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OSCE Kicks Off Armenian Vote Monitoring Mission



Radmila Sekerinska, head of the OSCE election observation mission, at a news conference in Yerevan, 22 March 2012.

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City council of Italy's Rieti adopts resolution on Armenian Genocide

The city council of Rieti, Italian town with a population of 48,000, adopted a resolution to recognize the Armenian Genocide, Metaksya Vanoyan told Nouvelles d'Arménie.

Rieti is a city comune in Lazio, central Italy.



Military cooperation between Armenia and the U.S. widens

by David Petrosyan

On March 19 official sources of Armenia's Ministry of Defense reported that Armenian Minister of Defense Seyran Ohanian and a delegation led by him went on a working visit to the United States.

The delegation members will meet with Governor of Kansas Sam Brownback. The National Guard of the State of Kansas is Armenia's partner in the military sphere. While in Kansas, the delegation will also have meetings with President of the Senate Stefan Morris, Speaker of the House of Representatives Mike O'Neil, and Adjutant General of Kansas Lee Tafanelli.

Then the delegation will travel to Washington where Minister Ohanian is scheduled to meet with U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency David Petraeus, Deputy Secretary of Defense Joseph

McMillan, and Under-Secretaries of State Philip Gordon and Andrew Shapiro. The sides will discuss issues related to Armenian-American cooperation in defense sphere and regional security.

Meetings are also scheduled to take place in New York: the delegation will meet with High Representative for Disarmament of the UN Secretary General Angela Cane and acting Head of the Department for Peacekeeping Operations of the UN Secretary General Dmitry Titov.

In the past ten years this is already the third contact at the highest level of the defense ministries of Armenia and the United States.

In 2001, U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld arrived in Yerevan as part of his regional visit.

In October 2005 Armenian Defense Minister Serzh Sargsyan (the incumbent president of the

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Armenian National Assembly passes state of emergency law proposal



The Armenian Parliament approved in the final reading on March 21 a controversial government bill which opposition politicians say will make it easier for the authorities to use the army for suppressing street protests.

The bill is supposed to regulate

the declaration and enforcement of a state of emergency in Armenia. It stipulates that the president of the republic can declare emergency rule if there is an "immediate danger to constitutional order," including attempts to forcibly seize power, terrorism and "mass distur-

bances."

The bill allows the head of state to turn to the armed forces if police and other security forces are unable to enforce emergency rule. In that case, military personnel will be allowed to use riot equipment and live ammunition in accordance with an Armenian law on the police.

The opposition minority in the National Assembly and the extra parliamentary Armenian National Congress (ANC) expressed serious concern about the bill immediately after it was circulated earlier this year. They claimed that the authorities were preparing ground for future use of the armed forces against political dissent.

In response to the opposition objections, the government modified the draft law before the National Assembly approved it in the first reading on March 1. Opposition leaders dismissed the changes as cosmetic.

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National Assembly (NA) passed the bill on the Legal Regime of the State of Emergency. The Government's coalition forces voted in favor of the draft law, whereas the parliamentary opposition ARF Dashnaktsutyun and Heritage factions did not participate in the voting.

Prior to the voting, however, ARF asked for a 20-minute recess, thereby attempting to block the bill's passing, but it was unsuccessful.

The bill on the Legal Regime of the State of Emergency was adopted with 68 votes in favor. The coalition was able to obtain quorum, at the Sessions' Hall, and put

the law proposal to vote.

The opposition considers this law proposal to be unacceptable, noting that the latter curtails the parliament's power, and that a precedent is set for using the armed forces in domestic politics, which is inconsistent with the country's Constitution.

Nevertheless, 68 deputies of the 131-member Assembly voted for the bill after the break. Opponents of the bill, among them some deputies from the pro-government Prosperous Armenia Party, did not take part in the vote.

Government officials and leaders of the parliament's pro-government majority have denied any connection between the new law and the May 6 parliamentary elections.

The Ambassador of Ethiopia Kassahun Dendier Melisi presented his credentials to Serzh Sargsyan

On March 23, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Kassahun Dendier Melisi (residence in Moscow) presented his credentials to the President of Armenia, Serzh Sargsyan.

The President congratulated the Ambassador on his appointment and wished him all the best. Noting that Ethiopia is an African country whose friendly relations with Armenia are running back into centuries, the President of Armenia has said that there are good prerequisites for developing and strengthening bilateral relations based on the historical memory of the two nations. Serzh Sargsyan stressed the importance of creating necessary legal

field for the development of cooperation in different areas and enhancement of the Armenian-Ethiopian political dialogue.

The two parties expressed satisfaction with the cooperation in the framework of international organizations.

According to Ambassador Kassahun Dendier Melisi, the Armenians in Ethiopia have been contributing to the country's prosperity, development of science and technology, while the Ethiopians have always had very warm feelings toward the Armenians.

The Ambassador of Ethiopia assured that his country is interested in developing relations with the Republic of Armenia.

National Assembly did not accept Greeks of Pontos, Assyrians and other nation's genocide bill

National Assembly on March 19, with 17 votes in favor and no abstainer or against did not accept the bill criminalizing the genocide of Greeks of Pontos and Assyrians in Ottoman Empire, initiated by the Heritage party MPs in connection with amending the bill of National Holidays and Memorial Days. The NA Heritage' faction leader Stepan Safaryan stated that the bill stems from the Armenian national interests. "The adoption of this bill is more than human," MP Safaryan announced.

Galust Sahakyan, NA Republican Party leader argued that the bill had uncertain logic and it was not clear what was the benefit of Armenia to accept it, so the Republicans voted against the adoption.

National Assembly Deputy



Speaker Eduard Sharmazanov stated that the initiating of the bill was done for making appearances.

"Genocide of Christians in Ottoman Empire is the same with the Armenian Genocide". Sharmazanov deems that when we hail to recognize Armenian Genocide it includes recognition of other Christian nations genocides as well; whereas the recognition of Armenian Genocide is stipulated by the Constitution of Armenia. In this context Sharmazanov highlighted National Assembly call to the world to recognize Armenian Genocide;" "We are demand holders," Sharmazanov stated.

Armenian FM confirms authorities' resolution to hold the elections in compliance with international standards

Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian confirmed the resolution of the Armenian authorities to hold the upcoming elections in compliance with the international standards.

During his meeting with the leader of the OSCE/ODIHR mission Radmila Shekerinska, the Minister said that certain reforms were implemented in cooperation with international structures to this end.

In particular, Edward Nalbandian noted that the Electoral Code was updated meeting the approval of the CoE's Venice Commission and OSCE/ODIHR



and a number of other important international community were steps positively assessed by the taken.

The Holy See's Nuncio to Armenia presented the copies of his credentials to Minister Nalbandian

On March 21 the Armenian Minister of Foreign Affairs Edward Nalbandian received the Holy See's Apostolic Nuncio to Armenia Marek Solczynski on the occasion of presenting the copies of his credentials.

Congratulating the newly appointed Nuncio, Minister Nalbandian said, "The high-level relations between the two churches of Armenia and Vatican are based on the Christian system of values,

bilateral historical ties and spiritual heritage. I am sure that You, as Your predecessors would have an important contribution to the further strengthening of bilateral relations."

Expressing gratitude for the congratulations and wishes, Archbishop Solczynski has mentioned that there are good conditions for the further development of the cooperation between Holy See and Armenia and he would do his utmost to expand and strengthen the interaction.

The Armenian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Apostolic Nuncio stressed the importance of the visit of the the Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan to Vatican and the meeting with His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, which is another proof of the high-level relations.

In the course of the meeting the interlocutors exchanged views on a number of international and regional issues.

Tigran Sargsyan receives head of French Competitive Agency

Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan received French competition authority chairman Bruno Laser.

Welcoming the guest Tigran Sargsyan said: "Today, the streamlining and control of economic competition is a top priority in Armenia. In recent years, we significantly strengthened the State Commission for Protection of Economic Competition adopting laws that expanded the powers of this body. In this respect, your experience and knowledge will be extremely useful for us."

The chairman of the French competition authority complimented the government for its steps to expand the competition authority's powers and ensure a favorable competitive environment. Bruno



Laser pledged support with the reform of competition legislation, buildup of institutional capacity for the State Commission on Protection of Economic Competition, as well as with the design of an economic competition policy.

Tigran Sargsyan expressed confidence that the Memorandum of

Understanding signed between the competition authorities of Armenia and France will help improve the activities of Armenia's State Commission on Protection of Economic Competition.

The parties have discussed a wide range of issues relating to the promotion of economic competition policy.

No quorum at Armenian parliament during voting on state of emergency bill - opposition MP

No quorum was obtained at the Armenian National Assembly (NA) Sessions' Hall, when voting on the draft law on the Legal Regime of the State of Emergency, opposition Heritage Party MP Larisa Alaverdyan stated at the parliament floor on Wednesday, March 21

Justice Minister Hrayr

Tovmasyan's explanations were not satisfactory for Alaverdyan, and therefore she continued to voice her complaint, but NA Speaker Samvel Nikoyan turned off Alaverdyan's microphone. Notwithstanding this, the Heritage MP continued her respective remarks out loud.

This is not the first time that the ruling coalition MPs are voting in

place of their fellow coalition deputies at the NA Sessions' Hall, thereby obtaining an artificial quorum to pass a bill.

The Heritage MPs have complained about such work method on numerous occasions, and they even stand up during voting to clearly see who is voting instead of someone else.

Armenian Republican Party submits 253-member list



The list is headed by Armenia's President and RPA leader, Serzh Sargsyan.

The Party's proportional list includes 253 names.

The RPA has also nominated NA deputy candidates with the majority election system in 33 electoral districts.

The Republican Party of Armenia will run in the parliamentary elections under its new slogan: "Let us believe, so we can make a change!"

Below are the names of top 10 candidates included into the common proportional list.

1. Serzh Sargsyan - President of Armenia.

2. Hovik Abrahamyan - former Speaker of the Armenian parliament.

3. Tigran Sargsyan - Armenian Prime Minister.

4. Taron Margaryan - Yerevan Mayor.

5. Samvel Nikoyan- Speaker of the Armenian parliament.

6. Hranush Hakobyan -Minister of Diaspora.

7. Galust Sahakyan - head of the RPA parliamentary faction.

8. Razmik Zohrabyan- member of the RPA faction.

9. Gagik Minasyan - member of the RPA faction.

10. Gagik Beglaryan - former Yerevan Mayor.

The ruling coalition's Republican Party of Armenia (RPA) submitted, to the Central Election Commission, its proportional election list for the National Assembly (NA) elections to be held on May 6.

Armenia's opposition Heritage Party submits proportional list to Central Election Commission



of extra-parliamentary opposition Free Democrats Party and civil society representatives.

