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HIGHLIGHT

Armenian GM wins chess open in Greece

Armenian GM Gabriel Sargissyan was declared winner of the chess open, which was held in Rethymno, Greece. In the event's final Round 9, Sargissyan drew with Ivan Salgado Lopez (Spain), tallied 7.5, and therefore maintained his first spot. Gabriel Sargissyan wrapped up the tournament without a loss.

GMs Yuriy Kryvoruchko (Ukraine) and Andrey Rychagov (Russia) came in second and third, respectively, with 7 points apiece.



Golden Apricot Film Festival Kicks Off in Yerevan



The Ninth Golden Apricot Intl Film Festival Was Held in Yerevan on July 8-15

Presidential election in NKR to be competitive

by David Petrosian

A regular presidential election will be held on July 19 in the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (NKR), unrecognized by the international community. There are only three presidential candidates: the incumbent president Bako Sahakyan, the deputy of the parliament of the NKR, Major General of the NKR Defense Army, a Hero of Artsakh Vitaly Balasanyan, and Arkady Soghomonyan who is the pro-rector in charge of education and scientific studies of the Stepanakert Branch of the Armenian State Agrarian University. At the start of the election campaign, yet another presidential candidate was registered - Valery Khachatryan, an unemployed person, who later withdrew his candidacy, with his name being removed from the ballot paper.

While there is a multiparty system in the NKR, all the three

presidential candidates are unaffiliated persons, although Vitaly Balasanyan is a member of the parliamentary faction of the ARF-Dashnaksutyun Party and has long cooperated with that party. It seemed that the traditional Armenian party would make a decision to endorse V. Balasanyan as a candidate in the upcoming election, but the party bosses did not take such a decision. So the candidate V. Balasanyan is backed by Movement - 88 Party led by the ex-mayor of Stepanakert Edward Aghabekian (who is the head of the pre-election office of V. Balasanyan), several small parties, and the former Deputy Foreign Minister of the NKR Masis Mailyan. Mailyan is also the Chairman of the Public Council for Foreign and Security Policy. It needs to be reminded that M. Mailyan was the chief opponent of Bako Sahakyan during

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Serzh Sargsyan receives the delegation headed by the Minister of Interior of the Islamic Republic of Iran

President Serzh Sargsyan received on July 9 the delegation headed by the Minister of Interior of the Islamic Republic of Iran Mustafa Mohammad Najari.

The President of Armenia welcomed the guests and noted that recent high-level reciprocal visits of the officials of the two countries, including the present visit of the Minister of Interior of the IRI, testify to the mutual desire to strengthen the Armenian-Iranian friendship and determination to deepen working relations. Serzh Sargsyan stressed that in the end of last year, during the visit of the President of Iran Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to Armenia there took place efficient discussions, agreements were reached on the mutually beneficial cooperation in different areas and works toward the implementation of these agreements are being conducted now.

The President of Armenia and Minister of Interior of Iran under-



scored the importance of expanding cooperation between the marzes of Armenia and Iranian regions which, according to the parties, will further strengthen mutual trust and the Armenian-Iranian relations based on the centuries-long friendship. The interlocutors stressed also the importance of the Iranian-Armenian community in fortifying these rela-

tions. With regard to the deepening of cooperation and exchange of experience in different areas, the parties noted as perspective development of closer ties in the areas of emergency situation, law enforcement and other areas under the jurisdiction of the Ministry headed by Minister Mohammad Najari.

Council of Europe launches Action Plan for Armenia 2012-2014

Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian received on July 12 Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Director General of Programmes and Deputy Secretary General elect of the Council of Europe.

Minister Nalbandian congratulated Mrs. Battaini-Dragoni and expressed confidence that throughout her tenure in office she would contribute to the raise of efficiency of the activity of the Council of Europe Secretariat.

The interlocutors exchanged views on the democratic reforms in Armenia. In that context The CoE Deputy Secretary General underlined that "Armenia has registered considerable achievements in the areas of human rights and rule of law, and the Council of Europe will continue its comprehensive support in the process.

Edward Nalbandian and Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni referred to a range of issues related to the Armenian presidency of the Council

of Europe Committee of Ministers next year.

The parties discussed the Armenia-EU Action Plan for 2012-2014 and its priorities.

The same day the Council of Europe launched a three-year action plan to support Armenia's agenda for reform in the areas of human rights, the rule of law and democracy.

The new plan will cost €15 million to implement. It will focus action on effective implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights, strong democratic institutions and procedures at national, regional and local level, and better participation of key social and civil actors in public decision-making process.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Edward Nalbandian, opened the launch conference.

The Director General of Programmes and Deputy Secretary General elect of the Council of Europe, Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, will present the action plan.

The meeting between the Armenian Minister of Foreign Affairs and the OSCE Secretary General

On July 12 Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian received Lamberto Zannier, the OSCE Secretary General and his delegation who arrived in Yerevan in the frames of a regional visit.

Welcoming the guest, Edward Nalbandian mentioned, "The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe has significant role in maintaining security and peace in the area from Vancouver to Vladivostok, and Armenia from the beginning of its membership to the Organization, has been actively involved in all three dimensions of the Organization"

The Armenian Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed Armenia's support to the reforms of the Organization and the initiatives which are aimed at raising of effectiveness and reputation of the Organization. Expressing gratitude for the reception and high assessment of the Organization's activities, Lamberto Zannier assured that the Organization would continue its activities to maintain security and cooperation in Europe.

The interlocutors expressed satisfaction with the productive activities of the OSCE Office in Yerevan, noting that it has a great contribution to thereforms carried out in various spheres of public administration.

The Armenian Minister of Foreign Affairs and OSCE Secretary General touched upon the process and results of the parliamentary election shield in Armenia. In this context, OSCE Secretary General mentioned that in general the elections took a good turn and the international observers gave

respectively positive assessment. Lamberto Zannier expressed hope that the suggestions made by the international observers would be taken into consideration and would be another impetus for organizing upcoming presidential elections at a higher level next year.

The settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh issue was on the agenda of the talks, as well. In this respect, it was mutually underlined that the peaceful settlement of the issue has no alternative and should be continued in the frames of the current format of the negotiations. The OSCE Secretary General expressed his support to the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs and their initiatives aimed at the strengthening of confidence between the sides.

The meeting was followed by a joint press conference.

Turkey failed to implement serious steps for 97 years and face its own history. During the joint press conference with the Secretary General of OSCE Lamberto Zannier such declaration made Foreign affairs minister of Armenia Edward Nalbandian in response to the application of "Armenpress" to comment the declaration of Turkish Foreign affairs minister in which he suggested a combination consisting of three steps towards the 100th anniversary of Armenian Genocide.

"Instead of such combinations suggested by Turkey international community suggests another combination - ratification of protocols without any preconditions, implementation of those protocols without preconditions and avoid connect the settlement of Armenian-Turkish relations with Nagorno-Karabakh conflict" mentioned Armenian foreign minister.

Nalbandian said that if Turkey in coming three years would continue to act in such way and suggest such combinations which do not lead to anything than the result is known.

Serzh Sargsyan receives the Chairperson of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation Valentina Matviyenko

President Serzh Sargsyan received on July 11 delegation headed by the Chairperson of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation Valentina Matviyenko.

At the meeting discussed was a broad agenda of the issues pertinent to the Armenian-Russian relations and cooperation in different areas. President Serzh Sargsyan underscored that it is an all-encompassing agenda which allows to push forward existing high-level relations and the political dialogue existing between the two states.

According to the President of Armenia, the strategic partnership based on the centuries-long friendship of the Armenian and Russian peoples presents a solid base for the two countries for moving forward and deepening the mutually beneficial cooperation at all directions.

President Serzh Sargsyan and the Chairperson of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation Valentina Matviyenko stressed the importance of cooperation between the legislative bodies of the two



countries and highly valued past activities of the interparliamentary commission. Valentina Matviyenko expressed confidence that interparliamentary relations can and should have considerable input to the development of the interstate relations.

The parties spoke with satisfaction about the cooperation in the economic and humanitarian areas which constitute an important part of the bilateral relations, where, according to the interlocutors, a significant role is also played by the successfully developing coop-

eration between the administrative regions of the two countries.

In addition to bilateral relations, Serzh Sargsyan and Valentina Matviyenko hailed also multilateral cooperation between Armenia and Russia conducted in the framework of the CIS and CSTO. The President of Armenia and the Chairperson of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation stressed also the importance of the active cooperation of the parliament members of the two countries in the framework of international organizations.

Yerevan to host the second Eastern Partnership Summit of the European People's Party

On July 10, Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandyan and Minister of Science and Education Armen Ashotyan took part in the first Eastern Partnership Summit of the European People's Party (EPP) in Batumi.

EPP Chairman Wilfried Martens, Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili, Georgian Vice PM, Minister of European Integration Grigol Baramadze, Prime Minister of Moldova Vlad Filat and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova Yuri Lyanke took part in the Summit.

A joint declaration was adopted during the summit on behalf of



Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan, EPP Chairman Wilfried Martens, Georgian leader Mikhail Saakashvili and Prime Minister of Moldova Vlad Filat. The Declaration stipulates that the next summit will be held in Yerevan in late 2012.

Syrian - Armenian people cannot come to Armenia as the tickets are expensive

A group of Syrian-Armenian people protests that they cannot afford themselves to come to Armenia, because the tickets are expensive. The chief of Public Council Youth Subcommittee Hripsime Margaryan informed Armenpress during the press conference on July 14, that this question was arisen during last year too, in the framework of "Come Home" program. "Our compatriots cannot come to Armenia, as the "Armavia" company offers very high prices. A sale system should be created"- said she. The subcommittee will go on with this issue and will write a letter to the Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia.

