

Russian soldier charged with Gyumri murders interrogated by Armenian investigators

The Investigative Committee of Armenia has published a video showing the questioning of Valery Permyakov, a Russian serviceman in Gyumri charged with murdering a local seven-member family earlier this month.

On the 36-second mute video Armenian investigators appear to be questioning the 19-year-old, who has been kept in custody at the Russian military base in Armenia's northwestern city since being apprehended by Russian border guards late on January 12 - less than 24 hours after allegedly murdering six members of the Avetisyan family, including a two-year-old girl, and fatally injuring a six-month-old boy.

Permyakov had admitted the murder charges earlier brought against him by the Armenian Investigative Committee.

The Committee said samples had been taken from Permyakov to compare them to the traces and samples found on the scene of crime. Also, a number of forensic examinations have been appointed, according to the report.



"The interrogation of Permyakov took place with the participation of his lawyer and an interpreter.

The interrogation was video recorded in an order prescribed by law," the Committee said.

In This Issue	
Armenian-Azeri fighting continues to intensify	p.3
Russian Lawmakers Visit Gyumri After Armenian Family Massacre	p.5
Rouben Assatryan: "...First of All I Have to Thank the Youth Orchestra for Honoring Our Great Composers..."	p.p. 12-13
French magazine "l'Histoire" devotes 50 pages to Armenia	p.13
Funeral and march held for murdered French-Armenian teenager	p.15

Noyan Tapan Printing House

is offering coloured and black and white offset and digital printing of books, brochures, booklets, journals, etc with high quality and low prices Tel: 060 27 64 62

Address: Isahakyan 28, 3rd floor, Yerevan 0009

Noyan Tapan Video Studio

is offering professional video and photography for indoor and outdoor events such as weddings, birthday parties, official events, seminars and conferences. Tel: 060 27 64 62

Address: Isahakyan 28, 3rd floor, Yerevan 0009

Armenian President, Russian Investigative Committee Chief discuss probe into Gyumri slaying

President Serzh Sargsyan received on January 20 the Head of the Russian Investigative Committee Alexander Bastrykin.

The President noted that the tragedy that took place in Gyumri on January 12 demands that all circumstances be disclosed with unprecedented consistency. He emphasized the importance of effective continuity in the cooperation between the law-enforcement bodies of the two countries to reach a logical completion of the process.

President of the Russian Investigative Committee Alexander Bastrykin said they have full understanding with their Armenian counterparts and a clear notion of the assistance to be provided by the Armenian law-enforcers bodies to the relevant Russian bodies investigating the case.

He added that the actions of these investigative bodies both at the Russian Military Base and the territory of the Russian Federation aim to ensure the comprehensive investigation of all versions and circumstances of the crime, reveal the guilty and bring them to accountability.



Bastrykin also voiced confidence that the open trial to be carried out in the Republic of Armenia will become an evidence of the aspiration of both parties to reach justice.

Armenian FM deems Turkey's move to mark Gallipoli centenary on April 24 improper

Turkey's decision to mark the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Gallipoli cannot be conceived by anyone as a proper step, Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian told a press conference following the 15 Armenia-EU Cooperation Council meeting in Brussels.

"You know that the Armenian President invited President Erdogan to participate to the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide in April 2015. I conveyed the written invitation to President Erdogan being in Ankara in August of the last year. Till now we didn't receive any response. Concerning the Turkish President's invitation, President Sargsyan, responded the day after it was received. The text was made available for the press. You have to read it to know all details concerning the possibility of participation or not participation," Nalbandian said in response to a question from Radio Free Europe.

"I don't think it is appropriate to organize such an event in Turkey on 24th of April and I couldn't believe that anybody perceive this as a proper step," the Armenian Minister said.

Speaking about the tragedy in Gyumri, Minister Nalbandian said: "We hope very much that all investigation procedures will be completed as soon as possible and those guilty will be punished in accordance with the law. Of course, this horrible crime created a lot of natural human anger and emotions in Armenia's public opinion."

"As for the relations with Russia, we have strong, allied, strategic ties and we will continue to strengthen and enhance them further with joint efforts," he added. Edward Nalbandian reiterated that "Armenia is going to develop and deepen comprehensive cooperation and partnership with the European Union, taking into due consideration the commitments in other international, integration formats."

Japan opens Embassy in Armenia

On January 22, Foreign Minister of Armenia Edward Nalbandian received the State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Minoru Kiuchi, who arrived in Armenia on the occasion of the opening of the Embassy of Japan in Yerevan.

Welcoming the guest, Minister Nalbandian commended the decision by Japan's Government to open the Embassy in Yerevan, which, according to the Minister, will further strengthen the positive dynamics of the development of relations between the two countries.

Expressing gratitude for the reception, State Minister Kiuchi mentioned that Japan attaches importance to the development of relations with Armenia and this very fact is behind the decision to open the Embassy in Yerevan. Minoru Kiuchi conveyed condolences of the Government of Japan on the tragedy that occurred in Gyumri on January 12.

Among issues covered at the meeting were those of

the process of implementation of the agreements reached during the visit of the RA President to Japan in 2012, activation of the political dialogue, the holding of periodic consultations between the foreign ministries, collaboration between Friendship Groups in the Parliaments, strengthening of cooperation within international organizations, expansion of economic and trade relations, rebirth of cultural exchange.

Minister Nalbandian expressed gratitude for Japan's continuous contribution to the development of Armenia, stressing its importance in the areas of the development of infrastructure, IT, natural disaster prevention. Both sides highlighted that cooperation in IT area has great potential.

The sides exchanged thoughts over a range of pressing regional and international issues. State Minister Kiuchi presented efforts exerted towards the strengthening of security and stability on the Korean Peninsula.

Armenian-Azeri fighting continues to intensify

The Armenian military suffered two more casualties and claimed to have killed at least three Azerbaijani soldiers early on Friday in what appears to be a further escalation of fighting in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone.

The upsurge in truce violations prompted serious concern from James Warlick, the chief U.S. negotiator in Armenian-Azerbaijani peace talks. In a Twitter post, Warlick urged the presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan to "stop the violence along the Line of Contact and commit to negotiations."

Armenia's Defense Ministry said the two soldiers, Lieutenant Karen Galstyan and Private Artak Sargsyan, were shot dead and another serviceman, Hovhannes Avanesyan, seriously wounded in an Azerbaijani attack on its positions in the northern Tavush province bordering western Azerbaijan. It said that Azerbaijani forces failed to seize any of those outposts and were forced to retreat.

The Azerbaijani military denied launching any commando raids in that area, saying that the Armenian forces deployed there themselves attempted a cross-border attack.

Deadly fighting was also reported from the more militarized "line of contact" around Karabakh. The Karabakh Armenian army said its forces killed three Azerbaijani soldiers and suffered no casualties as they thwarted overnight commando raids on its front-line positions east of the disputed territory.

Artsrun Hovannisyan, the spokesman for the Defense Ministry in Yerevan, claimed that three more Azerbaijani servicemen were shot dead near Karabakh later on Friday.

The latest ceasefire violations raised to 10 the total number of Armenian soldiers reportedly killed on the Azerbaijani border and the Karabakh frontline so far this month. By contrast, Azerbaijani Defense Ministry has reported no combat casualties in January, fuelling Armenian suggestions that Baku is hiding its losses to avoid a domestic backlash against its apparent policy of escalation.

In a statement issued earlier this week, Hovannisyan cited a



September 2014 decree by Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev which tightened government control over information coming from the frontlines. The decree followed an August upsurge in fighting around Karabakh, which left at least 15 Azerbaijani soldiers dead. A Baku-based non-governmental organization monitoring army deaths, Doktrina, reportedly stopped issuing its regular reports at around the same time.

The Azerbaijani news website Qafkazinfo.az reported on January 23 on the funeral of an Azerbaijani contract soldier who ostensibly shot and killed himself by accident. Photographs of the funeral attended by senior military officers show that Nizami Babashov received full military honors.

"The Armenian side's actions will now be more merciless and it will not be possible to hide their consequences with any restrictions," Hovannisyan, the Armenian Defense Ministry spokesman, wrote on Facebook.

Defense Minister Seyran Ohanian already ordered the Armenian military last week to step up "preventive" offensive operations in response to Azerbaijani attacks.

Germany seeks mediating role in the Karabakh conflict settlement: Merkel

Germany stands for the peaceful settlement of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict and seeks to have an immediate contribution to the process, German Chancellor Angela Merkel has declared, Interfax reports.

"Germany seeks to take a mediating role in the resolution of the conflict. We consider that the Council of Europe and the European Union could come forth with an initiative in that direction, to make a certain contribution to the settlement of the conflict. Azerbaijan is holding consultations with the European Commission in this respect," Merkel said at a joint press conference

with visiting Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev.

The Chancellor underlined that "Germany is a member of the OSCE Minsk Group and supports the negotiations between the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan held under the auspices of the co-chairing countries - France,

Russia and the United States."

She said there is no alternative to the peaceful resolution of this conflict. "The frequent violations of the ceasefire regime are, naturally, a negative factor. Russia plays a certain role here. I just want to mention this," Merkel declared.

Noyan Tapan Press-Center

Noyan Tapan Press Center holds different discussions, press conferences, round tables, teleconferences, seminars each week which are broadcast live on the Internet. We invite you to take advantage of the Center, as well as to place your banner in our Press Room.

Tel: 060 27 64 62. Address: Isahakyan 28, 3rd floor

Gyumri baby dies after family slaughter

A 6-month-old Armenian infant died in hospital on January 19 one week after the six other members of his family were murdered in their home in Gyumri.

The baby boy, Seryozha Avetisyan, survived his 2-year-old sister, parents, aunt and grandparents by only 7 days.

Seryozha had been in critical condition since being found stabbed in the chest on January 12 several hours after the massacre thought to have been carried out by a Russian soldier serving in Armenia's second largest city. He underwent surgery in a Gyumri hospital before being transported to Yerevan's Surp Astvatsamayr hospital the next day.

