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**Levon Aronian
retains the 2nd place
in FIDE ranking**

FIDE published the new ranking list of the strongest chess players of the world on November 1, 2012. As the Chess Federation of the Republic of Armenia informed, Levon Aronian retains the 2nd place in the FIDE ranking with 2815 points and only Magnus Carlsen from Norway exceeds Aronian's result and tops the list with 2 848 points. Vladimir Hakobyan with 2703 points, Sergey Movsisyan with 2688 points, Gabriel Sargsyan with 2679 points and Tigran L. Sargsyan, who scored 2659 points are involved in the list of top 100 chess players of the world.

Due to the efforts of these Armenian chess players - Levon Aronian, Vladimir Hakobyan, Sergey Movsisyan, Gabriel Sargsyan and Tigran L. Petrosyan Armenian National Chess Team became Olympic champion of the Chess Olympiads three times.

Serzh Sargsyan labels attorneys' behavior as "cynical"



On October 29, Serzh Sargsyan invited a meeting at the RA Prosecutor's Office with the participation of the representatives of the law enforcement bodies. See below

New government formed in Georgia

by David Petrosyan

A month has passed since the Georgian Dream Party, set up by billionaire Bidzina Ivanishvili, won the parliamentary elections in Georgia. B. Ivanishvili had his Georgian citizenship restored in a court and became the head of Georgia's new Government. The former ruling party the United National Movement (UNM), led by the country's President Mikhail Saakashvili, admitted its defeat and became parliamentary opposition.

The parliamentary elections were recognized by the international community, with Ivanishvili receiving congratulations from the heads of the leading Western countries.

It is the first time since the collapse of the USSR that a change of the government in a South Caucasian country recognized by the international community has taken place through an

election, rather than as a result of a coup, a revolution, or a forced resignation of the incumbent president. While accentuating the international personality of Georgia, we should remind the reader that in the unrecognized/partially recognized states of the South Caucasus namely Abkhazia, Nagorno Karabakh, and South Ossetia, changes of power by means of election have already occurred.

Despite the fact that the UNM has now become an opposition force, such a situation has emerged - for the first time in Georgia's contemporary political history - that many levers of real power remain in the hands of that party. As before, the president appoints governors, and under the Constitution, the heads of the defense, security, and interior ministries are subordinate to him. The majority of local self-government bodies are also under con-

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President invited a meeting on the issues related to the pretrial investigation of criminal cases

On October 29 Serzh Sargsyan invited a meeting with the participation of the law enforcement authorities regarding the situation in the criminal cases' investigation.

Underscoring at the beginning of the meeting that successful resolution of the pretrial investigation issues is conditioned mainly by the proper implementation of the exceptional functions of the procurator's supervision, the President of Armenia along with mentioning observable positive changes in the activities of the public prosecutor's office related to the fight against certain crimes, harshly criticized still existing negative occurrences which are taking place because of negligence or actions with underlying evil intentions by some of the prosecutors.

"However I should also note that negligence or evil intentions of some prosecutors still remain a problem and, unfortunately, do not meet a proper judgment. I would like to remind that during the last December meeting while discussing issues related to the quality of pretrial investigation and efficiency of the procurator's

supervision, this problem was particularly emphasized and it was proposed to undertake effective measures to fight it. Although some steps have been taken on this direction including persecution of those guilty, the extent of the negative occurrences has not subsided. One special conclusion is that some individuals simply didn't draw lessons from all this. They didn't draw lessons because inside the prosecutor's office I don't see resolute struggle against these happenings.

It is obvious that during the pretrial investigation, the prosecutor has a serious role to play; the representatives of the pretrial bodies are here and you all understand quite well that in this process everyone has a share of responsibility. In this short period of time, after going through the complaints and appeals received from the citizens, the Presidential Staff conducted an inspection and revealed in the pretrial practices facts which are simply inconsistent with sound logic. As if it's not enough that instead of revealing facts related to the criminal case, the officials in charge have been changing the circumstances of the

crime by passing off certain facts, they also have been patronizing the criminalize and covering up the crimes. Furthermore, in some instances unrelated persons have been charged for crimes. I cannot imagine a fouler or a more wicked deed on behalf of a person who works in a law enforcement establishment".

Considering the nature of the registered problems and associated consequences, the President of Armenia gave specific instructions to the concrete officials aimed at the addressing the situation. At the conclusion of the meeting, SerzhSargsyan underscored that he expects considerate attitude on behalf of the RA Prosecutor General, his Deputies, those responsible for investigations. "I demand principled stance from you all. Each one must be responsible and it must be registered.

Based on the results demonstrated in the first three months of 2012, we will speak again about the quality of investigations and concrete facts," President Serzh Sargsyan underscored.

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia hosted the member of the House of Lords of the UK Ara Darzi



The Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia Tigran Sargsyan hosted Armenian professor, the member of the House of Lords of the United Kingdom, the member of the Council of Trustees of the National Competitiveness Council of Armenia Ara Darzi, who participated in the opening ceremony of the Armenian Centre of Excellence in Oncology.

The Department of Information and Public Relations of the Government of the Republic of Armenia noted that the head of the Government greeted the guest and stated: "We are very glad for your cooperation with the National Competitiveness Council of Armenia. It was designed on the foundation of the concept of the cooperation of the public and private sectors. It is aimed at not solely developing the competitiveness of the Republic of Armenia, but also

multiplying all the potential power of the Armenian nation. Our first long-term goal are the reforms of the education system, the second is mid-term goal is the development of the healthcare and the third short-term goal is tourism". Tigran Sargsyan also mentioned that the activity of the foundation will be also aimed at the involvement of transnational organization and the encouragement of small and medium-sized businesses.

Darzi expressed his gratification for the reception and highlighted that it is a great honor for him to be a member of the Council of Trustees of the National Competitiveness Council of Armenia. He stated that he shared the views of the Government of the Republic of Armenia regarding the activity of the foundation and said that he was willing to support their realization.

Raffi Hovhannisian officially announces his candidacy



Armenia's opposition Heritage Party Chairman Raffi Hovhannisian will run for next year's presidential elections, Hovhannisian himself announced during a press conference on November 2.

In his words, he is doing this as an



Armenian citizen who bears responsibility, will, and guilt for the current situation in the country, and therefore he wants for this situation to be mended, surmounted, and lessened.

"I expect the participation by and support of those who want to see democracy in Armenia, of those who expect that the family of their president must be impoverished in Armenia as long as there is even one poor family in the republic, and of those who wish to see our republic as a sovereign country," Raffi Hovhannisian added.

Meetings in Prague

On October 30 the RA NA President Hovik Abrahamyan being on an official visit in the Czech Republic met with the President of the Senate of the Czech Republic Milan Št?ch.

Thanking for the invitation and warm reception Hovik Abrahamyan congratulated the people of the Czech Republic and the members of the Senate on the occasion of the National Holiday. He expressed confidence that the cooperation based on the friendly relations between the parliaments of the two countries would more strengthen and develop. "Armenia is interested in developing the cooperation with the Czech Republic with different formats, taking into consideration also the common goals that we have within the framework of the Eastern Partnership", the NA President noted. In terms of deepening the inner-state relations Hovik Abrahamyan highlighted the development and reinforcement of the inter-parliamentary relations. In the NA President's word, in the context of the political dialogue the parliamentary diplomacy and the activity of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups can have an important role. He noted that Armenia-Czech Republic Parliamentary Friendship Group had been shaped in the National Assembly, and its activity could give a new impetus to the cooperation between the legislative bodies of the two countries. "The partnership relations between the parliaments of the two countries have been established, and the dialogue at parliamentary level can also be useful for rising mutual recognition, for having good pictures about the foreign political agenda from the view of supporting each other in the Parliamentary Assemblies of the international organizations", the NA President said. Hovik Abrahamyan emphasized the cooperation of the two countries within the framework of the international organizations.

Touching upon the Safarov case the NA President recorded with satisfaction the stance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, which had unequivocally and strictly evaluated what happened. He highly appreciated the adopted resolution condemning the Azerbaijani murderer Ramil Safarov by the Committee on Foreign Relations, Defense and Security of the Senate of the Czech Republic. "Highlighting this fair and special step by our counterparts, I am sure that the cooperation between our parliaments from now on will be productive and continuous". Mr Abrahamyan also thanked the Senator Št?tina, who was attending the meeting, for his many years work in favors of Armenians, beginning from 1988 disastrous earthquake period. Besides the adoption of the resolution on Ramil Safarov, recently during the next full meeting of the OSCE PA, which was held in Tirana, he had supported the RA stance, especially in relation to Safarov case.

Mr Abrahamyan highlighted the activity of the diplomatic representation of the Czech Republic in Armenia, proposing to open a full



embassy in Yerevan, where a consulate service will also function and the citizens of Armenia should not be obliged to leave for Georgia to get entry visas for the Czech Republic. In NA President's conviction, the opening of the embassy will also have a positive impact on providing continuity of the political dialogue in terms of trade-economic cooperation, tourism and activation of human contacts.

The President of the Senate of the Czech Republic thanked Hovik Abrahamyan for accepting his invitation and visiting the Czech Republic. He highly assessed the friendly relations shaped between the two countries and in this context emphasized the development of the inter-parliamentary cooperation. Milan Št?ch expressed conviction that the NA President's official visit to the Czech Republic would give a new impetus to the bilateral cooperation. He highlighted the democratic reforms going on in Armenia. Touching upon the Safarov's extradition and condemning it, Mr Št?ch noted that the step taken by Hungary was perhaps a consequence of a mistake or negligence, but the Azerbaijani President's step was against all international standards. "It's inadmissible that the murderer is released and is given a title of hero" the President of the Senate of the Czech Republic.

Milan Štech deemed important Hovik Abrahamyan's proposal of having full Embassy of the Czech Republic to Armenia and expressed conviction that it would promote the activation of bilateral relations in all directions.



In the course of the meeting regional problems were also discussed. The sides touched upon the Armenian-Turkish relations, the NK problem and the events held in Syria. Hovik Abrahamyan stressed that the Karabakh conflict should be

solved within the OSCE Minsk Group, as a result of peaceful negotiations. The NA President expressed hope that up to 2015 the Parliament of the Czech Republic would recognize the Armenian Genocide.

Hovik Abrahamyan invited the President of the Senate of the Czech Republic to Armenia on an official visit, and the invitation was gladly accepted.

The heads of the two parliaments summed up the results of the meeting in the joint briefing, as well as answered the journalists' questions.

"The Azerbaijani authorities' this decision contradicts all the norms of the international law: the murderer cannot appear in freedom and get a title of hero", Mr Št?ch said.

"To heroize the murderer, the criminal is not good for a President of any country. And I would like to thank the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, the Senate of the Czech Republic, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and those, who condemned that immoral step taken by Azerbaijan and Hungary", Hovik Abrahamyan said.

In the NA President's word, the authorities of the Czech Republic have balanced stance in the issue of conflicts of the Caucasus region, which Armenia highly appreciates. Hovik Abrahamyan noted that during his visit he would apply to the Government of the Czech Republic, to give opportunity to the diplomatic representation functioning in Yerevan for providing entry visas to

the citizens of Armenia.

The President of the Senate of the Czech Republic said that he knew that the history of Armenia was one of the ancient ones, and

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Armenian Speaker predicts easy reelection of Sargsyan

President Serzh Sargsyan will face no serious challengers in his bid to win a second term in office in an upcoming election, parliament speaker Hovik Abrahamyan said late on October 30.

"Of course, I don't see today serious competitors of Serzh Sargsyan," he told RFE/RL's Armenian service during a visit to the Czech Republic. "That is my personal opinion. I don't want to offend anyone. I just don't see [strong opposition presidential candidates.]"

Other senior representatives of the ruling Republican Party of Armenia (HHK) have also said in recent weeks that Sargsyan's victory in the presidential election due in February is a forgone conclusion. This has triggered opposition allegations that the Armenian authorities are planning to rig the election.

Raffi Hovannisian, the leader of the opposition Heritage party and one of Sargsyan's likely challengers, hit back at Abrahamyan on October 31. "In case of a truly free and fair election, the reality will be different," Hovannisian said in a written statement. "Armenia would have ... a new president, proud citizens, a strong state and a brilliant future."

Hovannisian noted that the



influential speaker managed Sargsyan's and the HHK's campaigns for the last national elections marred by opposition allegations of fraud. He said they could try to rig the upcoming ballot as well.

The authorities deny this, with Sargsyan saying last week that his administration will save no effort to make the vote the most democratic in the country's history.

With less than four months to go before the contest, it is still not clear who the incumbent president's main challenger will be.

Aghvan Vartanyan, a leader of the opposition Armenian Revolutionary Federation (Dashnaktsutyun), insisted on October 31 that the country's leading opposition forces may still

agree on a single candidate and seriously threaten Sargsyan's reelection plans. "The situation in Armenia is such that any developments are possible," Vartanian told .

The course of the presidential race will depend, in large measure, on the stance of the Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP), which left Sargsya's ruling coalition after finishing second in last May's parliamentary elections. The BHK has still not clarified whether it will nominate its own candidate.

Abrahamyan expressed hope that the PAP will endorse Sargsyan's reelection bid after all. He said the president should win with a "high percentage" of votes in order to successfully address Armenia's problems.

Senior Prosecutor sacked over assault

A senior Armenian prosecutor has been sacked more than five months after being accused of beating up a man in a street dispute in Yerevan; it was announced on November 1.

Armenia's Office of the Prosecutor-General said Mesrop Manrikyan was relieved of his duties for "a conduct not is befitting an official" late on Wednesday, two days after President Serzh Sargsyan harshly criticized state prosecutors.

