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HIGHLIGHT

French President again calls upon Turkey to face its past

For becoming a powerful state Turkey must face its history, President of France Nicolas Sarkozy stated at the meeting with the representatives of the Jewish Union of France, Nouvelles d'Armenie informs.

"Every time when a Jewish is being offended in the territory of our republic, it leaves a spot on our flag. Aggression against one Jewish is not the issue of French Jewish only but the issue of 65 million of French people. It is not a community but national issue," Sarkozy said. Referring to the criminalization of denial of the Armenian Genocide, President of France noted that different comments have been voiced in connection with it. "Turkey is a big state, it is a big civilization. But for being really powerful each must view its history. It is necessary to view both dark and bright pages of the history," Sarkozy stressed.

"It will be more honorable for Turkey to review its own history. We are telling it to Turkey as a friend state," President of France added.

Addressing to the representatives of the Jewish community President of France asked them what they would have felt if it was allowed to deny Holocaust. "We do not allow it. It is not an issue of preference but issue of convictions," Sarkozy concluded.

New development in Armenian nuclear power plant



Sergey Kirienko Director General of the RF Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation visited Armenia see p.2

Armenia is headed for the start of the election campaign

by David Petrosyan

The political air of Armenia is now pervaded with the smell of the forthcoming start of the election campaign. Speaking about the latest important pre-election events, we should mention the following ones:

-a. In the light of the upcoming mayoral election in Hrazdan, we should point out not the dismissals of supporters of the opposition candidate Sasun Mikaelian (it is a rather common occurrence in Armenia), but the opposition press reports (not refuted) to the effect that four employees of Armenia's National Security Service (NSS) refused to take actions against the candidate of the Armenian National Congress (ANC). According to Haykakan Zhamanak daily, one of the NSS deputy directors arrived in Hrazdan and per-

sueded them to withdraw their reports on condition that no tasks related to electoral processes be assigned to them anymore;

-b. the reports of the opposition press that the authorities intend to put four thousand fake passports into circulation for the voting so as to prevent S. Mikaelian from winning the mayoral election have not been refuted either. Interestingly, the Central Election Commission of Armenia - at the time of this article being written - refused to allow employees of the U.S. Embassy to be present at the election in Hrazdan as observers. We do not rule out, however, that the CEC will change its position;

-c. in the opinion of many representatives of the press, the case trumped up by the police against the famous opposition journalist Hayk Gevorgian who was released

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Armenian PM backs Russia's Putin for election victory

Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan openly backed his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Wednesday, February 8, saying that his victory in Russia's upcoming presidential election would be good for Armenia.

"That also stems from Armenia's interests," he told journalists in Yerevan. "We are interested in seeing stability and steady development in Russia. The force which is now ensuring steady development in Russia is Putin and the [United Russia] party led by him."

Despite growing street protests against his more than decade-long rule, Putin is expected to formally regain the Russian presidency as a result of the election scheduled for March 4.

He has been endorsed by some prominent members of Russia's large Armenian community. Three of them, including a Russian-Armenian businessman close to President Serzh Sargsyan, report-



edly reaffirmed that backing on Monday at a meeting with Stanislav Govorukhin, Putin's nominal election campaign chief.

The powerful Russian premier has repeatedly met with Tigran Sargsyan, most recently in Saint Petersburg last October, for talks mainly focusing on economic issues. Serzh Sargsyan likewise

met Putin when he visited Moscow later in October.

Echoing statements by other pro-government politicians, Tigran Sargsyan also confirmed on Wednesday that the Republican Party of Armenia (RPA) led by the President expects to win parliamentary elections due in May.

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At the meeting, the parties discussed the Armenian-Russian economic cooperation which is developing dynamically in different areas. They stressed the importance of the development of cooperation in the area of energy, including the construction of a new unit of the Armenian Nuclear Power Plant (ANPP).

President Serzh Sargsyan underscored that the construction of a new energy unit could become a major project in the

framework of the Armenian-Russian cooperation.

Sergey Kirienko informed the President of Armenia that he has had productive meetings in Armenia, visited the Metsamor Nuclear Power Plant, observed the operational unit and the area envisaged for the construction of a new unit. "We believe that works conducted currently by the RA Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources are open for the IAEA, the EU and the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO). It is a proper approach from the viewpoint of the works of the operational unit, additional safety measures as well as the construction of a new unit," Sergey Kirienko, Director General of the RF Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation said. S. Kirienko also hailed the professional level of the ANPP employees and noted that a precise plan for future cooperation has been developed.

At the meeting, the President of Armenia awarded Sergey Kirienko, Director General of the RF Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation with the Order of Honor for his considerable input in the strengthening and development of the economic relations between Armenia and the Russian Federation.

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"That confidence comes from the people," he claimed. "You yourself monitor various opinion polls on the approval ratings of one or another party."

"We are heading for the elections with an open face because the Republican Party has been honest during these years, because we have always spoken about our problems and haven't concealed anything from our people," he added.

Armenian opposition leaders portray such statements as further proof that the RPA plans to rig the elections. The Republicans already faced fraud allegations when they won the previous legislative vote in 2007. However, Tigran Sargsyan declared in December that the 2012 polls will be the most democratic

in the country's history.

The prime minister also hit out at the Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP), a junior partner in the ruling coalition, for blocking the passage of a major government bill on Monday. He hinted that the government will reintroduce it to the National Assembly soon.

The bill would ban Armenian businesses and individual entrepreneurs from carrying out cash transactions worth more than 3 million drams (\$7,770). The government says the ban would complicate tax evasion. The PAP deputies disagree, saying that it would hurt small businesses and benefit only commercial banks.

Sargsyan dismissed the PAP objections as politically motivated. "No opinion has been expressed in the National Assembly to the effect that one or another article of that bill should be revised," he said. "That means the issue was moved to the political plane and that means we will discuss it on the political plane."

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Serzh Sargsyan received the First Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Victor Zubkov

The RA President received on February 6 the First Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Victor Zubkov.

Serzh Sargsyan has stressed that the high level of the political dialogue between Armenia and Russia and mutual desire to strengthen strategic partnership create an excellent environment for the further development of the Armenian-Russian relations. According to the President, the turnover between the two countries increases annually, the number of the enterprises with the Russian capital is also on the rise, and humanitarian cooperation becomes more diverse.

The First Deputy Prime Minister has noted that in four years that have passed after his previous visit to Armenia in 2008, the Armenian-Russian relations in every area have become even closer and warmer. These relations, according to Victor Zubkov, have



strengthened also due to the reciprocal high-level visits, including the state visit of Serzh Sargsyan to the Russian Federation, which took place last October. Victor Zubkov assured that the two Governments work actively for the implementation of the tasks given by the Presidents of Armenia and Russia during these visits.

The parties stressed the impor-

tance of the works conducted by the Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation. Tomorrow, the Co-Chairs of the Commission will conduct a meeting in Yerevan.

The interlocutors also noted as promising the development of cooperation in the agricultural, energy and a number of other areas.

Armenia and Russia agree to modernize the infrastructure on the Armenian-Iranian border

Cooperation declaration has been signed between the national security councils of Armenia and Russia February 9 to put a basis for a new round of joint work in a number of spheres. The declaration was signed by the Secretary of the National Security Council of Armenia Artur Baghdasaryan and his Russian counterpart Nikolay Patrushev.

Artur Baghdasaryan first thanked his counterpart for effective negotiations and contributed efforts, saying that the signed declaration laid ground for military-technical cooperation. "Within the framework of this document a task group will be set up to work out a new agreement to specify the further steps and deadlines of the sphere," Baghdasaryan said, adding that at the same time upgrading programs will be carried out for ensuring security in the border territories of Armenia and particularly in the border with Iran. The implementation of the pro-



gram will improve the acting systems and bring to minimum the smuggling cases.

"It is intended to open educational centers for border guards in Armenia as well as Armenian-Russian joint emergency situation regional centers," Secretary of Armenian National Security Council said.

Nikolay Patrushev thanked for the warm reception and said the negotiations were more than effective. "A declaration has been signed which is a step forward in our bilateral cooperation and thanks to which a clear partnership policy is being worked out and a basis for future joint work is being laid," Patrushev said.

Ruling coalition member Orinats Yerkir Party to hold congress on March 3

Ruling coalition member Orinats Yerkir Party/Rule of Law will hold congress on March 3, head of Orinats Yerkir parliamentary group said at a press conference on Monday, February 6.

The party is currently in the process of forming pre-election proportional list. Meantime, she rejected all the questions on the details of election program. However, it will deal with social issues. All the political parties

understand that there are many social issues in the state and are concerned for solving them.

In response to the question whether it is possible to participate in the elections jointly with another political power, Bisharyan has said there is no need to establish a bloc, while coalition parties have decided to participate in the elections separately.

As for the opposition, the MP

believes that it will have seats in the parliament.

"It is difficult to forecast election results. However, the active work carried out by parliamentary opposition ARF Dashnaktsutyun and Heritage parties, as well as off parliamentary Armenian National Congress will yield results," she said adding it is important to have an opposition in the parliament to voice constructive criticism against the authorities.

Armenia's Government rejects initiative on passing to 100-percent proportional election system



During its session on Thursday, the Government of Armenia rejected the legislative initiative on holding the upcoming parliamentary elections solely by 100-percent proportional election system.

This matter was presented to the Government by Deputy Justice Minister Grigor Muradyan, who noted that the elections' effectiveness and fairness are not conditioned by any election system. In his words, the majority election system allows for the presentation, at the National Assembly, of the interests of certain cross-section of the population.

To note, the parliamentary opposition's Heritage and ARF Dashnaktsutyun parties had motioned for changing to a 100-percent proportional election system. Furthermore, parliamentary hearings on this matter will be held on February 15, and the ruling coalition's Prosperous Armenia Party had likewise joined the initiative to hold these hearings.

Those behind this initiative note that, with small exceptions, solely oligarchs become MPs through the majority election system.

The non-parliamentary political forces support this initiative, too.

Sharmazanov ties parliamentary tension with pre-electoral period

Parliament works normally, nothing extraordinary happened, Deputy Speaker of the parliament Eduard Sharmazanov said in response to the question of reporters to comment on the cases of double voting registered in the parliament. "Laws have been discussed and as usual opposition and authorities present their opinions," Sharmazanov said.

He said each MP is so tensed that votes only for him/her. "Even if such thing happened I do not think it will have any impact on the general picture of voting. I think each MP must vote for himself/herself," Deputy Speaker of the parliament said.

Referring to the offenses voiced in the parliament, Sharmazanov said he treats bad any offense be it by opposition or authorities. "The parliamentary work will be more pleasant if less emotional expressions be voiced but nevertheless parliamentary life is not ideal one and sometimes manifestations of unnecessary emotions take place," he said.

He also tied the tension with pre-electoral process. "We should do everything to guide the process through working path. We should also register that during this four-day sittings the parliament works effectively," Sharmazanov stressed.