The top-two in the list are Heritage leader Raffi Hovannisian and Free Democrats chairman Khachatur Kokobelyan respectively.

The Heritage has also nominated NA deputy candidates with the majority election system

Below are the names of first 10 candidates included into the common proportional list, which includes 101 names:

Proportional:

1. Raffi Hovhannisian;

2. Khachatur Kobelyan, Free

Democrats;

3. Zaruhi Postanjyan, Heritage, National Assembly deputy;

4. Alexander Arzumanyan, Free Democrats, former Foreign Minister;

5. Ruben Hakobyan, Heritage, political scientist;

6. Tevan Poghosyan, non-party, ICHD Executive Director;

7. Masis Ajvazyan, Free Democrats;

8. Styopa Safaryan, Heritage, National Assembly deputy,

9. Izabella, Abgaryan, non-party, blogger;

10. Arman Musheghyan, non-party, "World Without Barriers" NGO.

The parliamentary opposition Heritage Party submitted, to the Central Election Commission, its proportional election list for the National Assembly (NA) elections to be held on May 6.

The list also includes members

ARF Dashnaksutyun submits proportional list to electoral commission



The Parliament opposition Armenian Revolutionary Federation (ARF) Dashnaksutyun submitted on March 22 the proportional list of MP candidates to the Central Electoral Commission (CEC).

The list includes 85 candidates. Here is the top 10:

1. Vahan Hovhannisian

2. Armen Roustamian

3. Artush Shahbazian

4. Aghvan Vardanian

5. Artsvik Minasian

6. Karine Haroutyunian

7. Armen Babayan

8. Aramays Grigorian

9. Mikayel Manougian

10. Karen Shahmouradian

Over eight candidates will run for an MP seat on plurality system. The party's motto is 'Freedom, Justice, Dashnaksutyun.'

Opposition bloc Armenian National Congress submits proportional election list



The opposition bloc Armenian National Congress (ANC) on March 22 submitted to the Central Election Commission, its proportional election list for the National

Assembly (NA) elections to be held on May 6.

The list is headed by the ANC leader and Armenia's First President, Levon Ter-Petrosyan.

The ANC proportional list's top 10 also includes

2. Stepan Demirchyan (People's Party of Armenia Chairman)

3. Aram Sargsyan Republic (Party Political Board Chairman)

4. Aram Manukyan (Armenian

National Movement Board Chairman)

5. Levon Zurabyan (ANC Office Coordinator)

6. Sargsyan Lyudmila

7. Pashinyan Nikol

8. Bagratyan Hrant

9. Jhangiryan Gagik

10. Sukiasyan Khachatur

The Armenian National Congress has also nominated NA deputy candidates with the majority election system.

The ruling coalition's Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP) submits proportional list to Central Election Commission



PAP Political Board had already approved the list on March 20 evening.

The top-two in the list are PAP Chairman, and businessman, Gagik Tsarukyan, and newly-inducted PAP member, and Armenia's former FM, Vartan Oskanian correspondingly.

The proportional list includes 165 names.

The PAP has also nominated

NA deputy candidates with the majority election system.

The Prosperous Armenia Party's election campaign slogan is: "Believe, trust, demand!"

Below are the names of first 10 candidates

1. Gagik Tsarukian

2. Vardan Oskanian

3. Vardan Vardanian

4. Gourgen Arsenian

5. Samvel Balasanian

6. Naira Zohrabian

7. Vahe Hovhanissian

8. Harutyun Koushian

9. Hmayak Hovhanissian

10. Mikayel Melkonian

Ruling coalition's Rule of Law Party presents proportional election list to Armenia's Central Election Commission



Armenian ruling coalition's Rule of Law Party (RLP) submitted, to the Central Election Commission, its proportional election list for the National Assembly (NA) elections to be held on May 6.

The RLP proportional list is headed by its chairman and National Security Council Secretary, Arthur Baghdasaryan. He is followed by the RLP Parliamentary Faction leader

Heghine Bisharyan, Emergency Situations Minister Armen Yeritsyan, and Agriculture Minister Sergo Karapetyan.

The proportional list includes 178 names.

The RLP has also nominated NA deputy candidates with the majority election system.

The Rule of Law Party's election campaign slogan is: "Let us believe, so we may build rule of law!"

1. Artour Bagdassarian

2. Heghine Bisharian

3. Armen Yeritsian

4. Sergo Karapetian

5. Nelson Zouloian

6. Diana Biazian

7. Manouk Vardanian

8. Davith Karapetian

9. Khachik Harutyunian

10. Natalia Adamian

Parliament opposition Heritage expects 25% of votes in case of fair elections



on May 6.

As for the joint proportional list of Heritage and Free Democrats parties, it has been established after long discussions.

Raffi Hovannisian suggested that representatives of all oppositional forces sat around one table and discussed the issue on nominating only one oppositional candidate at each electoral district.

The Heritage leader said that he didn't know that another representative of the opposition (Nikol Pashinyan - editor) has put forward his candidacy at the same Yerevan district.

According to Raffi Hovannisian, the decision to nominate his candidacy under a majority vote system was made at the session of the Council of the Party last Sunday.

He went on adding that he waited until the last day to see in which district there was no alternative and to put forward his candidacy there.

Member of British House of Lords, Baroness Emma Nicholson to observe parliamentary elections in Armenia

Member of British House of Lords, Baroness Emma Nicholson will head the delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) during the May 6 parliamentary elections of Armenia, head of the Armenian delegation in PACE Davit Harutyunyan told Armenpress.

"The delegation is comprised of 30 members, 5 of who will arrive in Armenia beforehand - before the elections. The main group will be present during the elections and the day following it," said Davit Harutyunyan.

Radmila Sekerinska, chief of OSCE /ODIHR mission for observance, will present the mandate of the mission, the volume and scope of the activity on March 21 in



Yerevan.

It is intended that 24 short-term and 250 long-term observers will follow the parliamentary elections of Armenia. The OSCE/ODIHR had received an invitation to implement a mission for observance by Prime Minister of Armenia Tigran Sargsyan.

Capitol Hill Armenian Genocide Observance Set For April 25

Armenian American organizations, in conjunction with the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, and with support of the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia and the Office of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, will host the annual Capitol Hill Observance of the Armenian Genocide in the historic Senate Kennedy Caucus Room on April 25th, (Armenian National Committee of America).

The Master of Ceremonies will be Glendale City Clerk Ardashes Kassakhian. Armenian Americans and anti-genocide advocates from across the United States are invited to join Senators and Representatives in marking this solemn occasion, and reaffirming the commitment of the American

people to a truthful and just resolution of this crime. Two pieces of legislation have recently been introduced in the U.S. Senate related to the Armenian Genocide.

The first, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, S.Res.399, offered by Senators Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Mark Kirk (R-IL), calls upon the U.S. government to properly recognize the Armenian Genocide and to use the lessons of this atrocity to prevent future crimes against humanity. The second, the Return of Churches resolution, S.Res.392, introduced by Senators Scott Brown (R-MA), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), and Mark Kirk calls upon Turkey to return stolen Christian church properties to their rightful owners.

U.S. welcomes Armenia's political will to conduct fair elections

There is a progress in the pre-electoral period of Armenia, U.S. Ambassador to Armenia John Heffern said today at the "To Free and Democratic Elections" conference organized by the office of Armenia's prosecutor general. "The pre-electoral processes are passing normally and both the authorities and the opposition have their role in it. From this viewpoint we rate high the creation of equal conditions and creation of opportunities," the ambassador said.

Heffern said the conducting of free and fair elections will help

Armenia in reinforcing its position in the international arena. The ambassador assured that like during the past 20 years in future as well the United States will be ready to assist the country in the development and reinforcement of democracy.

"We welcome the statements of authorities over conduction of free, fair and democratic elections and their promises to examine the cases of frauds and punish the guilty," the U.S. ambassador said.

The parliamentary elections will be held on May 6.



OSCE/ODIHR opens election observation mission in Armenia

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe announced on Thursday the start of another vote monitoring mission in Armenia that will be crucial for the international legitimacy of the country's upcoming parliamentary elections.

Radmila Sekerinska, a 39-year-old former politician from Macedonia heading the mission, held her first news conference in Yerevan to present details of what will be the largest international team that will observe and assess the May 6 vote.

"As election observers, we will remain impartial, professional and objective," she said. We are interested in the process and not in the election results."

Sekerinska, who was appointed by the OSCE's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), said the mission will comprise 13 election experts, 24 long-term and some 250 short-term observers. As always, the latter will be deployed on the eve of the elections to watch voting and ballot counting.

The first group of OSCE/ODIHR observers has already arrived in Armenia. They as well as other long-term monitors will follow the election campaign, its coverage by the local media and election preparations by the authorities. They will also meet with Armenian state officials, politicians, civic activists and media representatives in the coming weeks.

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) also plans to monitor the Armenian elections with a 30-strong mission. It is expected to assess the election



conduct jointly with the OSCE/ODIHR team.

The Armenian opposition and the Armenian National Congress (ANC) in particular hoped to see a much large number of mostly Western observers. The ANC believes that they should be present in all of Armenia's 2,000 or so polling stations on election day.

The ANC leaders have said that that if the OSCE and the PACE are unable to send such a big observer mission they should at least make sure that their monitors stay in the same polling stations throughout the voting and counting processes, rather than shuttle between various electoral precincts.

Sekerinska insisted, however, that the planned number of the OSCE/ODIHR observers is sufficient. She also indicated that the OSCE will not change its monitoring methodology in Armenia.

"The ODIHR and the OSCE are not an election police," said the

mission chief. "Nor are they substitutes. We are guided by our standard methodology."

"It is our assessment, of course, that these numbers provide us with a good basis to deliver our mandate," Sekerinska told reporters. "In the case of irregularities it is the authorities, the domestic observers, the local actors that must respond to them," she added.

The OSCE and PACE observer missions described Armenia's last presidential and parliamentary elections as largely democratic. The Armenian opposition strongly disputed those verdicts.

The Armenian government has pledged to do its best to ensure the proper conducting of the May elections. President Serzh Sargsyan said late last year that the government's objective is to have them judged fully democratic by the OSCE.

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Clinton, Lavrov and Juppé urge Yerevan and Baku to complete work over the final settlement of the Karabakh conflict

Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov, Secretary of State of the United States Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Foreign Minister of France Alain Juppé, issued the statement on NK Conflict on March 22.

The statement particularly reads: "On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the formal request to convene a conference on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, we, the Foreign Ministers of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chair countries, call upon the sides to demonstrate the political will needed to achieve a lasting and peaceful settlement. As Presidents Medvedev, Obama, and Sarkozy reiterated in their joint statement at Deauville on May 24, 2011, only a negotiated settlement can lead to peace, stability, and reconciliation, and any attempt to use force to resolve the conflict would bring only more suffering to a region".

