

Protesters, Police Clash Outside Russian Consulate In Armenia



Hundreds of angry people clashed with riot police outside the Russian consulate in the Armenian city of Gyumri late on January 15 on the sec-

ond day of protests against the killing of a local family allegedly committed by a Russian soldier.

The protesters gathered outside the diplomatic mission as they continued to demand

that the suspect kept at the Russian military base in Gyumri be handed over to Armenian law-enforcement authorities.

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Erdogan invites Armenian President to Turkey on April 24

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has extended an invitation to Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan to ceremonies marking the centenary of the Battle of Gallipoli in Çanakkale in late April, which coincides with the Armenian Remembrance Day, the Hurriyet Daily News reports.

With plans to hold massive ceremonies to mark the centenary of the Battle of Gallipoli on April 23 and 24, Erdogan has sent out invitations to the leaders of 102 countries, including Armenian President Sargsyan and U.S. President Barack Obama.

The ANZAC Troops (Australia-New Zealand Army Corps) disembarked onto the shores of Çanakkale on April 25, 1915 in a bid to destroy Turkish artillery units, but were defeated in bloody combat that continued until December 1915. Ever since, Australians and New Zealanders have commemorated the Battle of Gallipoli on April 25, on the date of the first landing, and on Aug 6 to Aug 10, the second landing of the ANZAC troops.

Marking the 100th anniversary of the battle for Turkey, Australia and New Zealand, the Turkish government is set to organize ceremonies with the participation of 8,500 Australians and 2,000 New Zealanders. The U.K.'s Prince Charles and his

two sons, and the prime ministers of Australia and New Zealand, are expected to take part in commemorations.

A day before the April 24 ceremonies in Çanakkale, the government is planning to host a reception and a "Summit of Peace" in Istanbul on April 23, the day when Turkey marks the 95th anniversary of the foundation of the Turkish Parliament.

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu has signed invitation letters to his counterparts, while President Erdogan has sent letters to the heads of state, accompanied by the message, "We would be delighted to have you with us on the 100th anniversary commemorations of the Battle of Gallipoli."

Speaking to daily Hürriyet, a government official recalled that along with the many other ethnic groups who fought in the ranks of the Ottoman military, the Armenians also fought at Gallipoli. "We fought together in Gallipoli. That's why we have extended the invitation to Sargsyan as well," the official added.

However, April 24, 1915 is also the date of commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Sargsyan has invited world leaders to Yerevan on the same day, and neither Sargsyan nor Obama are expected to accept Turkey's invitation to attend the ceremonies in Turkey.

Armenian President responds to Turkish invitation



Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan has responded to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's invitation to participate in the events dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli battle. The letter reads, in part:

"Dear Mr. President,

I received your invitation to participate in the events dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli battle.

Truly, the World War I is one of the most terrific pages in human history that claimed the lives of millions of innocent people and left the fate of many others broken.

Participating in the battle of Gallipoli was Armenian artillerist of the Ottoman troops, Captain Sargis Torosyan, who devoted his life to the protection of the Empire and was awarded military honors by the Ottoman Empire for his deeds.

Meanwhile, the wave of massacre deliberately planned and perpetrated by the Ottoman Government did not spare even Sargis Torosyan. Among the 1.5 million Armenians killed in the Genocide were his parents, while his sister died in the Syrian Desert.

As a result of this unprecedented massacre Raphael Lemkin coined the term "genocide." It was the unpunished genocide that prepared ground for the Holocaust, as well as the genocides in Rwanda, Cambodia and Darfur.

You say the battle of Gallipoli was a unique example of friendly relations born in war for not only Turkey, but also the whole world, while the battlefield is a monument to peace and friendship reminding about the bitter legacy of the war. Leaving aside the importance of the Gallipoli battle or Turkey's controversial role in the First and Second World Wars, it is necessary to remember that peace and friendship should be first of all based on the courage to face own history, the historic justice, as well as the complete, not selective, acknowledgment of the universal memory.

Unfortunately, Turkey continues the traditional policy of denial and "improves" the tools of distortion of history year by year. For the first time it will celebrate the

anniversary of Gallipoli battle on April 24, while it started on March 18, 1915 and continued into late January, 1916, and the allies landed and started the battles on April 25. What purpose does this pursue, if not diverting the attention of the international community from the events dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide? Meanwhile, before initiating the event, Turkey had a more important commitment before its own people and whole humanity, i.e. the recognition and condemnation of the Armenian Genocide.

Therefore, I would advice you not to forget to file a message of recognition of the Armenian Genocide to the world by commemorating the 1.5 million innocent victims. It's the duty of everyone to pass the real undistorted history to the generations, thus preventing the reoccurrence of such crimes and preparing ground for the rapprochement between nations, especially neighboring nations and for further cooperation."

P.S. Your Excellency, a few month ago I invited you to Yerevan to commemorate the innocent victims of the Armenian Genocide on April 24, 2015. We usually don't accept being hosted by the invitee without receiving a response to our invitation."

Russian Facilities In Gyumri Guarded By Police After Unrest

Yerevan - (RFE/RL)

The Armenian police guarded Russia's military and diplomatic facilities in Gyumri on January 16 one day after clashing with local residents protesting against a deadly shooting spree allegedly perpetrated by a Russian soldier.

With no fresh demonstrations held in Armenia's second largest city, tensions there seemed to have eased for now. Still, police presence on the streets remained stronger than usual. Local security forces were beefed up by riot police units dispatched from Yerevan.

In particular, police cars and officers were deployed near the Russian army base, a residential complex housing its officers and their families as well as Russia's consulate-general in Gyumri.

A street section adjacent to the consulate was the scene of pitched battles fought late on Thursday by riot police and hundreds of angry protesters demanding that a Russian soldier charged with killing six members of a local Armenian family be handed over to Armenian law-enforcement authorities.

According to health authorities in Gyumri, 18 police officers and 10 civilians were hospitalized during and after the violence. The vast majority of them were discharged from a local hospital by Friday afternoon. One policeman was transported to Yerevan for further medical treatment.

The police detained 21 protesters, virtually all of them young men, on the spot. They all were set free the following morning. The police gave no indications that they will press criminal charges against any of them.

Meanwhile, relatives of the family slaughtered for still unclear reasons declared that they had no part in Thursday's protests, which began hours after the funeral of Seryozha Avetisyan, his wife, daughter, son, daughter-in-law and 2-year-old granddaughter. They at the same time backed the protesters' calls for the indicted Russian soldier, Valery Permyakov, to be prosecuted by Armenia.



Speaking at a Gyumri cemetery on behalf of the relatives, one of Avetisyan's cousins, Samvel Hovannisian, said: "We are only demanding justice. We demand that that person be strictly punished in accordance with the laws of our country. We want to know the reasons for that tragedy which is being mourned not only by us but also the entire nation."

"We also don't want [such a crime] to be repeated against any other family," Hovannisian told journalists. "God willing, it will be the first and last crime of its kind."

The Armenian law-enforcement authorities have so far been reluctant to seek custody of Permyakov, who is being kept at the Russian base. Prosecutor-General Gevorg Kostanyan has only promised, under pressure from the Gyumri protesters, to ask his Russian counterpart to ensure that the case is transferred to Armenian jurisdiction.

Armenia's Investigative Committee confirmed that its officers questioned the suspect and carried out other "judi-

cial actions" at the Russian installation on Thursday. But a spokeswoman for the law-enforcement agency, Sona Truzyan, declined to clarify whether it has formally charged or issued arrest warrants for him.

A Russian military court located in Yerevan remanded Permyakov in pre-trial custody on Wednesday. A statement posted on its website said a Russian "investigative body" has levelled accusations of multiple murder and desertion against the 18-year-old.

The statement came as a further indication that the Russian military wants the serviceman to be tried by its tribunal. Many in Gyumri fear that this would facilitate a cover-up of the crime. They say the case should be heard by an Armenian court.

Some lawyers in Yerevan believe that an ongoing criminal investigation launched by the Armenian law-enforcement authorities will be meaningless as long as Permyakov remains in Russian custody. One of them, Lusine Sahakyan, described the separate Russian and Armenian inquiries as "legal nonsense."