The baby's condition stabilized and even slightly improved there in the following days as doctors kept fighting to save his life. They were joined by prominent colleagues from Russian over the weekend.

Seryozha's condition deteriorated on the night from Sunday to Monday. The Armenian Ministry of Health announced his death late in the afternoon. In a statement, it spoke of "irreversible changes" in

his organism resulting from sudden heart, lung and kidney failures.

The chief Surp Astvatsamayr medic, Nikolay Dallakyan, reported the deterioration in the morning, saying that he and his colleagues are taking urgent measures to stabilize the boy's condition. One of the experienced doctors from Russia assisting him, William Khachatryan, said just hours before Seryozha's death, "The fact that such a little child with such severe wounds has stayed alive is a miracle."

Russian President Vladimir Putin discussed Seryozha's fate with his Armenian counterpart Serzh Sargsyan in a phone call on Sunday. Putin expressed the Russian government's readiness to transport him to Moscow for further treatment.

Dallakyan categorically ruled out such a possibility on Monday morning, saying that the proposed transfer would be too dangerous for the baby's health given the gravity of his condition. "Even the child's transportation from Gyumri to Yerevan was very, very problematic," he told reporters. "We could have lost him on the



way to Yerevan. The baby is not subject to transportation."

Seryozha Avetisyan's death prompted a special written statement from Serzh Sargsyan. "We have failed to save the life of little Seryozha ... The light that was our sole consolation after the Gyumri tragedy has been extinguished," he said.

Serzh Sargsyan again expressed condolences to the relatives of the Avetisyan. "We must live on and achieve a just retribution for all this pain and this crime," added the statement.

Armenian Prosecutor Questions Russian Arrest Of Gyumri Murder Suspect

Russian border guards were obliged to hand over a Russian soldier suspected of slaughtering a family in Gyumri when they captured him on Armenia's frontier with Turkey last week, Prosecutor-General Gevorg Kostanyan said on January 22.

Kostanyan again defended Armenian law-enforcement authorities' response to the shock killings as he was grilled by angry lawmakers during parliamentary hearings in Yerevan.

Opposition deputies present at the hearing faulted the authorities for the fact that the fugitive soldier, Valery Permyakov, ended up in Russian military custody after allegedly killing the seven members of the Avetisyan family on January 12. Russia's refusal to hand him over to Armenian investigators sparked angry street protests in Gyumri last week.

According to the official theory, Permyakov was detained by the Russian border guards and sent back to the Russian military base in Gyumri after attempting to cross into Turkey. The Armenian police and other security bodies are facing growing

domestic criticism for their failure to capture the suspect.

Kostanyan accepted opposition lawmakers' arguments that the border guards subordinate to Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) were legally obliged to hand over Permyakov to relevant Armenian authorities. "Under our laws on the state border and border guard service, they must hand over individuals attempting to illegally cross the borders of the Republic of Armenia," he said.

The chief Armenian prosecutor was at the same time careful not to openly accuse the FSB servicemen of breaking those laws or Russian-Armenian treaties regulating their presence in the country. He said an ongoing inquiry conducted by the Armenian side will judge the legality of their actions.

Opposition deputies countered that neither the Armenian investigators nor their Russian colleagues have so far charged Permyakov with illegal border crossing in their separate inquiries into the family massacre. Kostanyan assured them that the

Armenian side is now "verifying facts" and may well add such an accusation to the criminal case.

Kostanyan further acknowledged that he has yet to make good on his pledge to formally ask Russian prosecutors to transfer Permyakov to Armenian jurisdiction. "I will certainly fulfill my promise," he said. He did not specify, however, when he will send a corresponding letter to Moscow.

Kostanyan promised to write to Russia's Prosecutor-General Yuri Chaika on January 15 as he was confronted by about 2,000 angry demonstrators in Gyumri protesting against Russian custody of the suspect. His assurances did not stop some of the protesters from marching to the Russian consulate in Gyumri and clashing with riot police deployed nearby.

In a bid to calm the Armenian public, the Armenian and Russian investigators said earlier this week that they will "coordinate" their efforts to solve the unprecedented crime. It is expected that Permyakov will be tried in Armenia but by a Russian military court.

Russian Lawmakers Visit Gyumri After Armenian Family Massacre



A Russian parliamentary delegation on January 23 visited Gyumri and laid flowers to on the fresh graves of the seven members of local Armenian family who died in a killing spree blamed on a Russian soldier.

The three pro-Kremlin members of the State Duma, Russia's lower house of parliament, paid their respects to the Avetisyan family one week after unprecedented anti-Russian protests attended by scores of local residents. Moscow has since been trying to minimize political fallout from the January 12 massacre that has cast a shadow over its close ties with Yerevan.

The visiting parliamentarians echoed Russian law-enforcement officials' pledges to solve the brutal crime jointly with their Armenian colleagues. "This is a tragedy not only for the Armenian people but also for the Russian people," Oleg Lebedev, a senior lawmaker heading the Duma delegation, told reporters at the Gyumri cemetery.

"Unfortunately, this monstrous crime could become the kind of a stumbling block [in Russian-Armenian relations] which

you just mentioned. But I am sure that this will not happen," he said.

Lebedev announced that the Russian and Armenian parliaments have agreed to set up a joint working group that will monitor ongoing investigations into the killings conducted and supposedly coordinated by law-enforcers from the two countries. "We will be as open and transparent as possible," he said. "We will be meeting and briefing you on the results of the investigation."

Lebedev was also asked about Gyumri citizens' demands for Valery Permyakov, the murder suspect kept in Russian military custody, to be handed over to Armenian law-enforcement authorities or at least be tried in an Armenian court. "An investigation is underway and nobody has the right to interfere in it," he said. "This is a legal requirement in both Armenia and Russia. The investigation will detect facts and certain decisions will be made as a result."

Lebedev, who was accompanied by senior Armenian parliament deputies, at the same time reaffirmed Russian assurances that Permyakov will stand trial in Armenia.

A spokesman for Russian President Vladimir Putin indicated earlier this week that the 18-year-old conscript will appear before a Russian military tribunal located in Yerevan. Organizers of the Gyumri protests have rejected this option, insisting that the high-profile case be heard by an Armenian court.

Lebedev further said that he and his colleagues will petition the Russian government and military to avoid sending conscripts to Russian military bases abroad from now on. He said they believe that only contract soldiers should serve there after undergoing special training.

Kocharyan Blasts Yerevan's 'Humiliating' Response To Gyumri Killings

In a fresh scathing attack on President Serzh Sargsyan, former President Robert Kocharyan has condemned the Armenian authorities for failing to ensure that a Russian soldier accused of murdering seven members of a family in Gyumri is tried in an Armenian court.

In an interview with his unofficial website published on Friday, Kocharyan also called for "radical changes" in Armenia which he said are needed to address its socioeconomic problems. He said the country's recent accession to the Russian-led Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) could aggravate them.

Kocharyan told 2rd.am that he was "deeply shocked" by the January 12 tragedy in Gyumri that sparked anti-government and anti-Russian protests. "It

was clear that people's outrage could turn into mass actions with unpredictable consequences," he said. "In order to prevent that, the authorities had to take immediate emergency actions.

"In the first instance, [there should have been] explicit assurances that the crime will be investigated by Armenian law-enforcement bodies and that the criminal will appear before an Armenian court."

Kocharyan argued that two other Russian soldiers who went on a deadly shooting spree in Gyumri in 1999, during his presidency, were prosecuted and jailed by the Armenian authorities.

By contrast, Valery Permyakov, the Russian conscript charged in the family massacre, is expected to be tried by a

Russian military court. Despite the angry protests, the current authorities in Yerevan have so far declined to formally demand his handover by the Russian military. Serzh Sargsyan has only added to the domestic anger with his failure to make any public statements on the Gyumri slaughter.

Kocharyan insisted that Russia too should have been interested in placing Permyakov under Armenian jurisdiction because that would have prevented the anti-Russian uproar in Armenia. "Fuzzy, contradictory and confusing statements by our officials have poured petrol on the fire and added an element of national humiliation to the already tense situation," he charged.

continued on page 10

Armenia, EU to launch next phase of visa dialogue

The 15th meeting of the Armenia-EU Council was held in Brussels on January 20. The meeting was followed by a joint press conference, where Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian made the following statement:

Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the framework of the 15th session of Armenia-EU Cooperation Council, together with our EU colleagues, we have had extensive discussions on the further development of Armenia - European Union relations, which included such issues as: Political dialogue, future legal basis of our relations, mobility, human rights, economic reforms, EU's assistance to Armenia. We expressed our appreciation to the EU for its continued support and assistance provided to our country over the years which have been instrumental for the effective implementation and sustainability of the reform

process and institutional capacity building in Armenia.

We have discussions on the scope of future legal basis of our relations. I reaffirmed that it is our strong will to deepen our comprehensive cooperation, building upon the achievements that we have reached during recent years, in all possible areas and directions, giving due consideration to our commitments in other international, integration formats.

The Armenia - EU cooperation in the area of mobility, migration and enhancing the people to people contacts has been among our highest priorities in our cooperation with the EU. In January 2014 the EU-Armenia Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements entered into force and we are looking forward to launching a next phase of Visa Dialogue, aimed at a visa-free travel for the citizens of Armenia.

In 2014 the Protocol to the Partnership



and Cooperation Agreement came into force, which enabled Armenia to participate in a broad range of EU programs and to cooperate with the EU Agencies.

We also touched upon regional issues. I briefed the Council on latest developments related to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the efforts we exercise together with the OSCE Minsk group co-chairs for the exclusively peaceful solution of the conflict.

Thank you.

USAID program reveals key findings of the study on access to finance for micro, small and medium enterprises in Armenia

On January 22, the USAID-funded Finance for Economic Development (FED) Program presented the results of its study to improve access to finance for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Armenia, with a particular focus on rural and under-served markets. The study offers over 100 recommendations of specific actions that will improve MSME access to finance. The event was attended by representatives of USAID Armenia, the Ministries of Economy, Finance, Justice, and Agriculture, as well as the Central Bank of Armenia, international and local financial institutions, Unions of Banks and Credit Organizations of Armenia, the SME Development National Center, and MSME supporting organizations and other stakeholders.

