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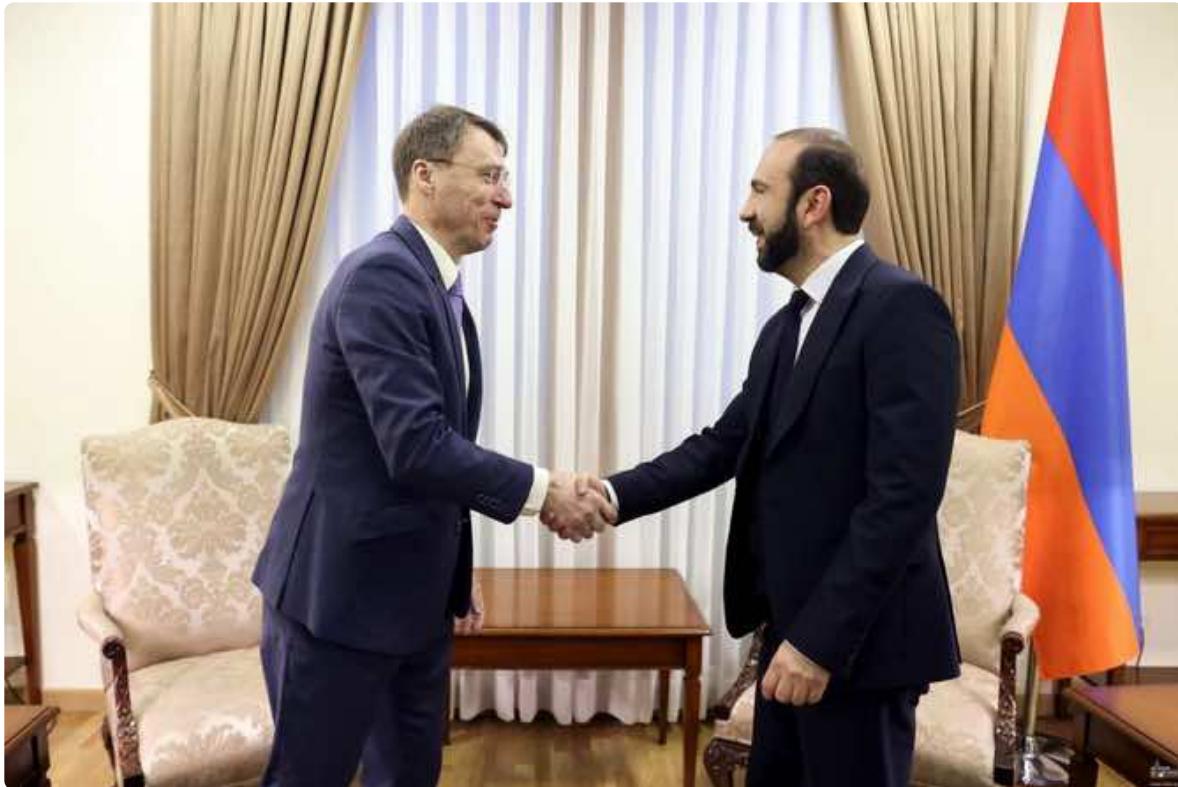
Laurent Wauquiez et la région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes en soutien au Siounik



Voyage en Arménie pour signer un mémorandum de soutien à la région du Syunik dans un haut lieu de l'histoire arménienne. La première journée de la mission de la région Auvergne Rhône Alpes en Arménie, aura été à résonance clairement française puisque les élus et chefs d'entreprises qui accompagnaient le président Laurent Wauquiez ont coché une par une toutes les étapes des institutions partenaires de la Région. Avec le Centre d'enseignement Professionnel franco-arménien où la SEPR (société d'enseignement professionnel du Rhône) a créé, depuis de nombreuses années, un centre de formation professionnel qui a formé des milliers de jeunes aux métiers de la

coiffure, de la couture et du Styliste, de la pâtisserie et de la boulangerie et enfin de la prothèse dentaire. A tel point que les locaux réaménagés à plusieurs reprises sont désormais trop petits. Pour avoir déjà été aux côtés de cet établissement de qualité dont les jeunes diplômés trouvent du travail aussitôt leurs études terminées, la collectivité territoriale française ne devrait pas se dérober. Avec toutefois une nouvelle mission au programme formulée par Nicolas Daragon vice-président et maire de Valence : La décentralisation de ces formations professionnalisautes jusque dans les régions à trop grande distance de Erevan. Un message reçu cinq sus cinq par M Droze et Mme Grigoryan les responsables de l'établissement.