If authorities rig elections, they will share fate of Armenia's First President - opposition member

Fair elections today mean a change in power, and if the elections are not held fairly, a crisis will begin in Armenia, National Self-Determination Union (NSU) Chairman Paruyr Hayrikyan stated during a press conference on Thursday.

In his words, today's battle is waged for being close to the authorities' trough, and there is neither a program toward, nor an executor of, reforms in the country.

Hayrikyan is convinced that if fair elections are conducted, or even if the authorities' levers are put to use, the authorities cannot receive more than

41 percent of the votes, and this means a coalition would be formed.

And if the authorities decide to rig the elections, as per Paruyr Hayrikyan, they will leave power some time thereafter.

According to NSU Chairman, the forming of blocs is very important today. And it is only in this case that it would be possible to garner 51 percent of the votes. Otherwise, Hayrikyan argued that Armenia's First President and now the opposition Armenian National Congress leader-Levon Ter-Petrosyan's fate in 1998 will leave power some time thereafter.

Armenia is surmounting national security threats, challenges - Security Council Secretary

Armenia is in favor of a dignified cooperation with the regional countries and of resolving the existing problems by way of mutually acceptable methods, Armenia's National Security Council (NSC) Secretary Artur Baghdasaryan said Tuesday, February 7 during a seminar entitled "South Caucasus: New Challenges."

Baghdasaryan noted that Armenia is surmounting its national security threats and the present-

day challenges. The NSC Secretary also underscored the need to guarantee the three regional countries-Armenia, Georgia, and Azerbaijan-equal international opportunities for economic development, and the impermissibility of regional projects that bypass Armenia.

In their presentations, German Ambassador Hans-Jochen Schmidt and US Ambassador John Heffern stressed the importance of securing a climate of peace and understanding in the region.



Armenia's ruling coalition party boycotts parliamentary session

The Prosperous Armenia Party, one of the political forces included in the ruling coalition, is boycotting Tuesday's parliamentary session.

The MP Naira Zohrabyan told the reporters that the party boycotted the sitting because of some remarks voiced against the party.

On Monday, February 6 the party did not take part in parliament's voting on the bill concerning limitations to financial operations, and thus PAP "torpedoed" the passing of the bill. The Prosperous Armenia's coalition partners were angered by the move. The members of the

Republican Party said voting against the bill means to support corruption.

Zohrabyan said the party would not participate in today's session because of non-constructive atmosphere in the National Assembly and incorrect remarks voiced by the Republican MPs.

PM says improvement of press freedom index of Armenia - serious political assessment

The improvement of Armenia's rating by 24 points in the freedom of press rating list published by "Reporters Without Borders" international organization is a serious political assessment, Prime Minister of Armenia Tigran Sargsyan said before launching the cabinet sitting

today, Noyan Tapan reports.

"I think press has also contributed to the formation of civic society in Armenia, which like the ANC's statement says, has been formed in our country during the past four years. This rating is a serious progress," the Prime Minister said.

Tigran Sargsyan said during the cabinet sittings they always refer to the assessments given to Armenia by different international organizations.

In the "Press Freedom Index" Armenia is ranked the 77th this year.

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from custody on February 6 shows what kind of methods will be used to put pressure on the opposition and its activists during the upcoming parliamentary elections. After the scandal related to Hayk Gevorgian, there have been more and more demands for the recently appointed Police Chief Vova Gasparian to resign immediately. The eccentric behavior and aggressiveness of V. Gasparian astonishes even Armenian journalists who know a thing or two;

-d. the first preliminary official data on the population census taken in Armenia in October 2011 has been published. According to the data, the number of permanent registered residents of Armenia makes 3,285,000, but 2,871,000 people permanently reside in Armenia. Thus the real official difference between the present population and the registered one is 414,000 (which make up 14.5 percent of the total number), about 350,000 of whom are voters. So it is obvious that large-scale manipulations with votes of no fewer than 350 thousand absent voters may be organized at the upcoming parliamen-

tary elections. In order to prevent this, each voter's finger is marked with a special dye, which is done in many countries. The Armenian opposition has been speaking about this for five years (!). In the spring of 2010 the ANC submitted its proposals concerning amendments to the Electoral Code to the Council of Europe. The fact that the ruling elite does not want to hear about that is understandable - after all, such votes are not added to those received by the opposition. Another thing is interesting: those in the OSCE, the Council of Europe, the Venice Commission and other international organizations are unwilling to hear that logical demand. It seems reasonable to assume that such strange indifference to this issue has only a political connotation.

Interestingly, two bills of the ruling three-party coalition were killed within two days of plenary sittings of Armenia's National Assembly, during the last session of the parliament of the 2007-2012 term of legislature. One of the bills was submitted by the government, the other - by the National Assembly Standing Committee on

State and Legal Affairs headed by member of the "Politburo" of the Republican Party of Armenia (RPA) David Harutyunian.

During the past decade, there have been precedents when votes on government bills or draft laws of the ruling parliamentary coalition have been disrupted. However, such a thing happened either because of problems with a quorum, the absence of deputies from the ruling majority or as a result of boycotting a vote, first of all boycotts imposed by the parliamentary opposition.

Yet, it was the first time that a bill - in this case the matter concerns the government-authored bill on restriction of cash transactions - was killed because of differences within the coalition on February 6. The Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP), which makes part of the ruling coalition and has the second largest number of mandates, did not support the bill and refused to participate in the vote (it was a vote of 51 in favor, none against, and 10 abstentions), which was held twice by the decision of the Parliament Speaker, RPA member Samvel

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Swiss Ambassador to Turkey called to Turkish MFA for explanations on Armenian Genocide issue

The Swiss Ambassador to Turkey was called to Turkish MFA and demanded explanations in connection to the Swiss actions towards Turkish Minister for European Union Affairs and Chief Negotiator Egemen Bagis.

The Turkish MFA's Undersecretary Feridun Sinirlioglu, having called the Ambassador, stated that the Turkish Government considers inadmissible Swiss Prosecutor's Office actions, Turkish media reports.

As we have earlier informed, the Prosecutor's Office of Swiss Canton of Zurich launched an inquiry against Turkey's Minister

for EU Affairs, Egemen Bagis. The proceedings were launched after Bagis had stated in Zurich, while returning from the World Economic Forum in Davos, that there was no Armenian Genocide.

Proceedings were launched on the Swiss Criminal Code, the Swiss prosecutor Christine Braunschweig claimed, Turkish Anadolu Agency reports, adding the topic is a serious one and she would find out if the Turkish Minister had denied the Genocide or not.

To note, Bagis stated in Zurich that he can claim there was no Armenian Genocide even in a state which criminalizes denial of the genocides.



"I claim the 1915 events were not Genocide. Let them come and arrest me. The law does not function," Bagis said.

Nobody uses the term Holocaust to describe Armenian Genocide. Edward Nalbandian

The answer of Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian on the question at the National Assembly

Question: According to some publications, Foreign Minister of Israel Liberman has said that the term Holocaust is not applicable for the Armenian Genocide. I would like to have a comment on this matter.

Answer: First of all, nobody uses the term Holocaust to describe Armenian Genocide.

Armenian Medz Eghern is described by the term "Genocide". And not only because that dozens of countries and international organizations have recognized Armenian Genocide.

When Raphael Lemkin suggested

the term "Genocide" for the first time, he was referring to the example of the Armenian Medz Eghern. Later this term started to be used by different international organizations, in different international documents.

I would also like to remind that director of Jerusalem Institute of Holocaust and Genocide Israel Charny has said that it is time to end this game of words, this charade and that Israel has to finally recognize the Armenian Genocide.

While saying this Charny was not guided by whichever political considerations. Everyone realizes in Israel that Charny knows too well the meaning of the Holocaust and the Genocide.

Israeli FM openly speaks against Armenian Genocide recognition



Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Liberman for the first time publicly spoke against recognition

of the Armenian Genocide.

His position supposing not to threaten strategic partnership with Azerbaijan was clear before. However, the only officials to voice it were deputy minister Danny Ayalon and Robert Ilatov, head of Israel's Our Home parliamentary group.

Speaking to RTVi television, Liberman said the sufferings that Jewish people faced during the World War II cannot be compared to any events.

He stressed that Israel does not accept the attempts, made by

means of terminology, to turn other conflicts and massacres in Africa, Asia and the Balkans to another Holocaust, IzRus reports.

"Not a single country except for France has legislatively recognized the Armenian Genocide. We have no intention to interfere. Nowadays, historical events are turning into political dispute. Therefore, I do not think that Israel should interfere," he added.

Back in May 2011, Liberman said there is no chance that the Knesset would recognize the Armenian Genocide.

OSCE mission to monitor line of contact between Karabakh and Azerbaijani armed forces

STEPANAKERT.- The OSCE mission will hold a regular monitoring Wednesday in the line of contact between the Nagorno-Karabakh and Azerbaijani armed forces.

From the Karabakh side the monitoring will be conducted by Field Assistants of the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office Hristo

Hristov and Marius Puodziunas, as well as representatives of Karabakh Foreign Ministry.

Field assistants of the Personal Representative of OSCE Chairman Antal Herdich and William Prior will monitor the line of contact from the Azerbaijani side, Karabakh MFA press service informs Noyan Tapan

President of the European Parliament gives a public lesson to Turkish Minister

The President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz advises Turkey to "face his own history".

Martin Schulz said this at a joint press conference with Turkish Minister for the EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator Egemen Bagis, Mediamax reports. The Zurich public prosecutor's office has launched an initial investigation into Egemen Bagis over the public denial of the Armenian Genocide.

"You should face your own history and you should allow independent inquiries about your history. If the independent inquires come to the conclusion that it was Genocide, you should recognize it," said Martin Schultz.

Egemen Bagis said that "in 2005, the Turkish Prime Minister wrote in a letter to the Armenian President to which the Armenian side so far has not responded positively.

He also said that "Turkey is ready to establish international committee of historians and scholars and to accept their findings, as long as those findings are based on archives not only of Turkey and Armenia, but also other countries involved, including Germany who



The President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz

was one of the Turkish best allies in 1915. Also the UK, Russia, France, USA."

Mediamax notes that it was not accidental that Bagis mentioned Germany in a special context, as the President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz is German.

"We are politicians; we have responsibilities in shaping the future, not the past. Politicians should not steal the role of the historians who should study history and make judgments," Bagis added.

However, Martin Schultz gave a different recommendation:

"As German and especially as German president of multinational parliament, I have to live every day with our past, which is not easy past. It is a very difficult one. Demons of the past are lasting until today, every day I am confronted with the past of my country. But my country, and I am proud of this, during six decades is facing its own history; is recognizing not to be guilty - because our generation is not guilty for the crimes committed in the past. But we are responsible to avoid that it could happen once more. To be as open as possible to the past is the best way to the future."

