, we are ready to continue to do our part to ensure Artsakh maintains its Independence, is Secure, and achieves Peace," he said.

Kayserian added: "We thank all those who volunteered to make tonight possible, and to our Armenian-Australian community's contributors, who answered our call to action and donated sums from \$10 to \$10,000 to keep Artsakh strong and thriving. Thank you all."

Shavarsh Kocharyan: Azerbaijan's territorial integrity has nothing to do with Nagorno-Karabakh

"The Madrid Document proposed by the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs suggests packaged settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh issue based on mutual compromises," Armenian Deputy Foreign Minister Shavarsh Kocharyan has said. The comments come after statements by the President of Azerbaijan regarding the phased solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh issue.

"One of the key elements of that packaged solution is the determination of the final legal status of Nagorno-Karabakh through a legally binding expression of will of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh. The adoption of the Madrid Document in general, including the idea of referendum as a basis for the negotiation process, was a serious compromise by the Republic of Armenia, considering that the referendum on the independence of Nagorno-Karabakh was conducted before the collapse of the Soviet Union in full compliance with the fundamental norms of the international law and the Constitution and legislation of the Soviet Union then in force," Shavarsh Kocharyan said in comments to Panorama.am.

"The idea of the new referendum was substantiated by the Co-Chairs in terms of providing the Azerbaijani leadership time to prepare their population to the inevitability of holding such referendum as well as to long-term peace and not to war. However the Azerbaijani leadership used the timeframe after the adoption of Madrid principles for distorting the essence of negotiation process, seeding hatred towards Armenians, preparing their

population for war, maintaining the tension and carrying out provocations along the borders with the Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh and the Republic of Armenia," the Deputy Foreign Minister said.

"The logical continuation of such politics was the renewal of large-scale military offensive against the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic by Azerbaijan, which represents a grave violation of the latter's international obligations under trilateral - Azerbaijan, Nagorno-Karabakh, Armenia- agreements on the establish-



ment of ceasefire regime and the enforcement of the ceasefire regime of 1994-1995, which have no time limitations. The Azerbaijani aggression was conducted by a cruelty not inferior to ISIS with grave violations of humanitarian law, including shelling of schools resulting in the death and injuries of children, torture, mutilation and killing of elderly people as well as decapitation of soldiers. Moreover, the President of Azerbaijan demonstratively decorated the barbarian, who decapitated the Armenian captive soldier, exactly how he previously glorified another barbarian

who axed an Armenian lieutenant during the NATO courses in Budapest," he added.

"The international community attempted to give the Azerbaijani leadership a chance to retake a civilized and constructive path. To that end, Baku must respect and implement the agreements reached on 16th of May in Vienna and reaffirmed on 20th of June in St. Petersburg and facilitate the creation of an atmosphere necessary for the resumption of negotiations on the Nagorno-Karabakh settlement. However, the statements of the Azerbaijani leadership prove that Baku is losing as well this opportunity provided by the mediators," Shavarsh Kocharyan noted.

"Azerbaijan's April aggression clearly demonstrated the inability of its leadership to adhere to its international commitments under the agreements signed by that very side and proved that the launch of the packaged settlement of Nagorno-Karabakh issue must start with the recognition of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic by Azerbaijan and its proclamation on the readiness to return the occupied territories of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic," he added.

"The territorial integrity of Azerbaijan has nothing to do with Nagorno-Karabakh and the conflict must be resolved within the framework of realization of the right of self-determination of people of Nagorno-Karabakh and responsibility of Azerbaijan in its aggression against the self-determined Nagorno-Karabakh Republic," the Deputy FM concluded.

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"The security of Nagorno Karabakh can be guaranteed only outside Azerbaijan," Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan said in an interview with Al Mayadeen TV, a pan-Arab news station.

"It's up to the people of Nagorno Karabakh to determine their final status just like it happens all over the world.

Had self-determination not been respected, the UN would consist of 60-70 states today. The same Armenia and Azerbaijan would not be independent countries," President Sargsyan said.