Heads of OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chair countries recalled that any delay in reaching a settlement will



only prolong hardships of the peoples of the region which suffered due to the war.

The mediators urged the sides to prepare their populations for peace, not war.

"We urge the leaders of the sides to complete work as soon as possible on the framework agreement and subsequent final settlement - based

on the Helsinki Final Act principles of non-use or threat of force, territorial integrity, and self-determination and equal rights of peoples; the United Nations Charter; and norms and principles of international law - which will allow the entire region to move beyond the status quo toward a more secure and prosperous future."



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- ◆ **684. Mashtoc avenue**. 5/4, 37.4 sq.m., 1 room, stone building, a need to repair, old tiles, no water and gas, balcony looks at the avenue. Price: 70.000 USD
- ◆ **69. Khajaznuni street**. 9/2, habituated. 50.6 sq.m, 1 room, capitally repaired, euro windows, Ariston, permanent hot and cold water, no balcony. Price: 52.000 USD
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- ◆ **1458. Bryusov street**. 9/8, 68 sq.m., 2 rooms, normal state, Baxi system, Czech tiles, showcases, wood doors and parquet. Price 75.000 USD
- ◆ **1469 Tumanyan str.** 4/3 50sq.m 2 rooms, repaired, furnished. Price 47.5mln. AM dram
- ◆ **1357. Pushkin street**, 8/6 floor, 77 sq.m., 2 rooms, newly built, furniture, techniques. Price 165000\$

3 ROOMS

- ◆ **2474. Koryun Street**. 5/3, 100 sq.m., 3 turned into 4, euro repair , euro windows, permanent gas, balcony, 2 AC, opportunity. Price 160.000 USD
- ◆ **2454. Moskovyan str.**, 5/2, 180sqm, normal state, 3 bedrooms, lavatory, permanent water, gas. Price 370.000USD
- ◆ **2453. Koryun str.**, 6/4, 100sqm, 4 rooms, euro repaired, 2 lavatories. Price negotiable
- ◆ **2429.** Ekmalyan street, 10/9, 178sqm, 3bedrooms, 3lavatories, capitally repaired, AC, parking. Price-360.000USD
- ◆ **2393. Moskovyan street**, 5/3. 110 sq.m., euro repair, logha balcony 17 sq.m., permanent hot and cold water, cube 700 l, electric heating system, natural gas, Ariston, 2AC, satellite. Price: 400 000 USD
- ◆ **Tumanyan str.** 5/3, 170 sqm, 4 rooms, 2 garages for 3 cars, capitally repaired, furnished, equipped, permanent water, gas, heating system, 3 balconies. Price: 1100 USD
- ◆ **2335. Mashtots Avenue**. 4/4, 95 sq.m., 3 rooms, 2 bedrooms, stone building, euro repaire, euro doors and windows, open balcony, permanent hot and cold water, concrete cover, beech parquetry, h 3 m, closed attic. Price 125000 USD
- ◆ **2348. Abovyan Street**, 4/2, 177.8 sq/m, euro repaired, concreted, laminate furniture in the bedroom, cupboards in the kitchen, tiled, Baxi system, Price: 250000 USD preliminary
- ◆ **2395.** North Avenue. 130 sq.m., newly built, h-3 m, a view to Abovyan street. Price: 1 sq.m.-1600 USD

PREMISES

- ◆ **1710. Sayat - Nova str.**, 1st floor, 420sqm, 2 rooms, 2 lavatories, entrance from street. Price 1.000.000USD
- ◆ **1727. Baghramyany str.**, 2 storied, 230sqm, capitally repaired, entrance from street, garage. Price 350.000USD
- ◆ **1725. Hanrapetutyany str.**, 1storied, 171sqm, 2 entrances, capitally repaired, permanent hot and cold water. Price 500.000USD
- ◆ **1703. Northern Avenue**, 9/7, 66sqm, capitally repaired, heating, lavatory, 30000AMD service rent, view to Teryan street. Price 220.000USD
- ◆ **1553. Kasyan street**. 170sq.m., working fashion saloon, large windows, facade-15m, 1room+foye, h=2.80 m, cellar 30 sq.m. Price 500 000 USD preliminary
- ◆ **1598. Nairy Zaryan street**, 180 sq.m., 1st floor, a working restaurant, hall-100 sq.m. 1st line, repaired, tonir. Price: negotiable
- ◆ **1383. Nalbandyan St**, cellar + 1 story, 30 sq. m. cellar, 90 sq. m. story, Euro repair, hall, kitchen, lavatory, 24-hour hot and cols water, gas supply, suitable for a bar or restaurant. Price: 512.000USD
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **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, capitally 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
- ◆ **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. Comercial 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, Capitally 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 cottege 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, capitally 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. Amiryany street**. 12/3, 1turned into 2, 50 sq.m, euro repair, techniques. Price: 1 day 60 USD
- ◆ **853. Amiryany street**, 10/7. 1 turned into 2, 50 sq.m., euro repair, Italian furniture, bed, utensil, techniques, permanent water, gas, antenna, Baxy system. Price 700 USD, 50 USD per day

2 ROOMS

- ◆ **2064. Aygedzor**, 7/1. 2 rooms, 60 sq .m, capital repair, euro windows, Baxi system, AC, heating floor, camera, cabin. Price 800 USD
- ◆ **2037. Baghramyany 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. Amiryany 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., capitally 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, capitally and euro repaired, furnished, equipped, permanent water, gas, heating system, AC, open balcony. Price: 1100 USD long-term, 1500 USD short-term.**
- ◆ **2108. Amirtyan 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

- ◆ **1723. Northern Ave.** 8/4. 3 bedrooms, 170 sq.m., 3 bedrooms,3 bathrooms, newly built, repaired, furnished , open kitchen, Falcon system. Price: 2000 USD
- ◆ **1942. Teryan str.**, 4/2. 3 bedrooms, 120 sq.m, repaired, furnished kitchen, washing machine, AC, 2 bathrooms, open balcony. Price: 1200 USD
- ◆ **942. Teryan str.** 4/3. 2 bedrooms, 130 sq.m, concrete, Hgt. 3.50, loggia-2, tile/ital., renovation. Price: 1500 USD
- ◆ **1969. Amiryany str**, 12/11. 3 bedrooms, newly built, 180 sq.m, capitally repaired, furnished, 2 bathrooms, Baxi heating system installed, climate control. Price: 1700 USD
- ◆ **1970. Vazgen Sargsyan str.**, 10/8. 2 bedrooms, newly built,, 150 sq.m, capitally repaired, furnished, 2 bathrooms, climate control. Price: 2500 USD
- ◆ **1967. Pushkin str.**, 8/6. 2 bedrooms, newly built, 130 sq.m, capitally repaired, furnished. Price: 2000 USD
- ◆ **1966. Ekmalyan str.**, 10/5. 3 bedrooms, newly built, 170 sq.m, capitally repaired, furnished, 2 bathrooms, Baxi heating system installed. Price: 1300 USD
- ◆ **1951. Buzand/Mashtots crossroad.** /13, 2 bedrooms, newly built, 122 sq.m, capitally repaired, 2 bathrooms, furnished, heating system, climate control, usage fee included. Price: 2000 USD
- ◆ **1950. Buzand/Mashtots crossroad** /8, 2 bedrooms, newly built, 163 sq.m, capitally repaired, 2 bathrooms, furnished, heating system, climate control, open balcony, view to the garden, usage fee included. Price: 2500 USD
- ◆ **1137. Moskovyan str.**, 6/1, 2 bedrooms, lavatory, pool, normal state, furnished, technique, DVD, AC, permanent hot and cold water. Price 1100USD, possible daily rent.
- ◆ **1950 Crossroad of Khaniyan**, 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\$
- ◆ **1951 Crossroad of Khaniyan**, Mashtoc /13 2 bedrooms, New stored 122 sq.m absolutely repaired, 2 bathrooms, furniture, heating, Climate control, including exploiting costs . Price 2000\$
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **1787. Koghbabci 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.**, 18/10, 2 bedrooms, 190 sq/m, newly built, euro windows, permanent hot and cold water, gas, central heating, 2 open balcony, nice view to the city, possible with or without furniture, parking for 3 cars. Price 3000USD per month negotiable, for long term - 6 months and more.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- ◆ **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, tech-



- nique 1 lavatory, garden. Price 1000USD per month, 100USD per day.
- ◆ **1808. Amiryany**, 4/3 3 rooms, 64 sq.m, capitally 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, capitally repaired, furnished, gas, permanent hot and cold water. Price 4000USD
- ◆ **455. Norq**, 3 storied building-150sqm, total - 600sqm, 3bedrooms, lavatory, capitally 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., capitally repaired, 3 bedrooms, 2 lavatories, pool. Price: 1200 USD
- ◆ **211. Ajgedzor**. 2 storied, 3 bedrooms, permanent water, capitally 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. Dirvej**, 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 prliminary
- ◆ **1085. Aygestan dextrict**. 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, 250sqm, euro repair, 4 bedrooms/7 lavatory, permanent hot and cold water, central heating, natural gas, garden, pool. Price negotiable.
- ◆ **1014. Norq Marash district**. 2 storied, a cellar, capitally repaired, land 567sq.m., building 551 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 1 cabinet, furnished, a heating system. Price 2500 USD primary.
- ◆ **1076. Nork**, 2 storied, 220 sq.m., euro repair, in the 1st floor 2 rooms, kitchen, lavatory, in the second floor, separate entrance, open kitchen, 3 bedrooms, lavatory, furnished, view to city, garage, garden. Price: 2000USD
- ◆ **990. In Monument, Papazian street**, 2 storied stone building + half-cellar, has mansard,5bedrooms, 2 kitchens, 2bathrooms, laundry, permanent hot and cold water, gas, plot of land 250sq.m, the size of whole construction is 370 sq.m. Price 2500USD
- ◆ **1019. Nork**, 2 storied, separate structure, 700 sq.m. land, 350 sq.m. construction, capital euro repaired, firmished, 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, fireplace, 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
- ◆ **1693. Malatia-Sebastia**, 4rh floor., repaired, stone building, 2 entries, no artificial walls separating the territory, climate control, 2 elevators, storage space at the ground floor, parking, two-sided parking in the street. 1200 sq.m. Price: 10.000 USD
- ◆ **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. Kochar 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. Hanrapetutyany 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.Zarobyan street**, parallel to Baghramyany, 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
- ◆ **1461. Amiryany** (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 - 40USD
- ◆ **1462. Teryan street**, 3 stored, capital repaired, AC, capital repaired, parking, 800sq. Price:

Who will receive how many votes in Armenia's National Assembly elections?