Manrikyan, who has worked at the prosecutor's office of the central Kotayk province, was thrust into a scandal in May. Ruben Grdzelyan, a 33-year-old Yerevan resident working as a journalist, claimed to have been assaulted by the prosecutor and three other men, including his son,

while strolling in the city center with his wife and small children. Grdzelyan said Manrikyan insulted and punched him after shouting abuse at the children who played in front of a garage belonging to the prosecutor.

Manrikyan admitted verbally abusing the children, saying that they were left unattended and risked being run over by his car coming out of the garage. But he insisted that Grdzelyan was the first to throw a punch.

The law-enforcement authorities effectively sided with Manrikyan, prosecuting his son instead. Grdzelyan, who runs the Yerevan bureau of the Russian news agency Regnum, was also charged with hooliganism and put on trial this summer. The journalist was acquitted by a

Yerevan court last month.

Sargsyan mentioned the incident on October 29 at a meeting with Armenia's Prosecutor-General Aghvan Hovsepyan and his senior subordinates, during which he accused prosecutors of serious abuses. Without mentioning Manrikyan by name, he spoke of a prosecutor who "picked a fight on the street" and then brought forward a false witness to avoid punishment.

Sona Truzyan, a spokeswoman for Hovsepyan, insisted that Manrikyan was sacked by the chief Armenian prosecutor as a result of an "examination" of the court ruling in the case.

Minister plays down prison protest

Armenian prison authorities will not give in to the demands of several detainees who went on hunger strike and severely injured themselves last week, Justice Minister Hrayr Tovmasyan said on Wednesday.

One of the men kept at Yerevan Nubarashen prison, Karen Taroyan, cut off his little finger and sent it to an Armenian online media outlet last Thursday along with a letter that was also signed by three other inmates. Two of them sewed their mouths shut in protest.

Taroyan, who is serving a 9-year prison sentence for manslaughter, is reportedly seeking his return to another prison located near his hometown, Hrazdan. Another convict, Serob

Mkhitarian, claims to be suffering from mental disorders and wants to be transferred to a hospital. Vartan Demirchian, the other Nubarashen inmate with a sewn mouth, only wants to be kept in another prison cell for unclear reasons.

Tovmasyan rejected these demands. He said that there is nothing unusual about prisoners in and outside Armenia cutting fingers and sewing their lips together. "Some of the people sewing their mouths already have holes [in their lips,]" he told journalists. "They are kind of used to doing that, just like girls wearing earrings."

Tovmasyan said Taroyan took the extreme action to prevent his impend-

ing transfer to a maximum-security prison near the southeastern town of Goris. "That person has been subjected to disciplinary action for 20 times," he said, explaining the planned move.

The minister went on to acknowledge that prison conditions in Armenia still leave much to be desired. But he said the authorities are committed to gradually improving them. In particular, he said, they will complete next year the construction of a penitentiary institution for 1,200 persons located 40 kilometers west of Yerevan.

Armenia's total prison population currently stands at approximately 4,600.

Government turns to Armenian opposition in new 'anti-corruption drive'

The government has decided to significantly toughen its fight against endemic corruption in Armenia and is ready to work together with major opposition groups in that effort, Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan said on November 1.

"The existing situation in Armenia -- in the area of corruption in particular -- does not satisfy us," Sargsyan told a weekly session of his cabinet. "The president of the republic is demanding resolute actions, including the use of surgical methods, so that we can effect changes that are tangible and visible."

"In order to achieve success in this area, I think we should substantially step up cooperation with civil society ... I think it would also be right to invite opposition parties to cooperate with us and become involved in this work," he said.

The announcement followed a series of corruption inquiries ordered by the Armenian authorities in recent weeks. The crackdown was in turn launched after a September 15 government meeting during which President Serzh Sargsyan denounced what he called widespread corruption in the administration of state procurements and ordered law-enforcement bodies to investigate it.

Several senior government officials were sacked in the following weeks amid criminal proceedings launched by the Armenian police. Prime Minister Sargsyan and various state bodies alleged serious abuses in construction work commissioned by the government, purchases of government-subsidized medication as well as food supplies to state-run kindergartens and orphanages.

Opposition leaders and other government critics have dismissed the crackdown as a publicity stunt aimed at boosting President Sargsyan's reelection chances in a presidential ballot due in February. Government officials and the ruling Republican Party deny this.

In Tigran Sargsyan's words, the government would like civic and opposition groups to join in the declared campaign through an anti-corruption council headed by the

prime minister. He expressed hope that their representatives will attend the council's next meeting slated for Saturday.

The government was quick to send corresponding invitations to Armenia's main opposition parties later in the day. Two of them, the Armenian Revolutionary Federation Dashnaktsutyun and the Heritage party accepted the invitations.

"We welcome any step towards fighting against corruption, even a belated one," said Hovsep Khurshudyan, the Heritage spokesman.

Aghvan Vartanyan, a Dashnaktsutyun leader, was more skeptical, saying that his party will send one of its senior members to Saturday's meeting only "out of courtesy." "This anti-corruption council existing for almost ten years has never been known for its effectiveness and we pin no hopes on it," he told RFE/RL's Armenian service .

The more radical Armenian National Congress (ANC) rejected the government offer out of hand, saying that it will boycott "this theatrical show and cheap deceit." In a statement, the opposition bloc charged that Armenia's political leaders, including Tigran Sargsyan, are themselves corrupt and therefore disinterested in tackling the problem in earnest. The ANC said corruption will remain widespread until Armenia gets a "legitimate authority."

The Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP), which was part of the government until June, was also invited to participate in the work of the anti-graft body. The PAP spokesman Tigran Urikhanyan told RFE/RL's Armenian service , that the party is considering the offer.

President Sargsyan has pledged to combat bribery, nepotism and other corrupt practices throughout his rule. Local and international anti-graft watchdogs have reported few improvements so far, however.

Armenia occupied a lowly 129th place in Berlin-based Transparency International's 2011 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) of 183 countries. It ranked 123rd of 178 nations surveyed in 2010.



Armenia is EU's strategically important partner - European delegation chief

The 11th sitting of the EU Advisory Council took place on November 2 at Presidential residence co-chaired by secretary of Armenian's National Security Council Artur Baghdasaryan and the Head of the EU delegation to Armenia Traian Hristea.

Baghdasaryan stressed that Armenia-EU relations are developing dynamically with a number of important developments taken place during the past two months giving opportunity to claim about successful progress.

The NSC secretary stressed that important work had been carried out for facilitation of entrance visa regime to EU countries and for signing the Association Agreement.

"The reforms intended with the Armenia-EU action programme have been successfully implemented during this quarter. We have adopted 'National Strategy on Human Rights Protection in the National Council'. It is a very important document and three international establishments were waiting for us to approve it," he said.

"We have set up a number of task groups for the implementation of reforms in tax and customs spheres," he stressed, adding that a

National Security Council sitting will be convened soon to discuss the reforms in border check-points.

Traian Hristea, Head of the EU delegation to Armenia stated Armenia was the European Union's (EU) strategically important partner

In his words, the parties have a common approach on several matters. "I agree that a progress was achieved this year on a number of directions," the ambassador noted adding that if the talks continue at the same pace, there will be a package of documents next year.

Also, Hristea extended his thanks to the Armenian party for allowing the citizens of Schengen countries a visa-free travel to Armenia. "But the opportunity for deepening relations is not exhausted. We have done a lot for support, [and] Armenia could receive a lot more support," the EU delegation chief stressed.



President and Prosperous Armenia Party leader are country's most prominent figures - Gallup poll

President Serzh Sargsyan and Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP) Chairman Gagik Tsarukyan are the country's most prominent political figures. A Gallup International Association survey that was conducted in Armenia has come up with such result.

The Association's Armenia Office Director Aram Navasardyan and Research Department Head Gayane Dajunts presented the Gallup poll results during a press conference on November 2.

Navasardyan noted that to the question as to who is Armenia's most prominent political figure, 32, 29, and 9 percent of the respondents said Sargsyan, Tsarukyan, and second President Robert Kocharyan respectively. Opposition Heritage Party leader Raffi Hovannisian, and opposition bloc Armenian National Congress leader and First President Levon Ter-Petrosyan received 3 percent apiece. The other candidates received around 2 percent, and 7 percent did not answer.

To the query as to whether Armenia's presidential elections were to be held next Sunday whom they would vote for, the respon-

dents answered as follows: Serzh Sargsyan, 28 percent; Gagik Tsarukyan, 19 percent; Robert Kocharyan, 11 percent; Raffi Hovannisian, 4 percent; Levon Ter-Petrosyan, 3 percent; former FM and PAP MP Vartan Oskanian, 3 percent; opposition ARF Dashnaksutyun Party MP Vahan Hovhannisian, 1 percent; and coalition Government's junior member Orinats Yerikr (Rule of Law) Party Chairman Artur Baghdasaryan, 1 percent. Sixteen percent did not answer, whereas 11 percent said no one.

To the question as to why, even though Armenia's citizens complain about the dire socio-economic conditions in the country, they still prefer Serzh Sargsyan, Aram Navasardyan noted that he did not see an organized and a united opposition in Armenia's current political spectrum, and, perhaps, that is why the people likewise are unable to make a decision.



Armenia dismisses Azerbaijan's fresh Karabakh flight threats

On November 1 Armenia condemned Azerbaijan's renewed threats to forcibly halt planned commercial flights to Nagorno-Karabakh and warned of "adequate" retaliation against Baku.

The Azerbaijani government reiterated on Wednesday its strong opposition to the reopening of a newly reconstructed airport near the Karabakh capital Stepanakert. Defense Ministry spokesman Eldar Sabiroglu said the Armenian side's plans to launch a regular flight service between Stepanakert and Yerevan without Baku's permission would violate international law.

"Second, one must take into account the fact that we are in a state of war," news agencies quoted Sabiroglu as saying. "And third, if they [the Armenians] resort to that step, they will get an adequate response. That is, the Azerbaijani army will perform its duties."

The Azerbaijani officials have repeatedly issued such warnings before. Some of them have openly stated that the Azerbaijani military would shoot down civilian aircraft entering Karabakh.

The authorities in Stepanakert and Yerevan have brushed aside such threats. General Movses Hakobian, the commander of Karabakh's Armenia-backed army, warned earlier this week that his forces are capable of destroying air targets deep inside Azerbaijani territory.

"This year, for instance, the [Karabakh] Defense Army's air-defense forces tracked 2,226 flights in Azerbaijan's airspace,"



Hakobyan told journalists. "Namely, they flew within our firing range and could have been shot down."

"I go to Yerevan very often, and in order to reassure our public I promise to fly there every time," after the launch of Stepanakert-Yerevan flights, he said.

Artsrun Hovannisian, the Armenian Defense Ministry spokesman, cited Hakobian's comments when asked by RFE/RL's Armenian service to comment on the latest Azerbaijani threats. He also said any use of force against civilian aircraft would run counter to international law.

"We are always ready to take corresponding actions," said Koryun Nahapetyan, chairman of the Armenian parliament committee on defense and security. "That could take the form of statements or appropriate military actions. So rest assured that our authorities are doing everything in this

regard, and there is no need to be concerned."

International mediators seeking a peaceful settlement of the Karabakh conflict said in July that they have "received renewed assurances from the sides that they will reject any threat or use of force against civil aircraft, pursue the matter through diplomatic steps, and refrain from politicizing the issue."

Although the Karabakh airport's reconstruction was essentially completed recently year, it remains unclear when it will start functioning. The Karabakh authorities have repeatedly postponed the launch of the flights, citing technical problems.

The airport was closed in 1991 amid intensifying armed clashes in Karabakh that degenerated into a full-scale Armenian-Azerbaijani war. The transport communication between Karabakh and the outside world has since been carried out by land, via Armenia.

Heffern spoke about his expectations from the coming Armenian presidential election

USA extraordinary and plenipotentiary Ambassador to Armenia John Heffern spoke about his expectations from the coming Armenian presidential elections when answering to the journalists' questions in Gyumri on November 1.

"It is important to strengthen those positive trends which were noted during the parliamentary elections in May. OSCE democratic institutions and the office of human rights were carrying out observation mission. Some suggestions have been made by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), the implementation of which may be very efficient and reasonable for the elections" underlined Heffern. According to him interdepartmental group, created by the Armenian government, is observing all the 26 suggestions.

"A few days ago all the



Ambassadors to Armenia were provided with list, which government is planning to do in terms of suggestions. We highly evaluate the detailed response of the government on each suggestion, and by the way the majority of the suggestions have been accepted. There is a need for extra dialogue on some offers, and some need several

changes in the electoral legislation, but taking into consideration the short period of time left before the beginning of the elections the suggestions will be made after them. We are waiting for the coming elections and hope that they will be transparent and fair" noted USA Ambassador John Heffern.