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Crime in Gyumri no basis for relocation of the Russian military base: Political scientist



"The Russian base in Gyumri is of military significance. If it was unnecessary, it would have been relocated irrespective of this crime. If it's necessary, it will stay in place even after the crime," political scientist

Alexander Iskandaryan told reporters on January 15.

Iskandaryan said the interpretations, suggesting that the crime in Gyumri has been incited by the West or Azerbaijan, are naive. Refraining from legal assessment, the political scientist said it's unclear how an unbalanced person, who had had problems before, could appear at a military unit, leave the base and commit a slaughter.

"The crime should be properly investigated; all culprits should be revealed to exclude the reoccurrence of such crimes in the future. As for the demand to hand Permyakov over to the Armenian side,

Russians cannot do that, as they have caught the man. Practice shows that they never hand over the criminals they catch," Iskandaryan said.

As for the relocation of the Russian military base, the political scientist said: "Military bases are established in the context of military-political logic. Such issues are solved on a different level."

According to him, the format of Armenian-Russian relations will be maintained, despite the current tension. Iskandaryan noted also that Armenia will inevitably suffer as a result of tension between Russia and the United States.

Russian Military Base comes forth with a statement on Gyumri murder case

Deputy Commander of the Russian military base #102 stationed in Gyumri, Armenia, Aleksey Polyukhovich, has come forth with a statement on the killing of a family of six in Gyumri by a Russian soldier on January 12, the local Tsayg TV reports.

"Dear citizens of the Republic of Armenia,

The command and staff of the Russian military base #102 is shocked by this terrible crime. We share the pain of the friendly Armenian people. We express our condolences to the family and friends of the victims.

The centuries-old friendship between the Armenian and Russian peoples has withstood a number of trials over time - both in times of Turkish wars and natural disasters. Now is the time of another test.

Persons committing such crimes have no nationality.

I assure that the criminal will get the most severe punishment. The law-enforcement bodies of Armenia and Russia are currently carrying out an objective and comprehensive investigation of this inhumane crime.

The command of the Russian military base will provide every assistance to the family of the victims. We hope for your understanding and support. Only together we can overcome the difficulties."

Russian Ambassador addresses the Armenian people



Russian Ambassador to Armenia has addressed the Armenian nation. The Ambassador has expressed condolences to the relatives and friends of the victims of the criminal act, which "is unconscionable to any reasonable person."

"Such atrocities have no justification. They have no nationality. The staff of the

Russian Embassy shares the pain of this loss with the brotherly Armenian nation," he said.

"I'm confident that the criminal will be punished to the full extent of the law. Competent law-enforcement bodies of Armenia and Russia are carrying out a joint investigation. I'm confident it will be objective and comprehensive," the Ambassador said.

"There have been difficult pages in the history of Armenian-Russian friendship, but we have always managed to overcome all hardships through joint effort, by supporting each other. I believe this will be the case this time," Ivan Volynkin stated.

Putin vows justice will be done in Gyumri killings case

Russian President Vladimir Putin has telephoned his Armenian counterpart, Serzh Sargsyan, to offer his condolences over a tragedy in Gyumri, Armenia, on January 12 in which a Russian soldier is accused of murdering six members of a local family, including a girl aged two, Interfax informed.

"Putin expressed confidence that all necessary investigations will be carried through as quickly as possible and those guilty will be punished under the law," said the Russian leader's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov. "Putin also expressed hope that the Russian doctors who have arrived in Gyumri and Armenian doctors would together provide all necessary high-standard assistance to six-month-old Seryozha



Avetisian, who has survived that tragedy," Peskov said. "The Russian president also assured his Armenian counterpart that, if necessary, Russia would be ready to send over a medical aircraft to bring the baby to Moscow for further treatment."

Putin and Sargsyan also discussed some current issues in Russian-Armenian relations, Peskov said.

Armenia's membership in CSTO and EEU no obstacle for relations with NATO: James Appathurai



The fact of Armenia being a member of CSTO and EEU is no obstacle for the further development of relations with NATO, James Appathurai, NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for the South Caucasus

and Central Asia, told reporters in Yerevan.

"We respect Armenia's balanced foreign policy and the fact that Armenia is a member of CSTO and the Eurasian Economic Union in no way holds us back from practical cooperation," Appathurai said.

Before the press conference the NATO Representative held meetings with Armenian President, Foreign Minister, Defense Minister and at the National Assembly. "I conveyed NATO's thanks for contribution that Armenian forces are making in Afghanistan, in Kosovo, as well as UN missions. Armenia was the first country in the South Caucasus to complete the process to be able to contribute to the new mission in Afghanistan. It's another sign of

reliable contribution that Armenia makes to international peace and stability," he said.

As for regional security situation, Appathurai said: "Of course, NATO is not involved in the Karabakh conflict resolution process, but we look forward to a peaceful and diplomatic resolution as soon as possible."

He said the recent incidents at the line of conflict are worrying. "We fully support the Minsk Group and their efforts," Appathurai said.

Speaking about the killing of the family of six in Gyumri, NATO representative said: "First, this is a terrible human tragedy. Secondly, we have full confidence that the authorities here will find the appropriate solution to this difficult situation."

Energy prices set for another rise



Utility regulators will likely sanction another increase in the prices of electricity in Armenia because of continuing losses incurred by the Russian-owned national power distribution company, Energy Minister Yervand Zakharyan said on January 14.

Zakharyan claimed that the existing tariffs do not allow the Electricity Networks of Armenia (ENA) to repay its huge debts to power plants and commercial banks. He admitted that the losses result in large measure from poor management of the company owned by Russia's Unified Energy Systems (UES) giant. The weakening of the Armenian dram is another factor, he said.

According to Zakharyan, the ENA

owes 15.8 billion drams (\$33 million) to state-owned electricity producers in addition to its outstanding bank debts totaling \$220 million.

"In the last six or seven years the Electricity Networks of Armenia has made no efforts to cut the losses," the minister told a news conference. "And so we have had no reduction in losses."

"Tariff changes are inevitable in Armenia and other countries," he said.

Zakharyan would not say just when the ENA will ask the Public Services Regulatory Commission (PSRC) to raise the energy prices. Nor did he shed light on the scale of the expected price hike.

The PSRC raised the tariff by 27 percent in July 2013, pointing to the increased cost of Russian natural gas, which generates more than one-third of Armenia's electricity. It went up by another 10 percent in July 2014. The PSRC cited the need to end the company's mounting losses.

Zakharyan revealed that the Armenian government and the UES have set up a joint working group tasked with making the power utility more efficient. "We have drawn up measures to reduce the losses and submitted them to the company," he said, adding that they will be taken in the coming years.

Moody's expects Russia GDP to influence Armenia's credit rating



Russia's GDP will decrease by 5.5% in 2015 which in turn will negatively influence Armenian economy, experts from Moody's Investor's Service said in their report published Thursday. The statement on the official website came as the service downgraded Armenia's issuer and bond rating to Ba3 from Ba2, and changed the outlook to negative from stable, TASS reports.

"Moody's expects that Russia's GDP will contract by 5.5% in 2015, weakening Armenia's economic activity given its historically strong correlation with Russia's growth cycle via remittances and trade channels, with Russia accounting for 23% of total Armenian exports," the statement said.

The agency experts believe that "the impact of Russia's economic downturn on Armenia's economy will be more significant than currently expected."

EU provides € 77.5 million in assistance to Armenia

On 16 January the Prime Minister's Office of the Republic of Armenia and the EU Delegation to Armenia held a ceremony on the launch of eight EU - Armenia Financing Agreements, intended to assist development and reforms in Armenia. The new actions entail an EU contribution of € 77.5 million (44 billion AMD).

The eight agreements will support progress in some of the main areas of bilateral cooperation - from agriculture and regional development, through capacity building for the implementation of EU programmes, support to migration and integrated border management, anti-corruption and civil service reforms, to water supply improvement, Yerevan metro rehabilitation and nuclear safety.