According to the assessment, poor access to finance is a systemic challenge in Armenia. About half of the country's MSMEs do not utilize finance from formal sources - most of their financing either comes from family or friends, or they do not borrow at all. Furthermore, MSMEs in rural areas and smaller cities who do access finance operate at a disadvantage because they face a higher rate of interest. Those who do borrow tend to only request small loans to cover current operating costs, rather than loans for investment.

This restricts MSME businesses from growing and creating jobs.

To improve the situation on the supply side, the study suggests actions that focus on improving credit enforcement, creating innovative programs that will increase access to funding in Armenian drams, lowering regulatory barriers, encouraging the growth of bank and non-bank lending to productive businesses, and improving a variety of financial support services. On the demand side, the study highlights improved quality of information for businesses, enhanced capacity of business owners to meet lender conditions, better management of collateral and improved dialogue with the policy makers.

"Our recommendations are based on market-based solutions. Government and donor support in the form of special credit lines and subsidies can help, but it is neither enough nor sustainable over the long run. Improved access to finance would improve the well-being of the financial system, and the measures outlined in the paper would yield reduced risk, lower costs, and improved information flows," USAID FED Program Manager Sisak Mkhitarian said, noting that a right mix of Government leadership and public-private collaboration would be essential to overcome the existing challenges.

2015 should be declared a year of support to Sevan Nisanyan: Hatspanian

On the threshold of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, Turkey continues its policy of silencing intellectuals and taking all measures to prevent them from speaking about the crime perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire. A vivid example of this policy was the arrest of Istanbul-based Armenian writer, philologist Sevan Nisanyan on charges of illegal construction.

An author of 19 books, Sevan Nisanyan, who keeps the Turkish nationalists and anti-Armenian historians in horror, needs the support of his compatriots, says Sarkis Hatspanian, an expert on regional issues.

Mr. Nisanyan is a man of many interests and talents. Linguist, journalist and hotel entrepreneur, Sevan Nisanyan graduated from the Private Armenian School of Pangalti and attended Robert College, then studied philosophy at Yale University, concentrating on Kant, Hegel and Thomas Aquinas. He did graduate studies in political science at Columbia University, where he worked under Giovanni Sartori, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Seweryn Bialer and Douglas Chalmers.

continued on page 16

European Union commits €25 million to agriculture and rural development in Armenia

On 23 January 2015 the European Union Delegation to Armenia and the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) held a ceremony to launch ENPARD (European Neighbourhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development) Armenia. This programme will be implemented over the next three years, providing €20 million of budget support for the Government of Armenia to enhance agricultural and rural development. Further €5 million will be provided to support the Ministry of Agriculture to promote the development of farmers groups and value adding chains.

Gunther Zimmer, ADA Head of Office for South Caucasus noted that "Strengthening producer groups and improving effectiveness of supported value chains in Lori, Shirak and Tavush regions is the primary focus for Austrian Development Cooperation". He also underlined that "Agriculture is and will continue in the future to be one of the most important parts of ADC's strategy". He explained: "Because we strongly believe in the positive impact that our financial assistance, in combination with critical know-how transfer, can bring to rural communities in Northern Armenia."



H.E. Mr. Sergo Karapetyan, the Minister of Agriculture welcomed participants and expressed gratitude to the European Union and Austrian Development Cooperation for the support within ENPARD program. He expressed confidence that existing problems in the agricultural sector can be addressed effectively through cooperation with EU and other donor states and organizations. Minister has presented recent developments as well as government priorities in the agricultural sector.

"The European Union is delighted to provide substantial financial support to the agricultural sector" noted the Head of the EU Delegation, H.E. Ambassador Traian Hristea. "ENPARD Armenia will be a source of significant opportunities for the government and private citizens to develop and improve agriculture and rural development in Armenia and enhance prospects for the future," he added.

The announced support will improve the agricultural institutions, encourage the development of farmers' associations and improve access to more affordable food. The programme will focus on women, youth and other vulnerable groups. Beneficiaries of the programme are rural communities, producers, producer group members, employees, and their families throughout Armenia. Complementary activities funded by Austria will be implemented in Shirak, Lori and Tavush marzes.

Within the framework of the programme UNIDO, UNDP and FAO will provide technical support to the Government of Armenia in close cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, local authorities and other stakeholders. UNIDO and UNDP will join efforts to strengthen and establish producer groups and engage them effectively in value chain development. FAO will provide

continued on page 10

Egypt eyes free trade zone with Eurasian Economic Union



Egypt may soon conclude an agreement to establish a free trade zone with the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) of Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus and Armenia, said Georgy Petrov, vice president of Russia's Chamber of Commerce and Industry, TASS reports.

"Egypt is one of Russia's leading trade partners in the Arab world," Petrov told a news conference on Friday. "Our relations are actively developing at the moment. We note with satisfaction that the time has come for domestic political consolidation in Egypt."

"In 2014, we reached record highs in trade - more than \$4.3 billion. We have never had such figures before," he said, adding that Egypt was the largest buyer of Russian wheat.

"Now we should think what our cooperation will look like in the long term," Petrov said. "We can rely on big investment projects. Many Russian enterprises are interested in the Egyptian market," he said, noting projects in machine manufacturing, chemistry, pharmaceuticals and GLONASS satellite navigation technologies.

"We also import oranges, potatoes and onion from Egypt," he said. "These are sanctioned goods and they are of very high quality."

Petrov expressed hope that a planned visit by Russian President Vladimir Putin to Egypt would help strengthen trade and economic ties between the two countries.



YOUR DEAL IS OUR DEAL

www.mrealty.am

Mrealty@list.ru 12 G. Lusavorich str., Yerevan, Armenia

(010) 564631

(010) 562181

1 ROOM

- 1750. **Aleq Manukyan str.** 5/3, 72sq.m, 1bed-room, capitally repaired. Price:110.000 USD
- 1696.**Tumanyan str.**, 5/4, 67sq.m., stone bld, 1 bedroom, h-3m, capitally repaired, heating system. Price: 160.000 USD.
- 1726.**Khorenatsi str.**, 4/4, 35sq.m.,1bedroom, capitally repaired,heating system. Price: 55.000 USD.
- 1680- **Mashtots Ave.**, 5/4, 68sq.m, 1 bedroom, old repair, possibility of gas. Price: 86.000 USD.
- 1674. **Abovyan str.**, 2nd floor,70sq.m., 1 bedroom, capitally repaired, heating system. Price: 135.000 USD

2 ROOMS

- 3038.**Aram str.** Newly built, 15/15, 115sq.m,2bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capitally repaired. Price: 200.000 USD negotiable
- 3037. **Paronyan str.**, Newly built, 11/9, 2edrooms, 1 bathroom, capitally repaired. Price: 2000 USD per sq.m.
- 3015.**Tsitsernakaberd Highway** Newly built, 4th floor, 2bedrooms, zero state. Prece: 1100USD per sq.m.
- 3003.**Sayat-Nova str**, 5/3, 105sq.m, 2bedrooms, stone building, capitally repaired. Price: Negotiable
- 1560.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built,10/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired,climate control, parking. Price: 400.000 USD.
- 2818.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 120sq.m, 2 bedrooms,2 bathrooms,capitally repaired, heating system, AC, furnished. Price:400.000USD
- 1156.**Komitas Ave.**, Hambardzumyan str. 5/3, 110sq.m, 2 bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, kitchen is furnished. Price: 150.000 USD negotiable.
- 2300.**Northern ave.**, Newly built, 6/2, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC,parking. Price: 400.000 USD.

3 ROOMS

- 3025.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 10/8, 196sq.m, 3bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capitally repaired, parking. Price: 650.000 USD negotiable
- 2918.**Tumanyan str**, 4/4, 182sq.m ., stone bld, 3bedrooms, 2 bathroome, capitally repaired. Price: 370.000 USD
- 2801.**Vardananc str.** Newly built, 23/20, 179sq.m, 3bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capitally repaired. Price:negotiable
- 3012.**Aram str**, Newly built, /7th floor, 136sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking, facing to bulvar, Price:300.000 USD negotiable.
- 2998.**North Ave**, Newly built, 9/6, 181sq.m, 3bedrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, parking, Price: 700.000 USD
- 2682.**Aram Str.**, Newly built,13/6 187sq.m., 3 bedrooms,2 bathrooms, 2 open balconies, capitally repaired,heating system, 2AC, 2 garages, view to garden. Price: 600.000 USD with furniture.
- 2895.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 300sq.m,3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms,capitally repaied, climate control, AC. Price: negotiable
- 1104.**Komitas Ave.**, **Aram Khachatryan str.**, 5/2, 125sq.m.,stone bld, h-2.75m.,3 bedrooms, office, 2 bathrooms, old repair, gas, garage. Price: 130.000 USD
- 2836.**Pushkin str.**, 4/4,5, 400sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC. Price: 460.000 USD.
- 2990.**North Ave.**, Newly built, 11th floor, 295sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price: Negotiable.