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- ♦ **2676** Amiryany Str. 16/12 259 sq.m. 4 rooms, 3 bedrooms.N-3 meters, capitally euro repaired,view to yard, concrete floor, heating system, water, gas, AC, underground parking, separate furnished kitchen Price: 550.000 AMD % included

- ♦ **2674** Qeru Str, 17/3 103 sq.m, 3 rooms, 2 bedrooms,N-3U meters, elite building , 2 bathrooms, swimming-pool, tennis court, parking(not included in the price) heating, gas, water, AC, sold with and without furniture Price: without furniture 160000 USD with furniture 175000 USD

- ♦ **2474. Koryun Street**. 5/3, 100 sq.m., 3 turned into 4, euro repair , euro windows, permanent gas, balcony, 2 AC, opportunity. Price 160.000 USD
- ♦ **2454. Moskovyan str.**, 5/2, 180sqm, normal state, 3 bedrooms, lavatory, permanent water, gas. Price 370.000USD
- ♦ **2453. Koryun str.**, 6/4, 100sqm, 4 rooms, euro repaired, 2 lavatories. Price negotiable
- ♦ **2429. Ekmalyan street**, 10/9, 178sqm, 3bedrooms, 3lavatories, capitally repaired, AC, parking. Price-360.000USD
- ♦ **2393. Moskovyan street**, 5/3. 110 sq.m., euro repair, logha balcony 17 sq.m., permanent hot and cold water, cube 700 l, electric heating system, natural gas, Ariston, 2AC, satellite. Price: 400 000 USD
- ♦ **2335. Mashtots Avenue**. 4/4, 95 sq.m., 3 rooms, 2 bedrooms, stone building, euro repaire, euro doors and windows, open balcony, permanent hot and cold water, concrete cover, beech parquetry, h 3 m, closed attic. Price 125000 USD
- ♦ **2348. Abovyan Street**, 4/2, 177.8 sq/m, euro repaired, concreted, laminate furniture in the bedroom, cupboards in the kitchen, tiled, Baxi system, Price: 250000 USD preliminary
- ♦ **2395. North Avenue**. 130 sq.m., newly built, h-3 m, a view to Abovyan street. Price: 1 sq.m.-1600 USD

PREMISES

- ♦ **1710. Sayat - Nova str.**, 1st floor, 420sqm, 2 rooms, 2 lavatories, entrance from street. Price 1.000.000USD
- ♦ **1727. Baghramyan str.**, 2 storied, 230sqm, capitally repaired, entrance from street, garage. Price 350.000USD
- ♦ **1725. Hanrapetutyan str.**, 1storied, 171sqm, 2 entrances, capitally repaired, permanent hot and cold water. Price 500.000USD
- ♦ **1703. Northern Avenue**, 9/7, 66sqm, capitally repaired, heating, lavatory, 30000AMD service rent, view to Teryan street. Price 220,000USD
- ♦ **1553. Kasyan street**. 170sq.m., working fashion saloon, large windows, facade-15m, 1room+foyyee, h=2.80 m, cellar 30 sq.m. Price 500 000 USD preliminary
- ♦ **1598. Nairy Zaryan street**, 180 sq.m., 1st floor, a working restaurant, hall-100 sq.m. 1st line, repaired, tonir. Price: negotiable
- ♦ **1383. Nalbandian St**, cellar + 1 story, 30 sq. m. cellar, 90 sq. m. story, Euro repair, hall, kitchen, lavatory, 24-hour hot and cols water, gas supply, suitable for a bar or restaurant. Price: 512.000USD
- ♦ **1603. North avenue**, 159 sq.m., 1st floor. Entrance on ground floor also, construction is in process, suitable for a shop. Price: 1 sq.m. 10 000 USD
- ♦ **1588. Tigran Mec street**, 256 sq.m, 5/1.2 , trade area, stone building, euro repair, 1st floor trade area - 210 sq.m., 2nd floor 46 sq.m. residential Area. Price: 600 000 USD

LANDS

- ♦ **1756 H. Qochar str**. 1000 sq m, 2-storey brick building - 1200 sq m, old repaired. Price: 1.200.000 preliminary
- ♦ **2122. Davitashen**, 1800sqm, water, gas, electricity, possible to sell separately 600sqm, 1200sqm. Price-150USD per sqm.
- ♦ **1869. Cascade**. 720 sq.m. 1st line, permission for construction, suitable for a new building or a business. Price: negotiable
- ♦ **2121. Centre**, land-1338sqm, 1100 sqm has permission for building. Price-2milion USD
- ♦ **2107 Monument**, 2400sqm, permission for building, 2 projects to build 3 storied building, possibility of water, gas, electricity, beautiful view of city and Ararat. Price-500USD per sqm.
- ♦ **1939. Kotayk region**, Aghavnadzor district. Land 5000 sq.m., suitable for building a resort place. Price negotiable
- ♦ **2011. Proshyan street**. Land 400 sq.m. for building a house, privatized, 2nd line/ near the garden/. Price 1 sq.m. beginning from 700 USD
- ♦ **2013. Cascade**. Land 1000 sq.m. For public construction needs, First line, gas, water and electricity possibilities. Price for 1 sq.m. 580 USD
- ♦ **2028. District of Erebuni**, Arin-Berd street. Land 2 acr. With a 2 storied partially built building, water, electricity plastered.h=4.20m. Price 1 sq.m, 50 USD
- ♦ **1402. Hr. Kochar St**, 1,100 sq. m, personal plot, front -25 m, privatized, empty, possibility for building communications. Price negotiable.
- ♦ **1351. Monument**, 2,000 sq. m, privatized, front - 17 m, APZ permission, for social purposes: suitable for a restaurant, hotel. Price negotiable.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- ♦ **2725. Nork-Marash**, building - 733.25sqm, land-620sqm, semi-basement +2floors, euro repaired, semi-basement is sport room, sauna, summer room, pool, fireplace, 1st floor- sitting room, 1 bedroom, cabinet, kitchen, lavatory, 2nd floor - 4 bedrooms, permanent hot and cold water, gas, Spanish tiles, 2 AC. Price - 500.000USD
- ♦ **3348. Blur, Barbyusi**. 3 floors, land - 800 sq.m, building-700 sq.m, capitally repaired, climate control. Price: 1.5 million USD
- ♦ **3059. Vahagni community**, total-1500sqm, building-280sqm, 2.5 storied, newly built, not lived in, 1st floor-living room-44sqm, kitchen, family room-24sqm, 2nd floor-3bedrooms, 3 lavatories, garage for 2 cars, cellar, security system, possible to sell with furniture. Price 490.000\$.
- ♦ **3210 Aygestan community**. 2 stories, land: 480 sq.m, building: 310 sq.m, 1st floor is not repaired, garage, 2nd floor: repaired, kitchen, lavatory-tiled, permanent hot and cold water, Baxi system, a place for barbeque, garden, trees Price: 270.000 USD
- ♦ **3292. Arabkir**, 2 floors, land - 1200 sq.m, building - 340 sq.m, 4 rooms, newly built, repaired, euro windows and doors, sauna, 2 swimming-pools, 5 bathrooms, permanent hot and cold water, heating system, Jacuzzi, fireplace, laundry room, cameras, 2 satellites, garage for 2 cars, basement, fruitful garden, brick fence. Price: 1.2 million USD
- ♦ **3313 Blur, H. Emin**, 3 floors, land - 550 sq.m, building - 450 sq.m, capitally repaired, furnished, 6 bedrooms. Price: 1 600 000 USD
- ♦ **2916. Ashtarak highway**, village Nazrvan. 3 storied building. Land 3500 sq.m., building 760 sq.m., euro repair, 3 tiled lavatories, a sauna, billiard, permanent hot and cold water,

gas, heating system, garden, pool, garage.The building is rampant. Price-5000 USD



- ♦ **74. Cascade, Verin Antarayin**. electricity, water, gas, euro window, drywall, no exploitation fees, parking - 15.000 USD. 136-315 sq m. 1 sq m - 1200 USD
- ♦ **107. Monument, Verin Antarayin**. inhabited, 8th floor cockloft, gas, window, street view - 1 sq m -1000 USD, city looking - 1 sq m -1500 USD, parking - 4 million preliminary, price: started from 40 sq m
- ♦ **100. Leo str.** half basement parking, 1st floor - shops, 2nd floor - office spaces, elevator, equipped kitchen, central heating, water, height -2.80 m, beautiful view, will be ready to for use at the end of 2013. 60-300 sq m. 16 floors
- ♦ **87. Sayat-Nova street**, newly built building Given to the operation in December 2012. Climate control, gas, the fasad sector has 3 bedrooms-188 sq.m, 199 sq.m, 1 sq.m- 1900 USD, 2 bedrooms have a beautiful sight- 117 sq.m, 120 sq.m, 124 sq.m, 1 sq.m-1700 USD Price: 1 sq.m- 1900-1700 USD
- ♦ **93. Kievyan street**, newly built building Given to the operation in October 2011, gajats, windows, exterior doors, h -3, 15 m, gas supply, the second floor has a parking lot, parking is possible for sale. Price 12 000 USD possible with mortgage, for 13 years term
- ♦ **94. Masiv**. Newly built, , coupling, 8 flats, in each cottage 4 flats, totall-2000 sq.m, each flat has 2 stories, 3 bedrooms, 210 sq.m., parking: 80 sq.m. Price: 160 000 USD

FOR RENT

1 ROOMS

- ♦ **1109 Teryan Str.**, 4/2 1 room transformed into 2, 47 sq.m, newly euro repaired, euro windows and doors, furnished, equipped, security camera, Ariston. Price: 500 USD
- ♦ **1009. Teryan str.**, 4/3, 1room changed into 2, 50sqm, euro repaired, furnished, permanent hot and cold water, gas, AC, spanish tiles, technique, ariston heating system. Price 800USD per month, 60USD per day
- ♦ **1096. City Centre, Heratsu Str.**, 5/3, 1 room, newly repaired, furnished, equipped, bed-room sheets and dishes, heating, satellite. Price: 400 USD, 15.000 AMD per day.
- ♦ **1005. Lalayanc str.**, 11/5, 1room changed into 2, euro repaired, furniture, permanent hot and cold water, gas, AC, spanish tiles, technique. Price 600USD per month, 40USD per day
- ♦ **853. Amiryany street**, 10/7. 1 turned into 2, 50 sq.m., euro repair, Italian furniture, bed, utensil, techniques, permanent water, gas, antenna, Baxy system. Price 700 USD, 50 USD per day

2 ROOMS

- ♦ **2037. Baghramyan str.**, 5/2, 60sqm, 1 bed-room, euro repaired, modern furniture, spanish tiles, permanent hot and cold water, gas, baxi, AC, technique. Price 100USD per day
- ♦ **2189 Vardanants str**, 24/12, 1 bedroom, newly built, 90 sqm, repaired, furnished, with elevator. Price: 450 000 AMD
- ♦ **1961. Tumanian street**, 4/2, 86sq.m., 1 bed-room, Euro repair, Euro windows, Furnished, permanent hot and cold water. Price: 1200 USD, 1day: 70USD
- ♦ **2186 Buzand str**, 7th floor, 2 rooms, newly built, euro repaired, furnished, equipped, internet, security system, permanent hot and cold water, gas, heating system, underground parking, beautiful view. Price: 900 USD, 20 000 AMD per day.
- ♦ **2099. Sayat-Nova Ave.**, 12/6, 2 rooms, all the conveniences, repaired, furnished, water, gas, Baxi heating system, AC, washing machine. Price: 220.000 AMD, per day - 50\$

3 ROOMS AND MORE

- ♦ **2021** Teryan Str, building 8, 9/8,9 4 bedrooms, newly built, 245 sq.m, capitally repaired, euro doors and windows, not inhabited, 3 bathrooms, 2 halls, heating system. Preliminary price: 3500 USD
- ♦ **2043** Saryan Str., 24 appt 8/2 3 bedrooms,147 sq.m, 2 bathrooms, tiled floors, AC, heating system. Price: 1200 USD
- ♦ **2005. Northern Ave.**, 8/8, 3 bedrooms, newly built, 130 sq.m, repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2200 USD
- ♦ **1998 Buzand Str.**, 9/6 3 bedrooms, newly built, 130 sq.m, repaired, furnished, equipped,

AC, water, gas, heating, view to Republic Square, parking, no service fee. Price: 2500 USD