Mirzoyan informe son homologue tchèque sur les provocations de l'Azerbaïdjan



Des consultations politiques entre les ministères des Affaires étrangères de la République d'Arménie et de la République tchèque ont eu lieu aujourd'hui à Erevan. La délégation arménienne était dirigée par Paruyr Hovhannisyan, vice-ministre des Affaires étrangères, et la délégation tchèque était dirigée par Jaroslav Kurfürst, directeur général des affaires européennes du ministère tchèque des Affaires étrangères.

Au cours des consultations, les interlocuteurs ont discuté d'un large éventail de questions liées au programme bilatéral arméno-tchèque. Les parties ont salué le haut niveau du dialogue politique et la nécessité de le maintenir. En ce qui se penche sur les perspectives de la coopération économique, les parties ont exprimé leur volonté de prendre des mesures pour développer les liens d'affaires. La coopération dans les domaines culturel, éducatif et scientifique a également été discutée.

Les parties ont fait référence au partenariat élargi entre l'Arménie et l'UE et ont discuté des possibilités de soutien mutuel au sein des organisations internationales.

Les délégations ont échangé des points de vue sur un certain nombre de questions d'intérêt mutuel de l'agenda régional et international.

Le vice-ministre Hovhannisyan a informé l'interlocuteur de la détérioration de la situation humanitaire à la suite du blocus en cours du corridor Latchine et de l'engagement et des efforts de l'Arménie pour établir la paix dans la région.

L'importance de la décision prise le 22 février par la Cour internationale de Justice a

été soulignée, selon laquelle l'Azerbaïdjan devrait prendre toutes les mesures nécessaires pour assurer la circulation ininterrompue des personnes, des véhicules et des marchandises dans les deux sens à travers le corridor Lachin.

À la suite des consultations, Jaroslav Kurfürst a été reçu par le ministre des Affaires étrangères d'Arménie, Ararat Mirzoyan. Les interlocuteurs ont abordé le dialogue politique bilatéral entre la République d'Arménie et la République tchèque, ainsi que les questions du partenariat entre l'Arménie et l'UE, y compris le déploiement de la mission de surveillance civile de l'UE en Arménie. Ils ont échangé des points de vue sur les récents développements régionaux. Le ministre des Affaires étrangères Mirzoyan a souligné que malgré les négociations en cours sur le traité d'établissement de relations pacifiques entre l'Arménie et l'Azerbaïdjan, les provocations et la rhétorique agressive de ce dernier ne contribuent pas aux efforts visant à établir la stabilité dans la région.

Ambassade de France en Arménie



Le 20 Mars la Directrice adjointe de l'Agence Sud Caucase de l'Agence Française de Développement, Bérengère Callamand, a rencontré le Ministre Gnel Sanosyan aux côtés de l'Ambassadrice de France Anne Louyot.

La rencontre a été l'occasion de discuter de nouvelles opportunités de coopération entre l'Agence Française de Développement et le Gouvernement arménien alors que le projet phare de l'AFD en Arménie, la construction du barrage de Védi, est déjà bien avancé. Les discussions ont notamment porté sur les secteurs de l'eau, de l'énergie et des transports, prioritaires pour le Gouvernement arménien.

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À l'occasion de l'ouverture des "Journées de la Francophonie en Arménie", un événement a été organisé avec le Musée d'Histoire de la ville d'Erevan avec la participation des élèves du collège du Lycée français. Une traduction des archives historiques a été faite et les élèves les ont présentés lors de l'événement.

Les hymnes des deux pays ont été chantés, ainsi que l'hymne de la ville d'Erevan en deux langues (français et arménien). À la fin de l'événement, une convention de coopération a été signée.

On the occasion of the opening of the "Days of Francophonie in Armenia", an event was organized with the Yerevan History Museum with the participation of college students of the French Lycée. A translation of the historical archives was made and the students presented them during the event.

The anthems of the two countries were sung, as well as the anthem of the city of Yerevan in two languages (French and Armenian). At the end of the event, a cooperation agreement was signed.

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Mirzoyan and Bagheri refer to the latest security developments. Armenia-Iran hold political consultations

On March 22, regular political consultations between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia and the Islamic Republic of Iran were held in Yerevan headed by Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Armenia Vahan Kostanyan and Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Iran Ali Bagheri Kani, Noyan Tapan was informed from MFA Armenia.

The interlocutors discussed a wide range of issues of the Armenian-Iranian bilateral political agenda, commended the high level of political dialogue, touched upon the Armenia-Iran cooperation in political, trade-economic and regional security spheres, as well as on multilateral platforms. Views were exchanged on a

number of issues of regional and international agenda of mutual interest.