According to Syrian-Armenian Harut Palulyan, the Syrian airlines offer cheaper tickets for Syria-Yerevan-Syria line, meanwhile they are not available. The price of "Syrian Airlines" flight is US 320\$, but "Armavia" offers US 470\$"- said he. Talking about the situation in Syria, he mentioned, if Bashar al Assad remains in the power, it will be very good for Armenians, if the power is changed, the situation of Armenian community will



become worse.

More than 10 000 people were killed in Syria, during the 16 months ongoing clashes. As a result of armed rebels' actions, the Armenian community has had losses as well: 6 Armenian were killed, 4 from which were soldiers of Syrian army. "Now, Syria is in a war situation"- said Bashar Assad on June 26.

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ing the previous election in 2007, while V. Balasanyan was among those supporting the incumbent president. In 2007-2010 V. Balasanyan served as advisor to Bako Sahakyan, later he resigned and became his opponent.

On the eve of the election, we can say that the positions of B. Sahakyan are quite strong, first of all in the sense that:

- all administrative resource is on his side, which certainly causes righteous discontent of his opponents;

- he is backed by the major political forces constituting the parliamentary majority of the country. The matter concerns first of all the Democratic Party of Artsakh (7 mandates in the 33-seat National Assembly) and Free Fatherland Party (14 mandates). The leader of Free Fatherland is Prime Minister Ara Harutyunyan (who officially went on leave in order to head the pre-election office of the incumbent president), and Democratic Party of Artsakh is led by the parliamentary speaker Ashot Ghulyan;

- there are quite a few signs that the incumbent president of the NKR enjoys total support of official Yerevan and Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan personally.

Such unwavering support for the incumbent president of the NKR is criticized by a number of local NGOs and civil activists. In particular, it is noteworthy that over a hundred ex-combatants have sent a letter to Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan, reminding him that five years ago they had relied upon him and endorsed B. Sahakyan as a candidate, who did not, however, live up to their expectations and deviated from his own pre-election program. In the opinion of the letter's authors, this resulted in centralization of increasing corruption, monopolies have become firmly established in the economy, the burden of taxation has grown, and security services are used for intimidation of the people. The ex-combatants noted that all this caused apathy and disappointment, which forced the active part of society, including many businessmen, to leave the country. The authors of the letter expressed hope that Serzh Sargsyan will use his influence to prevent illegal actions and the use of administrative resource in the upcoming election since such actions pose a threat to stability.

The chief opponent of Bako Sahakyan will undoubtedly be Vitaly Balasanyan.

What trumps does the incumbent president have in his hand on the eve of the election?

First of all, it is success in the economy: despite a rapid decline in 2009-2010, the growth of per capita GDP to 936,000 drams a

year (more than \$2,260 at the current exchange rate), the increased birth rate, and the resettlement of 900 families in the NKR. Another achievement is the low crime rate which made 25.6 crimes per 10,000 people (in 2008, the crime rate was 48.5 crimes).

The major internal problems include corruption, a personnel policy which is not always successful, monopolization of the economy, and omnipotence of the bureaucratic apparatus.

The most vulnerable spot of Bako Sahakyan is that in the past ten years, de facto the NKR has not participated in the negotiating process on the Nagorno Karabakh conflict settlement under the aegis of the OSCE Minsk Group. It should be mentioned that no one deprived the de jure unrecognized republic of its mandate to participate in the negotiations. The NKR received a mandate at the 1994 Budapest Summit of the OSCE, as well as owing to the outcome of the 1991-1994 war.

However, under President Arkady Ghukasyan (1997-2007) and President Bako Sahakyan (2007-2012), the NKR has gradually changed from the subject of negotiations into an object of negotiations. The circumstance that natives of Nagorno Karabakh have served as presidents of Armenia since 1998 has undoubtedly played a negative part in this sense as they believed that they have a mandate to conduct the negotiations on behalf of not only Yerevan, but also Stepanakert. This aspiration of Armenian presidents has been supported more or less from Stepanakert, by President Ghukasyan, the NKR Foreign Minister Ms. Naira Melkumyan, as well as by their political successors who openly spoke about their confidence in Armenian President Robert Kocharyan (1998-2008).

Of course, the co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group visit regularly the NKR and conduct negotiations with official Stepanakert, but the real influence of the unrecognized republic on the negotiating process is insignificant.

Times have changed and the leadership of Stepanakert began to realize that their "confidence" in their two fellow-countrymen, one of whom was Armenian president and the other is the incumbent president of Armenia, has been counterproductive. Moreover, it became obvious that the "confidence" of NKR leaders in this or that representative of official Yerevan has eventually benefited the position of Baku. As is generally known, Baku tries to present the conflict as a territorial dispute between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorno Karabakh, while ignoring completely peoples' right to self-determination in the form of secession.

Therefore, one of the main

themes of the discourse during the election campaign became the return of the NKR delegation to the negotiating table within the framework of the OSCE Minsk Group. The criticism of this position voiced by V. Balasanyan and A. Soghomonyan is so keen and substantial that B. Sahakyan, too, began to speak about the NKR's return to the negotiating table. However, his position is rather shaky, especially taking into account the fact that the post of foreign minister of the NKR has been vacant for over a year.

On the whole, the election campaign has passed off peacefully, although there is obviously some tension. All the presidential candidates were given equal access to the electronic media. None of them encountered serious obstacles during their meetings with voters.

On the eve of voting, the author should point out a problem - the inflated voter lists.

Thus, according to the data of the Central Election Commission (CEC) of the NKR, there are 97,664 voters (excluding servicemen) on the voter lists. If we add servicemen, then the number will exceed 100,000 (the final data will be announced on July 16). Five years ago the number of voters made 92,114. Thus the number of voters has increased by 6,000 in the past five years, which is an absolutely real number.

It would be a good thing if the CEC dispelled all doubts about the real number of voters by making the lists more accurate.

In the run-up to the election, we can say based on the results of the presidential candidates' election campaigns that:

- there is no doubt that the presidential election in the NKR is going to be truly competitive;

- society of the NKR apparently wants changes, but it is still not clear how united and well-organized it is in order to fulfill that desire;

- if the election is held in line with the law, democratically and competitively, then the NKR will have a chance to earn again the designation of a "partly free" territory/country in a report of Freedom House - the status that the NKR had until the end of 2010. Today the NKR - like Azerbaijan - is among "not free" territories/countries.

If V. Balasanyan and the forces supporting him fail - despite their serious bid - to win the upcoming presidential election, it does not mean that the aspiration for changes in the NKR will be forgotten or concealed. Quite the opposite, the emergence of a serious and charismatic contender to the presidency in the republic may lead to the formation of real and strong political opposition, which is extremely important for statehood of the NKR

Armenian Tycoon Questioned In Restaurant Assault Probe

YEREVAN (RFE/RL) -The Armenian police have interrogated businessman Ruben Hayrapetyan but see no legal grounds yet to prosecute him in connection with last month's deadly assault at a Yerevan restaurant owned by him, a senior police investigator said on July 10..

ArsenAyvazyan, a high-ranking official from the police Inspectorate General of Criminal Investigations, said Hayrapetyan was formally questioned on Friday as a potential witness in the brutal beating of three military doctors who visited the Harsnakar restaurant on June 17.

One of them, VaheAvetyan, died of severe head wounds on June 29. Six men, most of them restaurant security guards, were arrested and charged with assault following the incident that sparked public outrage.

The police have faced growing calls from opposition members, civic activists and some media to prosecute Hayrapetyan as well. They have accused the influential tycoon, who has close ties to the Armenian government, of complicity in Avetyan's death.

"In their testimonies, neither the victims nor the suspects or witnesses have given any information regarding Ruben Hayrapetyan's involvement," Ayvazian told a news conference. "And in these circumstances, with no evidence of his involvement in the criminal case, naturally we cannot speak of arresting or charging him."

According to Ayvazian, the investigators have already clarified that Hayrapetyan, who heads the Armenian Football Federation (AFF), was not at Harsnakar during the incident. He said the tycoon left the restaurant and headed to the nearby AFF soccer academy about two hours before Avetyan and the other doctors were assaulted in still unclear

circumstances.

There have been media allegations that Hayrapetyan might have ordered the beatings by phone. Ayvazyan said the police will look into this theory by listening to his and his arrested employees' phone conversations recorded by wireless operators. A Yerevan court has already ordered those companies to make the audio available to the investigators, he said.

Ayvazyan also denied media reports that the main suspect in the case, who is believed to have inflicted the fatal injuries on Avetyan, is a personal bodyguard of Hayrapetyan. He said all jailed suspects officially worked at the restaurant. Some of them have only escorted Hayrapetyan "on some special occasions" in the past, he claimed.

Many government critics in Armenia distrust police pledges to solve the case in full, citing what they see as impunity that has long been enjoyed by government-linked "oligarchs" like Hayrapetyan. Hundreds of people have demonstrated outside Harsnakar and key government buildings in Yerevan in recent weeks to demand a thorough and objective probe.

The four opposition groups represented in the Armenian parliament last week expressed concern about a possible government cover-up of the deadly incident. They demanded that parliament speaker Hovik Abrahamyan initiate parliamentary hearings on the case and invite senior police officials to give testimony.