- ♦ **2008 Komitas, Vagharshyan Str.**, 7/3, 3 bedrooms, newly built, capitally repaired, furnished, heating, 2 bathrooms. Price: 2000 USD
- ♦ **1739. Pushkin str**. 6/5, 3 bedrooms, newly built, capitally repaired,2 bathrooms, parking, price: 1600 USD
- ♦ **1723. Northern Ave**. 8/4. 3 bedrooms, 170 sq.m., 3 bedrooms,3 bathrooms, newly built, repaired, furnished , open kitchen, Falcon system. Price: 2000 USD
- ♦ **1942. Teryan str.**, 4/2. 3 bedrooms, 120 sq.m, repaired, furnished kitchen, washing machine, AC, 2 bathrooms, open balcony. Price: 1200 USD
- ♦ **942. Teryan str**. 4/3. 2 bedrooms, 130 sq.m, concrete, Hgt. 3.50, loggia-2, tile/ital., renovation. Price: 1500 USD
- ♦ **1969. Amiryany str**, 12/11. 3 bedrooms, newly built, 180 sq.m, capitally repaired, furnished, 2 bathrooms, Baxi heating system installed, climate control. Price: 1700 USD
- ♦ **1967. Pushkin str.**, 8/6. 2 bedrooms, newly built, 130 sq.m, capitally repaired, furnished. Price: 2000 USD
- ♦ **1966. Ekmalyan str.**, 10/5. 3 bedrooms, newly built, 170 sq.m, capitally repaired, furnished, 2 bathrooms, Baxi heating system installed. Price: 1300 USD
- ♦ **1951. Buzand/Mashtots crossroad**. /13, 2 bedrooms, newly built, 122 sq.m, capitally repaired, 2 bathrooms, furnished, heating system, climate control, usage fee included. Price: 2000 USD
- ♦ **1950. Buzand/Mashtots crossroad**. /8, 2 bedrooms, newly built, 163 sq.m, capitally repaired, 2 bathrooms, furnished, heating system, climate control, open balcony, view to the garden, usage fee included. Price: 2500 USD
- ♦ **1137. Moskovyan str.**, 6/1, 2 bedrooms, lavatory, pool, normal state, furnished, technique, DVD, AC, permanent hot and cold water. Price 1100USD, possible daily rent.
- ♦ **1790. Byuzand street**, close to Abovyan st., 7/5, newly built, 2bedrooms, euro repaired, 2 balconies, furnished, baxi, technique, 2 lavatories, garage. Price 1600USD per month.
- ♦ **1793. Teryan street**. 260 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 3 lavatories, capital repair, climat control, parking, unfurnished (possible to furnish), newly built Price: 3500 USD
- ♦ **1564. Tumanyan street**, 7/4. 110 sq.m., euro repaire, 2 lavatories, Spanish tyles, permanent hot and cold water, gas, Baxi system, satellite, modern furniture, techniques, garage. Price 1200 USD.
- ♦ **1720. Amirian Street.**, 18/10, 2 bedrooms, 190 sq/m, newly built, euro windows, permanent hot and cold water, gas, central heating, 2 open balcony, nice view to the city, possible with or without furniture, parking for 3 cars. Price 3000USD per month negotiable, for long term - 6 months and more.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- ♦ **1191 Aygestan**, 2 floors, land 350-400 sqm, building - 270 sqm, 1sr floor - living-room, kitchen, study. 2-nd floor - 4 bedrooms, bathroom, storage room, partly furnished, summer garden, garage, swimming- pool. Starting Price: 3500 USD.
- ♦ **1218. Cascade, freeway**. 3700 sq m, 3 floors brick building - 1490 sq m, capitally repaired, walls - otto cento, 5 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, heating, gas. Price: 12.00 USD
- ♦ **999. Aygedzor 1st lane**, Land -1000 sqm, basement + 2 floors` 310 sqm, capitally repaired, 4 bedrooms, living room, hall, 4 bathrooms, new furniture, equipped, 3 AC, Baxi, sauna, swimming-pool, house garden, barbeque equipment. Starting Price: 5000 USD
- ♦ **1094. Noy block**, 2 storied building - 400sqm, garden, permanent hot and cold water, furniture, technique, 1 lavatory, gas. Price 2000USD
- ♦ **1095. Aygestan**, 1 storied building - 105sqm, 3bedrooms newly built repaired, furniture, technique 1 lavatory, garden. Price 1000USD per month, 100USD per day.
- ♦ **1096. Blur**, 4 storied building, each floor-160sqm, total-400sqm, euro repaired, 1st floor- garage, sport room, swimming pool, 4 bedrooms, summer kitchen, 3 lavatories, capitally repaired, furnished, gas, permanent hot and cold water. Price 4000USD
- ♦ **1152. Baghramyan**, 3 floors, land - 800 sq.m, each floor - 200 sq.m, 10 rooms, 7 bathrooms, newly capitally repaired, furnished, equipped, AC, 3 TV, heating system, garage. Price: 3000 USD
- ♦ **1197. Blur str**, 2 floors, land -779 sqm, building-720 sqm, first floor from the yard, basement on the street side, swimming-pool, sauna, living room, 1st floor - hall, study, dining room, 2 bathrooms, 2ond floor -4 bedrooms, 1 study, 4 bathrooms, barn, no furniture. Price 8000 USD
- ♦ **1096. Blur**, Qeru, 5 floors, each floor 160 sqm, land-400 sqm, euro repaired,1st floor-gym, garage, 3rd floor-4 bedrooms, open balcony, nice view, summer kitchen, fireplace, swimming-pool, 5 bathrooms, Jacuzzi. Price: 4000 USD
- ♦ **211. Ajgedzor**. 2 storied, 3 bedrooms, permanent water, capitally repaired, beutfull view. Price: 1300-1500 USD
- ♦ **721. Blur Qery street**, land 150 sq.m., 2 stories+ a cellar, 200 sq.m., newly built, tele-

phone, refrigerator, washing machine, 3 bedrooms, garage, 2 lavatories, a pool, camin, permanent hot and cold water, a cellar is used as a sport hall. Price : 3000 USD

- ♦ **1117. Aygestan**, land-420 sq.m., building 646 sq.m., 3 storied, 4 bedrooms, open kitchen, euro repair, new tiles, furnished, techniques. Price" 5000 USD
- ♦ **1195. Nork**, Armenakyan str, 4 floors, land - 2000 sqm, building-520 sqm, capitally repaired, furnished, basement, 1st floor-1 living room, study, kitchen, bathroom, living room, swimming-pool, sauna, 2nd floor - 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 3rd floor - open balcony, 1 bedroom, bathroom, gym, garden. Price: negotiable
- ♦ **1142. Djrvej**, Bagrevand community. 3 storied, land-1000 sq.m., building-700 sq.m., 1st floor-cellar, pantry, playing room, kitchen, lavatory, 2nd floor- a big hall, kitchen, dining room, 4 bedrooms, 3rd floor- resting room, 1 bedroom repaired, each bedroom has its lavatory, no furniture/ can be furnished, if necessary/garage for 2 cars, parquet, Spanish tiles. Price: 4 000 USD.
- ♦ **1114. Gulakyan Str. in parallel with Baghramyan Str**. 3 storied building 500 sq.m., euro repair, 1st floor: sauna, a pool, kitchen, 2nd floor: kitchen, dining room, 3rd floor 3 bedrooms, lavatories in each floor. Price: 3300 USD
- ♦ **1190. Aygestan str**, 3 floors, capitally repaired, furnished. Starting Price: 5000 USD
- ♦ **1203. Blur**, H. Emin str, 3 floors, land - 550 sqm, building-450 sqm, capitally repaired, furnished. Starting Price: 6000 USD.
- ♦ **1219. Monument**, Aram Cholakyan str, 3 floors, land - 800 sqm, building - 300 sqm, newly capitally repaired, partly furnished, euro windows and doors, 1st floor - 2 rooms, garage, 2nd floor - 1 bedroom, 2 rooms, 2 kitchens, 2 bathroom, 3rd floor- 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, water, gas, heating system. Starting Price: 5000 USD
- ♦ **1085. Aygestan district**. 2 storied stone building, land 500 sq.m., each floor 12 X 14, 3 bedrooms, a cabinet, 3 lavatories, a cellar, a sauna, kitchen with cupboards, Baxi system, AC. Price 3000 USD
- ♦ **1139. Komitas, Sundukyan street**, 2 stories, stone building, land : 700 sqm, each floor 185 sq.m, 4 bedrooms, cellar 185 sq.m, , capital repair, Baxi system, swimming pool, a place for barbeque, 2 lavatories, garden, 1 cabinet. Price: 3000 USD
- ♦ **333. Nork**, 3 storied, 250sq.m, euro repair, 4 bedrooms,7 lavatory, permanent hot and cold water, central heating, natural gas, garden, pool. Price negotiable.
- ♦ **1014. Norq Marash district**. 2 storied, a cellar, capitally repaired, land 567sq.m., building 551 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 1 cabinet, furnished, a heating system. Price 2500 USD primary.
- ♦ **1076. Nork**, 2 storied, 220 sq.m., euro repair, in the 1st floor 2 rooms, kitchen, lavatory, in the second floor, separate entrance, open kitchen, 3 bedrooms, lavatory, furnished, view to city, garage, garden. Price: 2000USD
- ♦ **990. In Monument, Papazian street**, 2 storied stone building + half-cellar, has mansard,5bedrooms, 2 kitchens, 2bathrooms, laundry, permanent hot and cold water, gas, plot of land 250sq.m, the size of whole construction is 370 sq.m. Price 2500USD

PREMISES

- ♦ **1694. Komitas, H. Qochar str**, newly built, vitrines, front 20 m, 196 sq m, Price: 3500 USD
- ♦ **1693. Malatia-Sebastia**, 4rh floor., repaired, stone building, 2 entries, no artificial walls separating the territory, climate control, 2 elevators, storage space at the ground floor, parking, two-sided parking in the street. 1200 sq.m. Price: 10.000 USD
- ♦ **1525. Hanrapetutyan street**, 1st floor, 3steps up, h-3.20m, repaired, 1 large hall+3 rooms, 2 entrances, kithen, lavatory. Price 1400USD per month, negotiable.
- ♦ **1526. Byuzand street**, 5/semi-basement, 170sqm, 4-5 step down. cellar-50sqm, has 6 rooms, the largest is 30sqm, 2 entrances, 2 lavatories, 6 windows from street side. Price 2000USD per month, negotiable.
- ♦ **1528. North Avenue**, 9/1, 2 floors, total area 159sqm, 1st floor-66sqm, 2nd floor 93sqm, newly built, euro repaired, has the entrance from the street, security system, heating system. Price 7500USD per month.
- ♦ **1482. North Avenue**, 210 sq.m., 1st floor, with 2 floors, h=8m. Price 10.000 USD
- ♦ **1408. Zarobyan street**, parallel to Baghramyan, 2 storied, 300sq.m.construction, 600 sq.m. land, in a first floor hall and kitchen, in a second floor 5 rooms, bathroom, open balcony, capital euro repair, gas, baxi system, permanent hot and cold water, telephone, garage, fruit garden. Price: Negotiable.
- ♦ **1438. Komitas**, 6 floors, cellar, mansard. Each floor is 120 sq.m., hasa need for cosmetic repair, walls are plastered, floor is leveled, hanging ceilings, permanent hot and cold water, gas, parking for 15 cars. Price: Negotiable
- ♦ **1462. Teryan street**, 3 stored, capital repaired, AC, capital repaired, parking, 800sq. Price: 10.000USD

The World After November: Javier Solana



Javier Solana, former Secretary-General of NATO and EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, published an article on the post-U.S. & post-China elections state of world. Find full article below.

On November 6, either Barack Obama or Mitt Romney will emerge victorious after an exhausting electoral race, setting the wheels in motion for the coming four years. An ocean away, on November 8, more than 2,000 members of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) will gather in Beijing. Approximately a week later, the members of the Politburo Standing Committee will walk out in hierarchical order, preparing to take charge of a growing country of 1.3 billion people.

The leaders of the world's two largest economies are changing. So is the world itself. The Middle East, in particular, is experiencing a moment of intense transformation. While reconstruction - both literal and figurative - is commenc-

ing in some parts of the region, countries like Syria are aflame. Others, such as Iran, with its moribund revolution, have never ceased rumbling. Amidst a crumbling economy, the country remains belligerent, using its Lebanese proxy, Hezbollah, to launch at least one successful drone flight above Israel and reportedly initiating recent cyber-attacks.

As a result, relations among regional actors remain tense. After his speech at the United Nations appealing for a "red line" on the Iranian nuclear program in the spring or summer of 2013, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu called an early general election, which could potentially give him a strong mandate for action against Iran. Egypt, meanwhile, is finding its own equilibrium, both domestically, drafting a new constitution, and in terms of foreign policy.

Then there is Turkey, straddling Europe and the Middle East. An emerging economy poised to become a regional power; it has exchanged fire with its neighbor to the south, Syria, and has called on its NATO allies to bolster its security.

This is part of the changing panorama that new world leaders will inherit in the Middle East - a region in which the United States has been deeply involved. After nearly a decade of draining military engagement, the US combat mission in Iraq concluded in 2010, and the combat mission in Afghanistan

is set to end in 2014.

The next American president will also inherit a country with a markedly changed geopolitical perspective. Technological advances and innovation have begun to turn the longstanding dream of energy independence into a reality. Whereas extraction of America's extensive reserves of natural gas was previously thought to be unfeasible, technologies such as hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") have ushered in a shale-gas revolution.

Indeed, the US is on the cusp of energy self-sufficiency. Last year, for the first time in 15 years, less than one-half of the oil consumed in the US was imported. Annual growth in shale-gas production has increased from 17% between 2000 and 2006 to 48% between 2006 and 2010. By 2035, shale gas is projected to account for roughly one-half of total US energy production.

The repercussions of this revolution will not be only economic. Politically, reduced reliance on foreign oil may allow the US to concentrate on its foreign-policy shift toward Asia.

But it is not just the new US leader who will inherit a changed world. Across the Pacific, the days of record-breaking economic growth in Asia - a key component of social and political stability - may be coming to an end.

Indeed, events in China in recent months have revealed internal unease. Though nationalist sentiment directed against external

foes tends to divert attention temporarily from internal turmoil, the country's serious domestic problems need to be addressed. China's economy and politics, ideologically transformed in all but name, will soon need to be adapted to address rising social inequality.

Despite global economic headwinds, China's leaders will surely remain focused on maintaining and boosting growth, in order to lift more Chinese out of poverty and avert social unrest; they are also certain to continue monitoring the oil-rich Middle East. After years of relying on America's presence in the region, playing an advantageous waiting game, China's next leaders may embrace a more active role. And, because China's reputation in the region is untainted by a legacy of imperialism, they may be in a rather advantageous position to do so.

Meanwhile, the European Union is struggling with its own demons. Despite the EU's need to focus inward while weathering the global economic crisis, the Union must not abandon its neighbors to the south. It is crucial to engage with the southern Mediterranean region as a critical meeting point - a place of political, economic, and energy cooperation. In this respect, the EU's most valuable tools are its signature, Nobel Prize-winning model of multilateral dialogue and soft power.

Next door, Russia, too, must respond to new vulnerabilities stemming from changing global

conditions. The Kremlin continues to support Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime, maintaining a strict aversion to military intervention and seeking to defend its strategic interests, including its naval base in the Syrian city of Tartus. That stance has translated, most obviously, into repeated vetoes of UN Security Council resolutions aimed at ending a conflict that has already produced tens of thousands of victims.

International inaction on Syria is bad news not only for the country's people; it is also eroding the legitimacy of one of the world's most important multilateral institutions. Given that the issues of Iran and Syria are closely connected, internal division among the Security Council's five permanent members (the US, China, Britain, France, and Russia) could be extremely damaging to the search for a solution to Iran's nuclear-enrichment drive. That is reflected in the current stalemate in talks between them (plus Germany) and Iran.

Too much is at stake, which is why all possible tracks for a negotiated outcome must be pursued. Whether or not recent rumors of bilateral US-Iran talks prove true, such initiatives should be welcomed. While the big players remain preoccupied with their internal changes, the region continues to smolder. The main question now is whether the leaders who emerge in November will be firefighters or fire starters.