French MP Valerie Boyer believes Constitutional Court to adopt Genocide bill - interview

Interview of the author of the bill criminalizing denial of genocides, Union for Popular Movement (UMP) MP Valerie Boyer published in Nouvelles d'Arménie.

Were you satisfied with the Jan. 23 events covered by media?

I saw nothing special. It proves the press shows no particular interest in the topic. The only thing it was interested in was to speak against.

Could you disclose motives of MPs who appealed to the Constitutional Council?

I can guess the Senate's motive as Secretary General of the Government expects a response. I have no other information.

What shocked you most in this demarche?

We have been dealing with the issue for over ten years, and I am shocked that such an appeal was made for the Constitutional Council. We deal with state values: freedom, fraternity and equality and we decided to vote for the bill criminalizing the denial. I do not understand that on behalf of the equality we would be blocked with unequal attitude towards victims of

genocides during principles of humanism. France is a big state to make all the institutes function. I do not blame anyone and yet, I believe that the Council will approve our approach.

What will happen if the Council rejects the bill?

We will start over.

Did you manage to talk to the French President Nicolas Sarkozy after the appeal to the Council?

Not directly, but I believe that the Secretariat General expects a response by the Council. It should review the bill on its essence and form. I think the constitutional judges will approach the issue from the right angle and not from the standpoint of a false debate about the memorial laws, which the National Assembly held. However, I am afraid that the Council may be terribly pressed.

What can you tell hypothetically if the 2011 law and 2012 bill were rejected?

In that case we would have dealt with an unequal treatment and sued to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU). It is just impossible.



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- ♦ **2453. Koryun str.**, 6/4, 100sqm, 4 rooms, euro repaired, 2 lavatories. Price negotiable
- ♦ **2429.** Ekmalyan street, 10/9, 178sqm, 3bed-rooms, 3lavatories, capially 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
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- ♦ **Tumanyan str.**, 3/1, 100 sqm, office space, not repaired, entrance from the street, windows looking at the yard. Price: 115.000 USD
- ♦ **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

- ♦ **2122. Davitashen**, 1800sqm, water, gas, electricity, possible to sell separately 600sqm, 1200sqm. Price-150USD per sqm.
- ♦ **1869. Kaskade**, 720 sq.m. 1st line, permission for construction, suitable for a new building or a business. Price: negotiable
- ♦ **2121. Centre**, land-1338sqm, 1100sqm has permission for building. Price-2million 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.
- ♦ **2033. Tsakhkadzor**, New Quarter, 600 sq.m., 1st line, asphalted road, premises, designed for construction of residential house, with all communal conveniences. Price: 120 USD for 1 sq.m.
- ♦ **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 2800USD
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **Avan, Ayntapi str.**, near Star Supermarket, 1st line, 528 sqm, land attached to a house, water, canalization, front-25m. Price: 60.000 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
- ♦ **3063. Komitas A.** Avetisyan street, 3storied+cellar, total-500sqm, 3 bedrooms, 3 lavatories, capially repaired, cabinet, possible to sell with furniture. Price-negotiable
- ♦ **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-negotiable.
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **3103. Ajapnyak community**, Miraqyan street. 1 storey, land -264.8 sq.m., building 110 sq.m., euro repair, euro windows, 5 rooms, 1 lavatory , Baxi system, kitchen, book , ramparted. Price: 90 000 USD
- ♦ **3105. Kaskad, Antarain**. 4 stories, land 1800 sq.m., building 1000 sq.m., newly built, need of cosmetic repair, windows, permanent hot and cold water, heating system, 4 bedrooms, ramparted, solar lamps, security system, cameras, external lighting. Price: 1. 300.000 USD
- ♦ **3054. Blur, Kharkovyan street**, 3 storied building, land 400 sq.m., building 450 sq.m., new, euro repair, ramparted, 4 bedrooms, 5 lavatories inside, 2 lavatories outside, Baxi system. Price 800 000 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 ramparted. Price 50000 USD

NEWLY BUILT

- ♦ **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
- ♦ **90. Main avenue**. Newly built, 2 buildings, 14 stories. Ready for habitation/ at the end of 2013, at the beginning of 2014. Commercial areas on the 1st and on the 2nd floors, flats on the higher floors. Price: 1 sq.m.- 1150 USD 1 sq.m.- 1300 USD
- ♦ **91. Main Avenue**, Park, near Malibu cafe, 16storied newly building, Captally repaired, heating and security system, 2 lavatories. Price: 1 sq.m.- 2.000 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

- ♦ **1031. Byuzand street**, 1 room, 34 sq.m, capially repair, newly built, furniture, techniques, heating, AC, cabin. Price 600 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
- ♦ **1057. Argishti str.**, 14/9, 1 room, furnished, heating system, permanent hot and cold water, AC
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **1024. Amiryan street**, 12/3, 1turned into 2, 50 sq.m, euro repair, techniques. Price: 1 day 60 USD
- ♦ **853. Amiryan 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

- ♦ **1024. Amiryan street**, 12/3. 2 rooms, 50 sq.m, euro repaire, furniture, techniques. Price: 1 day -50 USD, a month: 700 USD
- ♦ **2064. Aygedzor**, 7/1. 2 rooms, 60 sq .m, capital repair, euro windows, Baxi system, AC, heating floor, camera, cabin. Price 800 USD
- ♦ **2037. Baghramyan str.**, 5/2, 60sqm, 1 bedroom, euro repaired, modern furniture, spanish tiles, permanent hot and cold water, gas, baxi, AC, technique. Price 100USD per day
- ♦ **2022. Amiryan street**, 4/3. 74 sq.m., 2 turned into 3, newly repaired, Spanish tiles, jakoozi, permanent hot and cold water, furniture, techniques. Price 1500 USD, 1 day 100 USD
- ♦ **2057. Sayat-Nova**, 11/4, 2 turned into 3, 78 sq.m., capially repaired, Baxi system, furniture, techniques, AC, satellite. Price: 1 day- 80 USD, a month- 900 USD
- ♦ **1961. Tumanian street**, 4/2, 86sq.m., 1 bedroom, Euro repair, Euro windows, Furnished, permanent hot and cold water. Price: 1200 USD, 1day: 70USD
- ♦ **115. Buzand str. Building 7, /near Republic Square/, 9/4, 75 sq.m, 2 rooms, newly built, capially and euro repaired, furnished, equipped, permanent water, gas, heating system, AC, open balcony. Price: 1100 USD long-term, 1500 USD short-term.**
- ♦ **2119. Argishti/Glendale Hills I**, 7th floor , 2 rooms, 46 sq.m, capially repaired, new furniture, tiled bathroom, equipped, water, gas, Baxi heating system, refrigerator, TV, balcony for storage. Price: 450 USD , 50 USD per day
- ♦ **2108. Amiryan str. /City center/, 2 rooms, AC, washing machine, TV, refrigerator, satellite, bed sheets, utensil, all the conveniences. Price: 600 USD , 60 USD per day**
- ♦ **2099. Sayat-Nova Ave.**, 12/6, 2 rooms, all the conveniences, repaired, furnished, water, gas, Baxi heating system, AC, washing machine. Price: 550 USD

3 ROOMS AND MORE

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **1950 Crossroad of Khanjyan**, Mashtoc/8 2 bedrooms, New stored , 163 sq.m , absolutely repaired, 2 bathrooms, furniture, heating condition, Climate control, looks to the garden, including exploiting costs. Price 2500\$
- ♦ **1856 Abovyan str.** 5/4 floor 3 rooms, 95 sqm, euro repaired, 2 bathrooms,heating system, AC, furnished, equipped, satellite. Price: 750USD, 70-75 USD per day.
- ♦ **1951 Crossroad of Khanjyan**, Mashtoc /13 2 bedrooms, New stored 122 sq.m absolutely

repaired, 2 bathrooms, furniture, heating, Climate control, including exploiting costs . Price 2000\$

- ♦ **1874 Amiryan str.** 14/5 floor 120 sqm, capially repaired, 2 bathrooms, 2 AC, heating system, parking, looking at the boulevard Price: 2000USD
- ♦ **1406. Sayat-Nova str.**, 7/3, 110sqm, 2 bedrooms, euro repaired, gas, furnished, technique, permanent hot and cold water , baxi. Pric negotiable
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **1810. North Avenue**, /5, 2bedrooms, newly built, euro repaired, beautiful view, refrigerator, washing machine, permanent hot and cold water, heating system, garage, TV, lavatory, Price negotiable.
- ♦ **1787. Koghbaci street**, 13/6, 2bedrooms, newly built, euro repaired, furnished, 2 lavatories, central heating. Price 1700USD per month, 100USD per day.
- ♦ **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.**, 3 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

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **1808. Amiryan**, 4/3 3 rooms, 64 sq.m, capi-



tally repaired, Venetian style, furnished, equipped, Spanish tiles, permanent hot and cold water, gas, baxi, no balcony. Price: 800-900 USD, 50 USD per day

- ♦ **971. Norq-Marash community** The gardens of Norq Ground 620sq.m, basement +2f. con 733.15 sq.m, basement: the sport hall, sauna, room for summer, swimming pool, fireplace, 1st floor: leaving room, bedroom, kitchen, office, corridor, bathroom, 2nd floor 4 bedrooms, 2 bathroom(Spanish), always running cold and hot water, natural gas, 2 conditioner, baxi. Price 1500\$
- ♦ **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, capially repaired, furnished, gas, permanent hot and cold water. Price 4000USD
- ♦ **455. Norq**, 3 storied building-150sqm, total - 600sqm, 3bedrooms, lavatory, capially repaired, furnished, technique, gas, permanent hot and cold water. Price 2000USD
- ♦ **1135. Monument V.** Papazyan street, 2floors, total-375sqm, stone building-210sqm, cellar, euro repaired, baxi, AC, garage-14sqm. Price 2000 USD per month.
- ♦ **1164. Arabkir, Monument**. 1 storied, land-300 sq.m, building-150 sq.m., capially repaired, 3 bedrooms, 2 lavatories, pool. Price: 1200 USD
- ♦ **211.** Ajgedzor. 2 storied, 3 bedrooms, permanent water, capially repaired, beutifull view. Price: 1300-1500 USD
- ♦ **721. Blur Qery street**, land 150 sq.m., 2 stories+ a cellar, 200 sq.m., newly built, telephone, 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
- ♦ **1121. Vahagni community**, 2 stories, building 402 sq.m.(including garage and cellar) euro repair, 3 bedrooms, hall, permanent hot and cold water, gas, heating system, heating floor, kitchen and dining room are furnished. Price: 3000 USD
- ♦ **1142. Djrvje**, 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 street**, 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
- ♦ **1109. Blur**, 3 storied building, land 400 sq.m., building 450 sq.m., new, euro repair, ramparted, 4 bedrooms, 5 lavatories inside, 2 lavatories outside, Baxi system. Price 3800 USD
- ♦ **662. Norq gardens**, Amaranocayin street. 2 storied stone building.Land 1000 sq.m., building 300 sq.m., ramparted, 3 lavatories, 3 bedrooms, hall, camin, gas, heating system, stained glasses. Price 3000USD negotiable
- ♦ **1071. Noy block**, 2.5 storied, land 400 sq.m., building 500 sq.m., garden 250sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 5 lavatories, 2 kitchen, a hall. Price 3000 USD priliminary
- ♦ **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 sq.m, 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, capially 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
- ♦ **1019. Nork**, 2 storied, separate structure, 700 sq.m. land, 350 sq.m. construction, capital euro repaired, fimished, garage with remote control, pool, 3 bedrooms, one with bathroom, and 2 separate bathrooms. In the first floor sitting-room, gas, permanent hot and cold water, Baxi System, fire-place, view to town, walled. Price: Negotiable