The ceremony was welcomed by H. E. Mr. Hovik Abrahamyan, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, and H.E. Ambassador Traian Hristea, Head of the EU Delegation to Armenia, and attended by representatives of the beneficiary Government institutions, the EU Member States, and International organizations accredited to Armenia.

Prime Minister Abrahamyan mentioned in his remarks that "the assistance provided by the European Union enabled the implementation of reforms in many areas such as trade related regulations, food safety, intellectual property rights, justice, vocational education, public financial management". He expressed confidence that the implementation of the concluded agreements will facilitate the reforms in the relevant areas as well as will strengthen the sectoral cooperation with the EU.

"The European Union expects that this substantial assistance will lead to bold reforms over the next years. A high level of commitment and strong domestic support under parliamentary and civil society oversight will be indispensable for Armenia's successful development," noted the Head of EU Delegation. He added that "Armenia remains the second largest per-capita recipient of EU funds in the Eastern Partnership".

With two of the agreements, the EU gives support to economic development in Armenia, contributing to overall poverty reduction. This includes assistance to agriculture and rural development (€ 25 million), which will lead to efficient and sustainable agriculture, increasing employment, supporting farmers associations and cooperatives, and improving access to affordable food. In addition, through an action on regional development (€ 10 million), the EU will support specific proj-



ects (public-private partnerships, employment creation, training of the labour force) to step up the economic development of Armenia's regions.

In the area of governance, the EU is now focusing specifically on anti-corruption and civil service reform measures (€ 21 million). The EU will also support border management and migration (€ 4 million) in view of the Mobility Partnership and Visa Facilitation agreement between the EU and Armenia.

Another agreement will enhance the ability of civil servants, facilitate Armenia's participation in EU programmes (€ 6 million) and reinforce the civil society as an important partner in promoting bilateral cooperation and monitoring reforms.

Two large infrastructure initiatives have also been agreed, set to improve the daily lives of Yerevan residents. One will provide an overhaul of the Yerevan metro system (€ 5 million) by addressing public health and safety concerns, while another will support the rehabilitation of the water supply network in Yerevan (€ 5.5 million), improving water and waste water services.

Last but not least, the EU will support nuclear safety through enhancing the regulatory capacity and framework for radioactive waste management (€ 1 million).

This new assistance package confirms the commitment of Armenia and the EU to further strengthen their bilateral cooperation.

Lithuanian Embassy statement on applications for the Schengen

On 15 January 2015 the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Yerevan has started to operate together with a new Visa Center, opened in Yerevan, the Embassy's Press Office reports.

The applications for the Schengen visa to Estonia, Denmark, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, and Spain starting from 15 January 2015 could be submitted without any prior registration in the Visa Center.

There are no changes in the application form and all other requirements for the documents.

There is a possibility to apply for Schengen visa at the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania with obligatory online registration on the Embassy's website <http://am.mfa.lt>.

For National D visa to Lithuania and other consular issues the applicants should apply to the Embassy directly.



More information could be found on the same website of the Embassy.

Protesters, Police Clash Outside Russian Consulate In Armenia

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Security forces in full riot gear fired tear gas and stun grenades and used truncheons to stop them from approaching the consulate compound.

The protesters responded with a hail of stones thrown at several rows of riot police. An Armenian opposition parliamentarian, Zaruhi Postanjyan, begged them to back away and avoid further violence.

The vast majority of the demonstrators, most of them youths, agreed to march back to the city center only after being addressed by another lawmaker, Martun Grigoryan, who represents a Gyumri constituency in the Armenian parliament. "It's a deadlock, my dear people," he told them. "Calm down and move on."

The angry crowd marched to the consulate after a larger and peaceful demonstration staged outside the local prosecutors' office. About 2,000 people gathered there late in the afternoon to demand that Valery Permyakov, the detained soldier who has confessed to the killings, be handed over to Armenian law-enforcement authorities or at least be tried by an Armenian court.

Armenia's Prosecutor-General Gevorg Kostanyan emerged from the heavily guarded building to assure the protesters that he will seek to ensure that Permyakov is tried by an Armenian court. "As prosecutor-general and a man, I am telling you that I will definitely appeal to Russia's prosecutor-general with that demand," Kostanyan said.

Many protesters applauded him in response. But they grew increasingly skeptical as the protest went on.

Archbishop Mikael Ajapahian, the head of the local diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church, was on hand to calm the crowd, saying that its demands must be redirected to the Russian authorities. "We demand that they hand over the criminal to Armenian law-enforcement authorities. But the object of our demands is not here," he said.

The appeal fell on deaf ears, however, with many participants of the rally heading to the Russian consulate general. Ajapahian berated a smaller number of demonstrators when they again rallied outside the prosecutors' building after the violence which he blamed on "provocateurs." "Go home," he told them before entering the building for more talks with Kostanyan.

Postanjyan and Grigoryan came out of the building at around the same. They both told the remaining protesters that Kostanyan stands by his pledge to appeal to his Russian counterpart. But they said the prosecutor has yet to decide when to send the official petition to Moscow.

Kostanyan confirmed that when he again spoke to the protesters at around midnight. "I will really appeal to Russia's prosecutor-general," he said.

Kostanyan also denounced the violence. "We all have the same goal but different ways of achieving it," he said. "I think the path chosen by you is not justified."

Meanwhile, Grigoryan and one of the protest leaders were allowed by the Russian military command in Gyumri to visit the base and see that Permyakov has not been secretly flown out of Armenia.

"He is there. We saw him with our eyes," the lawmaker said on his return from the Russian headquarters. He said the Permyakov is being kept in a solitary cell at the base's detention center.

The protesters demanded video evidence of Permyakov remaining in the country before the violent confrontation near the Russian consulate. Kostanyan pledged to help secure such evidence, while insisting that Armenian law-enforcement officers are now questioning Permyakov.

In his first appearance at Thursday's rally, Kostanyan said only that Permyakov will stand trial in Armenia. The protesters dismissed that statement, saying the case must not be heard by a Russian military tribunal in Yerevan.

The gruesome killing of six members of the Gyumri family also sparked smaller demonstrations outside the presidential palace, Kostanyan's offices and the Russian Embassy in the Armenian capital. About 100 people rallied outside the embassy building in downtown Yerevan on Thursday. Police detained two activists there after one of them attempted to burn a Russian flag.

Another, spontaneous protest broke out in Yerevan's Liberty Square late in the evening, shortly after news of the Gyumri clashes spread across Armenia. More than two dozen of them were randomly detained by plainclothes police officers. The latter refused to clearly explain the arrests.

Lack of TV coverage of Gyumri tragedy in Russia raises questions in Armenia



Leading Russian television channels kept silent on the events unfolding in Armenia at the beginning of this week as a serviceman of the Gyumri-headquartered Russian military base was arrested and charged with murdering a six-member local family. This lack of coverage of what appears to be major news also for the Russian audience has raised questions among media experts in Armenia about the level of censorship and priorities at Russian television companies.

It was not until January 15 that Russia's Rossiya-24 finally presented news from Gyumri where the mass family murder allegedly committed by the Russian soldier stirred a large wave of public indignation, considering the fact that the key suspect is still kept in Russian custody.

Since Monday, when the heinous crime was committed, from Russian media only news websites and some non-central television channels published information on it. While leading televisions like First Channel, Rossiya, and others did not inform their audiences about the developments in their newscasts.

This appeared strange to many in Armenia, considering that Russia has 3,000 troops stationed in the South Caucasus country and an extraordinary event with the involvement of the Russian military base has happened.

Levon Barseghyan, editor at the Gyumri-based Asbarez Club of Journalists, however, is not surprised at the situation, as he thinks it is has become a pattern on Russian television, something that he says contradicts the basic principles of journalism and free speech.

"They believe that it is a disgrace for them, and I think that there would be nothing disgraceful about the news if they did show it, as truth is dearer," said Barseghyan, calling it another manifestation of how Russia treats Armenia.