"Nagorno Karabakh has never been part of Azerbaijan," President Sargsyan said. He reminded that Karabakh was annexed to Azerbaijan at the decision of the Caucasus Bureau of the Communist Party.

"The same happened to Nakhijevan, which has been completely cleansed of Armenians, where the Armenian historical-cultural monuments have been razed to ground, and no one, including UNESCO, has able to prevent the crime," the President said.

He stressed that it's impossible to convince the people of Nagorno Karabakh to live under Azerbaijani jurisdiction.

Armenian Genocide billboards welcome delegates to Republican National Convention in Cleveland

As the 2016 Republican Convention convenes in Cleveland, Ohio next week, the Armenian Assembly of America (Assembly) embarked on an Armenian Genocide billboard campaign prominently displaying the statement of President Ronald Reagan affirming the Armenian Genocide.

With nearly 50,000 people expected at the Convention in Cleveland, the billboards are part of the Assembly's ongoing public awareness initiative. They serve as a reminder about the need to affirm the truth and learn from the past so as to prevent future genocides.

During his first term in office, President Reagan issued a proclamation which read in part: "Like the genocide of the Armenians before it, and the genocide of the Cambodians which followed it - and like too many other such persecutions of too many other peoples - the lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten."

The first two billboards, located on I-77 northbound near Grant Avenue (close to where the Convention will be held) and Carnegie Avenue westbound, features an excerpt from President Ronald Reagan's proclamation on April 22, 1981.

"The Cleveland Armenian community, and, particularly, our parishioners, are overjoyed with respect to the presence of both billboards," Rev. Fr. Hratch Sargsyan, pastor of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Apostolic Church, said. "The billboards are the talk of the Armenian community. Folks are simply ecstatic."

The billboards' media campaign was overseen by the Assembly's Ohio State Chair Ara Bagdasarian, who is also a



member of the Cleveland Armenian Genocide Centennial Committee.

"Ronald Reagan, one of the most revered Republican leaders, is the only sitting president to recognize the Armenian Genocide and use the term genocide. With these billboards, we will reiterate Reagan's statement and help ensure that the next president - whether it be Republican or Democrat - reaffirms the Armenian Genocide," Bagdasarian said. "We wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to share our message about the Armenian Genocide with the visitors coming to Cleveland during the Republican Convention. The world's spotlight and media will converge here, and we have the chance to be heard."

Donated by Debbie Abdalian-Thompson, owner of Cleveland Outdoor Advertising, the Assembly put up two of the billboards to commemorate the 101st anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and to promote public awareness during the Convention. A third billboard was added following Germany's affirmation of the Armenian Genocide on June 2. The most recent billboard reads: "Truth vs National Interest" and "Thank You Germany for Recognizing the Armenian Genocide," designed by Peace of Art and located on I-77 southbound near mile marker 157.

"I would also like to give special thanks Debbie Abdalian-Thompson and Cleveland Outdoor Advertising for her generous support," Bagdasarian added.



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"The security of Nagorno Karabakh can be guaranteed only outside Azerbaijan," Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan said in an interview with Al Mayadeen TV, a pan-Arab news station.

"It's up to the people of Nagorno Karabakh to determine their final status just like it happens all over the world. Had self-determination not been respected, the UN would consist of 60-70 states today. The same Armenia and Azerbaijan would not be independent countries," President Sargsyan said.

"Nagorno Karabakh has never been part of Azerbaijan," President Sargsyan said. He reminded that Karabakh was annexed to Azerbaijan at the decision of the Caucasus Bureau of the Communist Party.

"The same happened to Nakhijevan, which has been completely cleansed of Armenians, where the Armenian historical-cultural monuments have been razed to ground, and no one, including UNESCO, has able to prevent the crime," the President said.

He stressed that it's impossible to convince the people of Nagorno Karabakh to live under Azerbaijani jurisdiction.

ANCA roundtable spotlights expanding U.S. - Armenia economic opportunities



Members of Washington, DC's diplomatic, international finance, government, and public policy communities joined Armenian American leaders at an Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA) roundtable talk - led by the Development Foundation of Armenia's (DFA) Garen Mikirditsian - exploring strategies to expand U.S.-Armenia trade and investment and grow Armenia's economy.