Abrahamyan rejected the demand on Tuesday. A member of the ruling Republican Party of Armenia (HHK), Hayrapetyan held a parliament seat until resigning from the National Assembly on July 3 amid a mounting public uproar

ARF will have its own candidate in presidential elections of Armenia

In the nearest future the Armenian Revolutionary Federation (ARF, Dashnaktsutyun) will be trying to unite the Armenian opposition around two main ideas - transfer from the presidential to parliamentary form of government and providing the opposition with levers of control over the authorities.

As the newly-elected representative of the ARF Executive Council of Armenia ArmenRustamyan told during the press conference on July 10.

"We have to switch to the parliamentary system in order to get rid of this hyper-centralization, when there is no differentiation among party and authorities and state. And in order for all this not to stay on paper only, the opposition has to be given the levers of control over the authorities, since the opposition is the main force that can counterweigh against the authorities; unfortunately the opposition does not possess that power today", said Rustamyan.

Speaking about whether the ARF will field its own candidate in the February 2013 presidential ballot, Rustamyan said that contesting the elections with a separate candidate was the prevailing sentiment during

the July 5-8 session of the ARF Executive Council of Armenia.

"Because the ideology we advocate can be best represented by our candidate. However, depending on the current situation, mostly on whether it will be possible to unite the oppositional sector, the newly-elected Council is authorized to make the final decision from a strategic perspective. After analyzing and carefully studying the situation the presidential candidate will be decided during the coming special session of the Executive Council that will be held specifically for that purpose."

Without giving names Rustamyan said, that there is a possibility of unification to present a single candidate, however stressed that it would have to be someone to take up the implementation of the above-mentioned two ideas.

"If opposition forces unite around these two ideas, there won't be a problem finding a candidate willing to implement them. If in Armenia the candidate issue is personalized and prioritized, there will be questions why this person and not the other, in which case we won't even know why we are cooperating," Rustamyan concluded.

Armenians have less trust in the opportunity of getting public information than Georgians and Azeris

Armenians know their right of getting public information very well but in fact they don't take active steps to put the right into practice.

"Freedom of Information in South Caucasus Countries" joint manual published by the representations of Transparency International anti-corruption movement in Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan which presentation took place in Yerevan on July 9 reads this:

71 % of 2365 of Armenian residents who took part in the survey on the freedom of information expressed the desire to send a message through a letter or via e-mail to get information on salaries of officials and budgetary expenditures. Simultaneously, only less than 20% of the surveyed think that they will be able to get information from gov-

ernment on the issue.

"That means that the level of trust of the Armenian residents to getting public information is lower than among Georgians and Azeris", said the Director of the Armenian representation of Transparency International SonaAyvazyan.

Speaking on the terms of providing information, SonaAyvazyan noted that the research showed that the 5-day period of giving response set in Armenia is mainly not ensured.

Thus, of the 40 requests sent to the state structures by Transparency International Armenia only 5 responses were get during 5 days.

Commenting on the integrity of the answers, SonaAyvazyan noted that only 7 out of 36 questions were complete.

Armenian Spring' already happened - French ambassador

Armenia has still a lot of things to do but the progress is already evident, French Ambassador to Armenia Henry Renault announced at a press conference on Wednesday commenting on the question whether the 'Arabian Spring' may threaten Armenia and if an 'Armenian Spring' is possible.

According to him 'Armenian Spring' already happened. Armenia changes and continues to change. As Henry Renault mentioned, there



are social-economic problems in the country but nevertheless Armenia has register

Vashadze: Georgia "would be happy" if Armenia's border with Turkey were open

Georgian Foreign Minister Grigol Vashadze stated that his country "would be happy if Armenia's border with Turkey were open".



"We would be absolutely happy. And our Armenian friends say we supported the process most of all.

But unfortunately, it didn't happen", the Georgian Minister who is paying a working visit to Yerevan today said this in his interview to "Echo of Moscow".

GrigolVashadze noted that the resumption of Russia's railway communication with Georgia is not a subject of special interest for Tbilisi.

"Who needs the railway? Russia does. Doubtless, Armenia does need railway. And so does Georgia. And this is where we should put a question mark? Do we really need it?", said the Minister.

"We should clarify a few processes to give our consent to our Armenian friends and our possible partner Russia. And the most important issue is the legal one. There is an Abkhazian section of the Georgian railway which is privatized in practice or de-factor by "Russian Railways". If you agree

on the extritoriality of this section you consequently agree that there is a strange formation next to you which is named an independent state claiming that everything out there is its property. If you don't agree, it's almost impossible to find a legal modus vivendi. To be honest, even if we give up everything right now and start thinking how to re-establish the railway it will be very hard to find a mutually acceptable decision. And moreover, Armenia has a preferential regime which uses the whole infrastructure of Georgia. Of course, railway is needed but we shouldn't say Armenia will be suffocated without it. And what Russia needs? I think the first goal is to supply its military base in Gyumri. As for our security, especially threats from the North, we are maximum cautious here", said Grigol Vashadze.

Cavusoglu Calls Hollande 'More Dangerous than Sarkozy'

Hollande makes overtures to French-Armenian community regarding law on the criminalization of Armenian Genocide denial.

PARIS (Combined Sources)- Turkish ruling party leader and the former chairman of PACE on July 9 warned that French president Francois Hollande is "more dangerous than Sarkozy" when it comes to the issue of criminalizing the denial of the Armenian Genocide.

Meanwhile, Hollande has reached out to the French-Armenian community and reiterated his campaign pledge to shepherd a law that would criminalize the Armenian Genocide.

Interest was renewed in the Genocide law last week, when French foreign minister Laurent Fabius told his Turkish counterpart AhmetDavutoglu that it was unlikely that the law criminalizing the denial of the Armenian Genocide would be "resurrected."

However, Monday's attacks by MevlutCavusoglu are in stark contrast to reports that Ankara ended all sanctions it has imposed on France following the passage of the bill in the two houses of the French parliament. Davutoglu confirmed his government's intentions while meeting with Fabius in Paris last week.

"Incumbent President of France Francois Hollande is more dangerous than ex-President Nicolas Sarkkozy in regard to the criminalization of the denial of the Armenian Genocide," Cavusoglu, who is a leading member of the ruling AKP party and the former president of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe said in an interview with SalamNews.

"It was Hollande's Party that



proposed to put the bill criminalizing the Armenian Genocide denial on the agenda. Although the bill was proposed by Sarkozy's party last year, most of its supporters were from Hollande's party," Cavusoglu explained.

"Hollande has promised to adopt the bill, and he is now trying to realize it. From this point of view Hollande is much more dangerous than Nicolas Sarkozy," reiterated Cavusoglu.

Hollande, over the weekend, said he would honor his promise to reintroduce a new bill that will make the denial of the Armenian Genocide in France a crime.

During a phone conversation with Armenian Revolutionary Federation leader and the co-chairman of the Coordinating Council of Armenian Organization of French (CCAF) MouradPapazian, Hollande said he does not break his promises.

"Francois Hollande has again expressed his willingness to propose a bill designed to curb the denial of the Armenian genocide, as he had said during his campaign and even before," the CCAF said in a statement.

The presidential Elysee Palace confirmed the telephone conversa-

tion and told AFP on Saturday: "The president expressed his commitments during the campaign. He will keep them." "There is no change, although we must find a path, a road that allows for a text that is consistent with the constitution," it said.

In a related development, the CCAF's two co-chairmen, AraToranian and MouradPapazian, met with Hollande's aide, FaouziLamdaoui, on Monday. The French-Armenian news portal Armenews.com reported that they discussed details of a meeting between the French president and the CCAF leadership scheduled for the second half of this month. It quoted Lamdaoui as saying that Hollande is intent on drafting, "as soon as possible," a new law making it a crime to deny that the 1915 massacres in Ottoman Turkey constituted genocide, reported RFE/RL.

Hollande publicly promised to do that when he marked the genocide anniversary with thousands of Armenians in a central Paris square on April 24. He said the law should be drawn up with "utmost legal security" in order to ensure its approval by the country's highest court.

The Turkish author prized for the book on the Armenian Genocide

Recently the topic of the Armenian Genocide has been actively agitated in Turkish literature. Turkish female author ElifShafak is one of them, who was awarded with "Knight of Art and Literature" medal for her service in the field of intercultural dialogue and human rights freedom by the French Ambassador in Ankara Loren Bill, Armenpress reports citing Turkish newspaper Haberturk.

The French ambassador mentioned that this prize has a great importance in the field of art and literature.

Coming to the movements against Shafak by the Turkish society because of speaking about the Armenian Genocide, as well as the court case against the writer for "insulting the Turkishness", in his book "Father and the illegal son", Bill expressed satisfaction that the case has not been further processed." It's so good that those difficult times didn't break your courage influencing on the subcon-



scious of the Turkish society with your works", the French ambassador noted.

In response to the ambassador's speech Shafak informed that after the publication of the book many readers have phoned her and noted that it gave a great chance to different people to unite around a common hope. Highly appreciating the prize given to her the Turkish author mentioned that it will be a

stimulus for creating such works.

ElifShafak's "Father and son" book was published in 2006 and soon became one of the Turkey's most popular books. The book tells about the two families living in Turkey and the USA, whose stories are crossed. It turns out that they are connected with friendly relations, but because of the cases occurred during the Genocide they appeared in various places around the world.