PREMISES

- 1789.**Charents str.** Land-1270sq.m,5 storied building, each floor-400sq.m.,basement, capitally repaired, parkings. Price:4.000.000 USD negotiable
- 1598.**Komitas, Nairi Zaryan str.**, 1000 sq.m., working restaurant,1st line, capitally repaired. Price: negotiable.
- 1603.**Northern Ave.**, Ground floor of the building, 160 sq.m.,zero level, window glasses. Price: 2.600.000 USD.
- 2035.**Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m.,1st line, facade-55m.,capitally repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: Negotiabel
- 2013.**Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m.,1st line, capitally repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 1.300.000\$ negotiable
- 2012.**Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1,2, 140sq.m.,window glasses, capitally repaired, AC. Price: 850.000 USD negotiable
- 2155.**Mashtots ave.**, 3storied building, 540sq.m., each floor-180sq.m, window glasses,parking. Price:3.600.000 USD
- 2020.**Hr. Kochar str.**, Land-300sq.m,1st line, 4storied building, 1080sq.m.,each floor-270sq.m, h-3.6m,without divisions, parkings, 3 access. Price:1.200.000 USD negotiable
- 1986.**Cascade**, Land 1000sq.m. 3storied building1200sq.m., unfinished, parking. Price:1.000.000 USD.
- 2167.**Sayat Nova str.**, newly built, 38sq. m, capitally repaired. Price: 200.000 USD
- 2175.**Tumanyan str**, Ground and 1st floorof the building, 600sq.m, ground floor300sq.m, 1st floor-220sq.m, basement-80sq.m., - 1st line, zero level, 2 entrances, facade-15m, 4 window glasses, capitally reapiared, heating system, AC, Price: 3500 USD per sq.m,
- 2172. **Isahakyan str**, 92sq.m, 1st line, 7 degrees above zero level, facade-9m, 2 window glasses, h-3.20m, 2 halls, cabinet, bathroom, capitally repaired, heating system. Price: 450.000 USD

LANDS

- 2122.**Davitashen**, 1800 sq.m., water, gas, electric-ity, possible to sell separately 600 sq.m., and 1200 sq.m. Price: 150 USD per sq.m.
- 2121.**Demirchyan str.**, 1338 sq.m.,building permits. Price: 2million USD.
- 2013.**Cascade**. 1000 sq.m. building permits, first line, gas, water and electricity possibilities. Price 460.000USD
- 1402.**Hr. Kochar Str.**, 1100 sq. m.,facade -25 m. Price negotiable.
- 2090.**Lori region**, close to Stepanavan, Gyargyar village, 6 hectares, forest 2 hectare has building permits, 3 water source, electricity. Price: 100.000USD.
- 2406.**Avan**, Mher Mkrtchyan block, 1000 sq.m., electricity, gas, water, the district is inhabited. Price: 30USD per sq.m
- 2107.**Monument**, 2400sq.m, building permits, building project. Price: 400 USD per sq.m.
- 2413.**Ashtarak roadway**, 1000sq.m, building permits, building project. Price: Negotiable
- 2414.**Demirchyan str.** land-750sq.m., building permits. Price:750.000 USD.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- 3348.**Blur, Barbyus str.** Land - 800 sq.m, 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m, 4bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control. Price: 1.2 million USD
- 3146.**Aygestan**, Land-500 sq.m., 5 storied bld-765 sq.m.,each floor-180 sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, hjeating system,elevator. Price: 2.300.000 USD.
- 3583.**Nork-Marash**, Land-1100sq.m,2 storied bld-520sq.m,6 bedrooms,5 bathrooms, capitally

repaired,heating system, AC, swimming pool, garden. Price:1.350.000 USD.

- 3432.**Aygedzor**, Land - 1021 sq m ,3 storied bld.-501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, central heating, AC, boiler room garden, swimming pool, sauna, garage, security system. Price:1.000.000 USD

- 3576.**Avan**, Tsarav Akhbyur /near Botanical garden/, Land-560sq.m., 4 storied building-560sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, a kitchen, office, capitally repaired, heating system, swimming pool, garden, 2 car parking. Price: 850.000 USD

- 3606.**Avan**, Tsarav Akhbyur/near Botanical garden/, Land-1000sq.m.,3 storied building-750sq.m.,6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capitally repaired, heating system swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking. Price-1.500.000 USD

- 3574.**Blur**, Land-779sq.m.,2 storied building-720sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, heating system,sauna swimming pool, garden. Price: 2.000.000 USD

- 3590 **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-450 sq.m.,4 sto-



- ried building-470sq.m.,3bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: 680.000 USD

- 3651.**Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-900sq.m.,5 storied building-800sq.m.,4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price:1.700.000 USD.

- 3401.**Antarayin str**, Newly built, land-700sq.m, 3 storied bld-690sq.m, 5 bedrooms, capitally repaired. Price: 1.300.000 USD

- 3712 **Cascade** Newly built, land-450sq.m, 4 storied bld-600sq.m, zero state. Price: 550.000 USD

NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

- 132. **Vagharshyan str.** 11floors, 1-2 floor-commercial areas, from 3rd floor-residential-54-120sq.m, no exploitation fees. Price: Commercial areas-2600 USD per sq.m, Residential- 1100 sq.m, Parking: 13.000 USD

- 137.**Nalbandyan str**, Construction works will be completed at the end of 2015, Price: Negotiable

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

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

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

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

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

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



YOUR CHOICE IS OUR CHOICE

www.mrealty.am

Mrealty@list.ru

12 G. Lusavorich str., Yerevan, Armenia

(010) 564631

(010) 562181

1 ROOM

- 2037.**Baghramyan str.**, 5/2, 60sqm, 1 bedroom, euro repaired, gas, heating system, AC, modern furnished, equipped. Price: negotiable
- 2189.**Vardanants str.**, Newly built, 24/12, 90 sqm, 1 bedroom, capitolly repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 1000 USD
- 2099.**Sayat-Nova Ave.**, 12/6, 1 bedroom, capitolly repaired, gas, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 600 USD
- 1972.**Northern ave.**, 8/4, 80sq.m., 1 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, open kitchen, capitolly repaired, climate control. Price: 1200 USD
- 2171.**Tumanyan str.**, Newly built, 5th floor, 94 sq.m., 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, capitolly repaired, central heating, furnished, equipped. Price: 1000 USD
- 2367.**Northern ave.**, Newly built, 9th floor, 98 sq.m., capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished equipped. Price: Negotiable.

2 ROOMS

- 2308 **Vardanants str.** Newly built, 18/15, 135sq.m, 2bedrooms, 2bathrooms, open kitchen, capitolly repaired, furnished. Price: 2000 USD
- 2302. **Hin Yerevantsi** Newly built, 11/4, 137sq.m, 2bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 2298. **Baghramyan str.** Newly built, 17/14, 127sq.m, 2bedrooms, 1 bathroom, capitolly repaired, furnished. Price: 1500 USD
- 2290 **Bayron str.**, Newly built, /5th floor, 220sq.m, 2bedrooms, study, open kitchen, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control, furnished, parking. Price: 4000 USD
- 1780.**Amiryan str.**, Newly built, /13th floor, 82 sq.m, 2 bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 1700 USD negotiable.
- 942.**Teryan str.** 4/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: 1500 USD.
- 1950.**Buzand/Mashtots area.** Newly built, 8th floor, 163 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control, furnished, open balcony. Price: 2500 USD.
- 1681.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 6/2, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- 1535.**Busand str.**, Newly built, 7/4, 82sq.m, 2bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, parking, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable.
- 2089.**Northern ave.**, Newly built, 8/6, 120sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control, furnished, equipped. Price: 2500 USD
- 1738.**Amiryan str.** 8/8, 159sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable
- 1951.**Busand str.**, Newly built, 13th floor, 122sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control. Price: 2500 USD
- 1406.**Sayat Nova ave.**, 7/3, 110sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable
- 2109.**Northern ave.**, Newly built, 10/4, 137sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, central heating, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- 2243.**Buzand str.** Newly built, 17/4, 125sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD
- **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 14/5, 120sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, partly furnished. Price 2000 USD

3 ROOMS AND MORE

- 2309.**Vardanants str.** Newly built, 23/19, 192sq.m, 3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, guest toilet, capitolly repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2500 USD negotiable.

- 2301. **Blur** Newly built, 18/7, 128sq.m, 3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2500 USD
- 2303 **Hanrapetutyan str** Newly built, 9/5, 165sq.m, 3bedrooms, 1bathroom, 1 guest toilet. capitolly repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 2286.**Sose str**, Newly built, 12/2, 154sq.m, 3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 1700 USD
- 2257.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 17/16, 160 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: Negotiable
- 2021.**Teryan Str.**, Newly built, 9/8, 9, 245 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished. Preliminary price: 3500 USD.
- 2005.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/8, 130 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, parking. Price: 2200 USD.
- 1723.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/4, 170 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, open kitchen, capitolly repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD.



- 1793. **Teryan str.**, Newly built, 8th floor, 260 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, study, capitolly repaired, climate control, parking, unfurnished (possible to furnish). Price: 3500 USD.
- 1720.**Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 16/10, 179 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, central heating, AC, cellar. 25sq.m, with or without furniture, parking, Price 3000 USD negotiable
- 2195.**Northern ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 300sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capitolly repaired, climate control, AC, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- 2261.**Hin Yerevantsi**, /North Avenue/, Newly built, 10/3, 124sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 1700 USD
- 2084.**Tumanyan str.**, 4th floor, 200sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- 2252.**Northern ave**, 7th floor, 350 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, open balconies, capitolly repaired, climate control, parking. Price Negotiable.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- 852. **Aygedzor** 2storied bld-365sq.m, 3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished. Price: 3500 USD
- 1335 **Baghramyan str.**, Land-200sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished. Price: 3000 USD
- 1336 **Aygedzor**, Land-1000sq.m, 2 storied bld-240sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished. Price: 2000 USD
- 1337 **Davtashen** Land-406sq.m, 3 storied bld-306sq.m, 4bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished. Price: 3900 USD
- 1323.**Monument, Babayan str**, Land-400sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m, 4bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitolly repaired. Price: Negotiable
- 999.**Aygedzor**, Land -1000 sqm, basement + 2 floors- 310 sqm, capitolly repaired, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, newly furnished, equipped, sauna, swimming-pool. Starting Price: 5000 USD.
- 1094.**Noy block**, Land-450sqm, 2 storied building - 220sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden. Price: 2000USD.
- 1195.**Nork, Armenakyan str.**, Land - 2000 sq.m, 4 storied bld.-520 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms,

capitolly repaired, heating system, sauna, gym, furnished, swimming-pool, garden. Price: 4.000 USD negotiable.

- 1142.**Dirveji**, Bagrevand community. Land-1000 sq.m., 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, pantry, playing room, capitolly repaired, no furniture/ can be furnished, if necessary /garage for 2 cars. Price: 4 000 USD.