PREMISES

- ♦ **1869. Kaskade**, 720 sq.m., 1st line, building permition, suitable for new building or a business center. Price: negotiable
- ♦ **1461. Sayat - Nova str.**, 1st floor 95sqm, capially repaired, 2 halls - 32sqm and 46sqm, kitchen, lavatory, 1 line, 2 entrances. Price 3000USD
- ♦ **1821. Argishti** 14/7 3rooms,-87sq.m repaired.- modern stile ,non populated ,2bathroom.heating /furniture ,technique satellite, when renting for the long time also internet, b. looks to the country. Price 800\$, 1day 20.000AM dram
- ♦ **1438. Komitas**, Hr. Qochar str., 6storied building + cellar + cockloft, total-960sqm, each floor-120sqm, needs to be repaired, plastered, permanent hot and cold water, gas, parking for 15 cars. Price negotiable.
- ♦ **1525. Hanrapetutyán 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
- ♦ **1113. Abovyan Koryun district**, 2 storied, 400 sq.m., 2 separate entrances, capital euro repair, convenient for restaurant or shop, has a possibility for open air café. Price: Negotiable
- ♦ **1408.Zarobyán 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
- ♦ **1429. Nalbandian St**, 2 stories - 78 sq. m, each story - 38 sq. m, hall, lavatory, 2 show windows, door, two-way entrance, 24-hour water, gas, suitable for any activity. Price: 23000USD
- ♦ **1461. Amiryan** (down-town), 1st circle, 5 stored building, 300sq.m is renovated, the rest is under renovation, central heating, climate-control, parking. (tax included) . The price is available for 5 and more years, 2500sq. Price: 1sqm - 400USD
- ♦ **1462. Teryan street**, 3 stored, capital repaired, AC, capital repaired, parking, 800sq. Price: 10.000USD

Seyran Ohanyan: "20 year-old RA Armed Forces are Efficient, a Success and Ready to Fulfill their Tasks"

The RA DM reminds also the number of incidents in the Army decreased



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This was said by the RA Defense Minister Seyran Ohanyan at the large news conference held on Wednesday 8 February at the Ministry's administration compound.

In his opening words Minister Ohanyan qualified 2011 for the RA Armed Forces as a year of "the achievements preservation and the problems decrease". As the RA Defense Minister said, "20 year-old RA Armed Forces are efficient, a success and ready to fulfill their tasks".

As to (non-stop) shootings from the Azerbaijani side at the NK contact line, the RA Defense Minister said that "militarization of the Azerbaijani side is reflected in the military polemics, budget hysterics, races of weapons and attempts of breaches on the frontline".

Seyran Ohanyan noted that the Armenian Armed Forces are ready to give an adequate response if it is needed.

The RA Defense Minister also noted that "the correlation of the adversary's shots and the responses of the Armenian side is 10/1".

"I gave an order to respond only to the precise, i.e. of the sniper's shots of the adversary resulted in killing or injuring our soldiers. In such cases the Armenian side takes serious steps to punish severely and prevent such shots in the future...", said Seyran Ohanyan.

Minister Ohanyan added that in 2012 they will do the utmost for ensuring security at contact line, providing proper response to any provocative act.

Commenting on Azerbaijan's military build-up, Mr Ohanyan said that Baku violates provisions of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, stressing that the world superpowers should respond to this adequately.

In spite of all the above-mentioned "measures" by the Azerbai-

jan, the RA Armed Forces fighting efficiency is essentially higher than one of the adversary, Seyran Ohanyan stressed, - thanks to a number of criteria of the Army personnel, such as skills, psychological features, high motivation, patriotism and indeed the modern weaponry. Notably, Minister Seyran Ohanyan informed the gathered mass media reps that, by now, Armenia has precise long-range arms, and that arsenal will be complete no later than by 2015, and, importantly, they have serious plans to restore the military industry in Armenia.

Minister of Defense Seyran Ohanyan, in his reply to a question on the British Oxford Analytica research center's recent publication on the Armenian Army, said it had nothing in common with reality.

In particular, Minister Ohanyan denied the statement made by Oxford Analytica according to which he strives to implement reforms in the Armed Forces, yet a number of senior servicemen (led by the RA Armed Forces Chief of Staff Colonel-General Yuri Khachaturov) are against them.

"We had no discords (with Khachaturov) and can't have any", Seyran Ohanyan stressed. "Today, there is no one in the Army who doesn't implement the Program of reforming and developing the Armed Forces. It's a different thing that there are commanders who can not always fulfill the tasks in due terms, - depending on their skills. But the talks about the system resistance are not true", stated the Minister. Seyran Ohanyan also stressed that he thinks it was a right thing to distribute the power between the Defense Minister and the Head of the Armed Forces General Staff, which resulted from the defense reforms started in 2007.

A question of a Radio Liberty journalist was related to the concerns of dead servicemen's parents over the preliminary investigation and solving the cases. In this regard the

RA Minister of Defense, reminding the data witnessing that the number of incidents, and especially of those with the lethal outcome has decreased within the year just passed, said, "Regardless of how well our law-enforcement bodies work, the parents are always dissatisfied, they want maximum, they want the truth to be revealed, they see that the circle of people punished is narrow, they want more people to be punished. Much work is done to make different kinds of examinations in time, the data of both the parents and the councilors are taken into account, I think that



we are doing our best to be just and honest with the parents. But no matter how hard we try, the parent has lost his child..."

Referring to the incidents with deadly outcome that took place at the beginning of this year, Seyran Ohanyan considered that a drawback of their institution and noted that they had been taking respective steps already. He stressed at the same time that as long as the humanity has been existing, there would always be problems in interpersonal relationship, particularly in the institution, where the majority were young men and so there were issues of "self-affirmation".

Journalists asked the Minister of Defense to present the number of officials that had been held accountable in 2011 for crimes as a result of non-procedural relationship with deadly or murderous outcome. "What

we had in 2011, was the result of laborious and consistent work of the commanders, but those drawbacks, incidents that took place were due to the negligence of the commanders of the given military bases and subdivisions. Around 10 commanding officers of the armed forces, at the level of heads of subdivisions, have been discharged and now perform civil activities. Commanders of around 30 military bases have been discharged for the past 3.5 years and they have been replaced by more skillful personalities," he answered.

Armenian Defense Minister said they attached great importance to introduction of international standards, as well as "constructive criticism" by international and Armenian NGOs.

However, for some of them "the Army serves a tool for their political or other goals, - as if in the name of human rights protection," Minister Ohanyan said, adding that the Armenian citizens, involved in such international organizations, should realize all the importance of the Army for providing security of the Nation, including them themselves.

(Despite this), Seyran Ohanyan stressed the importance of their cooperation with NGOs and strengthening of the army-society relations.

As to the Armenian peacekeeping unit's withdrawal from Kosovo, in his reply Seyran Ohanyan reminded that Armenian peacekeeping unit in Kosovo has been serving under the Greek command, but as the Greek side reduced its participation in KFOR operation due to financial issues, the Armenian unit was withdrawn from Kosovo, and is currently in Yerevan. If one of the partner-countries offers the same conditions as in case of the Greek command, Armenia will continue its peacekeeping mission in Kosovo, mostly logistics expenses are concerned, Mr Ohanyan said.

According to Minister, Armenia has received a similar offer from

Hungary which is now being discussed.

Answering a reporter's question, Seyran Ohanyan ruled out that the unit withdrawn from Kosovo can join the Armenian contingent in Afghanistan.

The RA Defense Minister said that Armenia has increased the number of Armenian soldiers serving in Afghanistan three-fold in 2011.

He also hailed Armenian peace-makers' activity in various international operations and exercises, adding that the American Command and the Greek peacekeepers thanked the Armenian peacekeepers for the joint service.

Minister Ohanyan further noted that Armenia attaches great importance to international cooperation both with Russia in the framework of CSTO and with NATO.

As for the question regarding the use of the Armed Forces personnel during elections, and what practical measures were taken to avoid such things at the upcoming election, he said, "Every citizen in the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia is a citizen of the Republic of Armenia and can participate in the election so far as he is an individual citizen, can compare this or that personality or party. Looking at the big picture, the Armed Forces must maintain neutrality; we will do our best to meet the constitutional requirements."

For making the service in the Armenian Army more attractive, the Defense Ministry of Armenia pays special attention to the policy of providing the servicemen and members of the officer staff with apartments and capital, Defense Minister of Armenia Seyran Ohanyan told a February 8 news conference, referring to the servicemen of the NKR Defense Army who got apartments in 2011.

"Two hundred seventy-three servicemen have been provided with apartments in 2011. We will go on with the same policy during this year too, as the real capital encourages and inspires trust in the Army and Armed Forces in general," Seyran Ohanyan stressed.

VivaCell-MTS Join Efforts with the Armenian Project Management Association, - to Provide Competitive Environment and Supports Microsoft's Innovative Teachers Forum

On Feb.9 VivaCell-MTS announced the end of the project management skills development educational program. Participants of the trainings organized in a number of universities of Armenia received certificates. One of the tangible results of the program is the publication of the project management guide. Every initiative is a project. To properly calculate the possible challenges and to succeed, initiatives need efficiency in resource management, systemized approach, program implementation and supervision. Obtaining basic knowledge in line with the challenges of our times and providing flexibility of management in business environment requires effort. To pass on the necessary skills to the people who need them, VivaCell-MTS and the Armenian Project Management Association initiated training courses in a number of Armenian universities. The program is now finished. The certified participants now can pass their knowledge to both the business world and all interested parties. The "Project Management Guide" published upon VivaCell-MTS sponsorship can serve as an additional support to increase the efficiency of the efforts.

"Estimation of risks and their minimization requires flexibility. Developing skills add on to the necessary experience and time - factors, which do not always suffice to achieve anticipated results. The newly published guide can serve as a source of advice for all those, who wish to discover

the model of success. Specialists with relevant training will help in understanding the language of the guide faster and more efficiently," said VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian**.

The project management guide is structured in a way as to offer basic knowledge in this sphere.

And just a day before, on February 8 the Microsoft Innovative Center located in the State Engineering University, hosted **teachers applying innovative methods** award ceremony.