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- ♦ **684. Mashtoc avenue**, 5/4, 37.4 sq.m., 1 room, stone building, a need to repair, old tiles, no water and gas, balcony looks at the avenue. Price: 70.000 USD
- ♦ **69. Khajaznuni street**, 9/2, habituated. 50.6 sq.m, 1 room, capially repaired, euro windows, Ariston, permanent hot and cold water, no balcony. Price: 52.000 USD
- ♦ **645. Baghramyan Street**, 5/1, 48 sq/m, newly repaired, iron door, euro windows, doors, AC, cabin, water tank. Price: 72.000USD

2 ROOMS

- ♦ **1445. Sayat-Nova street**, 5/4, 73 sq.m. 2 rooms, stone building, capially repaired, furnished, h-3 m. Price: 150 000 USD
- ♦ **1467. Mashtoc av.** 8/5 81sq.m.2 made 3, stone, special project, old but repaired, always running hot and cold water, looking at the Sun. Price 125.000\$
- ♦ **1440. North Avenue**, 3rd floor, 110sqm, 1 bedroom, newly built, euro repaired, furniture, parking, h-3m, spanish tiles, permanent hot and cold water, heating system. Price 350.000USD
- ♦ **1459. Baghramyan Avenue**, 5/3, 55 sq.m., 2 rooms, capially repaired, h-3.8 m, balcony, iron door, permanent hot and cold water, telephone, furniture and techniques. Price: 49.000.000 AMD
- ♦ **1458. Bryusov street**, 9/8, 68 sq.m., 2 rooms, normal state, Baxi system, Czech tiles, showcases, wood doors and parquet. Price 75.000 USD
- ♦ **1469 Tumanyan st.** 4/3 50sq.m. 2 rooms, repaired, furnished. Price 47.5mln. AM dram
- ♦ **1357. Pushkin street**, 8/6 floor, 77 sq.m., 2 rooms, newly built, furniture, techniques. Price 165000\$

3 ROOMS

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

PREMISES

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

trade area, stone building, euro repair, 1st floor trade area - 210 sq.m., 2nd floor 46 sq.m. residential Area. Price: 600 000 USD

LANDS

- ♦ **1756 H. Qochar str.** 1000 sq m, 2-storey brick building - 1200 sq m, old repaired. Price: 1.200.000 preliminary
- ♦ **2122. Davitashen**, 1800sqm, water, gas, electricity, possible to sell separately 600sqm, 1200sqm. Price-150USD per sqm.
- ♦ **1869. Cascade**, 720 sq.m. 1st line, permission for construction, suitable for a new building or a business. Price: negotiable
- ♦ **2121. Centre**, land-1338sqm, 1100 sqm has permission for building. Price-2million USD
- ♦ **2107 Monument**, 2400sqm, permission for building, 2 projects to build 3 storied building, possibility of water, gas, electricity, beautiful view of city and Ararat. Price-500USD per sqm.
- ♦ **2033. Tsakhkadzor**, New Quarter, 600 sq.m., 1st line, asphalted road, premises, designed for construction of residential house, with all communal conveniences. Price: 120 USD for 1 sq.m.
- ♦ **1939. Kotayk region**, Aghavnadzor district. Land 5000 sq.m., suitable for building a resort place. Price negotiable
- ♦ **2011. Proshyan street**, Land 400 sq.m. for building a house, privatized, 2nd line/ near the garden/. Price 1 sq.m. beginning from 700 USD
- ♦ **2013. Cascade**, Land 1000 sq.m. For public construction needs, First line, gas, water and electricity possibilities. Price for 1 sq.m. 580 USD
- ♦ **2028. District of Erebuni**, Arin-Berd street. Land 2 acr. With a 2 storied partially built building, water, electricity plastered.h=4.20m. Price 1 sq.m, 50 USD
- ♦ **1402. Hr. Kochar St**, 1,100 sq. m, personal plot, front -25 m, privatized, empty, possibility for building communications. Price negotiable.
- ♦ **1351. Monument**, 2,000 sq. m, privatized, front - 17 m, APZ permission, for social purposes suitable for a restaurant, hotel. Price negotiable.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- ♦ **2725. Nork-Marash**, building - 733.25sqm, land-620sqm, semi-basement +2floors, euro repaired, semi-basement is sport room, sauna, summer room, pool, fireplace, 1st floor- sitting room, 1 bedroom, cabinet, kitchen, lavatory, 2nd floor - 4 bedrooms, permanent hot and cold water, gas, Spanish tiles, 2 AC. Price - 500.000USD
- ♦ **3063. Komitas A.** Avetisyan street, 3storied+cellar, total-500sqm, 3 bedrooms, 3 lavatories, capially repaired, cabinet, possible to sell with furniture. Price-negotiable
- ♦ **3059. Vahagni community**, total-1500sqm, building-280sqm, 2.5 storied, newly built, not lived in, 1st floor-living room-44sqm, kitchen, family room-24sqm, 2nd floor-3bedrooms, 3 lavatories, garage for 2 cars, cellar, security system, possible to sell with furniture. Price-negotiable.
- ♦ **3210 Aygestan community**, 2 stories, land: 480 sq.m, building: 310 sq.m, 1st floor is not repaired, garage, 2nd floor: repaired, kitchen, lavatory-tiled, permanent hot and cold water, Baxi system, a place for barbeque, garden, trees Price: 270.000 USD
- ♦ **3105. Cascade, Antarain**, 4 stories, land 1800 sq.m., building 1000 sq.m., newly built, need of cosmetic repair, windows, permanent hot and cold water, heating system, 4 bedrooms, ramparted, solar lamps, security system, cameras, external lighting. Price: 1.300.000 USD
- ♦ **3054. Blur, Kharkovyan street**, 3 storied building, land 400 sq.m., building 450 sq.m., new, euro repair, ramparted, 4 bedrooms, 5 lavatories inside, 2 lavatories outside, Baxi system. Price 800 000 USD
- ♦ **2916. Ashtarak highway**, village Nazrvan. 3 storied building. Land 3500 sq.m., building 760 sq.m., euro repair, 3 tiled lavatories, a sauna, billiard, permanent hot and cold water, gas, heating system, garden, pool, garage.The building is ramparted. Price 50000 USD

NEWLY BUILT

- ♦ **74. Cascade, Verin Antarayin**, electricity, water, gas, euro window, drywall, no exploitation fees, parking - 15.000 USD. 136-315 sq m. 1 sq m - 1200 USD
- ♦ **107. Monument, Verin Antarayin**, inhabited, 8th floor cockloft, gas, window, street view - 1 sq m -1000 USD, city looking - 1 sq m -1500 USD, parking - 4 million preliminary, price: started from 40 sq m
- ♦ **100. Leo str.** half basement parking, 1st floor - shops, 2nd floor - office spaces, elevator, equipped kitchen, central heating, water, height - 2.80 m, beautiful view, will be ready to for use at the end of 2013. 60-300 sq m. 16 floors
- ♦ **87. Sayat-Nova street**, newly built building Given to the operation in December 2012. Climate control, gas, the fasad sector has 3 bedrooms-188 sq.m, 199 sq.m, 1 sq.m- 1900 USD, 2 bedrooms have a beautiful sight- 117 sq.m, 120 sq.m, 124 sq.m, 1 sq.m-1700 USD Price: 1 sq.m- 1900-1700 USD

♦ **93. Kievyan street**, newly built building Given to the operation in October 2011, gajats,



windows, exterior doors, h -3, 15 m, gas supply, the second floor has a parking lot, parking is possible for sale. Price 12 000 USD possible with mortgage, for 13 years term

♦ **94. Masiv**, Newly built, coupling, 8 flats, in each cottage 4 flats, total-2000 sq.m, each flat has 2 stories, 3 bedrooms, 210 sq.m., parking: 80 sq.m. Price: 160 000 USD

FOR RENT

1 ROOMS

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

2 ROOMS

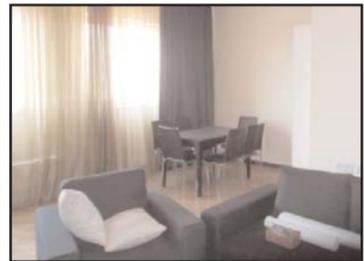
- ♦ **2064. Aygedzor**, 7/1, 2 rooms, 60 sq .m, capital repair, euro windows, Baxi system, AC, heating floor, camera, cabin. Price 800 USD
- ♦ **2037. Baghramyan str.**, 5/2, 60sqm, 1 bedroom, euro repaired, modern furniture, spanish tiles, permanent hot and cold water, gas, baxi, AC, technique. Price 100USD per day
- ♦ **2189 Vardanants str**, 24/12, 1 bedroom, newly built, 90 sqm, repaired, furnished, with elevator. Price: 450 000 AMD
- ♦ **2057. Sayat-Nova**, 11/4, 2 turned into 3, 78 sq.m., capially repaired, Baxi system, furniture, techniques, AC, satellite. Price: 1 day- 80 USD, a month- 900 USD
- ♦ **1961. Tumanian street**, 4/2, 86sq.m., 1 bedroom, Euro repair, Euro windows, Furnished, permanent hot and cold water. Price: 1200 USD, 1day: 70USD
- ♦ **2186 Buzand str**, 7th floor, 2 rooms, newly built, euro repaired, furnished, equipped, internet, security system, permanent hot and cold water, gas, heating system, underground parking, beautiful view. Price: 900 USD, 20 000 AMD per day.
- ♦ **2099. Sayat-Nova Ave.**, 12/6, 2 rooms, all the conveniences, repaired, furnished, water, gas, Baxi heating system, AC, washing machine. Price: 220.000 AMD, per day - 50\$