Vahan Kostanyan briefed upon the situation unfolded in the region as a result of Azerbaijan's aggression against Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh, as well as the details of the humanitarian crisis in Nagorno-Karabakh resulting from the blockade of the Lachin corridor since December, 2022. The Deputy Minister also emphasized that the illegal actions, war-mongering rhetoric and maximalist stance of the Azerbaijani leadership are seriously undermining the efforts towards achieving peace and stability in the South Caucasus.

Both sides highlighted the importance of deepening and strengthening

spiritual-cultural ties between the two countries. In this regard, the Deputy Minister briefed his Iranian counterpart on Azerbaijan's groundless attempts to artificially manipulate the religious factor on various platforms.

Following the consultations, Ali Bagheri Kani was received by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia Ararat Mirzoyan. Both sides commended the high level of political dialogue between Armenia and Iran, highlighting the importance of regular political consultations in this context. A number of issues of bilateral agenda and the latest developments of the security situation in the region were discussed.

The Prime Minister receives the delegation of Germany-South Caucasus Friendship Group

On March 21, Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan received the members of the Germany-South Caucasus Friendship Group of the German Bundestag, led by the vice-president of the group Tabea Rößner. Noyan Tapan was informed from the Office of the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister noted that Armenia attaches importance to the partnership with Germany, and the visit of the Bundestag delegation to Armenia shortly after his visit to Germany on March 2-3 proves that the relations between the two countries are developing dynamically. Referring to his visit to Germany, Nikol Pashinyan assessed it as effective and noted that he returned from Berlin with warm impressions.

According to Tabea Rößner, the visit of the parliamentarians of the Bundestag to Armenia is a manifestation of the

continuation of the effective dialogue, within the framework of which they have already had meetings with their parliamentary partners and representatives of the government.

The interlocutors emphasized the role of inter-parliamentary ties in the development of Armenia-Germany cooperation and discussed issues on bilateral agenda.

The Prime Minister referred to the reforms implemented in our country, the recorded high economic indicators and highlighted the importance of the support of the European Union and Germany to the democratic agenda of Armenia. Nikol Pashinyan emphasized that the protection of human rights, the establishment of an independent judicial system, the fight against corruption, and ensuring transparency are priorities for the Government, and our country is moving forward on the

way to set a high bar. Tabea Rößner noted that Germany will accompany Armenia on that path. Issues related to the promotion of women's involvement, cooperation in the fields of renewable energy and the environment were also discussed.

The parties exchanged ideas on the regional situation, security challenges, peace agenda. In this context, the Prime Minister highlighted the role of the long-term observation mission of the EU.

The crisis created in Nagorno-Karabakh as a result of Azerbaijan's illegal blockade of the Lachin Corridor was addressed. In terms of settlement of the problem, the consistent and addressed response of the international community, the implementation of the decision of the International Court of Justice published on February 22 of this year by Azerbaijan were emphasized.

Azerbaijani military opens fire at farmers in Nagorno Karabakh

The Azerbaijani Armed Forces opened gunfire at farmers in Nagorno Karabakh on March 22.

The Nagorno Karabakh Ministry of Internal Affairs said in a statement that H. Hartyunyan, A. Ghahramanyan, M. Jivanyan, G. Ghukasyan, K. Davtyan, A. Adamyan and D. Davtyan, all farmers from the town of Tchartar, were carrying out agricultural work in the vineyards in

Tchartar when they came under Azeri fire. The shooting happened around 09:30.

The farmers are unharmed.

The agricultural works were suspended due to the gunfire from various kinds of weapons by Azerbaijani military forces from an outpost adjacent to the vineyards.

The Nagorno Karabakh authorities said they notified the Russian peacekeepers on the Azerbaijani gunfire targeting civilians.



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United States “very much appreciates” Armenian Prime Minister’s message on establishing peace

The United States said on March 24 that it “very much appreciates” Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan’s message on the progress toward peace in South Caucasus.

“Secretary Blinken is very engaged in facilitating peace discussions between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and we are encouraged by the progress made toward lasting and sustainable peace in the South Caucasus. We very much appreciate Nikol Pashinyan’s message on that progress,” US State Department Principal Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel tweeted, sharing the Armenian Prime Minister’s March 23 tweet.



Pashinyan tweeted on March 23: “There will be a peace treaty between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and it will be based on the joint official statements adopted at the highest level. There won’t be a new escalation! The

international community must strongly support this narrative.”

Speaking at the government sitting on March 23, the Prime Minister said “there will be a peace treaty and that will be based on written documents obtained at the highest levels to date.”

“As for what we have to do, the Armenian government and the public should engage in daily creative work, building, reforming, creating good, strengthening the security system. And we must not for a minute deviate from the path of development, strengthening of Armenia and strengthening of our democracy,” he said.