The ceremony took place during the annual **Innovative Teachers** forum, which is being organized in frames of the joint **Partners in Learning** joint project of Microsoft and the Ministry of Education and Science. This year the sponsorship of the project was assumed by Armenia's leading telecommunications operator VivaCell-MTS.

The Forum is aimed to familiarize the participants with innovative technologies developed by teachers to increase the level of education and teaching.

13 of the 41 submitted projects were selected for the finals. The winners of the contest were announced

during the ceremony. The winner of the main prize got the opportunity to participate in the Partners in Learning European forum organized by Microsoft in Lisbon, Portugal, and present his project internationally.

The participants of the Armenian contest got certificates of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia and Microsoft. The winning projects were awarded by VivaCell-MTS and Microsoft with the following prizes:

Main prize - participation in the



European Innovative Teachers forum in Lisbon, Portugal, March 19-22, 2012 (instituted by VivaCell-MTS and Microsoft)

1st prize instituted by VivaCell-MTS
2nd prize instituted by VivaCell-MTS
3rd prize instituted by VivaCell-MTS
Special prize instituted by Microsoft RA

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"Armenia's challenge nowadays is the need for world-class education in almost all areas. And the development of innovative and creative teaching methods and techniques based on the achievements of applied science and technology is a necessary precondition for preparing a new generation of innovators ready to lead the country's technological development towards better future, where we will be able to solve major challenges such as sustainable development of the economy that is not relying on the depletion of natural resources, better and attractive infrastructure for business and the society at large," VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian** commented. "VivaCell-MTS has been always investing heavily in initiatives aiming at quality education as we believe that Armenian youth deserves better future and at the same time has a huge capacity to make Armenia a country with technology and science as a competitive advantage", he said.



The Innovative Teachers forum is organized in Armenia for the third time now. The winners of the previous years have already had opportunity to

present their innovative solutions at the European Innovative Teachers forums in Berlin and Moscow. To mention, **Narine Baghdasaryan**, the winner of the Main Prize last year, also received the honorary 1st Prize at the European forum.

On Feb.7 Armenia's leading mobile operator hosted about 100 schoolchildren of 9th to 11th grades from Anania Shirakatsi Lyceum. The open doors event is aimed at providing the pupils of secondary schools in Armenia the opportunity to experience first-hand the operational processes and managerial culture in Armenia's leading mobile operator company, and also to be taught on the basics of mobile communications technology.

Mobile communication has become an integral part of everyday life, and mobile phone became more than an accessory, a need. Ownership of mobile phones amongst young adults continues to rise.

"We attach high value to the organization of mobile literacy classes, as we witness the interest and excitement of children with telecommunications technology. As a mobile operator company and corporate citizen we feel responsibility for teaching children in ethical aspects of using mobile phones in public places, and which is the most important, using cell phones while driving. This is not just to inform. We aim at creating awareness with the behavior change as the outcome," stated VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian**.

Heavy Snowfall in Armenia






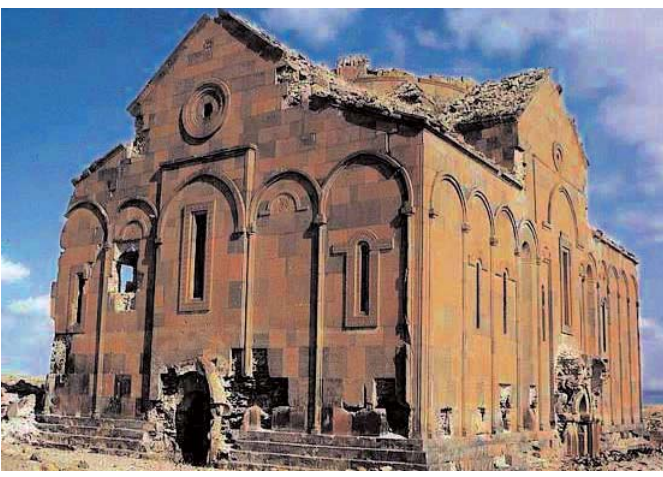
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IFC allocated USD 1.9mln to Armenia for improving the business environment

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) provides a \$1.9mln grant to the Armenian government to improve the investment climate in the country.

Armenian Minister of Economy Tigran Davtyan and Head of the Caucasus Regional Office of IFC Thomas Lyubek signed the relevant agreement in Yerevan Wednesday, February 8.

Tigran Davtyan said that within the framework of cooperation with the IFC, reforms will be implemented in the tax, domestic trade,

inspections and food security sphere.

Thomas Lyubek noted, in turn, that the Armenian government's readiness to improve the business environment was proved by last year's Doing Business rating where Armenia enhanced its positions by 6 points to reach 55th.

Tigran Davtyan refrained from making predictions on Armenia's future progress in the Doing Business rating. "We'll do our best to ensure progress," the Minister said.

Yerevan Mayor meets with Hyatt International's official

Armenian capital Yerevan's Mayor Taron Margaryan met with a working delegation from Hyatt International company, which was led by Gebhard Rainer, Managing Director of Hyatt International, Europe-Africa-Middle East. The parties discussed the company's investment programs in Yerevan.

The Mayor welcomed the Hyatt International's first investment program in Yerevan: the building of a Hyatt hotel in Armenia's capital. "The presence of a world-renowned brand in Yerevan is truly important for us, and this in its turn will stimulate tourism development in our capital," Taron Margaryan said.

In his turn, Gebhard Rainer underscored the construction of a Hyatt hotel in Yerevan, since this will be the company's first pres-

ence in the region. "Yerevan has big development prospects, and we wish to continue the investment projects," Hyatt International's official stated, and he expressed a conviction that there is a bilateral desire to develop tourism in Armenia's capital.

Yerevan's Mayor noted that the City Hall will assist as much as possible so that the outlined projects are successfully materialized. "We are open and ready for cooperation," Taron Margaryan stressed.

And Hyatt International's partner in Armenia, businessman Samvel Sargsyan assured that their partnership envisions continuous projects in Yerevan. "The first hotel will open by the end of the year, and you will see the comfort we offer to the guests of our city," the businessman noted.

Sergey Kirienko doesn't think Russia's participation in managing the new Armenian NPP necessary

Director General of Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation Sergey Kirienko has stated in Yerevan today that he doesn't "think Russia's participation in managing the new Armenian NPP necessary".

Sergey Kirienko said that he visited Metsamor NPP today, Mediamax reports.

"I don't have any doubts concerning the question who will operate the new NPP. Taking into account the highly-skilled team of the Armenian specialists I don't think Russia's participation in managing the plant necessary", said Rosatom Director General.

Sergey Kirienko said that



Metsamor-Atomenergo joint venture company is established to construct the new NPP and 50% of the shares are owned by the Armenian government and the remaining 50% - Rosatom.

Touching upon the investments, Kirienko said that main investments will be made by the

Armenian side. "The NPP is built in Armenia and the Armenian government should control it", said Sergey Kirienko.

He added that the Russian side was ready to make 20-25% investments and can offer even more. "We are ready to discuss our investments of more than 20-25% but it's subject to negotiations", noted Kirienko.

He said that the sides had already agreed that Russian technology of water reactors as well as new generation blocs which passed the EU security testing will be applied in the new energy bloc.

Armenia's actual population is 2 871 509 people

According to initial operative data of the population census conducted in October 2011, the population of Armenia currently makes 2 million 871 thousand 509 people.

Addressing a press conference today, the head of the National Statistical Service of Armenia, Stepan Mnatsakanyan, said that the preliminary operative index of the enumerated population made 3 million 285 thousand 767 people.

Stepan Mnatsakanyan said that the enumerated population is the sum of present and absent persons, and the actual population is enumerated from the number of persons constantly living in the country, those present or temporarily present during the census. Thus, as a result of the population census



conducted in 2001 the population totaled 3 million 2 thousand 598 people.

"We will have the number of the permanent population after deducting the number of those temporarily present in the country and adding the index of those who were absent up to 1 year. Then we will make recoding, enter the data and

the program will process all the questionnaires. This process will be over in October 2012," he said.

"It's not ruled out that due to some objective and subjective reasons, some households were not polled, however the information about them was obtained from the neighbors of other sources," Stepan Mnatsakanyan concluded.

Ruben Vardanyan: "We are going to face either reformation or revolution or inquisition"



Born in Yerevan on May 25, 1968.

Married, has 4 children.

Studied: MSU, INSEAD, Harvard Business School.

Partner, founder and member of Coordination Board of the Moscow School of Management SKOLKOVO.

In 2011 was awarded St. Mesrop Mashtots Order.

In late January, Russian newspapers wrote that "Troika Dialogue" "doesn't exist anymore" meaning that after closing the deal of selling the company to Sberbank there will be no "Troika" brand any

longer. You said in your interview to the "Vedomosti" that "there is no point in preserving the brand: if we want to develop the services of Sberbank Group it will be more proper to be called Sberbank". Don't you have any emotions on this occasion? For the brand you have been establishing since 1991 heading the first investment bank in the Soviet Union stops existing.

- We should understand that business has its own rules. Conditionally, when your daughter gets married she changes her surname. In reality, our business was built from scratch and we have done a lot over these 21 years. As

for changing the brand, as I have already said in another interview, it's quite proper. Maybe, it's even for the better as if "Troika" remained as a brand but changed its content it were even worse.

"Troika Dialogue" has always been associated with certain culture and positioning and that's why when becoming a part of a bigger group it's obvious that many things will change in its life. The world around us is changing and all of us should also change.

In the emotional perspective, indeed, it's a bit sad but at the same time I'm somehow happy as well. Another phase is over and I think a new, more interesting and promising one is starting. That's the continuation of the story in a different format.

- Are you in harmony with yourself after making the deal?

- That's a good question (smiling). I think maybe the biggest happiness in the world is to be in harmony with yourself irrespective of what you are doing.

It was a completely conscious

decision for me. Moreover, the decision was made quite a long time ago. Many people ask me why we didn't sell "Troika Dialogue" in 2007. Maybe, I didn't do that because I didn't want to be at odds with myself (smiling). I don't regret at all not to have sold the company then though the price was much higher and it was an international bank and I could make a very interesting career of a banker in a major international company. But it was at that time, 5 years ago, that I pondered before signing the memorandum on the deal and suddenly realized that if I had done it I would not have been at peace with myself. Then, our partnership started working the way we planned and we had a dream to build a big bank representing Russia on the global markets and it would not be interesting to sell the company without trying to do that. The crisis in 2008 changed a lot of things in our industry. I understand what is going on with it now, what rules it has.

Besides, I said that I was going to finish my career by 2012. I don't

need to rest and think it over, weighing all the pros and cons. I understand very well what I want to do next. I like it and I want to finish the history of "Troika" in a beautiful manner and realize a maximum successful integration so as both the partners and "Sberbank" could make much money on the deal.