3 ROOMS AND MORE

- ♦ **1998 Buzand Str.**, 9/6 3 bedrooms, newly built, 130 sq.m, repaired, furnished, equipped, AC, water, gas, heating, view to Republic Square, parking, no service fee. Price: 2500 USD
- ♦ **2008 Komitas, Vagharshyan Str.**, 7/3, 3 bedrooms, newly built, capially repaired, furnished, heating, 2 bathrooms. Price: 2000 USD
- ♦ **1739. Pushkin str.** 6/5, 3 bedrooms, newly built, capially repaired, 2 bathrooms, parking, price: 1600 USD
- ♦ **1723. Northern Ave.** 8/4. 3 bedrooms, 170 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, newly built, repaired, furnished, open kitchen, Falcon system. Price: 2000 USD
- ♦ **1942. Teryan str.**, 4/2, 3 bedrooms, 120 sq.m, repaired, furnished kitchen, washing machine, AC, 2 bathrooms, open balcony. Price: 1200 USD
- ♦ **942. Teryan str.** 4/3. 2 bedrooms, 130 sq.m, concrete, Hgt. 3.50, loggia-2, tile/ital., renovation. Price: 1500 USD
- ♦ **1969. Amiryán str**, 12/11, 3 bedrooms, newly built, 180 sq.m, capially repaired, fur-

nished, 2 bathrooms, Baxi heating system installed, climate control. Price: 1700 USD

- ♦ **1970. Vazgen Sargsyan str.**, 10/8. 2 bedrooms, newly built., 150 sq.m, capially repaired, furnished, 2 bathrooms, climate control. Price: 2500 USD
- ♦ **1967. Pushkin str.**, 8/6. 2 bedrooms, newly built, 130 sq.m, capially repaired, furnished. Price: 2000 USD
- ♦ **1966. Ekmalyan str.**, 10/5. 3 bedrooms, newly built, 170 sq.m, capially repaired, furnished, 2 bathrooms, Baxi heating system installed. Price: 1300 USD
- ♦ **1951. Buzand/Mashtots crossroad.** /13, 2 bedrooms, newly built, 122 sq.m, capially repaired, 2 bathrooms, furnished, heating system, climate control, usage fee included. Price: 2000 USD
- ♦ **1950. Buzand/Mashtots crossroad.** /8, 2 bedrooms, newly built, 163 sq.m, capially repaired, 2 bathrooms, furnished, heating system, climate control, open balcony, view to the garden, usage fee included. Price: 2500 USD
- ♦ **1137. Moskovyan str.**, 6/1, 2 bedrooms, lavatory, pool, normal state, furnished, technique, DVD, AC, permanent hot and cold water. Price 1100USD, possible daily rent.
- ♦ **1790. Byuzand street**, close to Abovyan st., 7/5, newly built, 2bedrooms, euro repaired, 2 balconies, furnished, baxi, technique, 2 lavatories, garage. Price 1600USD per month.
- ♦ **1787. Koghbači street**, 13/6, 2bedrooms, newly built, euro repaired, furnished, 2 lavatories, central heating. Price 1700USD per month, 100USD per day.
- ♦ **1793. Teryan street**, 260 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 3 lavatories, capital repair, climat control, parking, unfurnished (possible to furnish), newly built Price: 3500 USD



- ♦ **1564. Tumanyan street**, 7/4. 110 sq.m., euro repair, 2 lavatories, Spanish tyles, permanent hot and cold water, gas, Baxi system, satellite, modern furniture, techniques, garage. Price 1200 USD.
- ♦ **1720. Amirian Street.**, 18/10, 2 bedrooms, 190 sq/m, newly built, euro windows, permanent hot and cold water, gas, central heating, 2 open balcony, nice view to the city, possible with or without furniture, parking for 3 cars. Price 3000USD per month negotiable, for long term - 6 months and more.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- ♦ **1191 Aygestan**, 2 floors, land 350-400 sqm, kitchen - 270 sqm, 1sr floor - living-room, kitchen, study. 2-nd floor - 4 bedrooms, bathroom, storage room, partly furnished, summer garden, garage, swimming-pool. Starting Price: 3500 USD.
- ♦ **1218. Cascade, freeway**, 3700 sq m, 3 floors brick building - 1490 sq m, capially repaired, walls - otto chento, 5 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, heating, gas, Price: 12.00 USD
- ♦ **999. Aygedzor 1st lane, Land** -1000 sqm, basement + 2 floors' 310 sqm, capially repaired, 4 bedrooms, living room, hall, 4 bathrooms, new furniture, equipped, 3 AC, Baxi, sauna, swimming-pool, house garden, barbeque equipment. Starting Price: 5000 USD
- ♦ **1094. Noy block**, 2 storied building - 400sqm, garden, permanent hot and cold water, furniture, technique, 1 lavatory, gas. Price 2000USD
- ♦ **1095. Aygestan**, 1 storied building - 105sqm, 3bedrooms newly built repaired, furniture, technique 1 lavatory, garden. Price 1000USD per month, 100USD per day.
- ♦ **1096. Blur**, 4 storied building, each floor-160sqm, total-400sqm, euro repaired, 1st floor-garage, sport room, swimming pool, 4 bedrooms, summer kitchen, 3 lavatories, capially repaired, furnished, gas, permanent hot and cold water. Price 4000USD
- ♦ **455. Norq**, 3 storied building-150sqm, total -600sqm, 3bedrooms, lavatory, capially repaired, furnished, technique, gas, permanent hot and cold water. Price 2000USD
- ♦ **1197. Blur str**, 2 floors, land -779 sqm, building-720 sqm, first floor from the yard, basement on the street side, swimming-pool, sauna, living room, 1st floor - hall, study, dining room, 2 bathrooms, 2nd floor -4 bedrooms, 1 study, 4 bathrooms, barn, no furniture. Price 8000 USD
- ♦ **1096. Blur**, Qeru, 5 floors, each floor 160 sqm, land-400 sqm, euro repaired,1st floor-gym, garage, 3rd floor-4 bedrooms, open balcony, nice view, summer kitchen, fireplace, swimming-pool, 5 bathrooms, Jacuzzi. Price: 4000 USD
- ♦ **211. Ajgedzor**, 2 storied, 3 bedrooms, permanent water, capially repaired, beautiful view. Price: 1300-1500 USD

♦ **721. Blur Qery street**, land 150 sq.m., 2 stories+ a cellar, 200 sq.m., newly built, telephone, refrigerator, washing machine, 3 bedrooms, garage, 2 lavatories, a pool, carmin, permanent hot and cold water, a cellar is used as a sport hall. Price : 3000 USD

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

PREMISES

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

Rates of suicides in Armenia concerning - DeutscheWelle



People are ready to willingly give up their lives first of all because of economic problems. In total, 47 suicides have been registered as of the first six months in Armenia and this figure is almost 1.5 times higher than the ones for the same period in 2011.

Sociologists and psychologists point out the economic situation in the country as the main reason for suicides, DeutscheWelle reports. People of different ages, occupations and social statuses easily say good bye to their lives. And still the main reason for suicide is the hard social and economic situation in the country.

This opinion is shared by the President of the Armenian Sociological Association Gevorg Poghosyan. In an interview to DeutscheWelle, he stressed that every individual might have a spe-

cific reason for a suicide and, as a rule, the annual number of suicides in the world remains more or less the same. But if a sharp increase is recorded, it will be the indicative of changes in the social environment. It will be definitely hard not to agree that here the main reason is the economic crisis.

The unemployment rate in the country is about 40% and is one of the highest rates in the CIS. Migrants working abroad are not able to appropriately support their families in Armenia; the volume of remittances has decreased. More than 30% of Armen population lives below the poverty line today.

Meanwhile, the psychologist Kamo Vardanyan told Deutsche Welle, that the level of suicides in Armenia is not considered critical. In his words, the number of suicides is increasing worldwide.

VivaCell-MTS participates in providing affordable Internet and computer equipment to Marzes of Armenia and cooperates with Children of Armenia Foundation

By Andy Barsamian

On July 10 VivaCell-MTS, Armenia's leading telecom operator company, in cooperation with PC Electronics, ACBA Credit Agricole Bank and the Representative Office of Microsoft Corporation in Armenia informed about the launch of a new large-scale project "Internet+Computer" aimed at providing the rural communities of Armenia with both affordable internet communication and a wide range of devices for accessing internet.

The "Internet+Computer" project was launched in Aygedzor, one of the border villages of Tavush marz. Apart from commercial aspect, the project is also important from the strategic, educational and social points of view as the availability of reliable internet access, especially in border villages cannot be overestimated.

Thanks to the Internet+Computer project, the inhabitants of rural communities get an opportunity to acquire a laptop, net-book or PC on credit terms if they subscribe to one of VivaCell-MTS data tariff plans - MTS Connect Student, MTS Connect Unlimited, MTS Connect Unlimited+. A free licensed software package from Microsoft is installed on each of the devices. Subscribers will have an opportunity to get the below mentioned devices and with a payment waiver for the first 2 months. Credit period is set to be equal to 24 months and



supposes 22 payments. For the first 60 days of the contract the access to internet will be provided for free.

The cooperation of VivaCell-MTS with Children of Armenia Fund is expressed not only in material form, but also by raising awareness among young people and by encouraging their potential.