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- 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
- 1986.**Cascade**, Land 1000sq.m. 3storied building 1200sq.m., unfinished, parking. Price: 1.000.000 USD.
- 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
- 2310.**Monument, Babayan str.**, 1000 sq. m, facade-25m, privatized, Price: 350 USD negotiable
- 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

- 3348.**Blur, Barbysus str.** Land - 800 sq.m, 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 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
- 3576.**Avan**, Tsarav Akhbyur /near Botanical garden/, Land-560sq.m., 4 storied building-560sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, a kitchen, office, capitally repaired, heating system, swimming pool, garden, 2 car parking. Price: 850.000 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, gar-



- den. Price: 2.000.000 USD
- 3590 **Blur, Barbysus str.**, Land-450 sq.m., 4 storied building-470sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: 680.000 USD
- 3651.**Blur, Barbysus str.**, Land-900sq.m., 5 storied building-800sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: 1.700.000 USD.
- 3401.**Antarayan str.**, Newly built, land-700sq.m, 3 storied bld-690sq.m, 5 bedrooms, capitally repaired. Price: 1.300.000 USD
- 3712 **Cascade** Newly built, land-450sq.m, 4 storied bld-600sq.m, zero state. Price: 550.000 USD

NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

- 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

- 2302 **North Ave**, Newly built, 11/4, 137sq.m, 2bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capially repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 2295 **North Ave.**, Newly built, 16/15, 173sq.m., 2bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, furnished. Price: 5000 USD
- 2290 **Bayron str.**, Newly built, /5th floor, 220sq.m, 2bedrooms, study, open kitchen, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, climate control, furnished, parking. Price: 4000 USD
- 1780 **Amiryan str**, Newly built, /13th floor, 82 sq.m, 2 bedrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 1700 USD negotiable.
- 942.**Teryan str.** 4/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capially repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: 1500 USD
- 1950.**Buzand/Mashtots area**. Newly built, 8th floor, 163 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, climate control, furnished, open balcony. Price: 2500 USD
- 1681.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 6/2, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 1535.**Busand str.**, Newly built, 7/4, 82sq.m, 2bedrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, parking, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable.
- 2089.**Northern ave.**, Newly built, 8/6, 120sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, climate control, furnished, equipped. Price: 2500 USD
- 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
- 2187.**Northern ave.**, Newly built, 9/5, 120 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capially repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 2.200 USD
- 2109.**Northern ave.**, Newly built, 10/4, 137sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, central heating, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 2243.**Buzand str**, Newly built, 17/4, 125sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD
- **Amiryan str**, Newly built, 14/5, 120sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, partly furnished. Price 2000 USD

3 ROOMS AND MORE

- 2303 **Hanrapetutyan str** Newly built, 9/5, 165sq.m, 3bedrooms, 1bathroom, 1 guest toilet. capially repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 2286.**Sose str**, Newly built, 12/2, 154sq.m, 3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 1700 USD

- 2257.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 17/16, 160 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: Negotiable
- 2021.**Teryan Str.**, Newly built, 9/8, 9, 245 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, furnished. Preliminary price: 3500 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, heat-



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

PRIVATE HOUSES

- 1335 **Baghramyan str.**, Land-200sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3bathrooms, capially repaired, furnished. Price: 3000 USD
- 1336 **Aygedzor**, Land-1000sq.m, 2 storied bld-240sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooom, capially repaired, furnished. Price: 2000 USD
- 1337 **Davtashen** Land-406sq.m, 3 storied bld-306sq.m, 4bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capially repaired, furnished. Price: 3900 USD
- 1323.**Monument, Babayan str**, Land-400sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m, 4bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capially repaired. Price: Negotiable
- 1248.**Aygedzor**, Land - 1021 sq m ,3 storied bld. - 501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, capially repaired, central heating, AC, sauna, boiler room garden, swimming pool, garage, alarming system, security system. Price: 8000 USD
- 999.**Aygedzor**, Land -1000 sqm, basement + 2 floors- 310 sqm, capially repaired, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, newly furnished, equipped, sauna, swimming-pool. Starting Price: 5000 USD
- 1094.**Noy block**, Land-450sqm, 2 storied building - 220sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden. Price: 2000USD
- 1195.**Nork, Armenakyan str.**, Land - 2000 sq.m, 4 storied bld.-520 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, sauna, gym, furnished, swimming-pool, garden. Price: 4.000 USD

negotiable.

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

PREMISES

- 2049.**Teryan str**, ground floor+basemnet, 1st line, 200sq.m, repaired. Price: 6.000 USD
- 1693.**Malatia-Sebastia** 4 storied building, 1200sq.m, each floor-300sq.m, 2 separate entrances, climate control, 2 elevators, basement, parking. Price: 15USD per sq.m.
- 1526.**Byuzand str.**, 5/semi-basement, 170 sq.m., 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

State Youth Orchestra of Armenia: Sergey Smbatyan and John Malkovich on the same stage... And many else...



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A unique synthesis of music and literature in Korea

Below we've prepared a really terrific news for The Highlights readers...

On January 14 **Sergey Smbatyan**, the Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia conducted the Korean Chamber Orchestra. The concert took place at the Concert Hall of the Seoul Arts Center. Undoubtedly, this exceptional evening presented the unforgettable memories to the hundreds of listeners: they became a part of a magical fusion of classic music and literature. The audience enjoyed the simultaneous performance of the Concerto for Piano and Orchestra by **Alfred Schnittke**, one of the most eminent musical figures of the second half of the XX century, and the narration of the novel entitled "On Heroes and Tombs" by **Ernesto Sabato**, one of the most remarkable writers of Latin America. Sabato's piece is considered to be the best Argentine novel of the XX century and a magnificent example of the "magic realism", a genre founded by **Borges**, **Amado**, **Marquez** and the author himself. During the concert the Korean Chamber Orchestra performed jointly on the same stage with the pianist **Ksenia Kogan**, soprano **Yeree Suh** and the narrator, the world-renowned Hollywood actor

John Malkovich. John Malkovich is a famous American film and theater actor, producer, director and screenwriter, numerous prizes' awardee, including two "Oscars", three "Golden Globes" and three "Emmies".

"Hayfilm Non Stop": a project full of surprises and aimed at preserving the music of Armenian films

The State Youth Orchestra of Armenia has come up with a new initiative: on December 27 and 28 at Armenian National Academic Theatre of Opera and Ballet after Alexander Spendiarian the project



"Hayfilm Non-Stop" was presented to the audience.

During the press conference held on Dec. 26 the Director of the "Hayfilm Non-Stop" **Aram Sukiasyan** (who has been holding position of the Yerevan City Deputy Mayor as well) mentioned that those Armenian films and the music written for them are of high value for us.

"Our composing school has its unique place in the film industry and the "Hayfilm Non-Stop" is also a very interesting reflection of that school", - mentioned Aram Sukiasyan and informed that during the evening simultaneously alongside with the music the audience can watch pieces of these films on the screen. By separate blocks there will be reflection of the famous directors, artists, the persons who authored those movies or engaged in their creation. Notably, the concerts were accompanied by well known phrases from the films.

"This is actually a wonderful gift for those who really appreciate Armenian reality, Armenian composer, Armenian actor and director and who value the Armenians and the Armenian language",

Mr Soukiasyan said. The musicians will also perform as actors. Aram Sukiasyan highlighted that the Youth Orchestra has initiated "a very responsible step". There were works, the scores and parts of which could not be found from the archives and the Project was aimed at preserving these values, because many restored scores would serve to our future generations. The Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the Orchestra **Sergey Smbatyan** mentioned that "...Non-Stop" project gained a great popularity among the audience. It is an anticipated project and the fact that due to the Project Armenian young generation is becoming closer to the music of these films is very encouraging. Notably, 18 soundtracks of the Armenian films were performed during the evening. Meanwhile, the music of several works had only the audio version and the scores of some of them were restored and digitized. Many works which were in dan-



ger to be forgotten were performed. And on their restoring process a big team of composers was working and, as Maestro Smbatyan mentioned, their request to them was to restore the music alike the original version.