- Not only your industry but the whole world is changing. One of my friends gave a very good definition to this, in my opinion. He said: "The world more and more resembles a jelly". The world is becoming a mass in which nothing is constant and everything may change at any moment. Aren't you afraid of this?

- In fact, a very unsteady construction is being observed. I agree the world resembles a jelly and vague structure. In the historical perspective, generally there used to be 2-3 empires in the world which determined the face of Europe and the world. And though everybody lived in conditions of constant

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Nikoyan. The deputy of the PAP was not given the floor in the parliament (!) to explain the motives behind the faction's position. So, the journalists heard the PAP's considerations about the submitted bill from their former colleague, now the PAP faction deputy Naira Zohrabian. Those objections included the following arguments:

-i) in essence the bill is not of an anti-corruption nature as it regulates non-cash transactions of citizens and organizations (it would bear relation to corruption if state or local self-government bodies were involved in these transactions). Besides, if the bill is an anti-corruption one, why was it tabled in the National Assembly for five years and brought up for discussion only now?

-ii) the bill's ideology can be viewed as an attempt to restrict the shadow activities, but taking into account the fact that the restrictions can be easily circumvented, one can say that adoption of that bill will not serve its purposes. In particular, the bill will restrict trade operations of over 3 million drams between citizens and their execution by written order. This restriction can be cir-

cumvented by registering real estate (an apartment, a car, etc.) as a gift and paying for it in cash or by installments;

-iii) if the government wants to legally increase non-cash transactions, it would be logical and fair if the same law banned the banks from collecting interest of 0.5-1.5% for non-cash operations. Otherwise, after this law takes effect, only that part of the law, under which citizens will pay certain sums to banks in case of any transaction involving their real estate, will work - which will become an absurdity;

iv) under Article 6 of the bill, when foreign currency is used to pay for transactions, a settlement is made in case that it is not allowed paying in foreign currency in the territory of Armenia (the cost of the transaction may be indicated in currency equivalent only when one of the parties to the transaction is a foreign partner);

-v) the bill stipulates a mess in case of violation of various provisions of the given law. Many articles simply contradict themselves and mete out punishment under completely different provisions of the law. As a result, it is unclear what law can be applied to hold

lawbreakers responsible in case of violations,

-vi) the bill contains internal contradictions regarding the application of the law, and there are also problems related to the law's entry into force. On the whole, apart from an increase in interest sums collected on non-cash transactions, the adoption of this law will not benefit the public.

Analyzing the bill, many Armenian experts came to the conclusion that most likely it is a result of lobbying carried out by Armenia-based banks. There is also an opinion that the former chairman of the Central Bank of Armenia, the current head of the government Tigran Sargsyan, who is closely connected with the banks, has a vested interest in lobbying this bill.

Now the plot thickens. The PAP declared that it would boycott parliament sittings for one day (February 7) because a faction making part of the governing coalition was not given an opportunity to express its opinion in the National Assembly, in addition, the Public Television of Armenia distorted the opinion of the PAP about this issue.

The following day when the representatives of the PAP were absent

from the session hall, the head of the Parliament's Standing Committee on State and Legal Affairs David Harutyunian introduced a bill on amendments to the Law on Judicial Service.

The leader of Zharangutyun (Heritage) faction Stepan Safarian stated during the debates that the representatives of that parliamentary faction considered the proposed amendments as disproportionate. At the same time S. Safarian declared that those amendments ran counter to Armenia's international obligations. The representative of the parliamentary opposition presumably meant the circumstance that the proposed amendments create more opportunities for court officials and civil servants (almost all of them are RPA members) to participate in work of election commissions.

The results of the vote were 62 votes in favor, one against, with no abstentions. It should be mentioned that the ARF-Dashnaksutyun faction did not participate in the vote for the reasons similar to those stated in the speech of S. Safarian. It is noteworthy that the ARF-Dashnaksutyun parliamentary faction abstained in the February 6 vote.

As is known, 66 votes in favor are required for a decision to be passed by the Armenian parliament. The mandates of the RPA only, even without the votes of deputies of Orinats Yerkir (Country of Law) faction, are enough to pass any bill. However, the confusion and the lack of party discipline and orderliness among the Republicans are evident. All this is a wake-up call for RPA now that three months remain until the elections.

It is quite obvious that the contradictions between two parties of the three-party ruling coalition were displayed publicly on February 6-7, and time will show how acute these contradictions are. One of the parties - the RPA has the absolute majority in the parliament (66 mandates), but on the eve of the elections it is experiencing serious problems related to public support. The PAP has considerably fewer mandates (only 26), but enjoys greater public support than its senior partner in the ruling coalition. This gives the PAP an opportunity to play part of "opposition in power" or a "third force" in the run-up to the elections. No doubt, this status will raise the rating of the PAP and ensure some good PR for it.

January meeting in Sochi and its significance for Karabakh conflict

by Harutiun Khachatrian

A trilateral high-level meeting with the participation of Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan, Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev, and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev took place in the Russian resort city of Sochi on January 23. That is to say, that meeting differed in no way from the previous nine meetings, during which Armenia and Azerbaijan were trying to achieve a peaceful settlement of the Karabakh conflict, while Russia - with the consent of the two other Co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group, namely the United States and France - was acting as a mediator. Yet, the Sochi meeting was the last one in this composition as the presidential term of Dmitry Medvedev will be completed in two months.

Nevertheless, the meeting held in Sochi in January 2012 was significant in some respects, including:

1. It was an important and even amazing thing that the meeting took place. We would like to remind that the previous meeting in the same composition was held in the Russian city of Kazan on January 24, 2011, and ended in complete failure. Of course, Armenia and Azerbaijan blamed each other for the failure, but the heads of the countries seemed to have no more to say. Nonetheless, they met and signed a document;

2. At the meeting Azerbaijan and Armenia signed a statement containing three assertions, which were diametrically opposite to what Azerbaijan has said before. These assertions were:

a) The document once again stressed the need to settle the conflict

by peaceful means, whereas official Baku had repeatedly stated that it did not exclude the possibility of starting a new war.

b) the statement noted that the sides should discuss and reconcile the fundamental principles of the conflict settlement, whereas prior to that Baku had repeatedly officially proposed starting peace talks without reconciling those principles.

c) the statement noted that the Co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group have done considerable work to resolve the conflict, which ran counter to Azerbaijan's efforts to move the settlement to other platforms (for example, the United Nations).

3. Thus, the two conflicting parties actually gave their consent for the existing situation to continue, although the OSCE Minsk Group Co-chairs repeatedly said that it is "inadmissible". So, the forecasts of those analysts who said that no changes should be expected in the Karabakh conflict zone in the near future have proved to be correct. The reasons are as follows: a) the existing situation is advantageous to the elites of the conflicting parties, b) the Karabakh conflict is not the number one issue on the list of urgent issues of societies of the conflicting parties. The rivalry will move to the economic field.

Mutual visits of new Armenian and Azerbaijani delegations can be expected in the near future. Such visits are encouraged by the European Union as well.

And of course, Russia is going to continue its active mediatory efforts. This region is of great importance to Russia, and this importance is growing day by day.

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threat there was still a clear system.

The situation today when there are numerous countries-actors in the world and not one or several hegemonies among them is indeed not the best one. Another delicate point is that we live in the world where there are no real strong and brilliant leaders. I don't want to offend today's politicians but they can hardly be compared with such leaders as de Gaulle or Churchill. There are less charismatic politicians now and the global system became unstable. I am concerned about the lack of leaders who could bring an order to it. But that's the reality and we should live in it, accept it and try to be happy.

- Tremendous technological changes are going on in the world which provides citizens accessible tools of self-organization and it seems they don't need traditional political and social institutions any more. For instance, the list of the speakers of a rally in Russia was defined by people who voted on the social networks. Of course, it has its advantages but a problem arises too. Frequently, people who didn't achieve anything in the real life come to the foreground on the social networks - it's more comfortable for them to ponder sitting by a computer than to act in real life. It results in a misbalance - new leaders emerge who are not

leaders by their nature. Don't you think this may eventually lead not to bigger democracy but a bigger mess?

- That's a multi-layer question as we observe a fantastic technological progress which leaves far behind the political and economic systems. Generally, the subject of relations between technologies, business and politics, consciousness and behavior is extremely interesting.

As for the leaders and their popularity, I think (with all my due respect to democracy and people's right to express themselves) the leader's right and responsibility to make decisions shouldn't only be based on his popularity among a big number of people. As, unfortunately, popularity doesn't always mean that they are capable of making tough decisions necessary in the light of the changes in the world we talked to you above and be responsible for them.

The problem of escapism, people's escape from reality, is today expressed by their high activity on Facebook and other social networks. People create their image in the virtual world and in fact some virtual communities are established which have their own laws and rules irrespective of reality. That's why many of them who are active on the internet are very passive in their social life.

Virtuality and reality, populism and elitism, modern technologies and outdated political system altogether can be very

dangerous to us.

- How will the problem be solved? Will the people themselves sort it all out on social networks or there will be new charismatic leaders who will take the control over everything?

- Some time ago I read an interesting idea - all the changes in the world happen through reformation, revolution or inquisition. That is - there are only three mechanisms of realization of changes and there are no others. All of them entail a huge number of victims. I don't want to scare anyone but that's a rule of the history and tough times are lying ahead. Any change of the system entails victims - not always in the literary sense but many layers suffer very hard and that leads to a psychological crisis. There will be either reformation or revolution. Generally, "gray" leaders are replaced by "black" ones. In the 20s of the last century, a lot of gray leaders emerged in Europe and there was a lot of populism. People got tired after the World War I, they wanted a break and the problems were either unsolved or solved partially. Tougher leaders made use of the situation which eventually gave rise to the World War II.

That's why I believe we are to face the process of the collapse of the system. Who will the history push forward, what kind of leaders? I think we are on the threshold of serious social-political changes which will take place in 5-10 years.

Harut Sassounian: Armenians need to pursue their cause with more confidence and commitment



By Harut Sassounian
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This week's column deals with the self-defeating attitude of some Armenians whose negative outlook manifested itself once again with the latest news about the French bill criminalizing denial of the Armenian Genocide.

Some people hold the skeptical view that any project undertaken by Armenians is doomed to failure. A few years ago, I was advised by several readers not to call for dismissal of the Los Angeles Times Managing Editor for censoring an article by Mark Arax on the Armenian Genocide. On another occasion, I was advised not to ask Time magazine to apologize and make amends for disseminating a Turkish denialist DVD. I ignored the defeatist suggestions that countering such powerful publications would be futile and even counter-productive. It was not an easy struggle, but I am happy to report

that Armenian activists prevailed in both campaigns.

It is noteworthy that such apathetic individuals not only fail to offer any assistance or encouragement, but go to great lengths to discourage those who are furthering the interests of the community. Interestingly, those who sit on their hands are usually the ones who complain the most about others who are serving the common cause.