On July Armenia's leading telecommunications operator hosted students from Armavir region Dalarik and Lernagog villages. These communities are beneficiaries of the Children of Armenia Fund, and actively participate in the rural community development programs. 6 thousand out of more than 25 thousand representatives of this fund set up in New York in 2000 are children.

VivaCell-MTS gives importance to the efforts of young people to understand their role in the development of the country, and to

identify priority issues of their own community. The meeting of the summer camp 30 students with VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian was aimed at encouraging their activities.

"Community development starts with your aspirations for self-development, a value system based on mutual respect and willingness to solve the existing problems. Keep caring for your environmental problems as you do for your family, and you will have developed community, region and country", said VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian**.

VivaCell-MTS' cooperation with the Children of Armenia Fund had started a year ago in the frames of the charity dinner organized by the Foundation. The Company donated more than AMD 3.5 million, which was invested in the reconstruction of the Armavir region Karakert village school.



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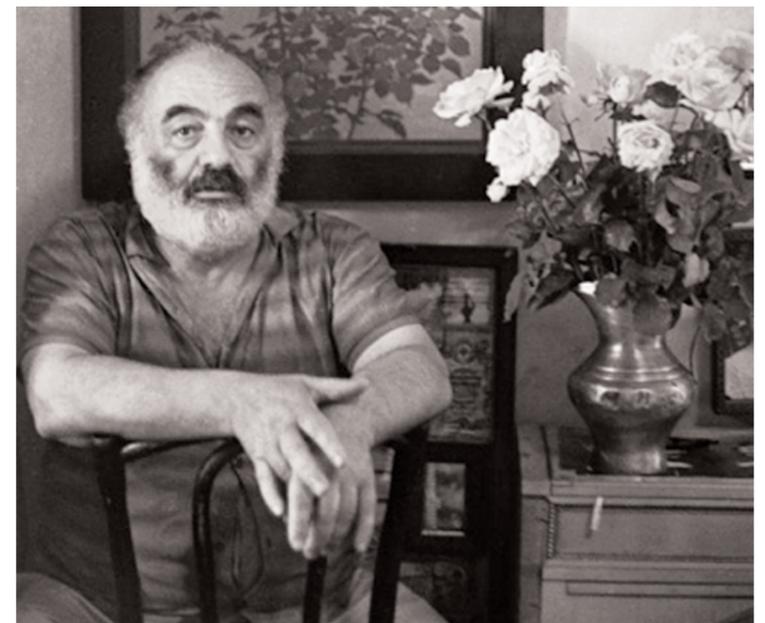
Parajanov is equal to the whole Hollywood directing staff. Iranian director

In the 9 th International Film Festival competition a well-known Iranian film director Ahmad Reza Motamedi's film entitled "Altsheymer" will also be presented.

At the briefing with the journalists Motamedi has mentioned that he is glad he is at last in Parajanov's country-Armenia, Armenpres reports. He said, "Such a director is equal to the whole Hollywood directing staff".

Motamedi has a philosopher's profession, the motives of which he is trying to introduce in his film in a simpler way.

"I'm interested in man, his transformation, as Kamyu, Kafka, Sartre have presented in the international literature", the Iranian director noted. "Altsheymer" (people who lost their memories) Iran's full-length feature film tells a story of a woman who has lost his husband in an accident and twenty years later cannot adjust to her own burnt body, who is unable to believe his loss. While the family remembers the late husband, the woman goes



on giving expressions to the newspapers such as "I am desperately searching", he said.

Motamedi is trying to discover the woman, her philosophy in his films, because he thinks that the female aren't discovered yet. "They haven't been understood, aren't understood today in the whole

world", said the director. To Ahmad Reza Motamedi's word the Iranian directors have found the dialogue language with the world. "One should rely on local life, should show traditional pictures choosing the correct characters. It's necessary to show the issues the humanity is interested in" Motamedi concluded.

"World Cinema under the Skies of Capital Yerevan": the 9th Golden Apricot International Film Festival is absolute success



By Gourgen James Khazhakian
Chief correspondent

On July 8th the Golden Apricot International Film Festival (GAIFF), the 9th already, which has recently been ranked among the top ten film festivals of the world, was kicked off. The Festival's General Sponsor, for the 7th time in row, was Armenia's leading telecom operator company, VivaCell-MTS. GAIFF 2012 is organized with support of the Ministry of Culture of Armenia; among its sponsors and partners are US Embassy in Yerevan, British Council, European Cultural Foundation, numerous Armenian business entities, hotels and organizations.

"A fresh look, a new look, a short cinema study course and an enjoyable way of spending time... The Golden Apricot presents the cinema

loving public with much novelty. This is the ninth year we are given the opportunity to enjoy the geographic and the cultural diversity presented at the festival", a press release from VivaCell-MTS says. Well, it is really difficult to phrase it better!

"Cinema is a window opening to the boundless universe and a cauldron of human destinies. This art has a great mission of celebrating the diversity of the world and seeding endless love to it. I am confident the Armenian cinematography has its say among the variety of voices once again strengthens our country's positions in the cultural mosaic of the world," said VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian**. According to Mr Yirikian, VivaCell-MTS, the General Sponsor of the Festival, encourages the efforts of the organizers to promote the arts among the new generation.

The Festival started with press conferences, the agenda of which included a part of Armenian Panorama Competition Program films presentation. Nine of Armenian documentaries were presented to the media representatives, in particular: "The Armenian Bread" by Armen Gasparian, "My Little Prince" by Armen Ronov, "Arzuman" by Aneta Ohanj, "New Julfa. To be" by Arsen Gasparian, "Two Paths" by Vahe Yan, "Kostan Zaryan. the Lonely Soul of the Armenia Literature" by Hayk Kbeyan, "Armine and Lady Macbeth" by Misha Ghazaryan, "Together with my Sons" by Taron Petrosyan, "They Call Me Ashik" by Arthur Khudoyan.

The Festival first day then continued with one of the most beautiful traditions of GOLDEN APRICOT- the apricots Blessing

ceremony. Guests both from Armenia and abroad were pleased to participate at the unique occasion.

And of course the day was summarized by probably one of the most important events- the Festival official opening. The Red Carpet march in front of Moscow Cinema was followed by the main ceremony. The soiree agenda included not only the presentation of this year competition program



and the Jury Board, but also the granting ceremony of "Parajanov's Thaler" Award to two of the festival honorable guests. "Parajanov's Thaler" was awarded to distinguished Spanish director- Viktor Erice. Then Roman Balayan, renowned in USSR/CIS



director, was invited on stage to grant a "Parajanov's Thaler" award to famous Georgian director Eldar Shengelaya.

GAIFF Founding Director **Harutyun Khachatryan** and the Festival General Sponsor -VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian** officially announced GOLDEN APRICOT Yerevan 9th International Film Festival opened.

Symbolically, the opening of the festival was marked by Hamo Beknazaryan's comedy Shor and Shorshor, based on the literary piece and accompanied by a soundtrack specially written for the occasion and performed by Vahagn Hayrapetyan jazz band. The Festival continues the Yerevan Premiere, Retrospective Screening, and Tribute of Honor non-contest programs. A novelty among these is the Book and Cinema program, which is organized in the frames of Yerevan, the World Book Capital pro-

claimed by UNESCO. The Festival also hosts a program of films from the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The GAIFF 2012 was to be closed by the exclusive single screening of Love (Amour), the winner of the 65th Cannes Film Festival. To remind, the film co-produced by France, Germany, and Austria, is a double winner of this most prestigious award. The drama of love and loyalty by the great Michael



Haneke and the constellation of actors involved in the film - Jean-Louis Trintignant, Emmanuelle Riva and Isabelle Huppert.

...Well, no doubt, it is obvious that the Festival is a FULL SUCCESS. And, looking through a kind of chronicle of the GAIFF



(www.gaiff.am) by the moment of the our Weekly's next issue printing presented below, The Highlights reader would undoubtedly agree with such a statement.

GAIFF second day started as usual with press conferences. This time documentaries "Armenian Rhapsody" by Cesar Gananian, Cassiana Der-Haroutiounyan, Gary Gananian, "Sare-Voyage" by Anna Terean, "Armo" by Eduard Hambardzumyan and shorts- "Bolis" by Eric Nazarian, "The Seventh" by Luska Khalapyan, "Me Too" by Lilit Movsisyana, "Bad Father" by Tigran Avetikyan were presented. Armen Mazmanian, Vahagn Grigoryan and Karen Babadjanyan presented their feature fiction "It's Me". The feature fiction "Joan and the Voices" by Michael Vatinyan which is not only in the competition program of the Armenian Panorama but will also have its Yerevan Premiere in the frames of the

Festival was presented by Ms. Armine Anda, the producer, co-writer and the leading actress of the film. Another important event of the day was the opening of Armenia-Turkey Cinema Platform. This was followed by the Master Class of renowned Russian documentarist Marina Razbezhkina. And then, with the screening of "Wuthering Heights" by Andrea Arnold the program "Book and Cinema" was launched. This was

followed by the screening of "Moscow Elegy" by Alexander Sokurov and "Andrei" by Arsen Azatyan and Narine Mkrtchyan as tribute to Andrei Tarkovsky, great Russian director. Another event of highest appreciation was the Master Class of Victor Erice for schoolchildren at TUMO Center for Creative Technologies which was followed by

the screening of Erice's "The South" at Moscow Cinema. Despite the short rain the festival night continued with open air jazz concert at Charles Aznavour square and open air film screenings at Bogossian Gardens.