The two hour program was held in the ANCA's Aramian Conference Room.

"We were pleased to provide this opportunity for Garen Mikirditsian to share his compelling vision for Armenia's economic growth, to openly address concerns raised by friends of Armenia, and to cooperatively explore ways that Armenian stakeholders in Washington, DC's international affairs community can

continue to contribute to the growth of the U.S. - Armenia bilateral economic relationship," said ANCA Executive Director Aram Hamparian, who moderated the talk.

Mikirditsian outlined the short term and long term goals of the Development Foundation of Armenia, which promotes the economic growth and global competitiveness of Armenia based businesses by attracting and encouraging investments and expanding export markets, as well as promoting Armenia internationally as an attractive tourism destination. The DFA was established by the Government of Armenia in 2015 with a Board of Directors chaired by the Prime Minister and includes representation both from the private sector and the ministries of Economy, Finance and Agriculture. Mikirditsian was appointed acting chief

executive officer in April, 2016.

Roundtable participants asked detailed questions about a broad range of topics, including efforts to expand Armenia's burgeoning IT sector, new tourism sector opportunities, the growing wine industry in Armenia, and the need to overcome longstanding obstacles to investment. Mikirditsian highlighted ongoing cooperation with the World Bank and a close working relationship with the U.S. Embassy and USAID, particularly in the joint effort with the Smithsonian Institute to develop Armenia's tourism strategy and targeted capacity building initiatives. Upcoming 2016 efforts to spotlight Armenia's textile and light manufacturing sectors during a trade exposition in Yerevan, Armenia and a planned investors' forum in the U.S. were also discussed.

The focus on U.S. - Armenia trade relations increased significantly last year with the signing of a Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA), a bilateral accord advocated by the ANCA for over a decade as part of a broader campaign to strengthen bilateral economic cooperation. To build on that understanding, the ANCA is working to secure a double tax treaty in order to establish a clear legal framework for investors and individuals that have business activities in both jurisdictions, preventing double taxation and facilitating the expansion of economic relations.

Armenia to launch production of night vision and thermal imaging cameras

The Unicum Engineering Company will start producing night vision and thermal imaging cameras in Armenia.

The production will be organized on the territory of the Alliance Free Trade Zone, Minister of Economy Artsvik Minasyan said at the government sitting today.

The company is expected to produce up to 1,000 devices in the first year and increase the number to 5,500 in the future. "The volume of production is expected to reach \$5 mln by 2017 and exceed \$12 mln in five years," the Minister said. The production will be mostly exported to Russia, he informed.

About \$31 mln will be invested within the framework of the program (5 years), 10 new jobs will be created in the first year with an average salary of 150 AMD. The number of jobs is expected to reach 35 with 350 AMD average salary.



Jacqueline Bisset in Armenia as a special guest of Golden Apricot Film Festival



French actress Jacqueline Bisset has arrived in Armenia as a special guest of the 13th Golden Apricot Yerevan International Film Festival. The actress will receive the Parajanov's Thaler award during the closing ceremony.

Speaking to reporters today, Bisset she said she hopes to travel around Armenia and get acquainted with Armenian architecture. "I don't know where to start," she said.

"Speaking about impressions from Armenia is still untimely, but I can say I live in a wonderful hotel, and the food is very tasty," she said.

"I know your nation has seen many difficulties, but I understood yesterday that you like to have fun," she added. The actress said she danced to Armenian music until 2 a.m. "because that music is irresistible."

Upon her return to the hotel, Jacqueline Bisset decided to iron her clothes, and asked for a steam iron. The hotel turned out not to have one. It was not before 5 a.m. that they found one. "Many do not believe I can do such things, but that's the way I live," she told reporters in Yerevan

"When I left school, I didn't know what to do. I was interested in people and their psychology. At the time I was trying hard to overcome timidity. I was studying languages, I was the only girl in my class interested in classical music and crazy for art. I was thinking of a profession that would allow to combine all this," Bisset said.

The meeting with Roman Polansky turned fatal for Jacqueline Bisset. The director approached the unknown beauty at a party and said she had a very deep look. "I started watching many films after that and understood that cinema was a different world. The most important in my profession is the communication with people."