The ruling coalition's Republican Party of Armenia has no chances in entering the parliament, the opposition bloc Armenian National Congress (ANC) member Vahagn Khachatryan stated during a press conference on Wednesday, March 21 and added: "Their only chance is their administrative resource, which will enable [them] to receive ten percent of the votes [in the National Assembly elections to be held on May 6]."

The ANC member has said their studies have shown that ANC is in first place. And if the elections were to be held last year, they would have received fifty percent of the ballots cast. But now this has reduced a bit because of Armenia's political processes, emigration, and several other circumstances.

As per ANC's data, the coalition's Prosperous Armenia Party is in second place, whereas the coalition's Rule of Law Party is not in contention at all. The opposition ARF Dashnaktsutyun Party will receive 5-7 percent, and the oppo-



sition Heritage Party will come next.

Reflecting on election bribe, Vahagn Khachatryan noted that the ANC has financial means solely for its election campaign, and they will never allow themselves to buy votes.

He has also stated that the ANC is prepared to cooperate with the authorities only if it refers to the Karabakh conflict, change of power, and President Serzh Sargsyan's resignation.

And with respect to the authorities' pledge to hold completely fair elections, Vahagn Khachatryan noted that the halls of power are prepared to do everything to be elected, and a fair election depends on them and the people.

New names in Republican Party's list should pass 'face control' - opposition

Parliament opposition Armenian Revolutionary Federation (ARF) Dashnaktsutyun will participate in the May 6 parliamentary elections with the motto 'Freedom, Justice, Dashnaktsutyun,' ARF MP Artyusha Shahbazyan said at a press conference on March 21.

As for the ruling Republican Party of Armenia's (RPA) motto 'Let's believe to change,' he said that majority of them have an opportunity to change for people to believe them.

Head of the ARF parliament group Vahan Hovhannesian stated that they believe that the authorities want better for the state, however, they do not believe that they



would like to change the current situation.

"We do not believe that the authorities are likely to change anything with the current staff. Thus, we fight for entire and thorough changes. Just look at their proportional list, the same people, several new names, which still require to pass 'face control'," Hovhannesian said.

Armenian parliamentary elections will become "primaries" to 2013 presidential elections

Director of the Caucasus Institute, political scientist Alexander Iskandaryan stated on March 22 that the upcoming parliamentary elections of Armenia will become "primaries" to the 2013 presidential elections.

The Republican Party of Armenia (RPA), "Prosperous Armenia" party (PAP), Armenian National Congress (ANC), "Dashnaktsutyun" party, "Heritage-Free Democrats" alliance and "Rule of Law" may be elected to the new parliament, expert told the journalists on March 22.

Iskandaryan has said that currently Armenian parliament faces over 76 MP-oligarchs, while their



number will be reduced, judging from the proportional lists submitted by the parties.

He has stated that the authorities express wish to hold 'transparent' elections, however, desiring is one thing and realizing it another.

Military cooperation between Armenia and the U.S. widens

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country) paid a five-day visit to the U.S. at the invitation of the American side. During his visit Serzh Sargsyan met with Donald Rumsfeld and made a speech entitled "Armenia: the Security and Development Prospects in the South Caucasus" at the National Press Club in Washington. S. Sargsyan also visited the U.S. Central Command Base in Tampa, Florida, where he had meetings with top officials of the National Security Council and Armenian servicemen participating in exercises of the Kansas National Guard.

Besides, in 2007 Armenian Prime Minister Serzh Sargsyan - ex-Minister of Defense and the next president of the country - paid an official visit to the U.S. The head of the government S. Sargsyan met not only with Vice President Robert Cheney and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, but also with U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates. At the meeting with Robert Gates, Serzh Sargsyan discussed issues of bilateral military cooperation. The Armenian Prime Minister pointed out the high level of Armenian-American relations and thanked the American side for the help given to the Armenian armed forces. He also called on the United States to equally distribute the military assistance between Armenia and Azerbaijan. For his part, Robert Gates appreciated Armenia's role in the Anti-terrorist Coalition and its participation in the peacekeeping contingent in Iraq, after which the sides discussed the possibility of Armenia's taking part in Iraq's reconstruction and its possible peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan.

Such is the story of military contacts of Armenia and the United States at the level of defense ministers.

More than a month before the start of Seyran Ohanian's visit to the United States, the Armenian Defense Minister received Rear Admiral Mark Montgomery, Deputy Director for Plans, Policy and Strategy of the U.S. European Command. The sides discussed organizational issues concerning joint Armenian-U.S. military exercises as well as other issues of mutual interest.

During the visit Rear Admiral Mark Montgomery also met with Deputy Head of the General Staff of the Armenian Armed Forces Lieutenant General S. Galstian. Issues related to the international missions of Armenian peacekeepers were discussed. Rear Admiral Mark Montgomery also visited the brigade of Armenian peacekeepers of the Armenian armed forces.

A number of experts and electronic media outlets in Yerevan welcome the widening of military cooperation between Armenia and the United States.

For example, in the opinion of Ruben Mehrabian, a commentator of <http://lin.am> and an expert of the



Armenian Center for National and International Studies (ACNIS), in conditions of the ongoing blackmail on the part of Russia, the visit of Defense Minister Seyran Ohanian to the U.S. should be assessed positively and viewed as an event of probing nature.

R. Mehrabian believes that Seyran Ohanian's visit to Washington shows that the circumstance that the Russian Federation imposes participation in various Russian projects (the Eurasian Union and so on) on Armenia is not dear to the heart of the Armenian authorities. And this is natural as the existing situation poses a threat to the future of Armenian statehood. At the same time, according to R. Mehrabian, it is obvious that the interests of Armenia and the U.S. in the region identify.

The expert also takes the view that the range of issues discussed at the U.S. Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency is interconnected. It is not ruled out that issues related to reassessment of dangers will be discussed at the meeting with D. Petraeus.

Most probably, as far as Armenian-American relations are concerned, the contacts show a stable tendency to grow in their frequency and level. This is confirmed by the statements of Washington and Yerevan officials to the effect that the Armenian-American relations are currently at the highest level.

All this is taking place against the background of criticism leveled at the heads of the defense ministry by some representatives of the mass media and non-governmental organizations who accuse S. Ohanian of inability to combat crime and violence in the army. It is suggested that Seyran Ohanian, who "responds to the criticism in the spirit of traditions of Soviet Russian propaganda", should:

- create a more efficient management system;
- in order to solve the problems, the Armenian army command needs to intensively use the Western experience of armed forces command as the Western system is the best with respect to efficiency and fighting capacity;

- however attractive the Soviet Russian system is (at least by its morale), from the viewpoint of good sense it is an undeniable fact for the heads of the defense ministry that the problem can be solved only by becoming familiar with Western experience and applying it in

Armenia. In this sense, the relations with the U.S. command as an undisputed leader in terms of efficiency and fighting capacity are of vital importance to Armenia, if, of course, these protocol relations become relations for practical application.

Indeed, in the past 20 years the Western military system and science have displayed a number of impressive achievements in several local and quite large-scale wars in different regions, including in Balkans and the Greater Middle East.

Yet, the problems that the Western military system has encountered directly or indirectly in recent years have not been displayed. In particular:

- During "the five-day war" in August 2008, the Georgian army suffered a crushing defeat from the Russian army. The war revealed a multitude of deficiencies in the combat training of the Georgian army;

- the number of war crimes committed by U.S. servicemen in Iraq and Afghanistan shows that as far as discipline is concerned, things are not going as well as are presented;

- since October of 2001, NATO troops and their allies in Afghanistan (including the Armenian unit forming part of the German contingent) - a total of over 130,000 troops (90,000 of which are U.S. troops) together with government troops (over 100,000) of Hamid Karzai have been fighting against the Taliban (36,000), the Movement of Taliban in Pakistan (40,000-45,000), Quetta Shura (20,000) and other Afghan forces that are allies of the Taliban (they total 120,000), and on the whole, have suffered a defeat, controlling only 2% of the territory of Afghanistan. By comparison, for ten years (in 1979-1989) the Limited Contingent of Soviet Forces in Afghanistan (consisted of some 80-100,000 troops) together with Afghan government troops (about 130,000) was fighting against Mujahidins - the armed Afghan opposition (over 140,000) and in 1986 controlled about 30% of the country's territory.

The aforesaid indicates that the Western experience of building armed forces is important and useful for Armenia and the heads of the Ministry of Defense. But it does not mean that Armenia should reject the Soviet and Russian experience of military construction and combat operations (including in Chechnya and Afghanistan) - an experience that some hotheads severely criticize and disregard.

Expo Beauty 2012 - an event not to be missed

by Marianna Martynova

Yet another spectacular exhibition timed to coincide with Day of Beauty and Motherhood, which will conclude the Month dedicated to Armenian women, took place in Yerevan. The Moscow business center hosted Expo Beauty 2012, a three-day traditional specialized exhibition of the beauty industry.

Armenian Minister of Economy Tigran Davtyan congratulated those present (the participants and the visitors) on the opening of the exhibition.

The doors of the exhibition first flew open six years ago. Since then the international forum is held in Armenia every year. During this period the international exhibition has acquired the status of a tradi-

has constantly attracted the attention of women, regardless of their age.

This year - as in the previous years - the visitors had a chance to see a wide variety of products and services, including cosmetics for medicinal purposes, makeup, perfumery, skincare and hair-care products, hygiene products, bijouterie, fancy goods, child care products, bedclothes, flowers, and wedding goods and accessories.

Along with well-known firms whose products are in great demand in Armenia such as Mary Kay, FredericM Armenia, Conte, and Brabion Flora Service which made the exhibition visitors happy by displaying their new lines (new creams, shampoos, ad perfumes), a number of debutants took part in

made by hand in a single exemplar. At the exhibition, the Matisse salon displayed mostly bijouterie and small glass-ware, but you can find a lot of other interesting works of art by visiting that salon.

The new model of a woman's knickers designed to provide protection and isolation of the thighs aroused keen interest of those female visitors who wear large-size clothes. According to the undergarment's designers Gohar and Susanna (G&S joint venture), it will allow women to feel comfortable.

The eco cosmetics, which included products of both European manufacturers and Armenian companies, such as herbal creams, apricot-based oil, and originally designed natural soap were the focus of attention of most visitors.

In recent years many people tend to return to a healthy lifestyle, which has led to the emergence of a new type of consumer who makes high demands of the safety and naturalness of cosmetics.

Highly professional cosmetologists and makeup artists were present at the exhibition, so the visitors could turn to them for information and advice.

Traditionally, the exhibition included many contests and business events. Women had the oppor-



nologies. It would be unfair to disregard future winners of the beauty contests!