Meetings in Prague

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Armenia was the first country adopting Christianity as a state religion. He ensured that he was intended to search versions for the citizens of Armenia in facilitating the issue of providing entry visas to the Czech Republic. Mr Štech noted that the Czech Republic was ready to support Armenia in the European Integration process. In his word, the Czech businessmen are ready to make contributions in Armenia. In the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic the Delegation led by the NA President met with the Chairman of the Czech Republic-Armenia Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group Robin Bohnisch and the members of the group. In the course of the meeting the sides discussed a series of issues of bilateral interest, among them issues concerning the deepening of inter-parliamentary cooperation, the cooperation in international organizations and regional problems.

On the same day the NA President and the members of the Delegation visited Lidice Museum, took a tour in Lidice Memorial, laid flowers at the tomb of innocent victims and at the monument of Lidice children and had been to Lidice Children's Gallery. Hovik Abrahamyan met and talked with those who survived the tragedy.

At the end of the day the NA President met with the representatives of the Armenian community.

In his word, Hovik Abrahamyan touched upon the inner-political situation of Armenia, the process of Karabakh problem settlement, the Armenian-Turkish relations, answered the numerous questions concerning the compatriots. "We have compatriots spread worldwide, bringing together their efforts and possibilities stems from the interests of Armenia and Diaspora, because in terms of the region being separated, but realizing our people's united interest we should be one commonness. Only in that way we can face the national challenges, solve the national problems, and leaning on the achievements of Armenia today outline that dignified future, which is the striving of our people's all sons irrespective of their venue. Today, it is everybody's problem to reinforce the statehood of Armenia and strengthen our country, and on that path we should solve numerous problems. In this process we also expect your practical participation", Hovik Abrahamyan noted. "I am glad that you in the heart of Europe are not separated from the problems of Armenia and in general, our people, are not indifferent towards its destiny". "Dear compatriots, I am sure that the time will come when already about 20 year-old de facto independent Artsakh sooner or later will be recognized de jure independent. Today already by democracy and at the level of protection of

human fundamental freedoms the Nagorno Karabakh Republic exceed its close neighbor Azerbaijan. And now Armenia confidently pursues negotiations over the NK issue within the OSCE Minsk Group framework being led not only by the interests of the Armenians of Artsakh, but also the Armenians throughout the world. The Armenian authorities have repeatedly announced that they are in favour of the solution of the problem only through peaceful way, unlike the bellicose statements regu-



larly sounding at the highest level by Azerbaijan. At the same time we are sure that the issue of Artsakh will be solved for the Armenians' benefit. The Republic of Armenia led by the President SerzhSargsyan has distinctly announced that the NagornoKarabakh has never been and will not be part of Azerbaijan', the NA President stressed.



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HOUSE OF HOPE

The Charity Center House of Hope at 22/5 Dro Street in Yerevan hosted the opening ceremony of the 19th season of the Charity Kitchen (led on behalf of Baden-Wuerttemberg's Provincial Branch of German Red Cross by Pfarrer Karl-Heinz Scheide, a great friend of the Armenian people) at twelve noon, on October 31.

As part of Charity Kitchen project that was launched 19 years ago, approximately 320 elderly, lonely, and socially vulnerable residents of Yerevan Kanaker-Zeytun



to the beneficiaries. During the months when Charity Kitchen operates, they also deliver hot meals to such people. There is also a bathroom, a laundry, and a point of distribution of free clothes for the vulnerable beneficiaries.

The opening ceremony was attended by the German Ambassador to Armenia Rainer Morel, President of the Armenian Red Cross Mkhitar Mnatsakanyan, Head of the International Committee of the Red Cross Delegation in Armenia Lorezno Karaffi, representative of the

Welcoming those present, the priest Scheide said:

"I came to this country with pleasure as Armenia attracts me very much. I congratulate all of you on the occasion of this holiday. Let's bless this wonderful day: in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. I declare the 19th season of "Charity Kitchen" open".

In his speech, President of the Armenian Red Cross M. Mnatsakanyan particularly said:

"The House of Hope has taken its proper place thanks to the German Red Cross. I express my

gratitude to all those who in the last 19 years have spared no effort to promote this worthy cause. I would also like to thank the organizers of this remarkable event".

At the conclusion of his speech, M. Mnatsakanyan handed the Order of Honorary Member of the Armenian Red Cross Society to Director of the Disaster Risk Reduction National Platform M. Poghosyan.

Deputy Director of the Rescue Service of the Ministry of Emergency Situations Nikolay Grigoryan also congratulated the participants, saying:

"On behalf of the Minister of Emergency Situations Armen Yeritsyan, I congratulate all of you on the occasion of this wonderful day. This is a striking example of philanthropy and kindness. It is first of all kind-heartedness and goodwill that form the basis of the struggle against all kinds of disasters. Such projects serve as a great support for Armenia and the Armenian nation. I am sure that a time will come when we together with our volunteers will open Houses of Hope in other countries".

Administrative District and the adjacent areas are provided with hot meals rich in calories on a daily basis. They can also receive other social services available in the indicated place. The range of social services provided to those in need is expanding year by year, including beneficiaries of various age and risk groups.

program, a number of community and nongovernmental organizations dealing with problems of children from different risk groups with special needs in Yerevan, Gyumri, Vanadzor, Stepanavan, Berd etc. receive financial assistance to meet nutritional needs of these children.

The beneficiaries of Home Care sub-program (launched in 2004) are



Baden-Wuerttemberg's Provincial Branch of German Red Cross in Armenia, the Director of Disaster Risk Reduction National Platform Foundation Movses Poghosyan, Deputy Director of the Rescue Service of the RA Ministry of Emergency Situations Nikolay Grigoryan, Deputy Minister of Social Security Ms. Jemma Baghdasaryan, Head of Kanaker-Zeytun administrative district of Yerevan Gevorg Ghazarian, deputy of the Armenian National Assembly Arthur Stepanian, and representatives of Yerevan Municipality and a number of NGOs.



Two sub-programs - Child Nutrition and Home Care are also implemented within the framework of Charity Kitchen project.

Child Nutrition has been implemented since 1995. Under the sub-

lonely people unable to attend to their own daily needs in Yerevan Kanaker-Zeytun, Kentron, Arabkir and Ajapniak communities. A group of nurses and volunteers provide social and psychological assistance



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"Progress in ICT Sector is Obvious, But, Still, We Have a Lot to Do", says Armen S. Baldryan, member of the Information Technology Development Support Council under Armenian Prime Minister

By Andy Barsamyan, Jr

According to the already established tradition, a series of Information and high technology-related events held in Armenia annually in October and November have become a kind of a review for the sector. The events are organized as part of the so-called IT Month.

We had a talk about these events and the ICT industry in general with **Armen Baldryan**, Founding Director of Unicom CJSC who is a long time member of the Information Technology Development Support Council (ITDSC) under the Armenian Prime Minister.

The Highlights:
-Mr Baldryan, so the IT Month is on; how is it this year, - in your opinion?

Armen Baldryan: -Well, recently DigiTec Expo, high and information technology exhibition, was held for the eighth time. It is apparent that DigiTec is becoming increasingly active with each year, both in terms of the increased number of its participants and products/services displayed as well as the greater interest shown in this event by various strata of our society - from schoolchildren to large companies.

I would like to stress that it was for the first time that the Armenian President, Mr **Serzh Sargsyan** has honored the event with his presence which also bears evidence of the fact that this sector is a focus of attention of our country's leadership. In this connection I should note also that the administration issues of our sector by state bodies have been considerably facilitated and accelerated. Thus, thanks to the introduction of electronic signature, the circulation of documents between us and tax and customs authorities is now carried out via the Internet. And since we spoke about e-signature and e-government, I'd like to underline that their availability allows citizens and enterprises to receive various documents from the Government online, while staying at home. It is gratifying to see that both the volume and quality of e-services provided by the Government are rapidly increasing.

- **The ICT Development Strategy until 2018 was adopted in 2008. How is the implementation**

of the provisions stipulated in this important document progressing in your point of view as a one who has contributed to the development of the Strategy?

- Progress is obvious. In particular, notable progress has been made regarding the Internet, but there is still much to be done, especially in terms of increasing access

key problems is to provide the population, especially residents of Armenian Marzes, with quality Internet services and computers. Still, we have the need to overcome the so-called "digital divide", that is the disparity in computer literacy between residents of the capital city of Yerevan and residents of Armenian regions.

er. This is the most affordable solution, another advantage of which is that it ensures minimum operational costs.

It is noteworthy that the so-called "cloud computing" revolutionary technology forms the basis of all the presented solutions, with the abovementioned superpower data center playing a key role in it.

- I simply have no right to give the name of that candidate until the respective Presidential decree is signed. The only thing I can say is that this person is an expert of international renown, and in case of becoming the winner, in all likelihood he will visit Armenia in order to receive personally the Award from the RA President in the last decade of November.

- **One of the important missions of the Award is that the attention of the whole technological world (and not only of the technological one) will be riveted on Armenia as a country with much IT and intellectual potential and a place with favorable conditions and environment for investment. Do you see results in this sense?**

- I'd dare to say the results are already tangible.

Despite the fact that it is only for the third year that the RA President's Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Humanity through IT is presented, when communicating with our colleagues from other countries, we already feel that the reputation of Armenia as a country with IT potential and proper conditions for investment is growing, and I hope that the previous two winners of the Award, Dr **Craig Barrett** and **Steve Wozniak** will attend the annual ArmTech Congress to be held in the Silicon Valley, U.S., on December 10-11 which will also help draw the attention of influential technological and business circles to Armenia's high and information technology industry. And since we touched upon the ArmTech Congress, I believe that the event is going to be interesting, particularly from the investment, scientific and educational points of view, the more so because the world famous Stanford University will host the Congress.

- **And what is your forecast for our country's IT sector growth indices in 2012?**

-Well, it is a bit premature to say smth on this as the fall for us the IT sector is a very "hot" season, of "harvesting", but I'd say that these indices are expected to be quite promising.

- **According to our sources, the candidacy of the Laureate of the RA President's 2012 Global IT Award has already been submitted to the President for consideration. As a GIT Committee's Selection Panel member, would you please to name the candidate?**



President of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan at the Unicom pavilion at the DigiTec Expo 2012 (Unicom Director Armen Baldryan on the right, and Vigen Sargsyan, President's Chief of Staff in the center).



...and Defense Minister Seyran Ohanyan also was there



The Unicom team with their Chief and a couple of friends/partners (Grigor Barseghyan of Microsoft and Varoujan Masarajian, GM of Viasphere Technopark, on the right)

to the Internet in Armenia's Marzes (provinces).

I'd like to point out positive changes in the sphere of education as well. In particular, the educational programs for training respective specialists, most notably at the State Engineering University of Armenia (SEUA/ "Polytechnic"), have been becoming more and more saturated, and efforts are being made to bring the educational process and the industry together closer.

Of course, all this shows that Armenia has been proceeding along the path of forming the so-called "electronic society", but there are still problems here.

As I've said above, one of the

-Let's return to the subject of DigiTec Expo. We'd like to ask you as Unicom Founding Director to tell us what new products were showcased by your company at DigiTec?

-We displayed comprehensive solutions of IT infrastructure for small, medium-sized and large enterprises - data centers, workplaces, Voice Over IP (VOIP) services, etc. Also on display were educational programs, in particular, those of Cisco Networking Academy as well as Multi Seat solutions of Hewlett Packard for schools, which allow the teacher to simultaneously supervise work of all the pupils as their computers are connected to one common comput-

The above mentioned technology enables a user who has any device (regardless of its capacity) providing access to the Internet, to use the data base and the servers of the data center, no matter where the user is, who the data center and the data base belong to, where they are, suppose in "clouds" (that is why the technology was named "cloud computing").

Iran, Armenia hail economic cooperation

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on October 30 that expansion of economic cooperation will help strengthen the ancient and friendly ties between Iran and Armenia, Iran's state-run IRNA agency reported.

In a telephone conversation with Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan, Ahmadinejad described the recent meeting of the two countries' Joint Economic Cooperation Commissions in Yerevan as successful.

"The meeting was an emphasis on consolidating the ancient ties and shows that Tehran and Yerevan are determined further raise the level of bilateral relations," he said.

Sargsyan, for his part said that holding the commission meeting served as an incentive for promoting economic cooperation.

"The Iranian companies' participation in the Armenian projects contributes to the deepening friendship between the two nations," he said, according to IRNA.

Last week Armenia and Iran vowed to boost economic cooperation, increase bilateral trade and speed up joint energy projects including a hydro-electric power plant on their shared border.

"The high level of political relations between the countries requires corresponding activity in the economic sphere too," Armenian Energy Minister Armen Movsisyan said at a meeting with his Iranian counterpart Majid Namjoo.

Movsisyan said that construc-



tion of the hydro-electric power plant on the Arax River would begin in November.

The problems hampering the construction of the Armenia-Iran third high voltage line have been resolved, Iranian co-chairman of the Armenian-Iranian Intergovernmental Commission, Namjoo said last week.

"The problems and obstacles have been eliminated, so at present, the Iranian contractor must make every effort to build this line," Namjoo said after signing the Memorandum of Understanding following the eleventh meeting of the Commission in Yerevan.

Movsisyan said that Namjoo's appointment as a co-chairman of the Commission has given a new impetus to the implementation of programs, particularly the process of building a power line which will be completed rapidly.

According to the Energy Ministry, a new power line from Iran to Armenia is being constructed by Iranian company Sanir. The project cost is estimated at 100-105

million euros.

Yerevan and Tehran have agreed to hold discussions on the construction of Iranian-Armenian railway, Iran's co-chairman of the Armenian-Iranian Intergovernmental Commission, Energy Minister Namjoo said.

"There is an agreement for Armenia and Iran to discuss various issues related to the construction of the railway with the participation of all concerned sides," Namjoo said.