Notably, GOLDEN APRICOT Yerevan 9th International Film Festival was honoured to host renowned Georgian director Eldar Shengelaya and present best of his films in the frames of "Retrospective" program. In particular, "Extraordinary Exhibition" (1968), "Screwballs" (1973), "Blue Mountains" (1983), "The Stepmother of Samanishvili" (1977) are to be screened. The Parajanov's Thaler Award given to Mr Shengelaya which in this case can be considered not only as for the contribution in world cinema but also in high appreciation of Armenian-Georgian friendly relationships and in particular for the great support that Shengelaya had in Parajanov's life.

The Festival third day, July 10, started with Shengelaya's press conference when the director presented his artistic career and his great relationships with Armenia and the Armenian people throughout many years with his unique smart and friendly style. July 10 press conferences agenda included also a meeting with Iranian filmmaker Ahmad Reza Motamedi who presented his feature fiction "Alzheimer" which is in the international competition program of the Festival. The meeting was followed by the press conference presenting feature fictions "If Only Everyone" and "Anniversary Client" that are in the Armenian Panorama program. Michael Poghosian, Natalia Belyauskene

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Armenia marks Vardavar on Sunday

Armenia is marking Sunday the feast of Transfiguration of Jesus, which is also known as "Vardavar" among Armenians

Vardavar is one of Armenian Apostolic Church's five main

feasts.

This event carries the name of an ancient Armenian festival, from which the tradition of sprinkling water to one another is preserved to this day.

In the recent years, however, this tradition has acquired a new characteristic in the capital city Yerevan where, instead of "sprinkling," people very often "pour" water onto one another in an aggressive way.

To note, the Monday following the feast of Transfiguration of Jesus is Remembrance Day of the dead, and therefore-and with the Government's decision-coming Monday is declared a public holiday in Armenia.



U.S. and Armenian Governments Launch Anti-Corruption Awareness Project



On July 12, U.S. Ambassador to Armenia John A. Heffern and Armenia's Deputy Prime Minister Armen Gevorgian officially launched a joint anti-corruption awareness project at Zvartnots International Airport.

The \$77,000 project, funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, falls within the framework of the "Joint Action Plan Between the Government of the United States of America and the

Government of the Republic of Armenia on Combating Smuggling of Nuclear and Radioactive Materials" that Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice signed in 2008.

The project is designed to raise the anti-corruption awareness of Armenian and foreign citizens entering or exiting Armenia by explaining the procedures to be followed at border check points and customs houses. For this purpose,

booklets, informational signs and posters, and public service announcements on television and radio were produced, with written materials being translated into English and Russian. The materials include up-to-date information on the rights of citizens accessing Armenia's borders and Customs points, as well as warnings against the unlawfulness of bribes by citizens and state officials. The materials contain a list of telephone hot-lines that citizens can call to report problems encountered while accessing Armenia's borders or Customs houses.

The anti-corruption materials will be distributed and erected at all of Armenia's border crossing points, including Zvartnots and Shirak International Airports, the ports of entry in Bagratashen, Gogavan, Bavra, and Meghri, and the Customs houses in these locations, as well as the Customs house located at the rail port of Ayrum, press service of U.S. Embassy in Yerevan reported.

OSCE Secretary General makes €10 thousand donation to oncological hospital in Armenia



OSCE Secretary General Lamberto Zannier handed a certificate of €10 thousand to Muratsan Hospital in Yerevan. The ceremony took place on July 10 within the framework of

Lamberto Zannier's visit to Yerevan. The hospital specializes on treating children who suffer from oncological and hematological diseases. The donation was made after the results of the Charity Ball held in Hofburg, Vienna. All the OSCE member states participate in it. The money collected during the ball will go to solving important problems.

"The support shown to the medical center speaks of the important work done by it," the OSCE Secretary General said.

To note, earlier the medical center also received medical equipment as donation.

Citizens of 39 countries can visit Armenia without visa



On the principle of reciprocity Armenia allows to enter Armenia citizens of 39 countries without Visa, Media, Information and Public relations department of Armenian Foreign Affairs Ministry informed. Citizens of 11 countries can visit Armenia with all kind of passports - Azerbaijan, Argentina, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Georgia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine

and of 28 countries with official and diplomatic passports - United Arab Emirates, Brazil, Bulgaria, Egypt, Estonia, Turkmenistan, Iran, Latvia, Poland, Lithuania, Croatia, Cyprus, Korea, India, Hungary, Mexico, Montenegro, Norway, Switzerland, China, Romania, Serbia, Singapore, Syria, Slovakia, Slovenia, Uruguay, France.

In case of seven countries,

including Azerbaijan, the demand to have visa acts in ad hoc principle.

The citizens of all rest countries regardless of the type of passport are not freed from the demand to receive visa.

In order to get visa Armenians of Diaspora apply in the same order except the citizens of the countries which have been established by the decision of Armenian Government on April 4, 2008 and which in order to get visa must apply only to diplomatic offices of Armenia in foreign countries and only on the basis of invitation. According to that decision citizens of Armenian origin of those countries according to the decision of Armenian Government of October 8, 2008 in order to get visa can apply to diplomatic missions of Armenia without missions but with documents given by state, religious or community bodies which confirm their Armenian origin.

EBRD wants more transparency with mining licenses in Armenia

In his interview to Armenian News - NEWS.am, the EBRD for the Caucasus, Moldova and Belarus office Director Paul-Henri Forestier shares his views on the potential of the mining sector in Armenia.

Do you think that the regulatory environment and access to credit have been sufficient for the private sector in Armenia over the last few years?

Small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) are the backbone for a healthy and well-functioning economy and EBRD always supports the development of the SMEs sector. Our direct involvement is predicated upon financial transparency, which unfortunately is often lacking. We also support this sector indirectly through SME credit lines with our local partner banks. In natural resources area, one is not dealing with SMEs, but large projects. For EBRD to finance such projects the company has to meet both Armenian regulatory requirements and the EBRD's corporate governance and environmental standards.

Do you think that the mining sector in Armenia is generally compliant to the EBRD requirements?

I can talk only about the projects which we would consider financing. On one such project, we are currently waiting for the Ministry of Nature Protection to approve the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) but we are surprised and somewhat disappointed with the recent announcement that they require another 230 days to make a decision. The Environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA), which is required by the EBRD for financing this project should be finalized in July and should enable us to assess whether this project meets our very high standards. Delaying the startup of this project without proper justifications can send wrong signals to the market with negative implications on the FDI.

So far, you've had only one partner in the mining sector in Armenia - Lydian International. Does the EBRD have any plans in increasing its equity portfolio?

Currently Lydian is our only mining partner in Armenia. We are confident that they would only operate under high environmental standards. Should this be demonstrated, we would be prepared to consider financing the Amulsar project. We do not currently have in our pipeline more equity investments in the mining sector in Armenia.

Are you happy with the engagement of civil society? Are the NGO's competent and adequate enough?

We always engage with NGO's and have a very healthy dialogue with them. We also expect from NGO's to demonstrate the same transparency which we expect from our clients.

Is EBRD planning to embark on other large-scale infrastructure projects, after a major project of construction of a new terminal at Zvartnots international airport?

The Bank recently has approved its new strategy for Armenia, you can see the full strategy on <http://www.ebrd.com/downloads/country/strategy/armenia.pdf>. The main strategic priorities that Bank is going to focus are as follows:

Developing the financial sector and improving access to finance. The Bank will focus on providing its traditional SME and micro-finance lines targeting areas outside the capital city and facilitating access to credit for SMEs in the rural areas. In rural areas, the EBRD will launch agricultural credit lines in local currency.

Improving municipal and urban transport infrastructure. The Bank will support the water and waste water sectors introducing cost-reflective tariff structures, improving service availability, as well as urban and municipal transport reforms including the introduction of integrated transport management and ticketing systems, better parking management and regulation of feeder bus and minibus services.

Developing agribusiness and high value-added, export-oriented industrial companies. The Bank will identify investments in industries with export potential, including in areas highlighted by the authorities' recent program of export promotion. EBRD will aim to support the agricultural sector by targeting investments along the whole value chain.

Improving the regulatory and institutional framework for sustainable energy and increasing value-added in the mining sector. The Bank will support investments in financially viable renewable energy projects and, through partner banks, continue to finance energy efficiency credit lines for industrial and residential users. The Bank will support power generation, particularly new entrants and non-state participants, and will consider participating in regional electricity infrastructure projects that strengthen competition in the regional electricity market. The Bank will support bankable mining operations with reputable investors who demonstrate high standards of environmental and social protection.

Armenia's medium-term prospects depend to a large extent on the authorities' ability to create conditions for investment and productivity improvements. In the coming years, the Bank will continue its policy dialogue with the authorities on improving the business environment in Armenia. Through the Bank-funded Business Support Office, the public-private dialogue will be strengthened and expanded to deal effectively with various issues that impede doing business in Armenia.