- 1293.**Nork-Marash**, Land-1100sq.m, 2 storied bld-520 sq.m, 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, swimming pool, garden. Price: 7.000 USD

- 327. **Nork-Marash**, Land-500sq.m., 4 storied building-600 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking. Price-4000 USD

- 1306. **Tsarav Akhbyur** /near Botanical garden/, Land-1000sq.m., 3 storied building-750sq.m., 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capitolly repaired, heating system swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking, with or without furniture. Price: 6000-8000 USD negotiable

- 1288. **Tsarav Akhbyur** /near Botanical garden/, Land-560sq.m., 4 storied building-560 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, a kitchen, office, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden, 2 car parking. Price: 5000 USD

- 1197. **Blur**, Land-779sq.m., 2 storied building-720sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, study, capitolly repaired, heating system, sauna swimming pool, garden. Price: 8000 USD

- 1312. **Blur, Barbysus str.**, Land-450sq.m., 4 storied building-470sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable

- 1317. **Blur, Barbysus str.**, Land-900sq.m., 5 storied building-800sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable.

- 1323. **Monument, Babayan str**, Land - 400 sq.m, 3 storied bld-300sq.m, each floor-100sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable

PREMISES

- 2049.**Teryan str**, ground floor+basement, 1st line, 200sq.m, repaired. Price: 6.000 USD
- 1693.**Malatia-Sebastia** 4 storied building, 1200sq.m, each floor-300sq.m, 2 separate entrances, climate control, 2 elevators, basement, parking. Price: 15USD per sq.m.
- 1526.**Byuzand str.**, 5/semi-basement, 170 sqm., 4-5 degrees below zero level, window glasses, cellar - 50 sq.m., 6 rooms, the largest is 30 sq.m., 2 entrances, 2 lavatories. Price 2000 USD per month, negotiable.
- 1408.**Zarobyan str.**, /parallel to Baghramyan str./, 2 storied building, 600 sqm. ground floor- hall and kitchen, 1st floor 5 rooms, bathroom, open balcony, capitolly repaired, gas, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable.
- 1462.**Teryan str.**, 3 storied building, 800 sq.m., capitolly repaired, AC, parking. Price: 10.000 USD.
- 1945.**Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1, 2, 140sq.m., window glasses, capitolly repaired, AC. Price: 8000 USD
- 1943.**Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m., 1st line, capitolly repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 7000 USD
- 1868.**Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m., 1st line, facade-55m., capitolly repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: 15.000 USD.
- 2033.**Abovyan str**, 388sq.m, Ground floor of the building, 3 degrees above zero level, window glasses, h-3m., basement-235sq.m, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC. Price: 15.000 USD
- 2031.**Vardanants str**, 500sq.m, ground floor of the building, 2 entrances, facade-20m, window glasses, without divisions, ,basement-250sq.m, Price: 8000 USD
- 2027.**Sayat Nova str**, 95sq.m, ground floor of the building, 2 entrances, 7 degrees above zero level, 4 window glasses, capitolly repaired. Price: 4.000 USD

Aronian's girlfriend suggests organizing chess-boxing tournament in Armenia

Levon Aronian's girlfriend Arianna Caoili offers the Armenian Boxing Federation to organize a chess boxing tournament in Armenia.

The combination of chess and boxing - two sports that seem to have nothing in common - grows into an interesting show. It's a sport requiring brain and brawn.

The object of chess boxing is to either beat your opponent in alternate rounds of chess or boxing. Matches can be won from either discipline with the chess coming down to check mate or forfeit and the boxing in either a stoppage or points decision.

Players go head to head in chess boxing and the match starts with a four minute round of chess. The players then go into the ring for a three minute round of boxing before again returning to the chess board. The match consists of six rounds in all (3 rounds of chess and 3 rounds of boxing) with 1 minute intervals between rounds.

President of the Armenian Boxing Federation Arthur Gevorgyan says many Armenian boxers are interested in participating in the show. According to him, there are many boxers, who play chess, others will start training in leisure time.

Arthur Gevorgyan believes the tournament will help the sportsmen earn money and fame, to train their physical and mental abilities.



European Union commits €25 million...

From page 5

technical assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture for institutional development and policy support, regarding technical issues to increase productivity, better land management and the roll-out of the national agricultural census.

The proposed support, in line with EU assistance priorities, should contribute directly to achieving the Eastern Partnership key objective of reduction of economic and social disparities. Given the high unemployment and lack of livelihoods and income, poverty levels in Armenia remain high, particularly in rural areas. Thus, agriculture and subsistence farming represent a broad-based opportunity for food security and informal employment. There is a great need for improving agricultural institutions, strengthening capacity and performance of farmers associations and cooperatives, increasing access to more afford-



able food and supporting the roll-out of a general agricultural census.

Kocharyan Blasts...

From page 5

Kocharyan, who served as president from 1998-2008, went on to reiterate his strong criticism of the Sargsyan administration's policies and, in particular, its handling of the economy. "If the economic policy remains unchanged then it's totally unclear what can improve the situation," he said.

In that context, the ex-president took a dim view of Armenia's recent accession to the EEU. "In the medium term, the EEU economies will be in recession," he said. "The extremely depreciated Russian ruble will change the structure of our trade with Russia to the detriment of our goods.

"The likelihood of serious investments from Russia is low. As a result of the sanctions [the Russians] themselves have trouble refinancing Western loans. And because of joining the EEU, we are not quite attractive to Western companies."

The authorities, continued Kocharyan, are doing nothing to cure the country's fundamental ills. "It is evident that the authorities and the society's assessments of the state of affairs in the country are diametrically opposite," he said. Hence, a lack of popular trust in the Armenian government, he added.

Kocharyan further stressed the only "radical changes," including an end to the

current regime's "political monopoly," would remedy the situation. The biggest obstacle to such changes is a "conflict of the ruling elite's economic interests with the country's long-term interests," he said in another jibe at Sargsyan.

Over the past two years Kocharyan has increasingly criticized his presidential successor and erstwhile ally amid mounting speculation that he is plotting a political comeback through the opposition-leaning Prosperous Armenia Party of Gagik Tsarukyan, a businessman close to him. The ex-president's periodical interviews are construed by local observers as further signs of his imminent return to active politics.

Ralph Yirikian: "We Want Young Parents To Feel They Are Not Left Alone When Facing Difficulties With Their Babies..."

Armenia's Leading Telecom Operator Provided Equipment to the Maternity House of Echmiadzin

On 19 January VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian** and Director of BirthLink **Kathy Mellor** visited the maternity department in the central hospital in the Town of Echmiadzin. This hospital has received equipment for immediate reanimation and warming of sick and small babies, respiratory monitoring, management of jaundice and the provision of intravenous fluids. The provided equipment is aimed at helping to support sick and low birth weight babies

BirthLink and VivaCell-MTS Continue Their Partnership to Improve Neonatal Care in Armenia

Within the frames of the VivaCell-MTS and BirthLink, a UK-based NGO joint project, VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian** and the Deputy Head of the Institute of Perinatology, Obstetrics and Gynecology of Armenia **Arshak Jerjerian** visited on 23 January the maternity hospital in the Town of Abovyan.

The hospital has received equipment for immediate reanimation and warming of sick and small babies, nasal high flow therapy for newborns with breathing difficulties, respiratory monitoring, management

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

As The Highlights has informed its readers already on numerous occasions, this was now the seventh year of co-operation between BirthLink and VivaCell-MTS aimed at improving the care of sick and premature babies in Armenia, by this reducing substantially neonatal mortality in the country.

The project has been started back in 2008, and till now they have supported



of jaundice and the provision of intravenous fluids. As in the above mentioned case, the provided equipment will help support sick and low birth weight babies, with provision to stabilize them prior to transfer to Yerevan if case of real need, and also enable the hospital to care for some babies without the need to



after delivery, with provision to stabilize babies before transfer to Yerevan/ regional centers. By improving facilities, such a transfer of some babies can be avoided.

As VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian said in his interview with an impressive reporters/cameras crowd, «The most frustrating feeling for anyone is the feeling of despair and helplessness, especially when it comes to the safety and health of children. In difficult moments, when the life of a child is hung by a thread, it is important to know, that there is a place where babies with health problems will be taken up by professional medical staff in a hospital equipped with all the necessary devices for fighting for the life of the newborn. We want young parents to feel that they are not left alone when facing difficulties».

transfer, therefore staying close to their Moms.

«It's the seventh year already since we started implementing this nationwide neonatal project, and the implementation has shown that there is a certain decrease in infant mortality rates. Hand in hand with 'BirthLink' we have managed to provide equipment to maternity hospitals in various regions and Yerevan, as well as organized professional trainings for medical specialists in their efforts to fight different complications and diseases and to save the lives of infants. This is a really important intervention. We can't stay only as passive observers while the lives of many newborn are at risk,» VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian said in his interview with Armenian leading TV channels/other mass media reps.

twelve neonatal departments in Yerevan and twenty-three departments in seven regions of Armenia with about AMD 535 million of support from VivaCell-MTS.

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

Attention !! More than 80% of all newborn deaths result from preventable and treatable conditions – in particular complications due to prematurity and infections. Improving quality of care around the time of birth will save most lives, but needs healthcare professionals with good knowledge and well equipped facilities to make the difference.

Rouben Assatryan: "...First of All I Have to Thank the Youth Orchestra for Honoring Our Great Composers..."

The Edgar Hovhannisyan-Fest launched

By George Chakhalian

The opening concert of the 6th Armenian Composing Art Festival (ACAF) dedicated to the 85th anniversary



Sergey Smbatyan
with HRH Prince Charles

of the eminent Armenian composer **Edgar Hovhannisyan** took place on 20 January at the Aram Khachaturian House-Museum. The concert program of the Festival includes instrumental-chamber, piano and symphonic compositions by Hovhannisyan as well as pieces by the Armenian contemporary composers. To remind, the Armenian Composing Art Festival is held under the patronage of the RA President **Serzh Sargsyan**. It is organized by the initiative of the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia with **Sergey Smbatyan** as its Founding Artistic Director and Principal Conductor and the Union of Composers of Armenia. The Project is supported by the RA Ministry of Culture.