He said that the Armenian and Iranian sides pay great attention to the railway construction.

The North-South railway (Iran-Armenia) will enable Armenia to use the alternative route of transporting energy resources and other goods. According to the expert estimates, around \$1.7-2.8 billion are required to implement the project. Russia, Iran and China are discussing the railway construction.

The World Bank and the Asian Development Bank have expressed interest in the project.

Armenian Government projects continued robust growth in 2013

Economic growth in Armenia is on course to accelerate to 7 percent this year and remain relatively robust next year, Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan said on October 30, presenting his government's draft 2013 budget to lawmakers.

The Armenian economy expanded by 4.7 percent last year and in the first quarter of 2012. Official statistics showed growth accelerating in the following months on the back of strong performances of the manufacturing and agricultural sectors as well as a slower contraction of the domestic construction industry still reeling from the 2009 recession.

Addressing standing committees of the National Assembly, Sargsyan said the growth reached 7.5 percent in September and will not fall below a full-year level of 7 percent. Gross Domestic Product is projected to increase by 6.2 percent in 2013, he said.

The growth forecast is part of the draft state budget for 2013, which would increase public spending by roughly 10 percent to 1.15 trillion drams (\$2.85 billion). Finance Minister Vache Gabrielyan told deputies that this will not entail any further rises in public sector salaries, prompting



criticism from some opposition lawmakers.

They said consumer price inflation will lower real incomes of hundreds of thousands public sector employees. Gabrielyan countered that the government will make an additional 31,000 such employees eligible for a package of other state benefits, including free medical insurance.

The government also plans to cut the budget deficit to a level equivalent to 2.6 percent of GDP. According to Sargsyan, the 2012

deficit-to-GDP proportion will stand at 2.8 percent.

The spending gap is supposed to be narrowed through a 13 percent rise in tax revenues. Sargsyan admitted that the government could struggle to meet this target despite the anticipated growth.

"We have an agreement with the World Bank to the effect that if there is negative global influence on the execution of our budget we will be able to anticipate a \$100 million financial assistance," revealed the premier.

Armenia and EU to form the Association Agenda

Armenia and the European Union agreed to work on the formation of the Association Agenda. The Association Agenda is a practical instrument replacing the Armenia-EU Action Plan within the European Neighbourhood Policy, which aims at the realization of provisions of Armenia-EU Association Agreement.

The regular round of Armenia-EU talks on signing the Association Agreement was held in Brussels on October 26. The Armenian delegation was headed by Armenian Deputy Foreign Minister, chief negotiator Zohrab Mnatsakanyan.

The parties stated that they had coordinated most of the issues of the future agreement related to the goals and common principles as well as to cooperation on political dialogue, foreign policy, security



and justice.

The parties have also discussed and temporarily closed 28 chapters of the future agreement related to financial and economic cooperation.

The parties highlighted the progress in negotiations on Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area Agreement (DCFTA).

The next round of talks is supposed to be held in the second half of December.

Metsamor nuclear power plant security is in full compliance with international standards

Armenian Nuclear Power Plant security fully complies with IAEA standards. Armenian Nuclear Power Plant chief director Gagik Markosyan called Taner Yildiz, Turkish Minister of Energy and Natural Resources concerns absurd refer to nuclear power plant false dangers and his announcement as if IAEA has demanded to close down the nuclear power plant.

"International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) special mission carried out too wide scaled and complex checking as a result of which Armenian Nuclear Power Plant security level was assessed positive" Markosyan underscored. In the words of Armenian Nuclear

Power Plant director, started from the day of its establishment general repair, abandoning of fuel and other kinds of work are being commissioned each four year time." In the frame of additional measures aimed at enhancing the security of nuclear power standard 65 day suspension was exceeded to 89" Markosyan came forth with.

Armenia has been cooperating with IAEA to promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy in different areas and fully fulfills its obligations assumed under the international conventions. Metsamor Nuclear Power Plant produces 40 percent of Armenian electricity.

Armenian companies to participate in Beijing wine & spirits fair



Yerevan Brandy Company (Ararat brand), Shahnazaryan Wine and Brandy House, and Ararat Brandy-Wine-Vodka Factory will represent Armenia at the China (Beijing) International Wine & Spirits Fair, which will be held in the Chinese capital city, between Sunday and November 6.

The event will contribute to the development of bilateral trade and economic ties, and encourage the

Armenian beverages' introduction to the Chinese market.

The Chinese market likewise is targeted by Armenia's export-based strategy, and thus the Armenian products will be represented in this market as well.

In its turn, the Government of China has expressed readiness to provide assistance to the companies that are operating in this domain.

News from the Armenian Ministry of Emergency Situations: Deepening Intl Cooperation and Increasing Own Capacity



By **Gourgen James Khazhakian**
Chief correspondent

Meeting with Japanese Colleagues: Summarizing Results and Mapping Out Future Steps

High-ranking Japanese manager impressed on implementation seismic risk assessment program in Armenia

The Minister of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Armenia Major General, Professor **Armen H. Yeritsyan** received on October 31 the Head of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Office in Uzbekistan (which covers South Caucasus) **Yukihiko Ejiri**. The Caucasus Coordinator of the Office in Uzbekistan **Okii Sugimoto** and the Program Coordinator of the Office in Armenia Ms **Ruzan Khojikyanyan** also participated in the meeting. The main aim was to summarize the results of cooperation between Armenia's Ministry of

Emergency Situations (MES) and JICA and to map out future steps.

Welcoming the Japanese guests, Minister Yeritsyan thanked them for efficient cooperation.

- Thanks to the fire engines provided by you, we even extended a helping hand to Russia. A great deal of work has been done in the sphere

posed creating a single field of data exchange so that everyone could use it.

The Head of JICA Office in Uzbekistan Yukihiko Ejiri noted that while in Armenia, he felt a strong desire to meet with the Armenian Minister of Emergency Situations. He thanked Mr Minister

usually realize the importance of such programs only after a disaster has occurred, whereas in Armenia we saw the opposite picture.

Mr Ejiri added that they will do their best so that the cooperation with MES will be long-term and continuous. He underlined that in the programs, which are currently

Crisis Management. The purpose was to become familiar with the repair and construction work implemented in the drill ground. By an order of the Minister, the "Lusakert" drill ground has been given at the disposal of the Academy. Following the major repairs and the improvement of the area, "Lusakert" is

expected to become a regional training base in line with international standards, suitable for training students of the Ministry's State Academy of Crisis Management and employees of the rescue service and holding both local and international exercises. In a short time, the roofs of all the buildings have been undergone major repairs, and the bathrooms and lecture halls have been completely repaired and furnished. The open-air sections - drill grounds with "debris" and "underground tunnels", and various kinds of barriers have already been completed. The area has been cleaned, with trees and shrubs planted everywhere.

It's expected that after completion of repair and reconstruction "Lusakert" will become a regional base meeting intl standards.



of seismic protection as well, and now we are trying to move forward in all directions. The newly-built subsidiary building of the Ministry will be completed soon. In accordance with a decision of the Armenian Government, the Garni Observation Station has been transferred to us, and after undergoing a repair, it will become a regional scientific center and serve not only Armenia, but also other countries. During my visit to Japan, I pro-

posed creating a single field of data exchange so that everyone could use it.

- Two weeks ago our team submitted the last report on the seismic risk assessment program in Armenia. Serious positive changes were reported after the completion of the Program. I would like to stress that the Ministry of Emergency Situations has also made a great contribution to this, because without your assistance the Program would not have been implemented smoothly. Alas, people

being outlined and are related mostly to landslide prevention, Armenia's MES will be a major partner of JICA.

"Lusakert" Drill Ground under Repair

The Minister of Emergency Situations Major General, Professor **Armen H. Yeritsyan** on November 2 visited "Lusakert" Drill Ground of the Ministry's State Academy of

VivaCell-MTS - for Children, Students, and Everyone...

Animal carnival - another joyful event to raise environmental awareness

On October 29 VivaCell-MTS, Armenia's leading telecom operator sponsored a next very attractive and colorful event - the 3rd Animal Carnival Parade which marched through the central streets in Yerevan. The Event was organized by the Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets (FPWC) in cooperation with the organization's General Partner, VivaCell-MTS and Yerevan Zoo.

The aim of the event was to raise public awareness for animal welfare and wildlife protection, especially for Armenian species on the brink of extinction. As Company's officials said, "protection and maintenance of biodiversity of Armenia is one of the causes to which VivaCell-MTS is committed as a corporate citizen. Organization of environmental education campaigns aimed at behavior change of the youth from early age is one of the most effective means of environmental protection. This is the reason why VivaCell-MTS is providing ongoing support to the environmental events organized by FPWC".

The Parade was featured the Samba Carnival band Confusao from the German city Bremen which had been again specially invited to lead the parade. This year hundreds of pupils from Yerevan and the regions of Armenia participated in the Animal Carnival Parade.

The March started from the Freedom Square and proceeded through the Northern Avenue to the Republic Square. The Animal Carnival continued in the Zoo, where the participants enjoyed the cheerful performance of the Bremen musicians.

That was for children.

As to their older fellows, i.e. students, so see below:

VivaCell-MTS and Synopsys Armenia cooperation aims to providing specialists compatible at the job market in Armenia

Armenia's leading telecommunications operator allots around AMD 42 millions to the European Regional Academy to create two

fully equipped labs at the department of Microelectronic circuits and systems

On November 2 VivaCell-MTS announced about just another success in the cooperation between Synopsys Armenia, VivaCell-MTS and the European Regional Academy.



Animal Carnival Parade

A year ago the parties took steps to implement projects set by the trilateral agreements. VivaCell-MTS invested AMD 15 million in the establishment of the first educational lab, while Synopsys Armenia granted certificated for 20 educational packages of electronic automated design software to the European Regional Academy. Synopsys granted 20 more certificates this year.

practice. According to the model, upon the end of the second year of studies on bachelor's level, the best students of the Academy's School of Information Technologies will be involved in the program based on the results of a planned contest. The selection committee will include experts from Synopsys and VivaCell-MTS.

"Availability of high quality and



Two fully equipped labs at the European Regional Academy opened. From left to right: **Ralph Yirikian**, **Andranik Alexanyan**, Deputy Transport and Communication Minister, **Hovik Musayelyan**, **Andranik Avetisyan**

VivaCell-MTS investment this year has amounted to AMD 27 million.

"The world has its rules and demands flexibility in obtaining education. VivaCell-MTS is ready to support students who are open to the challenges of life and committed to building a knowledge-based future. Enhance the limits of your knowledge and set new benchmarks in IT sphere for our country," says

up-to-date professionals is a top priority for the development of the sphere of information and telecommunications," says Synopsys Armenia Director Dr Hovik Musayelyan. "This program is a brilliant example of a trilateral cooperation for preparation of professionals equipped with the most advanced knowledge and skills," he added.

"One of the important advan-

tages of the applied model is its adaptability to a particular sphere, which is best visible in the case of the means of communication and telecommunications," says Honored Worker of Science of the Republic of Armenia, Head of the Synopsys Armenia Educational Department (SAED) and the Head of the Microelectronic Circuits and



Systems Pan-university Department of the European Regional Academy Professor **Vazgen Melikyan**. "I am sure the achievements we anticipate as a result of this cooperation will be equal to the one we had with other universities in Armenia and the region," he added.

"Our cooperation with Synopsys Armenia and VivaCell-MTS greatly facilitates improvement of bachelor



degree educational programs by offering students in information technologies professional knowledge and skills on a new level especially in the sphere of microelectronics," says the Rector of the Academy Andranik Avetisyan. "During the studies and the internships the students are given a chance to implement their knowledge within real projects implemented by representa-

tives of co-founding and co-authoring companies, which helps start working immediately upon graduation," he added.

Owing to VivaCell-MTS financial support, the laboratory premise will be adapted to educational needs and standards and will be equipped with computers. VivaCell-MTS financial support will also cover the salaries and other remuneration of instructors.

And the last, but not the least, not at all: the turn for Armenia's leading telecom operator's novelties has come...

Surprise for "MTS Connect 256" tariff plan subscribers

On November 1 VivaCell-MTS gladly informed that from now on "MTS Connect 256" tariff plan subscribers will also receive a high speed Internet package - 1GB per month.

To remind, when using high speed packages, the Internet speed is not limited by the tariff plan and depends on the coverage of the given area and the modem in use.

MTS Connect E353 modem for AMD2000 - in case of subscription to one of the "MTS Connect" tariff plans

On November 2 VivaCell-MTS informed that in case of subscribing to "MTS Connect 256", "MTS Connect Student", "MTS Connect Unlimited" or "MTS Connect Unlimited+" tariff plan for at least one year by December 31, 2012, the "MTS Connect E353" USB modem can be obtained for only AMD2000, instead of the AMD10000 before.

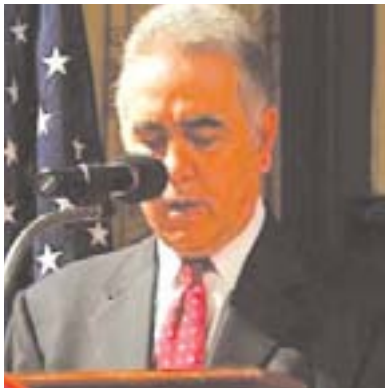
To remind, the "MTS Connect E353" modem provides up to 21.6 Mbps speed for download and 5.76 Mbps for upload.

Surprise for "MTS Connect Student" tariff plan subscribers

And on the same day we've got knew that from November 1, 2012, till June 30, 2013, "MTS Connect Student" tariff plan subscribers will get a high speed Internet package of 5GBs, instead of the 3GBs before.

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ANCA Honors Senate Majority Leader For Championing Armenian Causes



By HarutSassounian

The Armenian National Committee of America, Western Region, honored Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid on October 28 with the organization's highest and most prestigious "Freedom Award."