Is it possible to be happy without marriage and children? The question did not stun the actress. "Definitely," she said and added that "happiness and marriage are no synonyms."

Manchester Music Festival spotlights the music of Russia and Armenia

The Manchester Journal - The Manchester Music Festival's third concert of the season will spotlight two virtuoso Russian-born musicians: pianist Vassily Primakov and clarinetist Alexey Gorokholinsky.

The concert, "Music From Russia and Armenia," will take place July 21 at 7:30 PM at the Southern Vermont Arts Center's Arkell Pavilion on Manchester West Road.

"Russia and Armenia, both part of the old Soviet Bloc, have rich traditions in music and have produced some of the world's greatest composers," said Ariel Rudiakov, the Festival's Artistic Director. "This is an evening not to be missed."

The Thursday night program will highlight the music of Aram Khachaturian, Modest Mussorgsky and Mikhail Glinka, who is often regarded as the fountainhead of Russian classical music.

On stage with Primakov and Gorokholinsky will be Joana Genova and Jesse Mills, violins; Ariel Rudiakov,

viola; Thomas Landschoot, cello; and additional guest artist Steven Moran, double bass. Mills and Landschoot are new to MMF's faculty this year.

Mr. Landschoot, a native of Belgium, has an international career as a member of the acclaimed Rossetti string quartet and as a soloist. He started his musical life as a top prize winner of the 'Jeunesse Musicales' competition in Bucharest, Romania. He is currently on the faculty of Arizona State University and is

founder and artistic director of the Sonoran Chamber Music Festival.

Jesse Mills, a two time Grammy award nominee, is also a graduate of the Juilliard School, where he studied with Dorothy DeLay, Robert Mann and Itzhak Perlman.

The July 21 concert program includes Khachaturian's Trio for clarinet, violin and piano; Glinka's Grand Sextet in E flat major; and Mussorgsky's 'Pictures at an Exhibition' for solo piano.



First Radisson Blu hotel opens in Armenia

Radisson Blu upper upscale international hotel was solemnly opened in Armenia's capital Yerevan on July 12. President Serzh Sargsyan was present at the opening ceremony.

The President of Armenia toured the premises of Radisson Blu Hotel Yerevan, which joined the ranks of the luxury hotels in Yerevan, familiarized with the works and investments, created jobs (nearly 135), and services offered by the hotel.

"We are truly excited to bring our signature style and Yes/Can! Service to Yerevan. We are thankful to our partner, Golden Palace LLC for the fruitful collaboration, the perfect new 5 star product, which is combined with an amazing location that has it all - tranquility, garden greens, proximity to all attractions, plus a magnificent view of the city and Mount Ararat. Putting all of these together does



make the Radisson Blu hotel, Yerevan, the place to be and to experience memorable moments," said George Miu, the

General Manger of Radisson Blu Hotel Yerevan.

"We are delighted that Radisson Blu has chosen Armenia as its next stop to grow and develop in the area," he added.

The Radisson Blu Hotel, Yerevan offers sumptuous accommodation to all types of travelers for any length of stay. The hotel's prime location on Azatutyun Avenue places guests in a lush, beautifully landscaped area adjacent to Areni Lake and Victory Park, the highest part of the city. The hotel's hilltop setting overlooks Yerevan with Mount Ararat rising majestically in the distance.



Karabakh conflict: FIDH denounces violations of humanitarian law during April clashes

The Worldwide Movement for Human Rights (FIDH) has studied comprehensively both Armenian and Azerbaijan sources and, based on the figures and facts confirmed by both sides, has published a situation note denouncing the violations of international humanitarian and human rights law during the April clashes along the Nagorno Karabakh line of contact.

"Whereas some of the human losses reported might have occurred as a result of failure to take precautionary measures and assess the effects of the attack towards the civilian population, at least three elderly civilians, residents of Talish village in Nagorno-Karabakh were reportedly killed deliberately and their bodies mutilated when the Azerbaijani troops entered and took control over the village¹⁶. Ears of the above-mentioned three civilians were cut off," FIDH said.