No negotiations on Azerbaijani checkpoints in Lachin corridor, Armenian FM says



There are no negotiations on installing an Azerbaijani checkpoint in the Lachin

corridor, Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan said during a Q&A session at the National Assembly.

“Armenia considers that the negotiations on Lachin corridor and its regime have long been completed, and the regulations have been enshrined in the trilateral statement on November 9, 2020,” he said.

The Foreign Minister reminded that under the statement, the Lachin corridor remains under the control of the Russian

peacekeeping troops and Azerbaijan guarantees safe movement of citizens, vehicles and cargo in both directions along the corridor.

According to the Foreign Minister, it is a recorded agreement, and Armenia should already have doubts about the expediency of further negotiations.

“What’s the sense of reaching agreements, if they are going to be breached at some point?” Ararta Mirzoyan said.

Armenian FM does not rule out trilateral meeting with Russian and Azerbaijani counterparts

Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan does not rule out a new tripartite meeting with his Russian and Azerbaijani counterparts Sergey Lavrov and Jeyhun Bayramov.

“The topic was discussed with Minister Lavrov. Such a meeting was supposed to take place in Moscow on December 22 of last year, but we postponed it because the Lachin Corridor was illegally blocked by Azerbaijan,” FM Mirzoyan said during a Q&A session at the National Assembly.

“Currently, the negotiations are

taking place remotely as we are exchanging proposals on the draft peace treaty. But I believe that face-to-face meetings and

discussions should begin at some stage. The topic as discussed in Moscow, and there is an opportunity for such a meeting in the future,” he noted.

The Armenian Foreign Minister also called the meeting with Lavrov on March 20 in Moscow “sincere and constructive.”

“My assessment of the visit is unequivocal. A quite sincere and constructive meeting was held between me and Minister Lavrov. We discussed both our bilateral agenda and, of course, regional issues,” he noted.



Blinken says there's 'moment of opportunity' for peace deal between Armenia and Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan and Armenia may soon reach a peace agreement, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said, while testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, trend reports.

"I do not want to exaggerate it, but I think there is an opportunity to actually bring a peace agreement to fruition. I have had Prime Minister Pashinyan and President Aliyev for a meeting in Munich. I had the Foreign Ministers here Washington, and I expect them to come back. We



worked on a text to see if we can help them reach an agreement. And it's not something that we are imposing on Armenia

or answering a strong desire expressed by Armenia," Secretary Blinken said.

Commenting on the blockade of the Lachin corridor, the Secretary said "I'm pressings Azerbaijan, including as recently as this week, to reopen that road."

"But I do think that there is a moment of opportunity that would profoundly be in the interests of the people of Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan," he said, commenting on Washington's efforts to normalize relations between Baku and Yerevan.

Iran vows to use entire potential to resolve regional issues peacefully

The development of relations with neighbors is among Iran's foreign policy priorities and Armenia is of great importance in this policy, Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Ali Bagheri Kani said at a press briefing in Yerevan.

"I am visiting Armenia at the invitation of my colleague as part of consultations, and yesterday and today we had productive discussions with my Armenian colleague, as well the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia. Iran's stable position in the issue of establishing sustainable peace in the region was underscored during these discussions. And during

our meetings we underscored that Iran is always a reliable partner in establishing peace and security," Ali Bagheri Kani said.

The Iranian Deputy FM said that the regional countries themselves are the guarantors of peace and stability, and that the presence of foreign forces can't ensure the stability and peace because these forces pursue other goals.

When asked about the ongoing Azerbaijani blockade of Lachin Corridor and occupation of sovereign territories of Armenia, as well as the fake narratives on "Western Azerbaijan" and "Southern Azerbaijan", the Iranian Deputy FM said:



"God has created diplomats in order to achieve the establishment of stability through peaceful dialogue. I assume that the leaders of the regional countries are wise enough to choose dialogue for resolving issues. And Iran will use its entire capacity and potential to give a solution to the issues through peaceful dialogue."

French Foreign Minister to visit Yerevan and Baku in late April



French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna will visit Yerevan and Baku in

late April.

"France has been denounced the blocking of the Lachin corridor by Azerbaijan since day one. This blockage is fueling tensions. I plan to travel to Baku and Yerevan at the end of April to bring this message. France is taking action," Minister Colonna said at the Senate on March 22.

She was responding to a question by Senator Philippe Pemezec.

"The land of Armenia is burning and we are looking elsewhere. Since the invasion of the territory of Artsakh by Azerbaijan, supported by Turkey, Armenia lives in a state of siege," the Senator said.

"Is France ready to mobilize for Armenia the same diplomatic, even military means that it mobilized for Ukraine, to defend a friendly people who are dying?" he asked Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna.



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