Handmade clothes of Yerevan-based Tosp Company were displayed during Expo Beauty. All items on display were bright clothes made of cotton and designed for babies, prospective mothers, and all other members of a family. The assortment of clothes of the company ranges from children's tights to evening dresses for special occasions.

The wedding dresses were fantastic.

Nothing beautifies a woman as much as a wedding dress!

With the approach of spring, the salons of wedding dresses and accessories start to attract more visitors. The exhibition participants showed not only traditional puffed wedding dresses, but also new ones, many of which had an elegantly narrowed lower part. The wedding dress with elements of the Armenian national style was especially original.

The pavilion of the Nane salon-shop offering various kinds of beautiful curtains and blinds was



an added attraction of the exhibition.

And, of course, there were a lot of flowers.

Flower salons also displayed their compositions. Among them were Brabion Flora Service, Demira, Flowers Lucy, Uma, Vermont Arm, and Magnolia, which specialize in decoration of stand-up parties, banquets, conferences and other events and offer a wide range of firecrackers and balloons.

In general, the exhibition opened up opportunities for business contacts of specialists engaged in production and sale of cosmetics. The main goals of the organizers, namely, the display of products and services, advertising and boosting the image of each participating company, and the establishment of new business links, have been achieved.

The participation of famous companies helped to make the exhibition memorable and significant.

Expo Beauty 2012 was a festival, a spectacular and important event not to be missed.



tional meeting place of importers, manufacturers, and distributors of a wide range of products and services in the sphere of beauty and health.

The dynamics of the exhibition's development are obvious: the number of its participants increased by 10% compared with last year. The visitors, too, increasingly show greater interest in the beauty industry.

The current exhibition differed from the similar projects organized in the previous years in that it has covered a larger target audience. The matter concerns first of all pro-



tunity to attend master classes of cosmetologists and hairdressers, fashion shows, the beauty pageant Miss Beauty 2012, and even to feel models for a few minutes by taking part in a photo session and the Miss Beauty photo contest. The Steering Committee of Expo Beauty 2012 announced the winner who received a certificate and a small souvenir.

The photo session was conducted by the GM photo studio, a creative union of two professional photo artists Garegin Ghazarian and Marianna Meliksetian, who have participated in many photo exhibitions and have been awarded diplomas for their advertisements, booklets, and portfolios.

No beauty exhibition without attire for little girls of fashion is a real exhibition. It is these fashion-conscious girls who will later wear all that is designed and created today by our skilled professionals, with the help of advanced tech-



fessionals such as wholesale suppliers of cosmetics and equipment, as well as owners and employees of beauty salons. Among the participants were more than 60 companies that displayed products of various countries.

For many years Expo Beauty

Expo Beauty 2012, among them the Matisse artistic salon-shop that opened in Yerevan recently. Matisse offers handmade articles of Armenian craftsmen. The salon is oriented not so much towards foreign customers as towards those who value uniqueness of items



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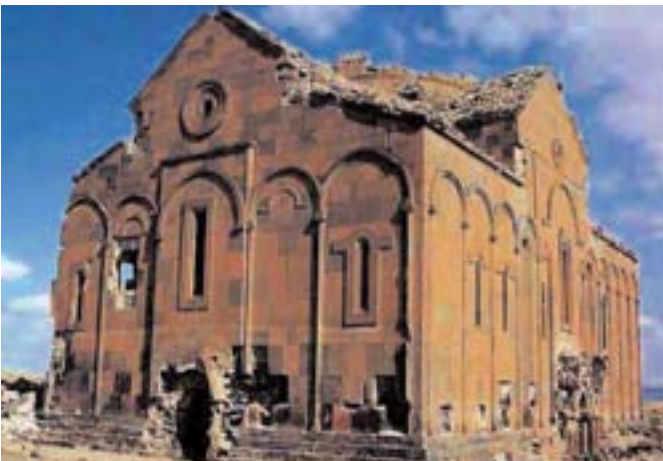
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Armenian, French economic competition agencies sign memorandum of understanding



The world's economic competition agencies are not very popular, and that is why they need to cooperate with one another, Bruno Lasserre, President of the Authority of Competition of France, stated on March 19, in the Armenian capital

Yerevan.

Lasserre and Artak Shaboyan, Armenian State Commission for the Protection of Economic Competition (ASCPEC) Chairman, signed a memorandum of understanding on the same day.

"Bravo, Mr. Shaboyan! The legislative changes alone are insufficient for efficiency. There is a need to be bold," Bruno Lasserre said, reflecting on ASCPEC's activities.

In his turn, Artak Shaboyan noted that the ASCPEC reached 200 decisions on liability in 2011 - as compared with the 100 decisions of the previous year - the fines increased several times, and none of the Commission's decisions were overturned by the courts. As per Shaboyan, the developing of ASCPEC's institutional capacity is likewise important.

French Ambassador to Armenia, Henri Reynaud, noted that the encouragement of economic competition, "just like a vector, leads the other domains, too," and this, in its turn, will stimulate the activities of Armenian-French joint enterprise.

IT sector demands clarification on Yerevan's free economic zone

Armenia's Information Technology (IT) sector is insufficiently informed about the technology-oriented free economic zone to be established in the capital Yerevan, Karen Vardanyan, Executive Director of the Union of Information Technology Enterprises, stated during a round-table discussion on March 21.

In his words, Armenia's IT companies do not precisely know how they can enter this free economic zone.

Hovhannes Avetisyan, Head of Economy Ministry's Investment Policy Department, responded by saying that all necessary legal documentations are posted on the Ministry's official website.

Enterprise Incubator Foundation Executive Director Bagrat Yengibaryan, on the other hand, noted that the Government's decisions adopted to date solely regulate the requirements for the organizer of the free economic zone.

In response, Avetisyan stated they only have received the Sitronix Company's bid for organizing Yerevan's free economic zone, and its launch will be announced six months after the signing of the respective contract. As per Hovhannes Avetisyan, solely companies with growing and developing plans ought to carry out activities in this free economic zone.

Armenian Mining Giant To Expand Karabakh Operations

In what authorities in Stepanakert say will be Nagorno-Karabakh's largest economic project in a decade, a leading Armenian mining company has officially announced plans to invest about \$80 million in developing another copper and molybdenum deposit in the territory.

The Kashen deposit in Karabakh's Northern Martakert region contains an estimated 17 million tons of rock rich in the two non-ferrous metals.

Under an agreement signed with the Karabakh government on Monday, the Liechtenstein-registered Vallex Group is to launch open-pit mining operations there by 2015, in time for the anticipated depletion of copper and gold reserves located elsewhere in Martakert.

A Vallex Group subsidiary called Base Metals has exploited the Drmbon deposit for the past decade, producing some 20,000 tons of ore concentrates per annum. The company currently employs 1,100 people and its taxes account for roughly 17 percent of the budgetary revenues of the self-proclaimed Nagorno-Karabakh Republic (NKR).

Valeri Mezhlumian, the Vallex Group chairman, said the Kashen project will be more large-scale than the ongoing operations at Drmbon. "We have three years left to exhaust Drmbon's remaining ore reserves," he told journalists at the signing ceremony in Stepanakert.

Bako Sahakian, the NKR president, said the project will give a major boost to Karabakh's econom-

ic development. The NK Prime Minister Ara Harutiunian, likewise emphasized the project's significance for the small local economy hamstrung by the unresolved Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict.

"We expect that this project to exploit the Kashen ore deposit will also be a success and contribute to Artsakh's prosperity," said Harutiunian.

The mining activities in Martakert are the key reason why the Karabakh Armenians began building last year a second highway that will connect the Armenian-controlled disputed territory with Armenia. The 80-kilometer road will run from Martakert to a railway station in eastern Armenia through Kelbajar, one of the seven districts in Azerbaijan proper that were partly or fully occupied by Karabakh Armenian forces during the 1991-1994 war. Its ongoing construction is reportedly being financed by Vallex Group.

Passenger and cargo traffic between Armenia and Karabakh has until now been carried out through a highway going through another Armenian-controlled region, Lachin. It was built in 1997 with the financial assistance of the Armenian Diaspora and the U.S.-Armenian billionaire Kirk Kerkorian in particular.

The new road will also be used by a recently established coal mine which is also located in the Northern Karabakh. A company running the mine is expected to start supplying coal to a thermal power plant in Yerevan later this year.



The Exhibition of "Manufacturers of Armenia for the Needs of CJSC" SCR

The exhibition "Armenian manufacturers to meet the needs of CJSC 'SCR'" opens on March 20 at the central office of the South Caucasian Railway. 10 manufacturers involved in supplying equipment, goods and services to the railroad attended the exhibition.

The expositions were presented to the head of CJSC "SCR" Victor Rebets, first deputy minister of Transport and Communication Hrant Beglaryan, head of way and structures of railways Alexander Grishov. The head of SCR stressed the importance of this exhibition in the enlarged Scientific and Technical Council, dedicated to infrastructure repairs in 2012.

"In 2011 our company has ordered the goods and services estimated for more than 2 billion drams

in Armenia to 20 manufacturers. In 2012 we plan to increase this amount to more than 4 billion drams. This is our next contribution to the economy of the Republic of Armenia", said Victor Rebets.

At the same time Director General of the CJSC "SCR" noticed that the company is quite a demanding and exacting partner taking the responsibilities for the operation of infrastructure and traffic safety. He added that the SCR encourages high-tech manufacturing, innovation, applying specific quality requirements.

In turn, First Deputy minister of Transport and Communication Hrant Beglaryan welcomed the holding of such exhibitions, incentives to improve the quality of manufactured products in Armenia.

The question of reconstruction and modernization of the infrastructure was also discussed at the meeting of the Scientific-Technical Council of CJSC "SCR". For these purposes in 2008-2011 the company had spent more than 31.4 billion drams. As a result, technical speed of trains has been raised by 25.8% and ward rate has increased by 36.4%.

Works on the improvement of road infrastructure will continue in 2012. In particular, 12 fictitious structures and more than 81 km of the contact network are planned to be repaired. Priority areas of work sites will be Masis-Zod (which is important for the organization of local transportation) and Yerevan-Ayrum (having a importance to improve the speed and weight of trains).

EBRD expects changes in Armenian economy



Head of EBRD Resident Office in Yerevan Valeriu Razlog recently has said in a statement that Armenia requires wide-scale activ-

ities to commence talks over Armenia's entry into the Deep and comprehensive free trade area agreement (DCFTA), reports

Armenpress citing NEWEUROPE.

It should be recalled that last month the EU Trade Policy Committee decided to open negotiations with Armenia on DCFTA in order to boost economic growth and investment.