In the concert program of the "Hayfilm Non-Stop" the music written for the following well known and favorite Armenian films was included: "The Piece of Sky" (by **Tigran Mansuryan**), "The men" (by **Robert Amirkhanyan**), "Bride from the North" (**Arno Babajanyan**), "The White Dreams" (by **Tigran Mansuryan**), "Pepo" (by **Aram Khachaturian**), "The Chaos" (by **Edward Mirzoyan**), "The Triangle" (by **Edward Baghdasaryan**) and etc.

The General Sponsor of "Hayfilm Non-Stop" was **"Tashir" Charitable Foundation**.

To remind, the "...Non-Stop" concert series were launched in 2012 and entitled "Hollywood Non-Stop" which gained great popularity among the audience having big success and was followed by the "Cartoon Non-Stop" in 2014.

The SYOA starts the new 2015 year with the concert series within the framework of the Armenian Composing Art Festival...

As The Highlights has been informed, the SYOA will start the new 2015 year with the concert series held within the framework of the Armenian Composers' Art Festival. Saryan-Fest (2010), Babajanian-Fest (2011), Tchoukhajian-Fest (2012), Romanos Melikyan-Fest (2013) and Terterian-Fest (2014) have been the brightest constellation of Armenian musicians which will be fulfilled with a name of the another devotee of Armenian music in 2015: the audience will be presented a Festival dedicated to the 85th anniversary of the famous Armenian composer **Edgar Hovhannisyanyan** (1930-1998). The three concert evenings (20, 30 January and 4 February) will fea-

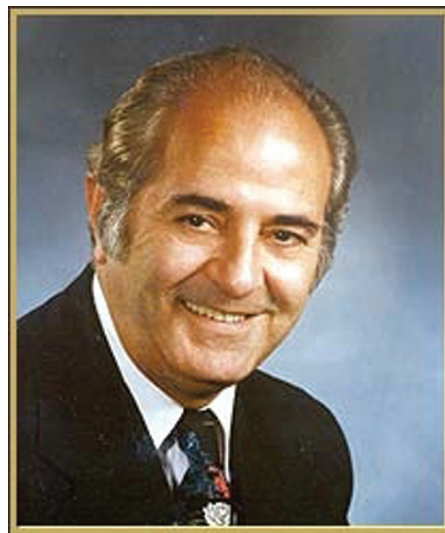
ture instrumental-chamber music, piano and symphonic pieces by Hovhannisyanyan as well as compositions by contemporary Armenian composers.

"2014 was an uneasy, saturated, full of achievements year for the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia (SYOA). Our first concert in 2014 was dedicated to Krzysztof Penderecki. Youth Orchestra opened Penderecki Days dedicated to the 80th jubilee of the composer," SYOA Artistic Director and Principal Conductor **Sergey Smbatyan** told numerous mass media reps gathered for the annual final news conference on 29 December at the Yerevan Erebouni Plaza Grand Hall.

Presenting the work done the past year, **Sergey Smbatyan** singled out the fact that the SYOA participated in several international projects as the official orchestra. Among them were the next Al Bustan International Festival in Beirut and the 9th Frederic Chopin International Piano Competition for Young Pianists held in China's Foshan City.

Among the year's achievements are two big festivals, the Composing Art Festival – the Terteryan Fest, and the 2nd Aram Khachaturian International Festival. The latter was started with an experimental project, SYOA joint concert with DJ Switch (U.K.).

In 2014 they have started cooperation with a world largest mediaportal,



Euronews; Aram Khachaturian Fest closing Gala Concert was aired live by Euronews.com which was unprecedented event not only for Armenia, but also worldwide. During few hours, few hundred thousand people around the world watched that Gala Concert by the SYOA, getting acquainted with the Armenian culture.

Maestro Smbatyan qualified continuation of "...Non-Stop" concerts as an

achievement as well. In particular, the Orchestra gifted the children "Cartoon Non-Stop" program, - the soundtracks of popular cartoons. And another similar project, "Hayfilm Non-Stop" presented to the large audience soundtracks of the



Armenian movies by the end of the year. To remind, upon an initiative by the SYOA soundtracks of numerous movies have been transcribed and digitized. **Sergey Smbatyan** addressed his special appreciation to the Director of the "Hayfilm Non-Stop" **Aram Soukiasyan** for providing "a unique warmth environment" at the concert that was a surprise even for him himself. He said in 2015 they would continue "...Non-Stop" concerts. In particular, they plan to implement a project to be called "Mosfilm Non-Stop" dedicated to the 70th anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War (WWII).

Speaking of the 2015 plans, **Sergey Smbatyan** noted that the Orchestra has received already many invitations from abroad, and by the moment three of them are confirmed. The orchestra will perform for the second time in Beirut, at the Al Bustan International Festival, will perform in Europe, Asia. "Today the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia attracts interest of those people overseas who think which orchestra could be invited to play," Maestro Smbatyan said.

"2015 will be a difficult and a responsible year for all of us as we must be able to deliver our messages to the world," said the conductor. He said also that the SYOA prepares a big project for the 1915 Armenian Genocide Centennial.

To remind, the General Partner of the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia has been Armenia's Leading Telecom Operator VivaCell-MTS headed by its Founding General Manager Mr Ralph Cesar Yirikian.

So see the latest news from VivaCell-MTS on the next pages...

VivaCell-MTS Recent News: Investing in the Nation's Future...

"BirthLink" NGO and VivaCell-MTS continue their partnership to improve neonatal care in the country

On Jan. 16 VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian** and Director of BirthLink **Kathy Mellor** visited the neonatal department at The Republican Institute of Reproductive Health, Perinatology, Obstetrics & Gynecology in Yerevan. This hospital has been supported by the BirthLink project since 2009.

More than 3,500 deliveries take place in this hospital, and they receive many women transferred from the regions with complications of pregnancy to enable them to deliver in a referral centre with expertise to receive safe and appropriate care. The neonatal department is one of the busiest in Armenia, receiving more than 650 sick and premature babies a year. This year the hospital was provided with two intensive care cots, for immediate care of these vulnerable babies, together with additional equipment for the management of respiratory difficulties and an ultrasound scanner for monitoring babies brain growth and development in the first weeks after birth. The provided equipment will help support more babies in this department and also help with diagnosis and management.

"There is nothing in our nation that deserves our attention and dedication more than newborn. We should not stay indifferent and leave alone the parents, doctors and the society with the alarming problem of high rate of child mortality as every interrupted life puts a small end in the opportunity of the humanity for better

future. And most importantly, we are more than sure that everyone deserves hearing the words "Mom, Dad, I love you", said VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian.

The project with VivaCell-MTS concentrates on the first day of life to ensure each maternity facility has doctors and nurses with the right knowledge and equipment to improve survival of the vulnerable newborn babies. In addition to the equipment being provided, education, training and support for the medical staff continues.



This is now the seventh year of cooperation between "BirthLink" and VivaCell-MTS, to improve the care of sick and premature babies in Armenia, and thereby reduce neonatal mortality. The project commenced in 2008, and till now has supported twelve neonatal departments in Yerevan and twenty-three departments in

seven regions of Armenia with about AMD 535 million of support from VivaCell-MTS.

The "Every Newborn" action plan, led by World Health Organization and UNICEF, believes that nearly 3 million babies and women can be saved each year through investing in quality care around the time of birth and special care for sick and small newborns.

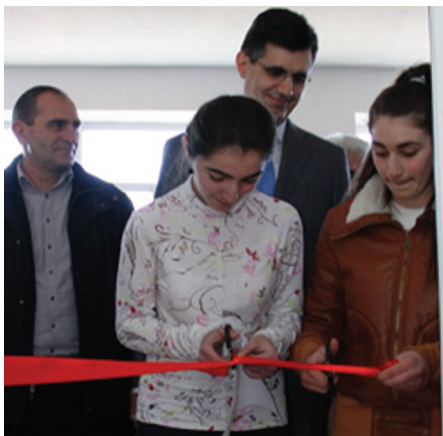
And...