Imagine if twenty years ago the small band of Armenian freedom fighters had listened to such naysayers and decided that it was not possible to liberate Artashk (Karabagh) from Azeri and Soviet occupation forces! Would I be here today if my ancestors, the brave people of Zeitoun, located in the heartland of the Ottoman Empire, had not fought against powerful Turkish armies and won more than forty battles and hundreds of skirmishes to preserve their safety and autonomy?

Returning to our own times, how often are we told by misinformed Armenians with an "all-

knowing" attitude that the U.S. Congress will never recognize the Armenian Genocide, when in fact it was recognized in 1975 and 1984! Or how many times these misguided fortune-tellers have prophesized that no U.S. President will ever recognize the Armenian Genocide because Turkey is too important, unaware that Pres. Ronald Reagan recognized it in a Presidential Proclamation on April 22, 1981!

These same Armenians were confident that the French Parliament would not adopt a bill criminalizing denial of the Armenian Genocide last December, either because there would be a last minute snag or that Pres. Sarkozy was tricking Armenians to get their votes in the forthcoming Presidential elections. Yet the Parliament approved the legislation by a wide margin. When the bill made its way to the Senate on January 23, 2012, once again the skeptics confidently predicted that an unexpected development would block its passage. The bill was adopted by a vote of 127-86.

Last week, when some French legislators, aided and abetted by the Turkish Ambassador, appealed the bill to the Constitutional Council, some Armenians fell into deep depression. They insisted that there was an anti-Armenian conspiracy, claiming to have known all along that the initiative would end up in failure. These people do not seem to realize that the appeal does not necessarily mean defeat of the bill. In fact, should the Council determine that the bill is constitutional, those who would be arrested for denying the Armenian Genocide could no longer challenge the new law.

However, should the Constitutional Council reject the bill, it would not be the end of the world, as Pres. Sarkozy has pledged to amend it and resubmit it to both legislative houses. Nevertheless, the pursuit of the Armenian Cause does not depend on any particular bill. Armenians have many other major demands from Turkey under international law.

Rather than simply deploring

that the bill has ended in the Constitutional Council, Armenians should demand that certain members of the court disqualify themselves from this case due their impermissible affiliation with Turkish Think Tanks or for having made prejudicial statements on this issue. It is noteworthy that six of the French Senators who filed for the appeal are currently enjoying themselves in Azerbaijan as guests of the state, tasting Caspian caviar and indulging in other Azeri "delicacies."

Far more important than any bill is Armenians' solemn determination to continue the struggle for their rightful cause, undeterred by setbacks or obstacles. Having survived several millennia of occupation, pillage, massacres, and genocide, Armenians cannot succumb or surrender at the first sign of adversity!

Armenians can go forward only when they purge themselves of their self-defeating attitude and subservient mentality, left over from centuries of Ottoman Turkish subjugation and servitude.

Seizing Sustainable Development

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HELSINKI/JOHANNESBURG - The world is on an unsustainable path, and must urgently chart a new course forward, one that brings equity and environmental concerns into the economic mainstream. To do so, we must put sustainable development into practice now, not in spite of the economic crisis, but because of it.

Our challenges today are many. Economies are teetering, ecosystems are under siege, and inequality - within and between countries - is soaring. Taken together, these are symptoms that share a root cause: speculative and often narrow interests have superseded common interests, common responsibilities, and common sense.

As Co-Chairs of the United Nations' High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability, we have been asked by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to work with 20 of the world's most eminent leaders in grappling with these issues. Our task is clear: propose how to provide greater opportunity for more people with less impact on our planet.

A quarter-century ago, the Brundtland report, named for former Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Brundtland, called for a new paradigm of sustainable development. It stated that durable economic growth, social equality, and environmental sustainability are mutually interdependent. Human well-being depends on their integration.

We are convinced not only that this concept is sound, but also that it remains more relevant than ever.

Now we need to put theory into practice by moving sustainable development into mainstream economics and making clear the costs of action - and inaction - today and in the future.

By 2030, as the human population swells and appetites increase, the world will need at least 50% more food, 45% more energy, and 30% more water. Our planet is approaching, and even exceeding, scientific tipping points. This has serious implications for how we manage the global commons - and for reducing poverty: if developing countries are to realize their legitimate growth aspirations, they will need more time, as well as financial and technological support, to make the transition to sustainability.

Yet we remain optimistic. Representative democracy is now the world's dominant form of government. Advances in science have given us a better understanding of climate and ecosystem risks. Billions of people are connected by technologies that have shrunk the world and expanded the notion of a global neighborhood. We believe that we can summon the wit and the will to choose our future, rather than have it choose us.

The greatest risk lies in continuing down our current path. In 2030, a child born this year will come of age. We cannot mortgage her future to pay for an inherently unsustainable and inequitable way of life.

So, how do we begin to tackle the massive challenge of retooling our global economy, preserving the environment, and providing greater opportunity and equity, including gender equality, to all? The Panel's report, Resilient People, Resilient



Planet, offers suggestions.

First, we need to measure and price what matters. The marketplace needs to reflect the full ecological and human costs of economic decisions and establish price signals that make transparent the consequences of action - and inaction. Pollution - including carbon emissions - must no longer be free. Price- and trade-distorting subsidies should be made transparent and phased out for fossil fuels by 2020. We also need to build new ways to measure development beyond GDP, and propose a new sustainable development index by 2014.

Second, we must put science at the center of sustainability. We live in an era of unprecedented human impact on the planet, coupled with unprecedented technological change. Science must point the way to more informed and integrated policy-making, including on climate change, biodiversity, ocean and coastal management, water and food scarcities, and planetary "boundaries" (the scientific thresh-

olds that define a "safe operating space" for humanity). To see the big picture, we propose a regular Global Sustainability Outlook that integrates knowledge across sectors and institutions.

Third, we need to provide incentives to take the long view. The tyranny of the urgent is never more absolute than during tough times. We need to place long-term thinking above short-term demands, both in the marketplace and at the polling place.

Limited public funds should be used strategically to unlock greater private investment flows, share risks, and expand access to the building blocks of prosperity, including modern energy services. The UN's Millennium Development Goals - aimed at, among other things, halving global poverty by 2015 - have served us well. Governments should develop a post-2015 set of universally applicable Sustainable Development Goals that can galvanize long-term action beyond electoral cycles.

Fourth, we should prepare for a rough ride ahead, because extreme weather, resource scarcity, and price volatility have become the "new normal." We need to strengthen our resilience by promoting disaster risk reduction, adaptation, and sound safety nets for the most vulnerable. This is an investment in our common future.

Fifth, it is crucial to value equity as opportunity. Inequality and exclusion of women, young people, and the poor undermines global growth and threatens to unravel the compact between society and its institutions. Empowering women has the potential to reap tremendous benefits, not least for the global economy.

Ensuring that developing countries have the time - and the financial and technical support - to make the transition to sustainable development ultimately benefits all. Promoting fairness and inclusion is the right thing to do - and the smart thing to do for lasting prosperity and stability.

No expert panel, including ours, has all the answers. But if we work together, we can help to steer our world onto a safer, more equitable, and more prosperous course. We call on leaders across all sectors of society to join us. The need is urgent; the opportunity, enormous. Let us seize it.

Jacob Zuma is President of the Republic of South Africa. Tarja Halonen is President of the Republic of Finland. They serve as Co-Chairs of the UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Global Sustainability.

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Hovnanian Foundation Support Tops \$1.7 Million for Armenian Student Scholarships

VILLANOVA, Pa. - The Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Foundation has contributed an additional \$500,000 to the existing endowed Hovnanian Scholarship at Villanova University, which is now valued at \$1.7 million. The Hovnanian Scholarship provides opportunities for academically talented students of Armenian descent. The scholarship covers recipients' tuition and room and board, and is renewable annually.

Originally established in 1990, the Hovnanian Scholarship has benefited 79 Villanova students to date through full or partial scholarships.

"My motivation for this additional gift is two-fold," Mr. Hovnanian, a 1956 engineering alumnus of Villanova, explained. "There are so many gifted Armenian students throughout the globe and I am so proud of what a fine institution Villanova is today.

As a result, I want as many young Armenian adults as possible-both within the United States and abroad-to have an opportunity to receive the excellent education that Villanova offers."

"We are thrilled that the Hovnanian Foundation is continuing to support Villanova and its students with this additional gift," said Michael J. O'Neill, Vice President for University Advancement. "Villanova is committed to attracting students of diverse intellectual, social, racial and economic backgrounds who will serve as academic, civic and cultural leaders today and after graduation. The Foundation's generosity and ongoing support of this mission is greatly appreciated."

Students interested in being considered for the Hovnanian Scholarship for the 2012-13 academic year should contact Marykay Klara, Associate Director of

Financial Assistance, at 610-519-7933 for an application. Current Villanova students or those who have been accepted to the University for the 2012-13 academic year are eligible to apply. The Hovnanian Scholarship application will be available online beginning with the 2013-14 academic year.

For more than 25 years, the Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Foundation has been supporting Armenian culture and education, health organizations and the arts, among other areas of interest. Hirair and Anna Hovnanian serve as Chairman and President of the Foundation, respectively. Established in 1986, it is headquartered in Tinton Falls, N.J.

In 1963, Hirair S. Hovnanian founded Hovsons Inc., which has built tens of thousands of homes throughout the decades and developed thousands of acres of land. He also has ownership and managerial

interests in companies that oversee significant portfolios of properties in the health care industry and commercial construction industry, with a focus on shopping centers and office buildings.

Hirair and Anna Hovnanian have five children and several grandchildren. Their son, Armen G. Hovnanian, a 1987 alumnus of Villanova's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, is Treasurer of the Foundation. The couple's daughters are Siran Sahakian, Edele Hovnanian, who serves as Vice President of the Foundation, Tanya Hovnanian-Bagdassarian, and Leela Hovnanian. In addition, Gorr T. Sahakian, son of Siran Sahakian and grandson of Hirair and Anna Hovnanian, is a first-year student enrolled in the Villanova School of Business.

About Villanova University: Since 1842, Villanova University's Augustinian Catholic intellectual

tradition has been the cornerstone of an academic community in which students learn to think critically, act compassionately and succeed while serving others. There are more than 10,000 undergraduate, graduate and law students in the University's five colleges - the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Villanova School of Business, the College of Engineering, the College of Nursing and the Villanova University School of Law. As students grow intellectually, Villanova prepares them to become ethical leaders who create positive change everywhere life takes them.

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Armenia 77th country in RWB Press Freedom Index

Reporters Without Borders has unveiled its 10th annual Press Freedom Index, ranking Armenia the 77th state in the list of 179 world countries.

"This year's index sees many changes in the rankings, changes that reflect a year that was incredibly rich in developments, especially in the Arab world," the authors of the report say, noting that many media had to pay a high price for their coverage of democratic aspirations or opposition movements.