During the first concert within the framework of the ACAF the audience enjoyed Hovhannisyan's chamber works performed by the viola player **Yana Daryan**, the duo "Ars Lunga" (**Aram Talalyan**/cello, **Juliet Vardanyan**/piano) and the Aram Khachaturian String Quartet (**Mery Margaryan**/first violin, **Hayk Vardan-**

yan/second violin, **Vache Hoveyan**/viola, **Aram Talalyan**/cello).

Aram Satyan, Chairman of the Union of Composers of Armenia noted that Edgar Hovhannisyan, one of the most outstanding representatives of Armenian music school, revealed in his works not only the inner world of the individual but the whole character of Armenia and Armenians.

Tsovinar Movsisyan, PhD in Fine Arts highlighted the pricelessness of Hovhannisyan's heritage to our people, country, culture, music, art: "We have inherited great treasures. There is no single musical genre that Hovhannisyan's hand did not touch".

Composer **Edgar Gyanjumyan** described the Fest as "one of the most



our activity. We are bearers of Hovhannisyan's art, so we should strive to maintain the highest level established by the Composer,"- said Gyanjumyan.

"Year by year the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia has been dedicating whole concert series to the Armenian composers' works, and all these projects involved musicians from both Armenia and abroad. It is really an invaluable contribution to the musical life of our country,"- said the cellist Aram Talalyan. The next ACAF concert will be held on January 30 in the Aram Khachaturian House-Museum as well. With **Rouben Assatryan**, Honored Art Worker of Armenia as the conductor the SYOA will present Hovhannisyan's "Golgotha" Symphony Poem, extracts from his other works as well as compositions by Armenian composers **Vardan Ajemyan**, **Karen Ananyan**, **Anna Hakobjanyan** and **Norayr Grigoryan**.

Referring the ACAF, Maestro Assatryan in his interview with an Armenian media first of all thanked the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia and its Head **Sergey Smbatyan** not only for initiating and organizing such festivals, but, in general, paying tribute to the brightest Armenian composers.

The Fest will be ended at the Natl Opera and Ballet Theater.

And, as The Highlights has informed in its previous issues, on the December 27th and the 28th the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia



significant events of Armenian cultural life and a gift for all the connoisseurs of music art". "This festival provides us with a unique opportunity to re-evaluate



gave concerts within its series “Hayfilm Non Stop” and “Cartoon Non Stop”.

As an online newspaper wrote, “*The Opera and Ballet Theater audience’ mood that night was a nostalgic one...The spectator was enjoying incomparable pearls of the music from the Armenian movies performed by the SYOA. There is an inner link between senior generation of the Armenians and those movies...People have lived by those films; hardly you could find a person having no trace of those wonderful movies in his/her soul...*”

...Tonight the Youth Orchestra made a nice gift to its Spectator. Most probably,

there were no even a piece of doubt that the older audience would be applauding in a ...NON STOP way to the Orchestra, but the fact that the young were doing the same with no lesser enthusiasm, had become a real surprise for many.

During the evening, simultaneously with music performances, a wide variety of video from those movies was

movies was screened; brief stories on life and art of the filmmakers. Notably, the evening was "spiced" by expressions, words from this or that movie which have become real proverbs among the Armenians long ago already...".



To remind, 18 films soundtracks were presented.

And, interestingly, in turn, the “adult” audience received “Cartoon Non Stop”, normally amazing the kids, with the same joy...

Below The Highlights presents, among others, the most essential photographs of the concerts as well as some pics illustrating important milestones of Sergey Smbatyan's biography who has been the driving force of all the above-mentioned.

Photographs by erit.am



French magazine "l'Histoire" devotes 50 pages to Armenia



Series of expanded articles of 50 pages, titled "Armenians: first genocide of the 20th century" were published in February's edition of the leading French magazine "l'Histoire," dedicated to 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

Pieces on the Armenian Genocide by researches and historians, that come along with infographics and documentary scenes, are presented on the pages of the magazine.

An expanded article by French Armenian historian Raymond Harutyun Kévorkian titled "Scenario of one annihilation" presents the scenario of a crime committed against the Armenians, analyzing facts of intention, plan, order stages of implementation, consequences, as well as maps of massacres

and deportation.

In an interview with Director of National Center for Scientific Research of France François Georgeon "l'Histoire" magazine reveals the role by the Armenian community in Ottoman Empire before the Genocide. An interview with prominent genocide scholar Yves Ternon is dedicated to the awakening of the memory of the Armenian Genocide generations later, since 1950s.

Other articles present the current image of Diaspora, Armenophiles movement headed by Jean Jaurès, as well as the raise of the Genocide recognition issue by Turkish intellectuals over the past years, including Taner Akçam's article, titled "Why Turkey does not open its Archives."

Heritage Party Resolution on Armenian Genocide postponed at EPP Assembly

An official resolution drafted and presented by Raffi K. Hovannisian, the founder and chairman of the Heritage Party, to the Political Assembly of the European People's Party held in the Belgian capital on January 22-23 was postponed until its next meeting in March.

Hovannisian said he would provide details of the proposal and decision currently not to consider or vote on the resolution, entitled "The Armenian Genocide, Turkish Responsibility, and European Values," upon his return to Yerevan.

The text of the document reads as follows:

THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE, TURKISH RESPONSIBILITY, AND EUROPEAN VALUES

The European People's Party, pursuant to its own platform and standards, reaffirms its recognition and condemnation of the Genocide and Great National Dispossession of the Armenian people on the eve of its 100th Anniversary on 24 April 2015.

1. The Armenian Genocide, which was perpetrated by the Young Turk Government in the final years of the Ottoman Empire, is duly documented by incontrovertible evidence housed in the official archives of France, Germany, Italy, Austria, the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States, and other nations around the world. It resulted not only in the death and dispossession of more than two million human beings but also in the decimation of the Armenian patrimony, its ways of life, and its foundational contributions to Western culture and world civilization. The Genocide also extended to the Pontic Greeks, Assyrians, and Yazidi peoples.

2. Today, virtually no Armenians remain upon their ancestral homelands currently incorporated in the Republic of Turkey, and since 1915 thousands of churches, monasteries, and other spiritual and secular treasures of European architectural heritage have been completely destroyed, damaged, or sent into disrepair to the extent of becoming immediately subject to the threat of disappearance.

3. In spite of Turkey's long-standing official denial of the Genocide, a happy exception to the general rule has been the recent restoration of the Armenian Church of the Holy Cross on the island of Aghtamar in Lake Van. Hopefully, this trend will continue into the future, but it must be recorded that the Turkish authorities have converted the monastery into a museum, and but for one day per year it is closed to prayer, worship, and religious ceremony.

4. Turkey is a member state of the Council of Europe subject to a full undertaking of all commitments thereto and duties thereunder, and has long sought ultimate accession to membership of

the European Union.

Specifically, it is a signatory of the European Cultural Convention and the Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe. Despite being a party to these international treaties, Turkey continues to fail to fulfill the obligations it has assumed within their framework, in particular respect of the preservation of Armenian cultural monuments which constitute an integral part of the common European heritage.

5. Taking the foregoing into account, the European People's Party invites Turkey to take the following measures pursuant to its international commitments and the European identity to which it aspires:

a) in the finest example of integrity and leadership proffered by the Federal Republic of post-war Germany, to face history and finally recognize the ever-present reality of the Armenian Genocide and its attendant dispossession, to seek redemption and make restitution appropriate for a European country, including but not limited to ensuring a right of return of the Armenian people to, and a secure reconnection with, their national hearth; all flowing from the fundamental imperative of achieving Reconciliation through the Truth;

b) to provide a vision and an implementing plan of action worthy of a truly European Turkey, including a comprehensive resolution of issues relating to the freedom of expression and reference to the Genocide in state, society and education; and to the freedom of conscience, the unrestricted training of seminarians, and the repair of religious and other cultural sites and their return to the Armenian and other relevant communities;

c) to call on the Government of Turkey to respect and realize fully the legal obligations which it has undertaken including those provisions which relate to the protection of cultural heritage and, in particular, to conduct in good faith an integrated inventory of Armenian and other cultural heritage destroyed or ruined during the past century, based thereon to develop a strategy of priority restoration of ancient and medieval capital cities, churches, fortresses, cemeteries, and other treasures located in historic Western Armenia, and to render the aforementioned fully operational cultural and religious institutions;

d) and, finally, to launch the long-awaited celebration of the Armenian national legacy based on a total Turkish-Armenian normalization anchored in the assumption of history, the pacific resolution of all outstanding matters, and a complete Europeanization of their relationship.

6. The European People's Party also invites the European Union and its Commission, Council and Parliament, in assessment of the honoring of commitments and obligations undertaken by Turkey, to accord continued attention to the recognition, restoration, and restitution of our shared heritage as.



Funeral and march held for murdered French-Armenian teenager



Funeral services were held this week at the Armenian Cathedral of Marseille for Michaël Assaturyan, a 16-year-old French-Armenian student who was murdered on Jan. 12, reported *Nouvelles d'Armenie*. An estimated 2,500 people gathered on Jan. 16 to march and mourn the loss of the teenager; sources put the number at as high as 4,000.

Among those present were Mayor of Marseille Jean-Claude Gaudin, along with Deputies Didier Parakian and Martine Vassel, Parliamentarian Valerie Boyer, Senators Jean-Noël

Guerini and Bruno Gilles, Member of the French National Assembly Dominique Tian, and Councilman Garo Hovsepian, as well as leaders of the Armenian community—from clergy to political activists.

Assaturyan, who attended high school in Marseille, was killed on Jan. 12 just outside school grounds. The suspects are two brothers—17 and 18 years old—who attacked Assaturyan after their sister had an argument with him during a basketball game in gym class. Assaturyan was stabbed four times, cutting a main artery, revealed French police.

Both brothers surrendered to police. According to sources, the younger brother has a violent record that includes robbery and assault, for which he was imprisoned in 2013. Police also have the sister in custody, reported *Nouvelles d'Armenie*.