It reminded that "the killing of civilians is prohibited both in the Geneva Conventions and as a norm of customary international humanitarian law."

"Arbitrary deprivation of life and murder of civilians are prohibited under international human rights law and this prohibition is non-derogatory and therefore applicable at all times. On 4 April 2016, it was reported that Azerbaijani forces decapitated a soldier from the self-proclaimed Nagorno-Karabakh of Yezidi origin, Kyaram Sloyan, who had been killed in combat. The video and pictures of his severed head later appeared on social networks. Soldiers and civilians were shown as holding up his head as a military trophy and a sign of victorious act. Later, reports appeared about two other beheaded soldiers of the army of the self-proclaimed Nagorno-Karabakh. In all three cases families later lodged an application before the European Court of Human Rights," FIDH said.

FIDH quotes Nagorno-Karabakh Ombudsman as saying that Kyaram Sloyan's head was returned and buried next to the soldier's body while no action was taken by the Azerbaijani authorities with respect to returning the heads of the two other soldiers. "Additionally to being absolutely prohibited by national and international law, such inhumane treat-



ment reinforces the inter-ethnic hatred and contributes to further conflict escalation. On April 8, 9, 10, 20, and 21, 2016 the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) facilitated a handover between the sides, of the bodies of those killed in combat along the Line of Contact. According to information provided by the Ministry of Defense of Armenia, bodies of at least 18 soldiers of the self-proclaimed Nagorno-Karabakh were transferred to Armenian side. There were reports that the bodies were handed over mutilated. For the time being, there is no possibility to confirm the reports of mutilation by an independent source, neither is it possible to affirm independently whether they were subjected to torture when alive. The Azerbaijani media reported similar crimes by the Armenian forces referring to the refusal of the Armenian side to return a slain body of an Azerbaijani soldier. It was not possible to independently verify these reports, neither was this information publicly confirmed by the ICRC. Non-verified and non-reliable information actively spread during the military conflict feeds the escalation and is a further show of the urgent need for an independent international monitoring and investigation," the report reads.

If accurate and confirmed, these reports amount to war crimes. Torture, ill-treatment and mutilation of the dead is

strictly prohibited under both conventional and customary international humanitarian law. FIDH urges both sides to impartially investigate these allegations, to bring those responsible to justice and to cooperate with international mediators ensuring the handover of soldiers' bodies to their families. FIDH calls on all parties to the conflict to:

- Respect and apply the provisions of the international humanitarian law and human rights law;
- Ensure full respect to the right to life and security of people affected by the conflict;

- Hold accountable those responsible for violations of international humanitarian and human rights law and fight impunity;

- Respect the 1994 ceasefire, refrain from using force, not promote the use of force, and end the arms race in the region;

- Refrain from promoting hate and war propaganda;

- Accept an independent fact-finding mission into the conflict zone and provide the members of the mission with full access to places and persons affected by the conflict.

FIDH urges Azerbaijan and Armenia to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

FIDH calls on Azerbaijan to ratify two Additional Protocols (1977) to the Geneva Convention (1949).

Zodiac Weekly Forecast



Aries (March 20-April 19)

You may be detoured early in the week by computer or other electronic snafus. After the 17th you will find solace and spiritual comfort. It is time to heal a rift that may have occurred long ago. It could require some courage to allow yourself vulnerability, but heartfelt engagement is what will relieve some of that old stressor.



Taurus (April 20 -- May 20)

Venus is your ruling planet and "she" represents your cooperative and affable personality, along with your attraction to beauty in all its forms. Between July 11 and Aug 4 she is traveling through the sector which is related to home, property and family matters. You may be focused on home decorating. You will be concentrating upon making your life more secure.



Gemini (May 20-June 20)

Your ruling planet, Mercury, has just changed signs to Leo. This represents a shift of attention from financial matters to focus on communications, neighbors, siblings, and others who are in your daily environment. You may need to consider the needs of your vehicle now. Give it a check-up and a detailing. Education and short distance travels are favored.