The document says further that control of news and information kept tempting governments, remaining a question of survival for totalitarian and repressive regimes. The leading role netizens in producing and disseminating news is also highlighted in the

document.

"Crackdown was the word of the year in 2011. Never has freedom of information been so closely associated with democracy. Never have journalists, through their reporting, vexed the enemies of freedom so much. Never have acts of censorship and physical attacks on journalists seemed so numerous. The equation is simple: the absence or suppression of civil liberties leads necessarily to the suppression of media freedom. Dictatorships fear and ban information, especially when it may undermine them," reads the document.

Nevertheless, the authors note, that the situation Eritrea, Turkmenistan and North Korea, countries which again occupy the last places in the index, remained

the same, with absolute dictatorships permitting no civil liberties. Other countries, according to them, are Uganda and Belarus that are also reported to have become more repressive.

"This year's index finds the same group of countries at its head, countries such as Finland, Norway and the Netherlands that respect basic freedoms. This serves as a reminder that media independence can only be maintained in strong democracies and that democracy needs media freedom. It is worth noting the entry of Cape Verde and Namibia into the top twenty, two African countries where no attempts to obstruct the media were reported in 2011."

As for the leading countries, this year's index again finds the

same countries - Finland, Norway and the Netherlands - in its top three list.

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They further note that Cape Verde and Namibia, two African countries where no attempts to obstruct the media were reported in 2011, entered into the top twenty list.

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Countries like Belarus (168th), Turkey (148th), Bulgaria (80th), Greece (70th) and Italy (61st) were

ranked among the European states that fell behind the continent in 2011. The report has found progress in France which went from 44th to 38th, or from Spain (39th) and Romania (47th).

Armenia is found to have greatly improved its positions, rising from the 101st place in 2010, to the 77th place last year. On the post-Soviet territory, the country falls behind only Moldova which placed the 53rd in this year's index. As for Armenia's neighbors - Georgia, Turkey, Azerbaijan, and Iran - they ranked the 104th, 148th, 162nd and 175th countries, respectively. The greatest progress on the CIS territory was observed in Kyrgyzstan which rose by 41 points, up to the 159th place in 2010 to the 108th place in 2011.

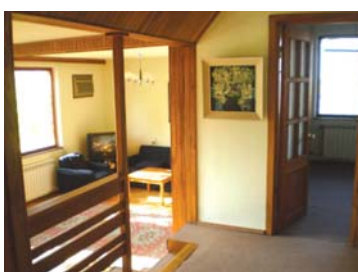
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DID YOU KNOW?



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Armenian grandma wins Miss Grandma of Universe-2012 in Bulgaria

Armenia's Louisa Aghajanyan, 51, won Miss Grandma of Universe-2012 beauty contest held in Sofia, Bulgaria on Jan. 22, Head of World League Beauty and Fashion, "Miss & Mister World" International Organizational Committee Ashot Khachatryan reports

According to him, grandmothers from various states participated in the contest, which was held in three rounds: National Dress Show, Talent and Cooking, and Evening Dress Show.

Armenian grandma from Alaverdi city won the contest. Louisa Aghajanyan is a teacher-choreographer, has three children and two grandchildren.

I have not undergone plastic surgeries, I do not use creams, and I have not gone on diets, stated-during a press conference on Wednesday, February 8 - Louisa Aghajanyan, the 51-year-old winner of Miss Grandma Universe 2012 Beauty and Talent Contest. She added that she preserved her beautiful outer look thanks to the fact that she is always happy, she dances, and does aerobics.

"I devoted 33 years to my children, I have a very simple character, and it seems my spiritual kindness is expressed on my look," Miss Grandma Universe 2012 said, and added: "I was convinced that victory would be on my side."



ARMENIAN POETRY

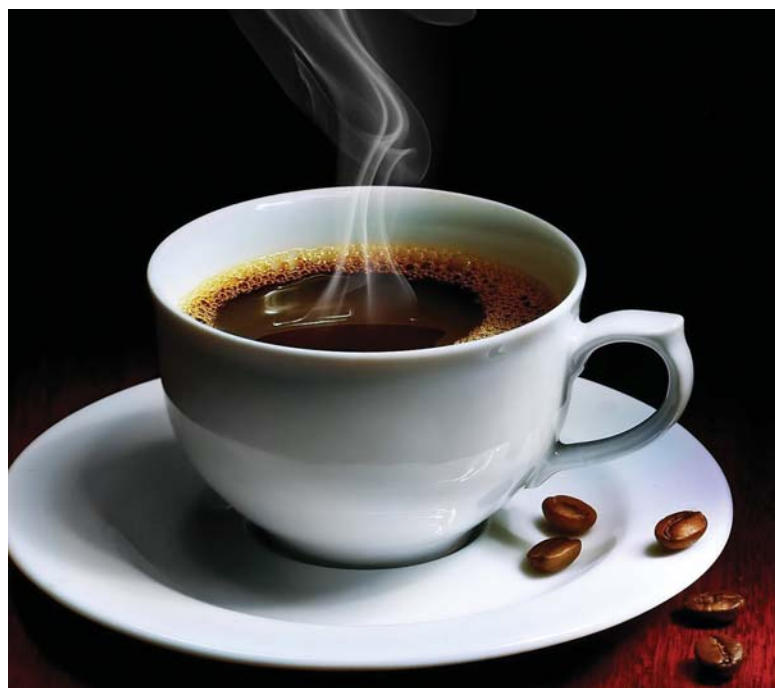
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Tears

*There are tears that fall in grief
and sadness;
Slow and mournfully the cheek
they stain,
Every drop a sob, a lamentation,
In its dew a throb of bitter pain.
There are other tears, bright,
clear, untroubled,
Shining as the sun, untouched of care,
Like the violet rain, calm, cool,
refreshing,
When the scent of earth is on the air.
There are tears all silent and
mysterious,
From the soul's love-yearning
depths that steal;
They relate to us long tales of sorrow,
Buried loves which mourning veils
conceal.
There are tears that seem to me
like laughter -
Like clouds tempest-tossed, that
roam for aye,
Flinging lightnings to the winds
of ocean,
Drifting, mistlike, out and far away.
There's a dry tear, burning,
never falling -
Liquid flame, intense,
consuming, dread -
Not to pass until the eyes are ashes,
And the mind is ruined too and dead.
Tears, I know you all, though ye be only
Memories of a past that sorrows fill.
Strong emotions, be ye blest forever!
'Tis through you my heart is living still.*

Each Armenian drinks 67 liters of coffee per year



It is considered that Armenians drink a lot of coffee. However, consumption significantly yields that of European states.

Armenia imported 11,800 tons coffee over last year but 1,400 tons returned back. Thus, Armenia used 10,400 tons coffee annually, which is 3.25 kg per person. Hence, each Armenian drinks 67 liters of coffee on average annually. Is it too much?

Most of all coffee is consumed in Finland and Switzerland: 200 liters per person each year. To note, Russians consume twice less, while Baltic twice more compared to the Armenians.

Consumption of coffee reduced in recent years in Europe. It is partially linked to the rise in price of coffee.



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Zodiac Weekly Forecast

Aries (Mar. 20 - Apr. 19):



Neptune, god of the sea, will be flowing through the territory of your unconscious mind. You may develop an active dream life. You might have a need to explore this territory through journaling, the arts, or counseling. Psychic vampires may be intrusive until you find out why your unconscious is calling them.

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 19):



During the next 14 years your former sense of community may become scattered. This could be due to a move to a different territory. You could change your taste in churches or other organizations that have previously given you a sense of identity. As you move into a different world of community, it is important that you open your mind. Don't close yourself into a cocoon.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20):



The overall effect of this transit is to loosen your ties to that which you consider representative of your security in life. Maybe it is time for you to become acquainted with the spiritual as a genuine support factor in your consciousness. Beware of the potential for water problems concerning your property.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21):



Neptune is moving into the life sector of higher education, publishing, the law, the internet and religious institutions. Your attitude about one or more of these life experiences is likely to become disenchanted. You may discover that which was working before is not really serving you as you wish. Thought and adjustments need to be made.

Leo (July 21 - Aug 22):



Use alert consciousness in the area of debt. It could become easy for you to fool yourself into not noticing how the credit cards are filling. Make every effort to create a savings plan and hold yourself accountable to it. Money and resources might slide right through your fingers. If you have depended on others for income, that resource may now begin to vaporize.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sep. 22):



Your need to serve humanity in some way is strongly activated at this time. Your compassion is a mantle on your shoulders now. Unfortunately there are those who can sense it and will seek to take advantage of your good nature and kindness. Practice wise discernment.

Libra (Sep. 23 - Oct. 22):



Your accustomed workplace may be altered, moved, or otherwise changed into something lacking in the usual structure. Perhaps you begin to work from your car or while traveling, so the scenery shifts frequently. Be conscious of your health. You might be developing allergies or over-reacting to chemicals that have previously been customary in your environment.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):



You might become enchanted or disenchanted with a lover during these years. Neptune can cause you to see what you want to see in another and then later recognize the real truth. Those with children need to be especially careful to protect them from drugs or chemicals in the environment. For those who gamble, it is definitely time to quit.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 20):



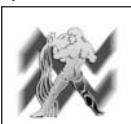
You may come to a point in which you realize your career is not as fulfilling as you once thought. Sometimes it represents a layoff or a burn-out. Work in which you can use your intuitive sense and/or your skills as an artist could be appealing. Recognize this is a process and hold to your sense of faith in the future.

Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19):



People who strike you as really strange could move into your neighborhood. It might develop a "transitional" reputation. For those who are open-minded this will be no problem. However, if you are not, it is probably time to consider preparing to move because others will follow. Siblings may need assistance during this period.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 17):



As Neptune transits your second house of income, your accustomed means of making a living will likely change. During this 14 year period, money and resources will flow in and then out again, mimicking the ocean waves. You become a conduit. Learn to allow yourself to float with it as though you were in the water.

Pisces (Feb. 18 - Mar. 19):



This is a time in which your faith in the spirit of your understanding is your best ally. You may feel compelled to follow a path that is questionable to folks in a more grounded world. It is possible your interest in the necessary worldly factors of food, housing and money is taking second place to the ideal you seek now. Do concentrate on giving attention to your body.

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Conductor: Harutyun

Arzumanyan

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A love for material goods

A lawyer was driving his big BMW down the highway, singing to himself, "I love my BMW, I love my BMW." Focusing on his car, not his driving, he smashed into a tree. He miraculously survived, but his car was totaled. "My BMW! My BMW!" he sobbed.

A good Samaritan drove by and cried out, "Sir, sir, you're bleeding! And my god, your left arm is gone!"

The lawyer, horrified, screamed "My Rolex! My Rolex!"

The prison hospital

Prisoner: Look here, doctor! You've already removed my spleen, tonsils, adenoids, and one of my kidneys. I only came to see if you could get me out of this place!

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doesn't work unless it's open.



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