The march was in response to a call by the Coordination Council of Armenian Organizations of France (CCAF).

Marching down Marseille's historic La Canebière in the old quarter of Marseille, mourners gathered at the Old Port around a large chalk drawing of an Armenian cross encircled with flowers, and the words, "Je suis Michaël" ("I am Michael") above it. White roses in hand, some wore shirts that read "Misha," short for Michaël; others held signs that read, "I am Michaël."

Armenian Band Rescued from a Mountain Hold by French Warship

ARMENIAN BAND RESCUED FROM A MOUNTAIN HOLD BY FRENCH SHIP

Three Thousand Had Held Out Against Turkish Pursuers For Over Month and Half. When They Were Rescued.

By Canadian Press.

Paris, Sept. 22. — The rescue by French warships of a large band of Armenians from pursuing Turks is recounted in a statement issued last night by the ministry of marine.

"Pursued by Turks," says the statement, "five thousand Armenians, three thousand of whom were women, children and old men, took refuge in the Djebel Moussa Mountains at the end of July. They succeeded in keeping their assailants at bay until the beginning of September."

"Ammunition and provisions then gave out and they would inevitably have succumbed had they not succeeded in getting word of their grave situation to a French cruiser. Immediately cruisers of the French blockading squadron off the Syrian coast went to their help and took all of them to Port Said, where they were installed in a provisional camp."

The Canadian press reported on the Armenians in the Ottoman Empire as early as the 19th century. Canadians became informed about the conditions Armenians lived in and the violence they faced during the 1895-96 Hamidian Massacres, the 1909 Adana Massacres and the 1915-1923 Armenian Genocide, the *Horizon Weekly* reports.

On September 22, 1915, The *Ottawa Evening Journal* reported on the rescue of the Armenians on Moussa Dagh, the story of which was popularized through Franz Werfel's novel *Forty Days of Musa Dagh*. "Three thousand had held out against Turkish pursuers for over month and a half, when they were rescued."

The Ottawa Evening Journal
- September 22, 1915

Uruguay's President to join the Armenian Genocide Centennial Committee



President of Uruguay Jose Mujica received the delegation of representatives of civil and religious organization of the Armenian community, which is preparing to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, President's Press Office reported.

During the meeting President Mujica highlighted the contribution of Uruguayan citizens of Armenian origin, and recalled that "Uruguay was the first to recognize the Armenian Genocide."

Referring to countries,

which refuse to recognize the crime, the President said "recognition of the Armenian Genocide is one of the pending cases facing our poor humanity."

President José Mujica accepted the invitation of the Armenian community organizations to join the Committee to Commemorate the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide as an honorable member, once he leaves office on 1 March 2015.

"We cannot change the past, but we have to learn from it and recognize the atrocities that men have perpetrated to avoid such crimes in the future," the President said.

He stressed the importance of learning to live together, to tolerate and understand that we cannot live if we fail to respect diversity in the world.

Zuart Sudjian Sues Turkey to Reclaim Her Family Lands, Diyarbakir Airport



*By Harut
Sassounian*

*Publisher, The
California Courier*

Armenians are in the process of organizing thousands of events all over the world to commemorate the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide.

These events aim to remind the world about the mass atrocities committed by Ottoman Turkey from 1915-23 with the expectation that the international community would compel the Turkish government to face its sordid past and restore the rights of genocide descendants.

There is, however, a faster and more efficient way—namely, legal action—to accomplish this honorable objective. In recent years, several Armenian-American lawyers have filed class action lawsuits with some success against insurance companies in U.S. Federal Courts. Various other lawsuits are still pending.

On the eve of the Centennial, both the Armenian government and some diaspora groups are considering the possibility of filing lawsuits against Turkey in international courts. However, such serious legal action should only be undertaken by international law experts and not by well-meaning Armenian individuals or community groups. If mishandled, these lawsuits could have a lasting devastating effect on legitimate Armenian demands from Turkey.

Last September, His Holiness Catholicos Aram I of the Great House of Cilicia announced that he was planning to file a lawsuit in Turkey to reclaim church properties owned by the Catholicosate in Sis, Cilicia prior to the genocide. Should the Turkish court reject this lawsuit, the Catholicosate of Cilicia would then appeal the ruling to the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR).

Recently, the Turkish press reported that Armenian-American Zuart Sudjian has filed a lawsuit reclaiming the land that had belonged to her mother's family—the Basmajians—on which Diyarbakir Airport is located.

I spoke with the 94-year-old Sudjian in New York (not in California as reported by the Turkish press), who told me that after being forced to leave Diyarbakir following the Armenian Genocide, her family first moved to Lebanon, then Cuba (not Korea), and finally settled in the United States.

Sudjian family's property was expropriated by the Turkish government in 1967, after putting an announcement in a local newspaper and claiming that the owners

could not be found.

Several years ago, Sudjian's attorney, Ali Elbeyoglu, filed a lawsuit on her behalf in Turkey seeking the return of her inheritance. The court turned down her request in April 2013, claiming that the 10-year statute of limitation had expired. The Court of Appeals reversed the lower court's ruling and demanded a rehearing of the case, affirming that Sudjian could not have been aware of the legal announcement placed in a local Diyarbakir newspaper prior to the property's confiscation. At a minimum, the court declared, the ad should have been placed in a Turkish paper with nationwide circulation.

Attorney Elbeyoglu explained that the confiscation of Sudjian's property violated the protection of private property rights as defined by the European Convention of Human Rights.

Even if Sudjian were to win her lawsuit, it is unlikely that the Turkish government would return the very valuable land worth tens of millions of dollars on which Diyarbakir's military and civilian airports are located. That is the reason why her lawyer told Milliyet newspaper that Sudjian was seeking compensation only for the value of her family's property.

Elbeyoglu also told Milliyet that winning Sudjian's case would open the door for many more such cases. Significantly, the Turkish newspaper subtitled its article, "Hope for the Diaspora."

The Turkish media failed to point out that if the Court of Appeals ruled against Sudjian's claim, she could then take her case to the European Court of Human Rights. A positive ruling from ECHR would open the floodgates of lawsuits by Armenians worldwide whose ancestors had properties that were confiscated by the Turkish government during the Armenian Genocide.

There are countless other valuable properties in Turkey that were confiscated from Armenians:

- the Presidential Palace in Ankara, which until recently was occupied by Erdogan and previous Turkish presidents, is located on land owned by the Kassabian family;
- Istanbul's Ataturk Airport is partly built on land owned by the Kevork Sarian family from Van;
- the U.S. Air Base at Injirlik is located on land owned by several Armenian families who have filed a lawsuit in U.S. Federal Court against the Turkish government.

These properties and thousands of others should be returned to their rightful owners as partial restitutive justice Turkey owes to the Armenian people.

2015 should be declared a year of support to Sevan Nisanyan: Hatspanian

From page 6

According to Hatspanian, Nisanyan was one of the first to import Commodore 64 computers to Turkey. He travelled all over the country to compile a series of guidebooks on Turkey's regions. This was part of Nisanyan's biography that posed no danger to the Turkish authorities, but it would be difficult for an Armenian man to live in Turkey and refrain from addressing the Armenian Cause, at least indirectly.

Sevan challenged the hotel businesses in Turkey, offering the hotels he built for lower prices. Then he wrote the book *The Wrong Republic*, a critique of what Nisanyan saw as the "founding myths" of the Republic of Turkey. Written in 1994, the book circulated widely in photocopy, until it could be legally published in 2008 without fear of reprisals.

Nisanyan appeared on CNN Turk's "Contrary to the Questions" to discuss the "The Innocence of Muslims" riots and the Turkish government's denunciations of the film. The Supreme Board of Radio and Television fined the private broadcast on the grounds that Mr. Nisanyan's comments "insulted the Prophet Muhammad," "exceeded the boundaries of freedom of expression" and were "insulting and injurious" to society.

According to Hatspanian, Nisanyan was silenced ahead of the Armenian Genocide centennial. "The Turkish authorities are taking a revenge on Nisanyan, one of the few individuals criticizing the Turkish authorities," he said and added that "Armenia is also indifferent."

Remind that Armenian intellectuals also launched a collection of signatures in support of Sevan Nisanyan. "But officials kept silent on the issue," Hatspanian said.

In an interview with "Haber Turk" agency in late 2014 Nisanyan spoke about the Turkish policy regarding the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

"With his intellectual values Sevan Nisanyan does not differ from the Armenian intellectuals sent to death on April 24, 1915," Hatspanian said. "We are sending him to death, he struggles alone and tries to rise up. The Armenian society and the Republic of Armenia should declare a year of support to Sevan Nisanyan."

"KAAR-MED"

PRIVATE CLINIC CENTER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

The Private Clinic "KAAR-MED" has been functioning on the market for medical services for more than 15 years. The Clinic is located in Warsaw (10 Bitwy Warszawskiej street) close to the centre of the city within easy reach of Dworzec Zachodni railway station and other city communications networks.

Our Patients can use a private parking located directly at the entrance to the Clinic with special places for ambulance and disabled people. Clinic is fully adapted and friendly for wheelchair users.

The Clinic specialisation is gynaecology and obstetrics including full pregnancy care, "one day surgery" and aesthetic medicine procedures as well as plastic and cosmetic gynaecology. "KAAR-MED" employs gynaecologists and physicians of all specialisations who have clinical experience gained in leading Warsaw hospitals.

We offer a wide range of laboratory, microbiological and genetic tests, diagnostic imaging techniques (USG) including prenatal tests such as pregnancy ultrasound, prenatal imaging findings, Harmony Prenatal Test, Doppler ultrasonography tests and many others.

The "KAAR-MED" Clinic is fully outfitted with the latest medical equipment used for diagnosis and treatment of the entire range of gynaecology and obstetrics diseases:

- Voluson ultrasound imaging system (pictures)
- Toshiba ultrasound imaging system
- Colposcope
- Cryosurgery machine
- Electrocoagulation apparatus
- ELLMAN Pelleve Unit (radio frequency surgery and wrinkle reduction system)
- Other equipment by "Aesculap" and "Stainless" companies

Our clinic fulfils all the official norms (stated by the Direction of the Health Minister of Poland of 02.02.2011) concerning professional, technical and sanitary conditions for health care organizations.