Just in the eve of the new 2015 year thanks to Armenia's leading telecom operator several important events took place that we'd remind The Highlights readers below:

Youth of Dsegh community provided with new educational opportunities thanks to VivaCell-MTS and COAF

VivaCell-MTS and the Children of Armenia Fund (COAF)'s continuous collaboration resulted in the opening of the sixth Creativity Lab. Equipped with a smart board, modern computers, as well as special mobile furniture, the newly opened Creativity Lab will host students from the Dsegh Community School in Lori Marz of Armenia.

The Creativity Lab will help not only those students who are eager to learn, but also all the teachers who wish to integrate the use of technologies into the teaching process and make it more interesting and content-rich. The peculiarities of these innovative classrooms include powerful technological capacity, as well as availability of special mobile furniture. The latter



allows for the implementation of individual work, work in pairs and in groups.

The partnering organizations are hopeful that provision of new opportunities to the village schools will encourage creativity, lead to the revelation of students' talents and development of their skills. It is crucial that up-to-date tools for encouraging creativity are equally accessible to both urban and rural youth. The program that was implemented throughout 2013-2014, has already been beneficial to the schoolchildren from Sardarapat, Vanand, Hatsik communities of Armavir Marz, Arteni community of Aragatsotn Marz and Tumanyan community of Lori Marz.

"Education has an important place for any country striving for development. Acquisition of knowledge, though, is not enough for success. One should have the ability to make good use of the acquired information, the skill to identify the theoretical knowledge in practice and flexibility in decision-making. The knowledge acquired during school years becomes more useful when the student can reason logically and show a creative approach. I think that such creativity labs will functionally serve to this end," VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian commented.

Alternative Energy Project completed in Tsovagyugh

The Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets and its General Partner VivaCell-MTS marked the completion and presented the outcomes of a project implemented in Tsovagyugh community within the framework of the joint Alternative Energy Project. The initiative included solar water heating system and solar panels in the community kindergarten, as well as two solar electric fences to protect animals and

crops from wolves and other predators.

The solar water heating system installed in the kindergarten is energy efficient and environmentally friendly as it reduces water heating costs by up to 50-60% in the winter and by up to 100% in the summer. Besides, solar panels have also been provided to the village so that the pump for the solar thermal system does not use any electricity.

To deal with the issue of wild animals, the village will receive two solar electric



ing countries the use of alternative energy resources is even more important because it is an economically feasible option. The amount paid for electricity can be saved and used for solving other vital problems and for improving the conditions of life. In this respect the most vulnerable are the regions in Armenia, especially those localities where winters are long and severe, and therefore the expenditures for heating are big. We support the "Alternative energy" project because it is aimed at solving two important issues – protecting the environment and promoting welfare in rural communities", noted VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian.

The cooperation between VivaCell-MTS and the Opera Support Fund was marked by a holiday concert

On the occasion of the coming holidays a concert took place in the National Academic State Opera and Ballet Theatre after A. Spendiaryan that summed up the results of the cooperation between VivaCell-MTS and the Opera Support Fund during 2014.

Owing to AMD 24 million of support from VivaCell-MTS, the Opera Support Fund has organized 28 events throughout 2014, considerably enriching the cultural life in the capital as well as in the regions of Armenia.

"Opera is a national value. Armenian opera is a cradle of talented, internationally acclaimed performers, whose world-known names fill our hearts with pride. VivaCell-MTS spares no effort to support the further development of the opera theatre...", noted Mr Yirikian.



Armenian Bar Association launches Genocide Journal

On the occasion of the centennial of the Armenian Genocide, the Armenian Bar Association will publish a law journal encompassing a collection of manuscripts focusing on the range of potential legal responses to the events of 1915-1923, which resulted in genocide and dispossession, Asbarez reports.

The Armenian Bar Association is thereby calling for papers on the 100th day before the 100th year anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and is directed exclusively to students currently enrolled in any law school in the world. The authors of the top three articles will be awarded monetary scholarships, with \$3,000 for first place, \$2,000 for second place, and \$1,000 for third place. The deadline to submit manuscripts is April 24, 2015.

Armen K. Hovannisian, Chairman of the Armenian Bar Association, described this important research, writing and implementation initiative as follows: "Turkey pirouetted to the vulgar dance of denialism throughout most of the first century after the Genocide. While the tricksters' spins and swirls of indecency will reappear, probably stronger still, in the second century after the Genocide, they had better get used to having some company. A whole nation will lie in wait little longer. Though many years and several lifetimes have passed between the wrongful acts and their judgment days yet to come, we- and not time-will heal

our own wounds."

Contributors are asked to concentrate their efforts on the following: Research, analyze, and write on the viability of legal claims, under the laws of the United States and/or under international law, to reparations and restitution for damages and losses resulting from the Armenian Genocide. Please discuss who (i.e., descendants of victims/survivors, the Republic of Armenia, Armenian Churches, etc.) has standing to sue, the applicable substantive law, the appropriate forum for the prosecution of claims, and any applicable judicial/tribunal precedent. Included in the discussion should be an analysis of the status of the Republic of Turkey as a successor state to the Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey's legal responsibility to pay damages and make reparations for events that occurred during the Ottoman Empire. In addition, a critical study of the anticipated defenses (i.e., statutes of limitation) and a discussion of a claimant's potential arguments against such defenses should be made.

The editorial board offers the following recommendations: the articles to be printed will analyze the given issue and suggest a solution. Such analysis usually articulates some background information to inform the reader, before turning to an existing or novel argument. Along these lines, published articles regularly follow a traditional roadmap of introduction,

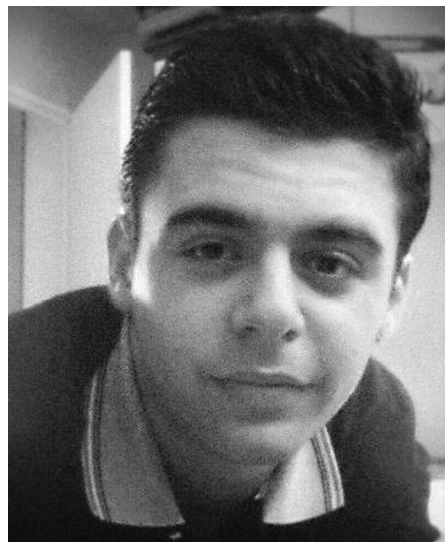


background, analysis/argument, and conclusion, and provide a comprehensive treatment of a particular area of law. Articles tend to be formal in both the author's tone and in the obligation to ground information and analysis in comprehensive substantive support via consistent citation.

The Armenian Bar Association encourage contributors to submit their manuscripts electronically, preferably in Microsoft Word format, to info@armenianbar.com. Articles must be under 12,500 words in length-the equivalent of 25 law review pages-including text and footnotes. Please use footnotes rather than endnotes. Footnotes should conform to the 19th edition of The Bluebook. Please also include a table of contents, a current CV, and a cover letter with the author's name, address, telephone number, and email address.

Armenian student Michael Asaturyan killed in Marseille

Armenian Michael Asaturyan, a 16-year-old high-school student, was killed outside his school Monday, January 12 in Marseille in an altercation, Le Monde reports. "There was an exchange of insults and a fight," said the prosecutor Brice Robin. "It's terrible, it's a 16 year old boy who was murdered at the school gate, in this case the vocational school Camille Jullian, located in the 11th arrondissement of Marseille," reacted MP Valérie Boyer, who visited the site in the late afternoon. The Coordination Council of Armenians in France (CCAF) in the southern region, condemn this tragedy and calls the court to act quickly. "This premeditated murder, follows many anti-



Armenian actions, and casts doubt on the nature of the attack," the Council said in a statement. "This tragedy highlights a climate of tension that prevails more in our neighborhoods, and our young sadly become the victims. This young man by his exemplary voluntary commitment only wanted to live a peaceful life and serve his district and city," the statement reads. A tribute to the memory of Michael Asaturyan will be held at 19:30 at the Armenian Apostolic Cathedral in Marseille.

According to the information of La Province, a young man of 17, one of the suspects in stabbing Mikael Asaturyan, was arrested in the morning.