"Within the framework of this process, the work should start with regulating the phytosanitary field, food security, improved export regulations with regard to international trade, etc," he said. In addition, Armenia's laws should be in accordance with the EU legislation.

According to the EBRD, such a move is positive and expects changes in various sectors of the Armenian economy. Razlog stressed that the EBRD will further provide fund to commercial companies both directly and indirectly, via the banks.

Armenian TV Coverage 'Slanted Towards Ruling Party'

The ruling Republican Party (RPA) is receiving more extensive and positive election-related coverage from Armenia's leading broadcasters than other major political forces, an independent media watchdog said on March 20.

The Yerevan Press Club (YPC) said the news reporting of the state-run Armenian Public Television has been particularly slanted in favor of the RPA.

The YPC based its findings on a ten-day monitoring of the political news programming of eight TV channels and Armenian Public Radio that was conducted this month.

A detailed report released by the non-governmental organization concluded that they aired a total of 221 minutes of overwhelming positive news and commentary relating to the party led by President Serzh Sargsyan.

The RPA was followed by the opposition Armenian Revolutionary Federation (Dashnaksutyun) and a junior partner in the governing coalition, the Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP). They received 135 minutes and 123 minutes of coverage respectively, according to the YPC. The bulk of that coverage was done by TV stations controlled by the two parties.

The YPC put the total length of

TV and radio reports about the main opposition Armenian National Congress (ANC) at around 60 minutes, compared with 95 minutes devoted to the less radical Zharangutyun (Heritage) party.

Public Television's uneven coverage of the unfolding parliamentary race was especially glaring. The YPC report said Armenia's largest broadcaster spent 20 times more airtime on the RPA than the PAP. The latter featured in Public Television programs much less frequently than even the ANC and the Heritage.

Presenting the report at a news conference, the YPC chairman, Boris Navasardian, said the news reporting of the broadcast media outlets monitored by his organization is significantly influenced by the fact that most of them are owned by businessmen close to the government.

Navasardian also referred to "mechanisms for hidden censorship" which he said seriously influence the broadcasters' work. "Another reason is that political forces are not equally active in this pre-election period," he said.

The Armenian broadcast media has long been criticized by domestic and foreign observers for openly backing pro-government parties and individuals during election campaigns.

PAP is the leader, poll says

"European Friends of Armenia" (EuFoA) presented the results of "Situation in Armenia before the Elections" poll in Yerevan today.

"We strive to establish friendly relations with Armenia and the elections are a very important event. It's very important to give them a maximum neutral assessment", noted Secretary General of EuFoA Michael Kambeck.

According to the poll, the public awareness level on the following parties grew: Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP) (78%), Republican Party of Armenia (RPA) (71%), Rule of Law (51%), Dashnaksutyun (34%), the Heritage (26%) and the Armenian National Congress (16%).

Leader of the PAP Gagik Tsarukyan (52%) and President of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan (46%) and then Artur Baghdasaryan, Levon Ter-Petrosyan and Tigran Sargsyan take leading positions among the list of the names of famous politicians.

"Gagik Tsarukyan is noted to have financial resources as one of his most vivid characteristics (94%) whereas the political experience is given a relative advantage in case of Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan (100%)", said Michael Kambeck.

The answers to the question "What party would you vote for if the elections were held on Sunday?" were as follows: the PAP - 41%, the RPA - 37%, Dashnaksutyun - 5%, ANC -5%,



the Rule of Law - 5% and the Heritage - 4%.

About 50% of the respondents attributes the solution to the unemployment and poverty issues in the country to the PAP (15-20% of respondents believes the RPA would solve the problem) whereas the RPA is the leader in terms of settling the Karabakh conflict and external security - 52% and 54% respectively (as compared to the PAP -9-11%).

"The poll shows that the PAP has a stable electorate in rural communities and among needy people whereas the RPA - among the government and civil workers and the ANC has an electorate in Yerevan which is committed to the values and views of the Congress", noted Hovhannes Grigoryan.

The full results of the poll can be found at www.EuFoA.org

Vartan Oskanian: Because we have the Karabakh conflict, even more reason to reinforce democracy

Former Foreign Minister of Armenia (1998-2008) Vartan Oskanian's speech at Prosperous Armenia Congress

On May 6, we are electing a new Parliament for Armenia. This is not simply a parliamentary election, but an election for Armenia's future. The Prosperous Armenia Party, through these parliamentary elections, aims to assume the greatest possible share of responsibility in fashioning the next five years of Armenia's future. The May elections will indeed be critical for Armenia. Allow me to explain why and how, by focusing on two highly crucial matters for the Armenian people - issues the solutions to which will be consequential for nearly all the other problems before us. Those challenges are emigration and Nagorno Karabakh.

The National Statistical Service recently issued preliminary results for the 2011 census, according to which Armenia's population is now 2,871,000. In other words, we've fallen below the 3 million psychological mark and we can no longer say we are a country of 3 million, because we are not. It is obvious that if, in future years, Armenia's socio-economic, political and psychological situation doesn't undergo a categorical change, in the not-too-distant future we will drop to the 2.5 million mark.

We must put a halt to the out migration. In order to do that, we must answer one question: Why are they leaving?

They are leaving because they have lost hope and faith in the country's future.

They are leaving because of injustices.

They are leaving because they have no trust.

They are leaving because they cannot earn their daily bread.

Is it possible that 20 years after independence, our state cannot ensure its people a life of dignity and justice? Of course it can.

Is it possible that 20 years after independence, our state cannot offer its people hope and faith in the country's future. Of course it can.

It doesn't take much to do this. We don't need a new constitution, we don't need new laws. All that is needed is political will on the part of those who come to power, for them to set aside their personal, factional and partisan interests and ensure that Armenia's Constitution and legislation are equally applied to all.

That means that in the economic sphere, the fundamental principles of a free market are protected: equal opportunity, open competition and inviolability of private property; and in the political sphere, the fundamental principles of democracy: justice, tolerance, freedom of speech and individual freedoms.

These are to be the guiding principles of the Prosperous Party's work in the next five years.

In contrast to the policy targets of today's government, Prosperous Armenia will make economic growth, job creation and raising each citizen's standard of living the main targets of its economic policy.

Thus, the government must look upon each socio-economic sphere not just for its primary function, but specifically from the perspective of economic growth, job creation and raising each citizen's standard of living.

In other words,

If the preservation, improvement and construction of infrastructure is essential to ensure the country's normal functioning and security, then budget-supported targeted and continuous construction of infrastructure must serve as a serious stimulus for economic growth.

If budget revenues are essential to meet the needs of the society and the state, then tax policy, tax rates and the tax base, as well as tax collection mechanisms, must be designed such that they contribute, and not hinder, to economic growth and job creation.

If the state is obliged to enable pensioners, veterans and the disabled to live a life of dignity in their own country, and these groups together constitute one-fourth of the population, then it must do so with the conviction that the higher their purchasing power, the greater the benefits not just to them, but to the country's economy.

And we can continue in the same vein with regards to the environment, education, health, transport, agricul-



ture and other spheres.

Indeed, in the next five years, we must direct all our internal and external resources, without reservation, towards strengthening Armenia's economy. That is the path to social justice, to sustainable development, to decent health and education.

And now, about Karabakh.

In my view, in certain government circles and certain segments of society, worrisome perceptions have been formed regarding Karabakh.

Instead of our Karabakh victories and the diplomatic affirmation of Karabakh's right to self-determination serving as the wellspring of faith, hope and passion and the force driving the country's progress and development, Azerbaijan's outbursts, border encroachments and threats of war have come to serve as justification for suppression, for lack of action in the field of human rights and civil liberties, and therefore impede progress and democratization.

People often say that so long as there is the Karabakh issue and the constant threat of war, we dare not allow ourselves the "luxury" of total democratization, all rights and liberties, and complete tolerance. I would say just the opposite.

Because we have the Karabakh conflict, even more reason to reinforce democracy.

Because the threat of war hangs over our heads, even more reason to create a political system based on checks and balances.

Because we have the Karabakh conflict, even more reason to create a free, fair, competitive and appealing economy.

Because we have the threat of war hanging over our heads, even more reason to more quickly and sincerely adopt the European value system that is compatible with our national values, and integrate into European structures.

Because we have the Karabakh conflict, even more reason that we, Armenians all over the world, act in unison and maximally utilize the potential of Armenia, Karabakh and the Diaspora.

Dear Compatriots,

Karabakh has achieved self-determination. If not self-determination itself, but the right of the people of Karabakh to self-determination has been recognized by the international community. During these years, we have made one thing clear - that Nagorno Karabakh can never be a part of Azerbaijan.

Today, our challenge is to move from the recognition of the right of self-determination to the recognition by the international community of the fact that Karabakh has achieved self-determination. One of the most important preconditions for that is that the level of democratization of Armenia and Karabakh be without parallel in Azerbaijan and the region.

Compatriots,

The Prosperous Armenia Party is convinced that the country is healthy and strong when its citizens are healthy, strong and free. When these elections are over, all of us - the electors and the elected - must be able to look at each other and say that we have work to do, together, so that we, our children, our parents, our neighbors and our friends do trust in their and their country's future.

IRD has works in Armenia for 11 years

**IRD (International Relief & Development) Organization
Country Director Ruzanna Stepanyan answers questions of NT**



1. How long has your organization been operating in Armenia? What is its mission?

The IRD is a charitable, non-profit, non governmental organization that works in the world's most challenging regions. We specialize in conflict, post-conflict, and disaster settings. The IRD's mission is to reduce the suffering of the world's most vulnerable people and provide the tools and resources needed to increase their self-sufficiency.

The IRD works in over 40 countries in six core sectors: community stabilization; democracy, governance; community development; sustainable food and agriculture systems; health; infrastructure; and relief and humanitarian assistance. We also specialize in acquisitions and logistics, delivering over \$100 million in in-kind donations each year.

IRD registered its branch in Armenia in January 2001. Since then a number of projects have been implemented in Yerevan and regions/marzes.

2. Which programs implemented by your Organization in Armenia do you consider most important? Why?

We started with the U.S. Department of State's (DOS) Essential Medical Commodities Distribution (EMCD) project, targeting the most socially disadvantaged and vulnerable people countrywide. During these 11 years, The IRD has delivered over \$65 million worth of medicines, medical supplies, and nonmedical commodities to vulnerable populations in Armenia. The IRD Armenia works with 100 medical facilities and about 300 NGOs, rural communities, boarding schools, orphanages, elderly homes, and other institutions to supply-free of charge-wheelchairs, walkers, hygienic kits, school kits, and newborn kits, children's shoes, new and second-hand clothing, and pharmaceuticals. This humanitarian assistance has helped both the government of Armenia in its efforts to relieve social tension and the socially vulnerable people to cope with their daily needs and redirect scarce resources to other basic needs.