We are looking forward to see You in "KAAR-MED" Clinic and shall do out best to make You feel comfortable, safe and professionally treated here.

**10 Bitwy Warszawskiej,
02-362 Warsaw, Poland**

Information and registration:

**+48 22 823 04 52
+48 22 201 90 95
+ 48 50 910 74 05**



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

19:00. Jackpot. Comedy in 1 act .Ray Cooney. Director: Samson Stepanyan. Play | Hamazgayin State Theater

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

21 January

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

22 January

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

23 January

18:00. Ak. Ak. Based on N. Gogol's "The Overcoat". For adults. Play | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

19:00. UNDER GROUND. Pessimistic comedy. Author: Ara Yernjakyany. Staging Director: Lusine Yernjakyany. Play | Yerevan State Chamber Theater

24 January

12:00, 14:00. The Tailless Fox. Author: Hovhannes Tumanyan. Staging: Ruben Marukhyan. Play for kids | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

12:30, 14:00, 15:30. The Tailless Fox. Hovhannes Tumanian. Stage Director: Lily Elbakyan. 3+. Play for kids | State Marionette Theater

15:00. The New Adventures of The Three Piglets. Directed by Samson Stepanyan. Choreographer: Sevag Avakian. Musical | State Musical Chamber Theater

20:00. Dark SHOCKolate. A play with an intermission to think over who is right: the man or the woman? Staging: S. Shahverdyan. Play | Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan

25 January

12:00, 14:00. Gnome's Song. Director/Producer: T. Zahalyan. Play for kids | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

12:30, 14:00, 15:30. Gndlik-Bokonik (Gingerbread Man). By the motives of the Russian folk-tale "Kolobok". Stage Director: Armen Elbakyan. 3+. Play for kids | State Marionette Theater

14:00. The Best House. R. Marukhyan. Play for kids | Hamazgayin State Theater

16:00. Magic Ball. Children's Musical .Author: Ara Yernjakyany. Director of the play: Lusine Yernjakyany. Play for kids | Yerevan State Chamber Theater

26 January

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

28 January

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

29 January

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

30 January

19:00. ANPO, Ram Oren & Alexey Kurbatov. Armenian National Philharmonic Orchestra Artistic Director & Principal Conductor: Eduard Topchjan. Concert | National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendirian

19:00. A Tale from the Clouds. Z. Antonyan. Play for kids | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

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

31 January

12:00, 14:00. Three Piglets. Author: Ervand Manaryan. Director/Producer: Ruben Babayan. Play for kids | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

12:30, 14:00, 15:30. The Naked King. Hans Christian Andersen. Staging: Armen Elbakyan. 6+. Play for kids | State Marionette Theater

19:00. Gentlemen, Everything is Collapsing but We Can Still Live and Have Fun. Pessimistic comedy. Author and Staging Director: Ara Yernjakyany. Play | Yerevan State Chamber Theater



Zodiac Weekly Forecast

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

You need to extricate yourself from a very difficult situation(s). Now is the time to disengage from promises or plans that likely will not be good for you in the future. Be especially cautious about proceeding with anything one might consider secretive or behind the scenes. This is not a time to move forward.

Taurus (Apr. 20--May 19):

You are under pressure from legal forces and also persons behind the scenes. You probably need to go back to the beginning of whatever has happened since the beginning of January and start again to find errors that are causing you difficulties now. If you do so, this matter may be handled by next week.

Gemini (May 20 -- June 20) :

Your ruling planet is changing directions in the territory which deals with education, publishing, travel, public speaking, the law, and philosophy. Therefore any of these activities are subject to shifts, changes, or sudden deceleration due to lack of decision. Maybe the right solution just is not available yet. Have a sense of humor. You know Mercury is retrograding.

Cancer (June 21--Jul y 21) :

A changing social situation or a particular friend wanders across your radar this week. You are left with a lot to think about as a result. Your feathers may be ruffled a bit, but this is no major deal. Stay in communication with your partner. You may be struggling with the universal complexity of woman as Lover versus woman as Mother/caretaker now.

Leo (July 22 --Aug. 21):

You are attending to responsibilities this week. It is a fairly serious time in which you feel somehow ethically or morally bound to follow through with commitments to the outside world. It is possible you are somehow teaching others what you have learned. Your partner(s) or close friends may be shifting directions, so it is important to do what you can do for yourself.

Virgo (Aug 22--Sep. 22) :

Whatever your good health routines, you may feel the need to go back and start over. If you are searching for something, check your desk, files, and anyplace that you normally keep records. Clean out old paper accumulations and

the stacks of stuff that you never seem to get finished. It will clear your mind and help you feel restored.

Libra (Sep. 23--Oct. 22)

You may be caught between a rock and a hard place. Circumstances in the recent past have trapped you into a situation in which you must explain your actions. You have done nothing wrong, but others may claim you did. So tell your story without a defensive attitude and others may understand.

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

If you didn't disengage from a dark situation last week, then now is the time to get free. You and Aries have a similar message, so check that sign for extra information. Your situation is related to a lover and/or a child. It is potentially dangerous. Take freedom now. Do not look back.

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

You are launching a new project in self-definition. Anything new can be intimidating, but remind yourself that you stand on the security of solid research in your field. You will communicate better by mail, then phone, if you need someone's help. Look at the options and gather data now. Then present your case after Mercury goes direct.

Capricorn (Dec 21 -- Jan 19) :

A beautiful object may be calling your name at this time. Resist until you've had plenty of time to search the competition. Even if this is a part needed to repair property, keep looking around until you find a better price or an item more suited to your needs.

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

You have more than a little bit going on in your mind. The pressure may be heavy to make decisions now. You do not have to do that. Take your time, wait it out, until such time as you feel really clear. See the lead paragraph. This might take 6 weeks.

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

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

Armenian-Uruguayan model Johana Riva Garabetian represents Uruguay at Miss Universe 2014

Armenian-Uruguayan model Johana Riva Garabetian represents Uruguay at Miss Universe 2014 Beauty Contest. She was crowned Miss Uruguay 2014.

Born in Montevideo, she grew up with her mother and grandparents. At 16 she competed in a national beauty contest and from then decided to pursue more competitions. At 19, she decided to move to Lima, Perú, where she worked towards her goal of modeling for catalogues, commercials and fashion shows for big designers and brands. She would love to meet Ricky Martin as she has been a long time fan.



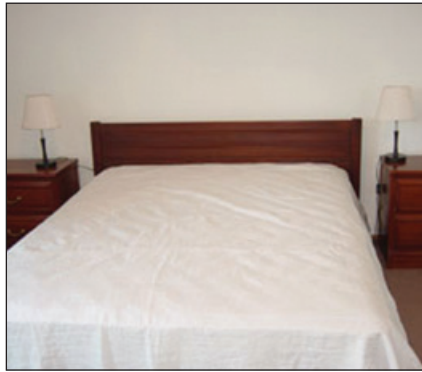
Miss Universe 2014 contestants showed off their country's traditional garments at the National Costume show on 21 January in Miami, Florida.

The beauty pageant organizers revealed the top five contestants and they are: Miss Universe Argentina Valentina Ferrer, Miss Universe Canada Chanel Beckenlehner, Miss Universe Germany Josefin Donat, Miss Universe India Noyonita Lodh and Miss Universe Indonesia Elvira Devinamira.

The contestant with the highest number of votes will be the National Costume Fan Vote Winner, which will be announced during the 63rd Miss Universe pageant finale.

Miss Universe 2014 finals will be held at the FIU Arena on Sunday, Jan. 25 where the next Miss Universe queen will be crowned. After reigning for more than a year, Miss Universe 2013 Gabriela Isler will crown her successor with the new MU crown made by Diamonds International Corporation.

Apartment for rent



A comfortable apartment in the center of Yerevan on the second floor of the house. The apartment (110 sq. m.) has a dining room, two bedrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom and two balconies. The house has a central heating system, permanent cold and hot water, TV satellite, air conditioners and all other facilities. There is a nice view to Mount Ararat. The house has a nice garden and a garage. The place is quiet and secure. 3 minutes by walk from Marshal Baghramian ave. and Metro station. The price is 1000 USD monthly, for a long term, 50-60 USD daily for a short term.

Address:

3 Aygedzor Str, Yerevan.

Telephone:

095-27- 87-09 mob.,

093- 22-95-70 mob.,

27-87-09 home.

ACBA-CREDIT AGRICOLE BANK

**THE FIRST BANK
WITH ASSETS, LOAN PORTFOLIO
AND EQUITY**

**PREMIÈRE BANQUE PAR ACTIFS,
CAPITAL ET PORTEFEUILLE DE PRÊTS**

**www.acba.am
010 31 8888**

The Noyan Tapan
HIGHLIGHTS

Weekly Newspaper, Since May 4, 1993.
The publisher: NT Holding LTD.
Circulation: 1500 print copies and
15.600 copies by e-mail list in PDF format

President of the NT Media Holding:
Tigran Harutyunyan
Editor-in-Chief of the Media Holding:
Gayaneh Arakelyan
Director of the Weekly:
Marina Harutyunyan
Chief Correspondent: **Gourgen Khazhakian**
Proofreader: **Susanna Mkrtchian**
ISSN 1829-0604
Registration certificate and the date: 273.110.00512, 15.12.1995

E-mail: contact@nt.am, URL: www.nt.am

Address in Armenia: 28 Isahakian Str., Yerevan, 0009, RA.
Tel.: (+374 60) 27-64-62
(+374 60) 27-64-61

Address in France: Masion De L' Armenie, Paris 17e - 95
Bld. Gouvion, France.
Tel.: (+33) 01 43 59 66 72

Address in USA: 1146 E. Lexington Dr., #112, Glendale,
CA, USA, 91206.
Tel.: (+1 818) 646 10 72