French Ambassador to the U.S. Clarifies Armenian Genocide Comment on MSNBC

The Ambassador of France to the United States has clarified, to leaders of the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA), remarks he made earlier this week on the MSNBC show Andrea Mitchell Reports that could have been misinterpreted as giving legitimacy to the denial of the Armenian Genocide.

In a communication to ANCA National Chairman Ken Hachikian and ANCA National Board member Raffi Hamparian, Ambassador Gerard Araud affirmed the fact that France has officially recognized the Armenian Genocide and his personal conviction that the Armenian Genocide constituted the first genocide in modern history.

"I am aware that some of my recent declarations have been misinterpreted as giving legitimacy to the denial of the Armenian Genocide," Amb. Araud told the ANCA. "Nothing could further from me. Not only does France recognize officially the Armenian Genocide but I have been myself bred in a city - Marseilles - with a vibrant Armenian community where I had a lot of friends. I have always been personally convinced that the sufferings inflicted to the Armenians in the Ottoman Empire constituted the first genocide in the modern history. I hope this message will dispel any doubt that you could have on this topic."

Prior to becoming the Ambassador of France to the United States, Araud served as the Permanent Representative of France to the Security Council and Head of the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations. He served as the President of the Security Council in February 2010, May 2011, August 2012 and December 2013.

"We welcome Ambassador Araud's clarification of his comments regarding the Armenian Genocide," remarked ANCA Communications Director Elizabeth Chouldjian. "Under President Francois Hollande and previous leaders, France has been a forceful and effective advocate in the global campaign to end Turkey's denial of the Armenian Genocide. In this year of the Armenian Genocide centennial, their vigilance and active leadership is all the more critical in the pursuit of justice for this crime."

The controversy over Ambassador

Araud's comments on the Armenian Genocide arose over an appearance he made on the Andrea Mitchell Reports show on MSNBC on January 12, 2015. On that show, host Andrea Mitchell began a conversation about free speech in which she remarked, "The tradition of free speech... it all began in France during the 1700's and 18th century. But there are laws in France, laws that say you cannot deny the Holocaust, laws that say you cannot deny the Armenian Genocide. So why is it permissible to be as provocative as these anti-Muslim cartoons were. This is a debate we are having journalistically here in the United States as well," Mitchell added.

In response to Andrea Mitchell's question, Ambassador Araud stated: "Actually, on the Armenian Genocide there is no law about the denial of the Armenian Genocide. There is only one law about the denial of the Holocaust. Because it is not an opinion. The Holocaust took place. So, you know, you do not express an opinion when you say the Holocaust did not take place. It is a fact."

Video of the Andrea Mitchell Reports interview is available at: <http://youtu.be/MtZpawxTuC4>

Moments after Ambassador Araud's comments, the ANCA social media pages erupted with concerns and calls from Armenian Americans and elected officials alike, demanding a clarification. Similar concerns were shared by the French Armenian community, prompting a strongly worded letter by the Bureau Francais de la Cause Armenienne (BFCA - ANC France) to French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius asking for an immediate explanation. The text of the BFCA letter (in French) is attached.

France officially recognized the Armenian Genocide in 2001 with the adoption of law 2001-70. Last year, on April 24th, President Francois Hollande joined the French Armenian community's commemoration, offering powerful remarks condemning this crime and calling for the end of Turkey's denial. President Hollande will be travelling to Armenia on April 24th 2015 to participate in Genocide centennial activities.

Only 9 percent of Turks say Armenian killings genocide: poll

Less than 10 percent of Turks believe their government should recognize the mass killings of Armenians in World War I as genocide, according to a survey published on January 13, the Daily Star reports, quoting AFP.

On the 100th anniversary of the tragedy this year, the poll revealed that only 9.1 percent of those questioned believe Ankara should apologize for the deaths during Ottoman rule in 1915 and describe them as genocide.

Another 9.1 percent were in favour of an apology without admitting to genocide.

The survey, which was carried out between November and December by the Istanbul-based Center for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM), was based on responses from 1,508 people.

It also found that over 23 percent believe that not all those who perished in 1915 were Armenians and that the government should express its regret for all the Ottoman citizens - not just Armenians - who lost their lives.

Twelve percent said the government should express its regret for the Armenians who lost their lives in 1915 but not apologize. Twenty-one percent preferred Turkey take no action on the Armenian genocide claims, the survey found.



Yerevan among top e-governance cities in the world

For the sixth consecutive time since 2003, a global survey of city websites has identified Seoul, South Korea as the top-ranked city in the performance of municipal e-governance. This research study was conducted by the E-Governance Institute in the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers University-Newark.

The Global E-Governance Survey evaluates the status of e-governance in the largest municipalities in 100 of the world's most "wired" countries in terms of privacy, usability, content, services, and citizen and social engagement, and ranks cities on a global scale.

Co-sponsored by the Public Technology Institute, the study lists the following cities among the top 5 in digital governance: Seoul, New York, Hong Kong, Singapore and Yerevan (Armenia).

Seoul retains its top ranking in municipal e-governance, similar to the 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2011-12 survey

results. As a direct result of innovative uses of e-governance, Seoul continues to provide its citizens with opportunities to participate in governmental processes, including well-organized and systematic opportunities to submit ideas and suggestions on proposed policies via policy forums. This enables government administrators and elected officials to respond directly to citizen initiatives when establishing public policies. Seoul also ranked first in four of the five categories of Privacy and Security, Content, Services, and Citizen and Social Engagement. Seoul ranks third in Usability.

The City of New York is ranked second overall, reflecting its significant effort to improve e-governance and provide efficient, and effective government online. New York is also ranked third in Services, fifth in Content, and seventh in Privacy & Security and in Citizen & Social Engagement. Information and services are provided in many convenient ways, and



diverse social media are utilized by New York to better engage citizens. In the third place is Hong Kong, which has continually ranked in the top five positions since 2009. Hong Kong provides an excellent example of using Apps to provide information and services. Singapore ranks fourth overall and was also ranked among top positions in the previous surveys. The website of Singapore offers users an excellent online platform (eCitizen Portal) for providing suggestions to government. This is followed by Yerevan and Bratislava in the fifth and sixth positions respectively.

Leading Professor slams Russell Crowe film for omitting Armenian Genocide

Leading Australian World War I historian, Dr. Peter Stanley, has openly referred to Russell Crowe's latest movie, *The Water Diviner*, as a "fundamentally silly film" and slammed it for not referring to the Armenian Genocide.

Stanley, the former head of Historical Research and Principal Historian at the Australian War Memorial, has written an extensive account on the historical inaccuracies of this movie, which claims to be "inspired by true events."

The movie, which has been released to coincide with the centenary of ANZAC Day, tells the story of an Australian father who visits Gallipoli after the war in search of his dead son.

Stanley criticises *The Water Diviner* on the basis of the "fundamental lack of credibility".

He says: "...just about everything else in *The Water Diviner* is made up and not very convincingly either....This is basically a silly film, full of impossibilities, and isn't worth the attention it's getting," Stanley writes.



He adds: "There isn't any reference to the massacres of Armenians that were such an important part of the last years of the Ottoman Empire. That's true, but it seems to me that the Armenian agony simply has no relevance to the film's plot, risible though the plot is."

Under the guise of World War I, the Ottoman Turkish government implemented and carried out the first genocide of the 20th century against its Armenian population, as well as Greeks and Assyrians. Turkey continues to run an international campaign of denial.

Executive Director of the Armenian National Committee of Australia, Vache Kahramanian, remarked: "It is not unsurprising that Turkey is heavily promoting this film, which aim to portray the Turk as a victim, even though one of the greatest crimes against humanity was committed against its Armenian subjects from 1915 to 1923."

Genocide Historian, Dr. Panayiotis Diamadis has also critiqued the movie in a column titled "'Satan's Army': The dark side of *The Water Diviner*".