From 2001 to 2004, the IRD implemented the USAID-funded Primary Health Care Initiative

Project in Armenia. The IRD rehabilitated and equipped rural medical ambulatories in seven villages of Tumanian region, Lori marz, established and operated mobile medical units for those remote villages, and established community health groups to identify and manage health-related activities. Healthcare providers were trained in emergency care, family medicine, integrated management of childhood illnesses, and health facility management. The IRD's training package included both on-the-job training and interactive theoretical classes. The program improved access to and quality of primary health care services for population of the region.

In 2005 the IRD Armenia began implementing small rehabilitation projects (SRPs) in poor villages and social institutions, aimed at addressing humanitarian and public health needs. Funded by DOS, these projects helped in reconstructing the potable water network in a refugee village, and providing needed repairs to a nursing home, boarding schools for disabled children, public institutions of preschool, and school education. So far IRD Armenia has implemented 14 such projects, with a value of \$242,561.

3. Do you implement any programs in cooperation with Armenian state bodies or non-governmental organizations? If so, please present these programs, indicating their significance to and their real effect on the vital activity of Armenian society.

The IRD Armenia has many partners among healthcare facilities, social institutions, and non-governmental organizations. They help us distribute our commodities and make better targeting of those in need of our assistance.

4. What programs do you plan to implement in the near future?

We will continue our EMCD program through the end of the 2012, distributing essential medicines, children's clothes and shoes, quilts, and school kits. We will implement two more SRPs in institutions of preschool education of Kanaker-Zeytun administrative district of Yerevan. With more

funding from the U.S. and other government agencies, international donor organizations, international finance organizations, faith-based organizations, corporations, foundations, and other partners we can do much more relief and development programs to the benefit of people of Armenia.

5. Does the work carried out by you attract interest of society? What about society's support?

Yes, it does. It attracts interest of plenty of organizations that apply for assistance. We are welcomed in marz and local government offices. Our assistance commodities reinforce training and cultural activities carried out by NGOs and child care centers. Our projects inspire others to bring their contribution and/or participation. To the mentioned above examples I would like to add one when parents of two institutions of preschool education where we were doing SRPs last year got mobilized their resources and voluntarily conducted cosmetic renovation of children's playrooms.

6. Is your cooperation with Armenian authorities successful?

The IRD effectively collaborates and coordinates its activities with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labor and Social Issues, as well as marz governors' offices and representatives of local authorities. As an example of successful collaboration the SRPs in villages Yeghegis, Vayots Dzor marz and Darbnik, Ararat marz and Kanaker-Zeytun, Yerevan can be mentioned where the local governors brought their participation in SRPs.

7. What kind of difficulties have you met during your operations in Armenia?

The IRD has worked in Armenia for 11 years, and we have successfully cooperated with state bodies. As to difficulties in working with our local partners like NGOs, villages, etc., it is always a challenge to receive accurately and timely reports!

8. What things do you consider positive in present-day Armenia? In your opinion, what should be changed in the country?

A lot of hardships have been overcome since independence and quite a lot of development has taken place. What is most needed in my opinion is for Armenia to promote the rule of law, reduce corruption, break market monopolies, provide citizens with equal opportunities to develop their capacities in full, allow development of democratic society, and better plan and manage public resources. All of this will require hard work, dedication, and determination-from each member of society, irrespective of age, sex, religion, nationality, and position.

Armenian Patriarchate's Bold Move To Sue the Turkish Government



*By Harut Sassounian
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We must commend Acting Patriarch Aram Ateshian and the Armenian Patriarchate of Istanbul for making the bold move of suing the Turkish government for the return of historically significant Armenian properties.

Turkish officials normally view such legal actions with hostility and exert great pressure on judges to reject property claims filed by minorities, making it extremely difficult if not impossible to win similar lawsuits. Nevertheless, this is a necessary first step in order to be able to appeal the Turkish court's expected negative ruling to the European Court of Human Rights, where a plaintiff has a much better chance of a fair hearing.

The lawsuit filed by the Patriarchate on March 14 seeks the return of Armenian properties belonging to Sanasarian College in Garin (Erzeroum) which were confiscated by the Turkish authorities following the Genocide of 1915. The College's extensive properties, now worth tens of millions of dollars, include nine plots of land in Garin, a garden house and vast farmland in the village of Aghveren, two plots in the village of Gez, and a large commercial property (khan) in the center of Constantinople (Istanbul).

Sanasarian College was founded in 1881 by a major endowment from Mgrdich Sanasarian, a wealthy businessman from Georgia, who had settled in St. Petersburg, Russia. The generous benefactor donated additional properties to the College in the late 1800's.

Prior to 1915, Sanasarian College played a prominent role as a modernizing force during the Armenian national awakening. It was a European-style liberal arts school with the specific purpose of preparing teachers and professionals in various fields to assist the rapid development of Western Armenia's economy. During its brief existence, the College produced hundreds of graduates, including many who rose to prominent positions. Armen Garo, the Armenian Republic's first ambassador to the United States in 1918, was an alumnus of Sanasarian College.

Garin was an important base of operations for the Armenian Revolutionary Federation (Dashnagtsoutyoum) and its leaders who had taken residence there before 1915. One of ARF's founders, Rostom, was appointed as superintendent of Garin's school system, which included Sanasarian College.

Some meetings of the momentous ARF 8th World Congress were held in 1914 at Sanasarian

College buildings. The Congress was interrupted by the start of the First World War. The Young Turk government had dispatched to Garin a high level delegation headed by Behaeddin Shakir, one of the masterminds of the Armenian Genocide, to pressure ARF into collaborating with the Turkish government's wartime efforts. The ARF Congress turned down the request. The College closed down in early 1915 and its entire faculty and many of its students were killed during the Genocide. Shakir was assassinated by Armenian avengers in 1922 in Berlin.

Ironically, a few years later, Garin was converted from a hotbed of Armenian activism to a center of Turkish nationalism with the convening of the historic Erzeroum Congress by Kemal Ataturk in 1919. Currently, the Sanasarian College complex is a Turkish museum.

Commenting on the lawsuit, Ali Elbeyoglu, the Armenian Patriarchate's lawyer, told Hurriyet newspaper: "The Sanasarian Foundation was granted to the Patriarchate by philanthropist Mgrdich Sanasarian in the 1800's. The administration and management of the Sanasarian Foundation legally belongs to the Patriarchate.... We are not going to content ourselves with the mere return of historical buildings. We are also going to demand compensation from the government's General Directorate of Foundations for all material losses incurred by the Patriarchate since 1936."

Earlier this year, the Armenian Patriarchate filed a separate lawsuit against the Directorate General of Foundations seeking the return of the Sanasarian Shopping Center (khan) in Istanbul. Even though the court imposed a temporary injunction, freezing all transactions involving the building's disposition, the Directorate General of Foundations declared that it will not abide by the court's order. The Patriarchate's lawyer Elbeyoglu reacted by declaring: "This runs counter to all international legal [norms] as well as the Treaty of Lausanne. The Patriarchate is still in possession of the title deed," Hurriyet reported.

In the past, when I criticized the Patriarchate for making public statements against Armenian national interests, I was accused of not fully appreciating the special circumstances under which Armenians live in Turkey, and was told to show more sensitivity to the fact that they are basically hostages in the hands of the Turkish government. Since this article commends the Patriarchate's bold legal action, I am concerned that my words of praise might make some Armenians in Turkey just as uncomfortable. I am simply trying to be fair and even-handed, offering criticism or praise, as the occasion merits.

Over 30 US Congressmen press for increasing aid to Armenia

Thirty-one U.S. Representatives joined with Armenian Caucus Co-Chairman Frank Pallone in encouraging leading House foreign aid appropriators to approve increased aid to Armenia, expanded assistance for Nagorno-Karabakh, targeted allocations for Javakhs, and refugee resettlement funding for displaced Christian Armenian populations in the Middle East, in the Fiscal Year 2013 foreign aid bill, reported the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA).

In a letter sent today to the leadership of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State-Foreign Operations, Chairwoman Kay Granger and Ranking Democrat Nita Lowey, a bipartisan group of legislators made the case for supporting "the U.S.-Armenia strategic relationship through economic development and security assistance." Their key requests were as follows:

-- At least \$5 million in U.S. aid to Nagorno-Karabakh.

-- At least 10% of U.S. assistance to Georgia to be earmarked for job creation programs in the Samtskhe-Javakheti region of that country.

-- At least \$50 million in U.S. economic aid to Armenia.

-- Funds for humanitarian and resettlement assistance specifically targeted to Armenian and other Christian populations as well as other minority communities affected by the recent unrest in the

Middle East.

-- Language strengthening Section 907 restrictions on U.S. aid to Azerbaijan.

-- Removal of barriers to contact and communication with representatives of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic.

-- Language calling for the participation of Nagorno-Karabakh leaders in the OSCE Minsk Group negotiations.

Joining Congressman Pallone as signatories were Representatives:

Gary Ackerman (D-NY), Joe Baca (D-CA), Shelley Berkley (D-NV), Howard Berman (D-CA), Bruce Braley (D-IA), David Cicilline (D-RI), Jim Costa (D-CA), Joe Crowley (D-NY), Anna Eshoo (D-CA), Chaka Fattah (D-PA), Barney Frank (D-MA), Michael Grimm (R-NY), Rush Holt (D-NJ), Jim Langevin (D-RI), Daniel Lipinski (D-IL), Stephen Lynch (D-MA), Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Ed Markey (D-MA), Betty McCollum (D-MN), Jim McGovern (D-MA), Grace Napolitano (D-CA), Gary Peters (D-MI), Collin Peterson (D-MN), Linda Sanchez (D-CA), Loretta Sanchez (D-CA), Steven Rothman (D-NJ), Brad Sherman (D-CA), Jackie Speier (D-CA), Bob Turner (R-NY), and Lynn Woolsey (D-CA).

Legendary Tonino Guerra passes away at 92

Legendary Italian poet, writer and screenwriter Tonino Guerra has died at the age of 92.

Born in 1920 in Ravenna, Tonino Guerra wrote several short stories, poetry and novels, and in 1956 his first screenplay "Man and Wolves" (co-written by Elio Petri) was directed by Giuseppe De Santis. Three years later he wrote the masterpiece, "L'Avventura", which began his long collaboration with one of the greatest directors of all time Michelangelo Antonioni.

Tonino Guerra earned Oscar nominations three times: for the Casanova 70 (1965), for Blow-Up (1966) by Antonioni and for Amarcord (1973) directed by Federico Fellini. He worked with many other masters such as Francesco Rosi on Lucky Luciano (1974) and Andrey Tarkovskiy on Nostalgia (1983).