Cancer (June 21-July 21)

This is a lively week as you head toward the full moon on the 19th. The usual routine feels like drudgery, so make an effort to create or experiment with some changes. They may not stick, but it would offer a new pattern to try. You may contribute to the healing of yourself or another by holding "love" as your motto now. Don't let go.



Leo (July 22-August 21)

Mercury enters your sign on the 13th and shares a place with Venus. Communications with others and improving the beauty around you may be foremost on your mind. Love and romantic life are given a boost. Be aware that you will be prone to dominate conversations.



Virgo (August 22-September 22)

There is a shift of your attention to matters of your personal history that may go back quite a long time. You will be looking inside yourself for meditative peace, answers to serious questions, and encouragement from your Source. Journaling, hypnosis, meditation or counseling are favored activities now.



Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Venus, your ruling planet, travels with you into the territory of friendships, community and organizational affairs. Between now and Aug 4 she will enhance your presence at any activity in this sphere. It is a good time to plan a party for friends or to meet new people at other gatherings.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Now is a good time to resolve issues with a lover or even a child. Let your feelings of love show, even if it causes you to feel vulnerable. You likely are feeling better now than you have in a long time. Your ruling planet, Mars, is direct. Tools, machinery, and electronic objects may develop snafus that require attention.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 20)

This is an excellent time to pursue any activity that requires your mental concentration. The Archers are not always able to sit still enough to learn theoretical information, but right now there is a window open for it. Making travel plans is favored.



Capricorn (December 21-January 19)

This is a week in which you will tend to be thinking obsessively. It is an opportunity to learn how to better control your mind. Shift your attention to something less dramatic, such as whatever is happening this moment, rather than worrying over what might happen in the future.



Aquarius (January 20-February 17)

You and your partner could have a favorable time and conversation together. Avoid the temptation to somehow "fix" or convince the Other of anything. That will make everything go smoothly. Writing or mental projects could also work well, as long as you let up on the self-criticism. Just write now. Repair any errors later.



Pisces (February 18-March 19)

This is a week to give attention to your allergy medication. You may not feel well, but the aspects are short so let your body have some time to heal itself. Paper work may be a challenge. Avoid it this week if you can. Make a special effort to keep up with keys, tickets, and other small items.

CNN: Armenia's Vayots Dzor among 15 wine trails worth getting sidetracked on

The CNN has enlisted Armenia's Vayots Dzor among the 15 wine trails worth getting sidetracked on.

Today, the choice of wine routes and tours from the essential (Bordeaux) and the scenic (Cape Town) to the historic (Armenia) or the unexpected (Brazil) is greater than ever, the CNN writes.

The article reads:

"According to the Bible, Armenia was the first wine-producing region in the world, since it was on the slopes of Mount Ararat that Noah planted the first vine after

the flood.

Archaeologists agree - at least on the long tradition: a 6,100-year-old winery was discovered not long ago.

The local Areni variety has been unchanged for centuries, being highly resistant against disease with a thick skin that helps shield it from cold extremes.

The easiest wine-growing region to get to from the capital, Yerevan, is Vayots Dzor, where a microclimate ensures 300 sunny days a year.

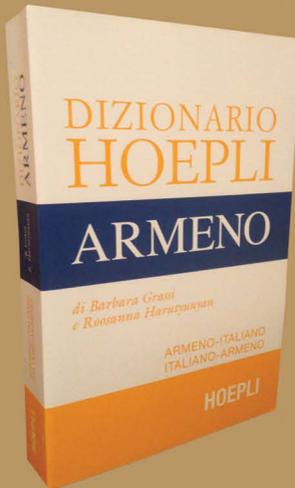
Most organized tours zoom in on the

Areni Noir, an incomparable red that put Armenia on the map when it was launched internationally in 2012."

The 15 best routes include also Hunter Valley (Australia), Napa and Sonoma (California), Alentejo (Portugal), Cape Winelands (South Africa), Route des Vins (Alsace, France), Santorini (Greece), Maipo (Chile), Okanagan (Canada), Tuscany (Italy), Bento Goncalves (Brazil), Mendoza (Argentina), Rioja (Spain), Moselle Valley (Germany), Bordeaux (France).



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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