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WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?**Enjoy your leisure****20 January**

19:00. Jackpot. Comedy in 1 act .Ray Cooney. Director: Samson Stepanyan. Play | Hamazgayin State Theater
19:00. Dear Pamela. Author: J. Patrick. Staging: Narine Malyan. Play | H. Malyan Theater of Film Actors

21 January

19:00. Love Bridge. Director: Vahan Badalyan. Script by: Hakob Rubinyan, Vahram Sahakyan. Musical | State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan

22 January

19:00. Dear Pamela. Author: J. Patrick. Staging: Narine Malyan. Play | H. Malyan Theater of Film Actors

23 January

18:00. Ak. Ak. Based on N. Gogol's "The Overcoat". For adults. Play | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan
19:00. UNDER GROUND. Pessimistic comedy. Author: Ara Yernjakyany. Staging Director: Lusine Yernjakyany. Play | Yerevan State Chamber Theater

24 January

12:00, 14:00. The Tailless Fox. Author: Hovhannes Tumanyan. Staging: Ruben Marukhyan. Play for kids | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan
12:30, 14:00, 15:30. The Tailless Fox. Hovhannes Tumanian. Stage Director: Lily Elbakyan. 3+. Play for kids | State Marionette Theater
15:00. The New Adventures of The Three Piglets. Directed by Samson Stepanyan. Choreographer: Sevag Avakian. Musical | State Musical Chamber Theater
20:00. Dark SHOCKolate. A play with an intermission to think over who is right: the man or the woman? Staging: S. Shahverdyan. Play | Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan

25 January

12:00, 14:00. Gnome's Song. Director/Producer: T. Zahalyan. Play for kids | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan
12:30, 14:00, 15:30. Gndlik-Bokonik (Gingerbread Man). By the motives of the Russian folk-tale "Kolobok". Stage Director: Armen Elbakyan. 3+. Play for kids | State Marionette Theater
14:00. The Best House. R. Marukhyan. Play for kids | Hamazgayin State Theater
16:00. Magic Ball. Children's Musical .Author: Ara Yernjakyany. Director of the play: Lusine Yernjakyany. Play for kids | Yerevan State Chamber Theater

26 January

19:00. Tales. Author: H. Tumanyan. Staging: Henrik Malyan. Play for kids | H. Malyan Theater of Film Actors

28 January

14:00. Little Red Riding Hood. Author: Charles Perrault. Director/Producer: Arpi Maghakyan. Play for kids | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

29 January

19:00. Royal Concert. Musical-amusing show. Author and director of the play - Ara Yernjakyany. Play | Yerevan State Chamber Theater

30 January

19:00. ANPO, Ram Oren & Alexey Kurbatov. Armenian National Philharmonic Orchestra Artistic Director & Principal Conductor: Eduard Topchjan. Concert | National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian
19:00. A Tale from the Clouds. Z. Antonyan. Play for kids | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan
19:00. Royal Concert. Musical-amusing show. Author and director of the play - Ara Yernjakyany. Play | Yerevan State Chamber Theater

31 January

12:00, 14:00. Three Piglets. Author: Ervand Manaryan. Director/Producer: Ruben Babayan. Play for kids | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan
12:30, 14:00, 15:30. The Naked King. Hans Christian Andersen. Staging: Armen Elbakyan. 6+. Play for kids | State Marionette Theater
19:00. Gentlemen, Everything is Collapsing but We Can Still Live and Have Fun. Pessimistic comedy. Author and Staging Director: Ara Yernjakyany. Play | Yerevan State Chamber Theater



Zodiac Weekly Forecast

Aries (Mar. 20--Apr. 19) :

In late August you were challenged by the financial sector-maybe related to old debts. You probably began to work on this at that time and now the situation is different. Perhaps the contract or agreement has changed. However, you are pressed to pour extra resources into the situation in order to maintain. The question is: Do you want to do this?

Taurus (Apr. 20--May 19):

This period may be difficult for those on a diet or other self-improvement program. You are prone to self-indulgence right now. Perhaps the best thing to do is accept that is so and find a new solution that is satisfying without sabotaging your good intentions of recent weeks. Partnership and social life is favored.

Gemini (May 20 -- June 20) :

You need to be aware that Mercury, your ruling planet, turns retrograde next week. The possibility that you will regret comments, plans, or contracts you make right now is high. You could make favorable contacts via the internet or some other source of education. Your mind is quick, but think carefully before acting.

Cancer (June 21--Jul y 21) :

See the lead paragraph on the home page and stay under the radar because you may be caught in the crosshairs of others who are in a dark frame of mind. An old situation may suddenly pop up between you and another that you thought long since over. It looks like it needs more discussion, but judge the moment carefully.

Leo (July 22 --Aug. 21):

This is a good week to bring a project to a close and prepare to move forward into new territory next week. Finish loose ends and clean off your desk so you can feel accomplished enough to step into another direction. The topic coming up as of the 20th is to give attention to your closest friends and/or Significant Other.

Virgo (Aug 22--Sep. 22) :

You may be thinking about an expenditure for an object of beauty or something else expansive. Let me point out that Mercury, your ruling planet, goes retrograde next week. Save your receipts because it may not work out as you hope. If it is non-returnable, think about this item for a while before you purchase.

Libra (Sep. 23--Oct. 22)

This is not your best week. Be on the alert for troubles with your home, your high tech equipment, partners or crazy people. Do not allow any of these to throw you off balance and you can emerge successfully with no more than a bruise or two. Take good care of your health and don't push your body beyond its limits.

Scorpio (Oct. 23--Nov. 21) :

Aspects suggest you may be feeling irritable and critical this week. Objects and people are just not cooperating, and you may also be worrying about finances. You took an action in August that put you on a difficult trajectory. It is possible this plan will require way more than you ever thought you would have to produce. Now you ask yourself whether or not it is worth the effort. It's your call.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 --Dec. 20):

It may be hard to move forward this week, due to challenges concerning property, equipment, health, or family issues. Your reflexes and normal muscle control are out of sync right now, so use special caution and listen to your body. If it says "don't," then pay attention and stop immediately. This will pass.

Capricorn (Dec 21 -- Jan 19) :

There are more demands upon you than you can physically or emotionally manage. This could be the week in which you must raise the white flag and call "Uncle!" The Goats often take on more responsibility than is good for them. Give yourself a break.

Aquarius (Jan. 20--Feb. 17) :

A project begun under difficult circumstances in May now arrives at a critical point. Do you pour even more effort and energy into it now? It is probable that the timing is off, even if the plan is good. You may do better to start again at another point. You may be feeling irritable and angry this week at someone or some rule that is demanding.

Pisces (Feb. 18--Mar. 19) :

The authorities in your world may be thrashing you now, and demanding an explanation for your behavior. Do not allow their guilt-bashing to take you down. You had reasons and did the best you could with the situation at the time. Pay close attention to your wallet and credit cards. You might be subject to ID theft.

ARMENIAN POETRY

Gevorg Emin

(1919- 1998)

Speak Up, Armenia!

Speak up, Armenia!
Speak, you who suffered all these ages,
whose joy is only decades old,
Speak up now, unabashed, courageous,
There is so much the world and men
must yet be told.

Behold,
The dove of peace alights on a new roof -
Peace which you dreamed of
Since to life you came.
Let words of ancient, sacred truth
Be spoken by your poet in your name.
Men, have you heard?
Not long ago in Karmir-Blur* was found
A pitcherful of grain -
The sole remains
Of harvests grown by our Armenian
forebears
Upon the rocks of Urartu
The stony soil they irrigated
with their sweat

Long ages through.
On that same day
Besides the grain was found
A spear our ancestors took up
When foes advanced,
Defending every inch of sacred ground.
No one can say today,
with all these centuries flown away,
What harvests it could yield,
That ancient, that primeval field,
For only this - a pitcherful of grain
Today remains. No one can say
After so many centuries have flown away,
How many tillers lived upon the land
Where now so few survive,
Slaughtered, dispersed and banned.
Yet every grain that excavations
have revealed
Will it not multiply and cover
a whole field?
And each Armenian is like
a tight-coiled spring,
And you may rest assured:
In spite of all the suffering it has cost,
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