Tonino Guerra was a poet and one of the busiest and the most important screenwriters of cinema man who won the Cannes Film Festival's Best Screenplay award for the "Voyage to Cythera" by Theo Angelopoulos and received an honorary award of the Venice Film Festival.

Tonino Guerra was a guest of honor at the Golden



Apricot International Film Festival in 2006. In 2010 he was awarded an Order of Honor of the Republic of Armenia.

He received the order for his significant contribution to the reinforcement of Armenian-Italian cultural ties, his role in world cinematography and on the occasion of his 90th birth anniversary.

Tonino Guerra was known to be a great fan of two persecuted film geniuses Andrey Tarkovsky and Sergei Parajanov.

Tatul Hakobyan presented his new book, entitled "Looking from Ararat: Armenians and Turks"

On March 19 an Armenian veteran journalist Tatul Hakobyan presented his new book, entitled "Looking from Ararat: Armenians and Turks." This 500 page book is the result of eight years of extensive research, analysis and travel by the author. It was first published in Western Armenian using classical orthography. This most recent one in Eastern Armenian will be presented in Yerevan and Gyumri as well - Armenia's capital city and second largest city consecutively - at the beginning of April. There will also be an English version, which is being prepared for print this fall.

In the words of Shahan Kandaharian, Editor-in-Chief of Azdak daily in Beirut, the author "presents each end of Yerevan-Ankara relations with high journalistic professionalism," having carried out extensive archive analysis

and frequent visits to Western Armenia during which he conducted a number of in-depth interviews with Armenian, Turkish and foreign diplomats, presidents, and historians.

Lebanese Armenian intellectuals Khatchig Dedeyan, Tigran Jinbashian and Sargis Giragosian presented comments on the author and his new published book.

"Looking from Ararat: Armenians and Turks" is comprised of three parts. The first ten chapters describe Armenian-Turkish (Kemalist) relations from 1918 to 1921. The seven chapters of the second part dwell on Armenian-Turkish relations at a time when Armenia was a part of the Soviet Union. In the eleven chapters of the third part you can examine the relations from 1988 to present day. The book also includes a preface ("The

saddest Liturgy") and an epilogue ("Where are you, Land of Nairi?"), as well as an Appendix where the author presents all of the documents ever signed between Turkey and Armenia.

"I started this book almost simultaneously with my first one - "Green and Black: Karabakh Diary." This could be considered as a continuation to that and its second volume," said Hakobyan at the Beirut presentation, adding, "If you have read "Green and Black", I would advise you to read this one as well and stay tuned for the next ones!"

First published in 2008, Tatul Hakobyan's first book - "Green and Black: Karabakh Diary", has three editions in Armenian and was translated into Western Armenian, Russian, English, Arabic and Turkish languages.

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Reuters

Three new studies published on Wednesday added to growing scientific evidence suggesting that taking a daily dose of aspirin can help prevent, and possibly treat, cancer.

Previous studies have found that daily aspirin reduces the long-term risk of death due to cancer, but until now the shorter-term effects have been less certain-as has the medicine's potential in patients already diagnosed with cancer.

The new studies, led by Peter Rothwell of Britain's Oxford University, found that aspirin also has a short-term benefit in preventing cancer, and that it reduces the likelihood that cancers will spread to other organs by about 40 to 50 percent.

"These findings add to the case for use of aspirin to prevent cancer, particularly if people are at increased risk," Rothwell said.

"Perhaps more importantly, they also raise the distinct possibility that aspirin will be effective as an additional treatment for cancer - to prevent distant spread of the disease."

This was particularly important because it is the process of spread of cancer, or "metastasis", which most often kills people with the disease, he added.

Aspirin, originally developed by Bayer, is a cheap over-the-counter drug generally used to combat pain or reduce fever.

The drug reduces the risk of clots forming in blood vessels and can therefore protect against heart attacks and strokes, so it is often prescribed for people who already suffer with heart disease and have already had one or several attacks.

Aspirin also increases the risk of

Studies find an aspirin a day can keep cancer at bay



bleeding in the stomach to around one patient in every thousand per year, a factor which has fueled an intense debate about whether doctors should advise patients to take it as regularly as every day.

Last year, a study by British researchers questioned the wisdom of daily aspirin for reducing the risk of early death from a heart attack or stroke because they said the increased risk of internal bleeding outweighed the potential benefit.

Other studies, including some by Rothwell in 2007, 2010 and 2011, found that an aspirin a day, even at a low dose of around 75 milligrams, reduces the long-term risk of developing some cancers, particularly bowel and oesophageal cancer, but the effects don't show until eight to 10 years after the start of treatment.

Rothwell, whose new studies were published in The Lancet and The Lancet Oncology journals on Wednesday, said this delay was because aspirin was pre-

venting the very early development of cancers and there was a long time lag between this stage and a patient having clinical signs or symptoms of cancer.

Rothwell and others said deeper research was now needed into aspirin as a potential treatment for cancer in patients whose disease has not yet spread.

"No drug has been shown before to prevent distant metastasis and so these findings should focus future research on this crucial aspect of treatment," he said.

Peter Johnson, chief clinician at the charity Cancer Research UK, said his group was already investigating the anti-cancer properties of aspirin. "These findings show we're on the right track," he said.

In a written commentary on the research in The Lancet, Andrew Chan and Nancy Cook of Harvard Medical School in the United States said it was "impressive" and moved health experts "another step closer to broadening recommendations for aspirin use".

ARMENIAN POETRY

Sona Van

ALONE WITH ANDREY BITOV'S BOOK AT NIGHT

-Your eyes are two evasive lies . . . quick
(as the shadows of wet
deer crossing the road
in the rain)
you said and looked directly at me
as if a great and truthful god

"two evasive lies?" I thought
"a pair of shadows running
in the rain?"
and I stopped like a deer
caught in the headlights
while crossing the road

it's late now we are sitting lotus-style
as two coextending yogis
at night
(wine and time between us)

I look out suspended
from your lines
(as I once hung from
the accidentally-left-open window
of my childhood home)
from where I can see life
as it is



Tankian, Egoyan to Speak at Hammer Museum on April 22

Two days before the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915, two artists of Armenian descent will come together to discuss its lasting impact. The Hammer Museum will present filmmaker Atom Egoyan and musician Serj Tankian in conversation, on Sunday, April 22, Asbarez reports.

Atom Egoyan's critically acclaimed films include Chloe, Speaking Parts, The Adjuster, Exotica, The Sweet Hereafter (nom-

inated for two Academy Awards), and the award-winning Ararat, a meditation on the Armenian Genocide. His work has been featured in international retrospectives including at the Centre Pompidou in Paris and at the Venice Biennale.

Serj Tankian is a Lebanese-born Armenian American singer, songwriter, activist, and composer. Tankian has released five albums with the rock band System of a Down, one with Arto Tunçboyacıyan, and two solo

albums. In 2002 Tankian and Rage Against the Machine/Audioslave guitarist Tom Morello co-founded a nonprofit activist organization, Axis of Justice. In 2011 Tankian was awarded the Armenian Prime Minister's Medal for his contributions to the recognition of the Armenian Genocide and the advancement of music. Atom Egoyan's "Ararat" and Karla Garapedian's "Screamers" will be presented in Billy Wilder Theater, Hammer Museum.



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Zodiac Weekly Forecast

Aries (Mar. 20 - Apr. 19):



You may have some bright ideas, but the circumstances force you to wait. This is a rare time for Aries in which your feelings or your body tell you to STOP in no uncertain terms. It is hard on the nerves, but this time will pass and you will be on the move once again.

Leo (July 21 - Aug 22):



Use care with all high tech equipment this week. It is better to avoid a new purchase in this arena while Mercury is retrograde. Back up all your data-losses are possible right now. You may experience surprises from the sectors of education, publishing, or the law. Travel could be complex.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 20):



Activities involving romance, travel and play of any kind are favored. It is a good time to take your children on an outing to expose them to a greater world. You also have positive aspects for travel, education and publishing. What's not to like?

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 19):



People of the past may resurface. You will be glad to see these individuals, but it is just as likely you will be reminded why they are no longer in your life. Somehow they are associated with old wounds and you would just as soon let those memories go back to the ethers.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sep. 22):



It probably seems as though you can hardly get a breath because there are so many around you who need your attention. This is hard on your nerves and you have the right to call "time out!" when you need a break. You need exercise to help ground you when there are so many demands.

Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19):



Life moves slowly this week. Waiting for the bureaucracy (rules) and paperwork causes you to feel as though you are dragging an anchor. You might just as well take a mental health break. Don't waste energy expecting the activity to begin any minute.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20):



You might be rethinking a plan related to your career or work in the world. You probably need to research the details before making a commitment. If you have already committed, then soon you will discover whatever errors or flaws exist so they can be rectified.

Libra (Sep. 23 - Oct. 22):



You may have a tendency during this period to slide into old and outmoded patterns of emotional behavior. Maybe this will be brought on by the re-entry of someone in your life. While it may be fun for a short time, very quickly you will become fatigued with it and shake loose of that outdated habit.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 17):



Most of the action occurs in the third house of communications, short distance travels, involvements with siblings, roommates, and neighbors. Double check all incoming information for errors and be sure the Other has heard you accurately. Give attention to small things, such as keys, tickets, and billfolds.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21):



You have cause to feel proud of an accomplishment this week. Authority figures or others will be singing your praises. This is a good time to request favors of those who have a certain amount of power. The work environment is especially favorable now.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):



This looks like a week in which uncomfortable circumstances develop that bear a strong kinship to your past. It could go back far enough to trigger family of origin material. You could be overreacting to a situation in the "now" as though you were a child with no personal resources. Make an effort to stay in the moment.

Pisces (Feb. 18 - Mar. 19):



One or more people may attempt to provoke you into a disagreement. Do your best to sidestep that now. Whoever strikes the first blow while Mars is retrograde will live to regret it. Protect yourself if you must, but let the other make the first move.

HUMOR

Pick a starting salary

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Person asked the young MBA fresh out of MIT, "And what starting salary were you looking for?"

The candidate said, "In the neighborhood of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The HR Person said, "Well, what would you say to a package of 5-weeks' vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every 2 years - say, a red Corvette?"

The Engineer sat up straight and said, "Wow!!! Are you kidding?"

And the HR Person said, "Certainly, ...but you started it."

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Guitar, instrumental program
March 29, at 9 p.m.
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March 30, at 9 p.m.
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March 31, at 9 p.m.
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March 27, at 9:30 p.m.
Dorians
March 29, at 9:30 p.m.
Greek Party
March 30, at 9:30 p.m.
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Quote of the week

If you don't like how things are,
change it! You're not a tree.

Jim Rohn



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