Regrettably, Sen. Reid could not attend ANCA's annual banquet because of a car accident two days earlier. The Senator's motorcade was involved in a six-car pile-up on Interstate 15, in Las Vegas. Fortunately, Sen. Reid escaped serious injury, but suffered some bruised ribs.

In my introductory remarks at the banquet, I noted that the ANCA was honoring one of America's most powerful legislators for his outstanding service to the nation and his longstanding support for the aspirations of the Armenian people.

I observed that "the Majority Leader has diligently worked, often quietly, at the highest echelons of the US government to defend Armenian-American issues and values. He has cosponsored every Senate resolution to reaffirm the Armenian Genocide."

Due to Sen. Reid's understandable absence from the banquet, ANCA Chairman Ken Hachigian read the Senator's prepared remarks and accepted the Freedom Award on his behalf. Here are highlights from Sen. Reid's speech:

"I am disappointed that, because of an automobile accident, I can't be with you tonight. I appreciate HarutSassounian for his advocacy for these many years, and ultimately, his friendship.

"The Armenian National Committee has, of course, always been at the forefront of supporting Armenia and the causes that are important to the Armenian-American community.

"I have enjoyed my relationship with Armenian-Americans - from my marathon training partner Art Dakesian to my friend and former law client, Kirk Kerkorian.

"Having been born in a home in Searchlight, Nevada, with no inside toilet, hot water or other modern conveniences was hard for me to accept. My parents were uneducated; my father didn't graduate from the eighth grade and my mother didn't graduate from high school. In most ways, things surrounding my youth were not exemplary.

"It took me many years to really accept who I was. But my youth - the place and circumstances of

my birth - made me who I am. Once I personally accepted this, I became a better person, a better American.

"So, I say to each of you, no matter the circumstances of your upbringing - accept it. Because in America, it doesn't matter, and I testify to this. It doesn't matter your economic circumstances, your religion, the education of your parents or your ethnicity. In America, we can all succeed. In short, be proud of who you are.

"I am pleased to accept this award and reaffirm my support for the Armenian-American community.

"I repeat, the Armenian National Committee of America has always been at the forefront of supporting Armenia and the causes important to the Armenian-American community.

"You have succeeded in bringing the true story of the Armenian Genocide to the attention of national policy leaders.

"As Majority Leader, I rarely cosponsor legislation. But I have traveled to Armenia; I know the story of the Genocide. Therefore, I have been a long-time cosponsor of the Armenian Genocide resolution.

"To move forward, I believe we must acknowledge the past - no matter how difficult or painful. We must honor the memory of those who lost their lives and pay tribute to those who survived.

"I am fortunate to represent a thriving and vibrant Armenian community in Nevada, which will soon complete a new church in Las Vegas. And while I was in Armenia, I visited the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin and the Catholicos.

"The endurance and strength of the Armenian community in Nevada, and throughout the United States is a testament and an honor to those who were lost in the Genocide. We must always be vigilant to atrocities like the Armenian Genocide from occurring ever again - in any part of the world."

Sen. Reid then urged everyone to "honor and remember the loss of so many during the Armenian Genocide nearly 100 years ago."

The Majority Leader also expressed his satisfaction that "the Obama Administration and a number of members of Congress strongly condemned Azerbaijan's pardon of an Azeri military officer. The officer was released from prison despite being convicted of brutally murdering an Armenian military lieutenant with an ax as he slept. The two men were at a NATO training in Hungary when the murder occurred."

Sen. Reid concluded his remarks urging Armenian-Americans to be "very proud of where you come from and of your Armenian heritage."

Along with Sen. Reid, the ANCA honored entrepreneur VarantMelkonian, Rev. Joseph Matossian, Dr. RubinaPeroomian, and author Chris Bohjalian.

New government formed in Georgia

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trol of the UNM. It seems reasonable to assume that the switch of power to the Georgian Dream Party will hardly be painless.

Among the members of the new Georgian government, there are two men, with whom the author of this article is personally acquainted and rates them among his friends. The matter concerns the Minister of Culture, an interesting Georgian writer Guram Odisharia, and the Minister for Reintegration Paata Zakareishvili. As a matter of fact, P. Zakareishvili (he is a member of the Republican Party of Georgia) will be the Georgian politician, on whose lot perhaps the most difficult task - the conduct of negotiations with Abkhazia and South Ossetia - has fallen.

It is noteworthy that P. Zakareishvili was one of those Georgian politicians who have always opposed the use of force in the conflicts with Abkhazia and South Ossetia. Because of his principled stand, P. Zakareishvili has repeatedly suffered a political ostracism under Edward Shevarnadze and Mikhail Saakashvili, as well as by Georgian radical circles. Besides, P. Zakareishvili is famous for being involved in a number of important and effective humanitarian and social initiatives with the NGOs of Abkhazia and South Ossetia. During the Georgian-Abkhazian War in 1992-1993, P. Zakareishvili headed the Georgian side in a prisoner swap commission, while the commission's Abkhazian side was headed by Alexander Ankab, who is the incumbent President of Abkhazia. Also, P. Zakareishvili has for many years worked in an international group (together with the German member Bernhard Klazen and Russia's representative Svetlana Gannushkina) conducting a search for missing persons in the Nagorno Karabakh conflict, in close cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Even the relative normalization of Georgia's relations with Abkhazia and South Ossetia is of fundamental importance for lessening the intra-regional tension and stabilizing the situation. Armenia is a country extremely interested in the relative normalization of those relations.

Prior to his appointment as minister, P. Zakareishvili made a statement about the necessity to revise the Law on Occupied Territories and make amendments to it. The name of the law can hardly be changed.

P. Zakareishvili's slogan

regarding Abkhazia and South Ossetia will be: "Everything But the Recognition of Independence!" He believes that neither Abkhazia nor South Ossetia have resources for the recognition of their independence. The new minister's stance is that Tbilisi should see to mending Georgian-Abkhazian relations and Georgian-Ossetian ones, at the same time "Russia should be sidelined as much as possible".

P. Zakareishvili blames Mikhail Saakashvili for unleashing the war in South Ossetia, considering him the main culprit responsible for undermining the Georgian-Ossetian reconciliation that was achieved in 2001. In addition, he accuses President Saakashvili of becoming a hostage to the fixed idea of the neoconservative wing in the U.S. in the person of McCain, Lugar, Cheney, and Bush who viewed Russia as a global threat, trying to find a "kamikaze state" for carrying out their plans. Among those "kamikaze states" was Georgia, which, according to the plans of the neoconservative circles in the U.S., was to clash with Russia and reveal its aggressive nature.

P. Zakareishvili has quite good contacts with the leaders of Abkhazia and South Ossetia as well as with the non-governmental sector of those two partially recognized states. There is hope that he will succeed in establishing a real dialogue and that the ongoing talks between the sides in Geneva will finally cease to be a talk between a deaf person and a dumb one.

In any event, Yerevan hopes that Sukhumi and Tskhinvali will sit down at the negotiating table together with P. Zakareishvili.

Yerevan follows - with great interest - everything that is going on in Tbilisi, in particular, the matter first of all concerns:

- the statements made by the new heads of law enforcement agencies who intend to conduct a new investigation into the mysterious death of Prime Minister Vazha Zhvania in 2005;

- the return of property to a number of influential citizens or their heirs. The property was taken away from them under the previous government, by means of raiding;

- the closure of First Information Channel, which was financed from the Georgian budget and broadcast in Russian. The channel targeted Russia and actually conducted anti-Russian propaganda, with the North Caucasian peoples being the main viewers. According to the plans of the founders and authors of First Information Channel, it was to promote the dissemination of ideas of democracy and freedom in the North Caucasus, but eventually it became an ordinary tool of anti-Russian propaganda, similar to those used during the Cold War. The abovementioned channel poisoned the atmosphere

between the Russian and Georgian societies and contributed to anti-Georgian rhetoric on the Russian air;

- the encouraging statements to the effect that local self-government bodies will be given more independence. This is of great importance to Samtskhe-Javakheti region densely populated with Armenians;

- the Georgian press published information about a possible amnesty. Yerevan does not rule out that such an amnesty may ease the lot of Vahagn Chakhalian, one of the founders of the United Javakhk political organization, who was sentenced to ten years in prison on charges of "illegal possession of weapons" and "organization of mass events violating public order". In Armenia and the Diaspora, V. Chakhalian is considered a political prisoner. Representatives and experts of several authoritative international organizations share this point of view;

- the changes in the leadership of the Ajarian Autonomous Republic where the Georgian Dream Party also celebrated its electoral victory. The Republican Avtandil Beridze became the parliamentary speaker, while Archil Khabadze will serve as the head of the government. Stability and controllability in that region is crucial to Yerevan since Batumi remains an important port, through which a considerable part of Armenia's foreign trade is done;

- the statements by the new Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia Irakli Garibashvili to the effect that he took the case of the death of 10-month-old Barbara Rafalians under his personal control. According to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, "maximum resources and efforts will be applied to determine the cause of the death of Barbara Rafalians".

It should be noted that a day before the parliamentary elections, on September 30 the body of 10-month-old B. Rafalians was found in a wine pitcher in the village of Kolagi, following a 30-minute search. The pitcher was covered with a stone lid. The girl's parents said that they linked the incident to the political activity of a female relative who was an activist of the Georgian Dream Party. In their words, she had repeatedly received threats from activists of the UNM. The autopsy results showed that the cause of Barbara's death was asphyxia as a result of inhalation of fluid into the lungs.

On the whole, the latest political changes in Georgia make many observers in Armenia show cautious optimism. We would like to hope that the new Georgian government will be able to implement the announced programme and carry out its campaign pledges to voters.

Film on Armenian genocide will be challenging: Shekhar Kapur

New Delhi, (IANS) The man who gave us the sensitive "Masoom", the hilariously thrilling "Mr. India", the gripping "Bandit Queen" and the grand period drama "Elizabeth" has not lost any of his creative zeal. The latest topic to catch ShekharKapur's fancy is the Armenian genocide, and he knows it's going to be challenging.

The film deals with the systematic extermination of minority Armenians in Anatolia (modern-day Turkey) by the Ottoman Empire during and after the Great War (1915-1923). (The Armenians had been settled in Anatolia for generations after their tiny country in the Caucasus region northeast of Turkey was conquered by the Ottoman Turks in 1514) The event, termed genocide by Armenians the world over, caused the deaths of 1 to 1.5 million ethnic Armenians in Anatolia.

Kapur had recently tweeted that he was going to Yerevan, Armenia's capital, to collect material on the event. The idea, he said, came to him from a script sent by the man who wrote "Motorcycle Diaries".

"It is a part of world history though a very shameful one," Kapur told IANS during a candid conversation here.

"The idea came to me based on a script sent to me by the screenwriter of 'Motorcycle Diaries' (Puerto Rican Jose Rivera). I fell in love with the script. It is a challenging project though. It will require lots of money, lots of passion and organisation. But there are a lot of passionate people behind this project. So it will hopefully see the light of day," he said.

However, filming of the movie will not start before another year, says Kapur, who is yet to begin work on his long-pending movie on water wars, "Paani".

The Armenian genocide is a particularly touchy topic in the political state that succeeded the



Ottoman Sultanate in 1923, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's Republic of Turkey.

So taboo is the topic for both - the Turkish government and ordinary Turks, that a Nobel laureate like OrhanPamuk was prosecuted and found himself on the hit list of a far-right Turkish group for openly stating that Turkey had committed genocide against the Armenians.

Does Kapur fear inviting similar censure?

"I invited the wrath of upper castes, the government and the censor board with 'Bandit Queen'. But I did not back down. I believe in fighting for what I believe in," he said with a wry smile.

"Moreover," he added, "there has been a shift in Turkish society. Nobody from that period is alive today. The new generation believes that their nation is great and has to move on. They say, 'Why can't we accept what happened?'"

Controversy is not new to Kapur. He had drawn flak from British tabloids in 2002, when he directed his own version of A.E.W. Mason's novel "The Four Feathers", starring the late Heath Ledger. The novel is centred on the

Mahdist War in Sudan, sparked by the death of Charles Gordon (Gordon Pasha). Kapur was accused of being 'anti-British' when the film released.

"I was not anti-British. I was anti-colonisation. That is why I made the film. I made my own version because the novel and the previous film versions were heavily pro-colonial. It was colonial arrogance that led the British to intervene in Sudan. It was this that I wanted to show," clarified Kapur.

The 66-year-old is the only Indian to have made a successful Hollywood film. "Elizabeth" (1998) won Cate Blanchett the Bafta and the Golden Globe for best actress though she lost out on the Oscar. The film, however, received an Oscar for best makeup. The sequel "Elizabeth: The Golden Age" (2007) was also well received.

With the two period dramas behind him, is there anything special about history that attracts him?

"A society that does not learn from its past is condemned to repeat its mistakes. As a filmmaker, history for me is like sci-fi. I can create an entire world of my own," said Kapur.

World Vision Armenia initiates Charity Walkathon for benefit of children of Tsovak community in Gegharkunik province

"Our Steps for Children" Charity Walkathon is scheduled to take place in Yerevan on November 4. The event is organized on the initiative of World Vision Armenia, with the assistance of the German Embassy in Yerevan. The aim is to raise funds for building a football pitch in Tsovak community, Gegharkunik Marz (province). The event is competitive and the three winners will receive membership cards from Gold's Gym Fitness Center. Director of Gold's Gym Jim Campbell attached value to the initiative, saying that children will play the most important part in our future.

The World Vision Armenia started implementing such programs in 2001. "We decided to separate short-term programs aimed at promoting the charity and fund-raising culture in Armenia from long-term projects," said Ms. Liana Poghosyan, World Vision Armenia Program Development and Quality Director. The organizers have two expectations from the program: first, more than a thousand children living in Tsovak community and five surrounding areas will have the opportunity to improve their football skills and mix with children of the neighboring communities during matches and other sporting events, and the second

expectation is that Armenian society is encouraged to actively participate in fund-raising drives.

Speaking about the football pitch, Kamo Petrosyan, a physical culture teacher in a high school of Gegharkunik marz, said that it is in a bad state of repair: there is no grass cover; the pitch is stony so children often receive injuries when playing football. The pitch has neither a goal nor a protective fence. Balls are provided by World Vision Armenia and the Football Federation, but they wear out rapidly.

After the completion of the pitch construction, the football team of Tsovak community will be able to get proper training. The kids are gifted and some may join the national team of Armenia in the future. Samvel Minasyan, Arthur Hakobyan, and Narek Melkumyan are members of the community team for 10-12 year-olds. They expressed hope that the football pitch will have a grass cover and they will no longer receive injuries during training.

The Charity Walkathon organized in Yerevan by World Vision Armenia is a step forward in assisting the children one is not acquainted with. The organization will attempt to implement charity projects through the private sector as well.



Artashat and Dvin will become historical and archeological preservation-museums

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Armenia is planning to make historical and archeological preservation-museums of Artashat and Dvin in the upcoming 2013-2014 years. The Director of the Service of Historical and Cultural Preservation-Museums and Preservation of Historical Environment of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Armenia Vladimir Poghosyan spoke about this in a conversation with Armenpress. Historical and Cultural Preservation-Museums of Garni, Zvartnots and Zorats Karer, Historical and Cultural Preservation-Museum of Metsamor, Historical and Architectural Preservation-Museums of Goshavank, Historical and Architectural Preservation-Museums of University of Gladzor and Lori-Berd preservation are under the control of "the Service of

Historical and Cultural Preservation-Museums and Preservation of Historical Environment" State Non-Profit Organization. Lori Berd and Dzorats Berd are preservation-museums based upon the cultural background. Poghosyan stated: "The project is already put into circulation. Naturally, it has already been under



consideration by the interested organizations and soon they will represent their viewpoint." She also mentioned that "the Service of Historical and Cultural Preservation-Museums and Preservation of Historical Environment" has a joint program for five years with the Institute of Heritage of the Russian Federation.

The healing powers of vinegar

It's cheap and may not be glamorous, but the vinegar you put on your salad can protect against heart disease and cancer, and even help us age more slowly.

Vinegar not only tastes great on chips, dresses up a salad and makes glassware sparkle, but it is also a storehouse of important vitamins, minerals, essential amino acids and enzymes and has a host of amazing healing powers.

New research means doctors and scientists are calling it one of the 'functional' foods - foods that are not only nutritious but help prevent and protect against disease.

Follow this guide for the type that's right for you.

Apple Cider

This vinegar, available in supermarkets and health food shops, is the most potent and health-giving of all vinegars.

It contains the same important nutrients as apples - including pectin, beta-carotene and potassium - plus enzymes and amino acids formed during the fermentation process.

Its high potassium content encourages cell, tissue and organism growth, and the enzymes help boost chemical reactions in the body.

It also contains calcium, which maintains healthy bones, helps transmit nerve impulses and regulates muscle contraction, and iron, essential for healthy blood. Magnesium is another component, with many beneficial effects on the body, especially the heart.

Low potassium levels can make us feel permanently tired, and potassium-rich foods help prevent age-related illness.

It also enables the stomach to produce hydrochloric acid, which aids digestion. We lose acid as we age, but apple cider vinegar can help prevent common digestive disorders as we get older.

Ten more therapeutic uses

1. Heal burns: To minimise inflammation and swelling, apply apple cider vinegar straight out of the bottle to burns. It should also help alleviate smarting and soreness and prevent blisters.

2. Clear congestion: Inhale the vapour from a steaming pot of water containing several spoonfuls of apple cider vinegar.

3. Lose a headache: For a tension headache, dampen a cloth with herbal vinegar, put it on your forehead and lie down. For migraine, mix equal parts of vinegar and water in a pan and bring to a boil. Lean your head over the pan and inhale for 75 breaths.

4. Soothe a sore throat: Gargle with a 50-50 solution of warm water and vinegar.

5. Relieve sunburn: Apply cold vinegar compresses to sunburned skin to relieve discomfort and prevent blisters. antiseptic properties. (Pregnant women should avoid it.)

6. Stop hiccups: Sip a glass of warm water mixed with a teaspoon of vinegar.

7. Swat insect stings: Make a paste from vinegar and cornstarch and apply directly to insect bites or bee stings, but not wasp stings.

8. Alleviate athlete's foot: Rinse feet several times a day with plain, herbal or apple cider vinegar. The acid content of the vinegar helps stop fungus growth and relieves itching.

9. Fight off night sweats: For menopausal night sweats, or sweats caused by flu, try sponging yourself down with apple cider vinegar before going to bed.

10. Avoid morning sickness: Drinking a glass of water containing a teaspoon of apple cider vinegar, first thing in the morning, should alleviate early pregnancy nausea, and is safe for the baby.



LabCitoyen-2013

The program is designed for young people aged 18 to 25 years. The program will last 11 days, from July 6 to July 16, 2013. It replaces "Let's go to France" program. The first Labcitoyen was called "Human Rights in the 21st Century: To Assume Responsibility for Tomorrow", with a special emphasis on the abolition of the capital punishment. Every year Labcitoyen will place emphasis on the struggle for rights. The program is in French. It aims to promote the French language, showing that it is a means of debating present-day pressing problems.

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All the applications cannot be granted. The French Institute and Department will conduct arbitration in accordance with the geographical priorities of the French diplomacy.

To apply, take the following steps:

1. Data - check the accuracy of your data.
2. Description - indicate "Labcitoyen 2013" and your country in spaces "Program Name" and "Program Resume".

Embassy of France in Armenia

** Komitas (1869-1935) - outstanding Armenian composer, who went mad in 1915 from the horrors of genocide in Western Armenia.*

*** Asker - Turkish soldier.*



Zodiac Weekly Forecast

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

A relationship or friendship that began with gusto in Feb arrives at a point of evaluation. The question of commitment may always be an issue in this situation.

Taurus (Apr. 20--May 19):

You abruptly part a relationship situation that has not been good for you. It appears that the trigger has to do with your sense of personal ethics.

Gemini (May 20 -- June 20) :

As Mercury, your ruling planet, turns retrograde on November 5, an agreement that you thought you shared with your partner falls apart. More negotiation will be necessary.

Cancer (June 21--Jul y 21) :

This might be a week in which you let yourself give into chocolate bonbons and other yummy things. Self-discipline is not at its best. Avoid temptations if possible.

Leo (July 22 --Aug. 21):

You may believe that you are done with the repair projects or fixing "old" things. Unfortunately, next week you will probably find another detail in the pile.

Virgo (Aug 22--Sep. 22) :

This is not the time to make final decisions on the subjects of home, property, and family. You are likely to change your mind very soon. Be with those issues for a few weeks.

Libra (Sep. 23--Oct. 22) :

This is not the best of weeks for personal relationships. Someone may surprise you by making a 180 turn. Previous agreements may be broken or severely strained.

Scorpio (Oct. 23--Nov. 21)

It is seriously important for you to hang onto your center at this time. A relationship situation could undermine your fresh resolve.

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

Take your time on making decisions now. Almost as soon as you do, you will change your mind and think better of it. Use this time to gather more research.

Capricorn (Dec 21 -- Jan 19) :

Intensity in relationships is the theme of the week. If you are not conscious, you could be pulled into schemes of manipulation or compulsive behaviors.

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

You may find that you will have to go back to the beginning of a project begun in Aug. You need a license, a certification, or some other legalistic object in order to proceed.

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

Monitor your inner critic this week. It may be serving up a plate of neurotic guilt to interfere with your attitude. A better use of this energy calls for rising above the yada, yada of the droning voice. Focus elsewhere.

ARMENIAN POETRY

Gevorg Emin

(1919- 1998)

Komitas* In The Desert

Long to those hearts by sad thoughts possessed
Seemed the weary, sorrowful road.
Mournful, they stumbled along without rest,
Driven on by their sufferings' goad.
The crowd of Armenians wandered along.
Nature appeared as dead.
A monk of his people's plight sang a song,
His soul full of death's cold dread.
"Ages of plunder," he thought as he sang,
"Massacres, exile, migrations...
The Lord is deaf to the voice of man,
To his groans, to his supplications.
If you can but see from your heavens, Lord,
Try and count the millions of corpses.
Never by thirst is the flesh so torn
As the soul is by Misery's tortures:"
He thought as he sang :
"These boulders, too,
If they had conscience,
Would blacken with tears.
Dim with tears, flows the fast Araks, once blue.
Gray with grief Masis appears.
But the Lord cannot see - too far to the skies.
Ravaged by robbers, gutted with fire,
The ancient Armenian motherland dies;
What remains of its people weep on its pyre."
He sang, but sorrow is not a cowl
To be cast off and forgot.
So much pain and suffering - how
Endure it, endowed with a heart so hot?
Events and surroundings - all seemed so wild,
In gloom medieval clad.
Overcome by the pain in his temples, he cried:
"All the world has gone mad!"
Ashes and dust filled the Turkish vale.
The escort - asker** reported:
"The group was shot, except... on the way
One monk went mad," he snorted.

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HUMOR

Some scientists decided to do the following experiments on a dog.

For the first experiment, they cut one of the dog's legs off, then they told the dog to walk. The dog got up and walked, so they they learned that a dog could walk with just three legs.

For the second experiment, they cut off a second leg from the dog, then they told the dog once more to walk. The dog was still able to walk with only two legs.

For the third experiment, they cut off yet another leg from the dog and once more they told the dog to walk. However, the dog wasn't able to walk with only one leg.

As a result of these three experiments, the scientists wrote in their final report that the dog had lost it's hearing after having three legs cut off.

Quote of the week



Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?

Enjoy your leisure

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MEZZO CLASSIC HOUSE CLUB

28 Isahakyan Street

November 5 at 21:30

"Nuance" Ethno Jazz

November 6 at 21:30

Lupe y la Banda

November 7 at 21:30

Anushik Alaverdyan & Karen Mamikonyan Band

November 8 at 21:30

CHIGAPO & THE GENIUSES Band

THE CLUB

40 Tumanyan Street

Every Monday at 19:00

Tea Master invites to tasting Chinese teas

Every Tuesday at 20:00

Film Screening

Every Friday at 21:00

Bard Club

ARMENIAN NATIONAL SHOW

Republic Square,
Government House 2,
(Restoran Ararat)

Every Day at 19:30 p.m.

CAFESJIAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Cascade Complex

November 7 at 20:00

Piano Recital

Lalageh Ebrahimian

Invited guest: Rima

Khachatryan, mezzo soprano

November 10 at 20:00

Art Cinema Ensemble

NAREGATSI ART INSTITUTE

Vardanants 16/1

November 5 at 19:00

Film screening

PROKOFIEV Sergey

/Scythian Suite

(audio recording)

November 7 at 20:30

LITERARY-MUSICAL COMPOSITION

Vadim Mesyats - "Imperial Romancero"

Tatiana Daniliyants - "Red Noise"

Areg Mirzoyan – piano improvisations

CONCERTS

ARAM KHACHATURIAN CONCERT HALL

November 8 at 19:00

Concert dedicated to the
75th Anniversary of Melik
Mavisakalyan

November 9 at 19:30

ROYAL CONCERTGEBOUW ORCHESTRA

LORIN MAAZEL conductor

Program:

Peter Anrooy PIET HEIN RHAPSODY

Sergei Prokofiev SUITE FROM ROMEO AND JULIET

Pjotr Iljitsch Tchaikowsky SYMPHONY NO. 4

November 11 at 19:00

Anahit Sahakyan. The Voice of My Heart...

CHAMBER MUSIC HOUSE AFTER KOMITAS

November 7 at 19:00

Concert in Memory of
Eduard Mirzoayan

THEATRES

G. SUNDUKIAN NATIONAL ACADEMIC THEATRE

Grigor Lusavorich st., house 6

November 7 at 19:00

Old Gods

November 8 at 19:00

For the Sake of Honor

RUSSIAN DRAMA THEATER AFTER K. STANISLAVSKI

November 6,7 at 19:00

Don Juan Avia

November 10 at 19:00

Memorial Prayer

H. TUMANIAN STATE PUPPET THEATRE

Sayat-Nova av., house 4

November 7 at 15:00

Alice in Wonderland

November 8 at 14:00

Alice in Wonderland

STATE MUSICAL CHAMBER THEATER

November 9 at 19:00

Passionate Report

November 10 at 19:00

Cinderella

YEREVAN STATE CHAMBER THEATER

November 8 at 19:00

Private Danielyan

November 9 at 19:00

Scotch & Whiskey

Meloyan, Ara Sargsyan,
Gurgen Sargsyan, Varduhi
Rushanyan, Karine
Voskanyan.

November 11 at 19:00

Marriage

Genre: Comedy

Author: N. Gogol

Staging: Vahan Khachatryan

Cast: Samvel Topalyan,

Astghik Abajyan, Levon

Meloyan, Vahagn

Gasparyan, Levon

Ghazaryan, Georgi

Hovakimyan, Ara Sargsyan,

Varduhi Rushanyan, Liza

Azizyan, Kristine

Hovakimyan.



H. MALYAN THEATER OF FILM ACTORS

November 9 at 19:00

Extreme Communists

Genre: Satirical Comedy

Author: Ler Kamsar

Staging: Movses Stepanyan

Cast: Levon Ghazaryan,

Samvel Topalyan, Vahagn

Gasparyan, Astghik

Abajyan, Georgi

Hovakimyan, Levon

YEREVAN STATE PANTOMIME THEATER

November 8 at 19:00

The Game



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