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2. Համատեքստ

Հայաստանի փաստաբանների դպրոցը ստեղծվել է 2012թ.-ի հունվարի 1-ին և ս.թ սեպտեմբերի 1-ից կտեղակայվի իր ժամանակավոր մասնաշենքում: Սարքավորումները պետք է առաքվեն մինչև ս.թ. հոկտեմբերի 15-ը: ՀՀ վճռաբեկ դատարանը, մասնավորապես վերջինիս դատական ծառայությունը վերահսկում է հայ դատավորների վերապատրաստման գործընթացը Դատավորների դպրոցի շրջանակներում, որի համար էլ նախատեսված են այդ սարքավորումները:

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 1. Ձեր ամբողջական տվյալները կամ բոլոր մասնակից անդամների ամբողջական տվյալները խմբավորման դեպքում (էլ. փոստ, հասցե, հեռախոսահամար և պատասխանատու անձ),
 2. Խմբավորման դեպքում լիազոր ընկերության տվյալներ:
 Էլեկտրոնային նամակը պետք է ուղարկվի Եվրոպայի խորհրդին ամենաուշը **ս.թ հուլիսի 27-ին**:

Մրցութային հայտերի ուղարկման վերջնաժամկետ է սահմանվում **2012թ. օգոստոսի 20-ը**՝ կեսգիշերին: Փոստային կնիքը հաստատում է ուղարկման ամսաթիվը: Բոլոր հայտատուները կտեղեկացվեն արդյունքների մասին:
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The Army News: Examining Situation at Contact Line with Minsk Group Co-Chairs, Receiving Ambassadors and Diaspora Youth

By Gourgen James Khazhakian
Chief correspondent

By the moment of The Highlights this issue preparing we've got an info from the Armenian Defense Ministry that on Friday July 13 Minister of Defense **Seyran Ohanyan** received OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs **Robert Bradtke** (US), **Igor Popov** (Russia), **Jacques Faure** (France) and Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office **Andrzej Kasprzyk** who've have arrived in Yerevan on a next regional visit.

During the meeting the parties discussed the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict's settlement process, MOD press service informed The Highlights. Upon the Co-Chairs' request, Armenia's Defense Minister presented the current situation at the conflict's line of contact, reflected on the recent escalation of tension and the cease-fire violations that have become more frequent, and highlighted the need for undertaking confidence-building measures.

Notably, the Co-Chairs was received by President **Serzh Sargsyan** of Armenia.

International military cooperation has always been a priority for the Armenian military authority, so it is not mere a coincidence that within two days Defense Minister Seyran Ohanyan hosted two Ambassadors to Armenia in a row (accompanied by their Military Attaches) - the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

of Iran to Armenia **Mohammad Reisi**, on July 12 and the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to Armenia **Ivan Kukhta**, - on July 10.

Seyran Ohanyan congratulated the Ambassador of IRI on assuming his new position and wished

state and the prospective of the bilateral military cooperation as well as touched upon regional issues and the issues of mutual interest.

...Armenians living outside Homeland Armenia has always been having patriotic feelings no less strong, but, sometimes, maybe

on the borders of Armenia many Armenian Diaspora young men, worthy successors of their ancestors-legendary defenders of Zeytun, Sasun, Van, Mush and other Armenian lands occupied by the Ottomans, rushed to involve in the armed struggle to defend our Hayreniq. Names of **Monte**

arrived in Armenia thanks to assistance of the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU) and Towards Hayk Foundation on July 12 at the administrative compound of the Ministry Mr Minister was contemplating images of his comrades-in-the-arms from Diaspora...

Minister Ohanyan mentioned that young people of the Armenian Diaspora who have been coming the Homeland every year (within, among others, Ari Tun (Come Home) Project of the Diaspora Ministry), have always been desirable guests at the RA Defense Ministry.

"The Defense Ministry is not unfamiliar with educational, cultural activities and also those aimed at getting deeper knowledge on the Homeland Armenia. Defense Ministry of Armenia, besides fulfillment of its main - military tasks, currently implements large projects jointly with Ministry of Education and Science throughout the country, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Diaspora, with dozens non-governmental, youth, student organizations and various foundations", said Minister Seyran Ohanyan.

Naturally, Mr Ohanyan replied numerous questions from the audience, the bulk of which was on geopolitical issues, NK conflict settlement, balicose statements of Azerbaijan, fighting efficiency of Armenia's Armed Forces.

After the meeting our Diasporan compatriot youngsters visited Military Institute after Vazgen Sargsyan.



him success in the development of the Armenian-Iranian relations.

At the meeting the parties discussed issues regarding multilateral cooperation and regional conflicts. And at the meeting with Ukrainian diplomat they discussed the current

even stronger than we the citizens of the Republic of Armenia, be it the First, the Second (Soviet) or the current, Third RoA. And the best reveal of this was the fact that from the very first days of the Armenian self-defense in Artsakh (NK) and

Melqonyan, Garo Qahkedjan (White Bear) (both-of the blessed memory) and many others have become another, nowadays LEG-ENDS. We would so brave to suppose that , meeting with some 70 Diaspora guys and girls who

"World Cinema under the Skies of Capital Yerevan": the 9th Golden Apricot International Film Festival is absolute success

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and Ara Yernjakyan were the speakers.

Another essential event for the day was the opening of Directors Across Borders 6th Co-Production Forum.

Later on the day "Another Sky" by Dmitry Mamulia was screened which officially launched the CIS film program which is supported by Interstate Fund of Humanitarian Cooperation of CIS Countries".

In the evening one of the most important events was the screening of "The Stepmother of Samanishvili" which was the opening of Eldar Shengelaya's Retrospective Program.

The morning press conferences of GOLDEN APRICOT fourth day, July 11 presented four documentaries from Armenian Panorama Competition program- "I Left My Shoes in Istanbul" by Nigol Bezjian, "Voyage to Amasia" by Erik Khachikian and "Grandma's Tattoos" Suzanne Khardalian. Valerie Massadian's "Nana" feature fiction from Armenian Panorama program was also presented. By the way the film had its Yerevan Premiere tonight and the Q&A on it was later con-

tinued at late night club discussions. The conferences agenda also included two films' presentations from Yerevan Premieres of Non-Competition program dedicated to two great Armenian artists Yervand Kochar and Arshil Gorky: Ruben Kochar's "Yervand Kochar. Painting in Space" and Cosima Spender's "Without Gorky" were presented to the journalists.

In the afternoon probably one of the most touching events of this year Festival took place- Mass, commemorating Michelangelo Antonioni, Tonino Guerra, Theodoros Angelopoulos at St. Zoravor Church which was fol-

world cinema. Tonino Guerra's and Theodoros Angelopoulos's wives were present at the events. The

directors.

Michael Obstrup's Master Class was held also on July 11 as well as



lowed by special soire dedicated to the three remarkable figures of

Soiree agenda included screenings of documentaries telling about the

the Tolma Festival was launched in Sardarapat where many of the Festival guests participated.

The evening screenings of the festival included Yerevan Premieres of such films as "Barbara" by Christian Petzold, "Moonrise Kingdom" by Wes Anderson, etc.

The Festival 5th day Press Conferences Agenda included the presentations of "Men School" from International Documentary Competition and "The Minister", "Summertime" and "Future Lasts Forever" from International

Feature Competition by Tommaso Cotroneo, Pierre Schoeller, José Luis Torres Leiva and Özcan Alper who answered to all the questions of media representatives.

In the afternoon the Master Class of distinguished Russian director Vadim Abdrashitov took place as well as the Yerevan Premieres of "Without Gorky" and "Yervand Kochar. Painting in Space". Also, the Tribute program dedicated to renowned Armenian director Yuri Yernzkyan took place with the screening of his well-known "Khatabala". The evening agenda included the Armenian National Cinema Academy Meeting at Parajanov's Museum.

The Event of the day was the Ceremony of granting Yeghitsu Luys ("Let There Be Light") Award of Armenian Apostolic Church to the world famous Russian director Alexander Sokurov. All Armenian Catholicos Garegin B. himself granted the Award to the Director in the Mother See of Holy Echmiatsin, - at the Festivity Hall of Gevorkian Seminary. Later at night the Yerevan Premiere of Sokurov's "Faust" was held at Moscow Cinema in Yerevan.

Tom Pritzker: "He came in and nobody could spell or pronounce 'Hoplamazian,' so I named him 'Steinberg,'"

Executive Profile:
Mark Hoplamazian,
Hyatt Hotels president
and CEO

Mark Hoplamazian was a freshly minted MBA graduate when consummate dealmaker Jay Pritzker hired him to work on new investments and acquisitions in 1989. Almost immediately, the 25-year-old grandson of Armenian Christian immigrants found himself in an awkward position within the tightly knit Jewish family business.

"He came in and nobody could spell or pronounce 'Hoplamazian,' so I named him 'Steinberg,'" said Tom Pritzker, who has succeeded his late father as head of The Pritzker Organization, the financial and investment adviser to family businesses.

His intent was to engage in a bit of humor. Hoplamazian responded by drafting a letter explaining the history of the Armenian people, who have endured centuries of persecution, and the origins of his name, which dates to his great-great-grandfather and means "someone who is quite serious."

He ended the missive on a playful note, he recalls, writing something like: "If you haven't been convinced by this, and 'Steinberg' is the ultimate decision, then I'm going to need an invitation to (your Passover) Seder."

His diplomacy wowed the Pritzkers.

"He articulated it in a really warm, kind and at the same time effective manner," Tom Pritzker said. "I will never forget it."

Hoplamazian's savoir-faire, combined with keen business acumen, have served him well working within Pritzker-owned businesses ever since. He has guided lucrative deals and later helped unwind investments during the tumultuous period when the family fortune was broken up. Since 2006, he has served as president and chief executive of Hyatt Hotels Corp. That company, the family's

crown jewel, went public in 2009 but is still majority-owned by family interests.

Hoplamazian, 48, the son of a self-made landscape designer and contractor, is widely viewed as calling the shots at Hyatt on a day-to-day basis.

Under his leadership, the company is breaking out of a conservative mold that left it vastly outpaced by expanding rival chains. It is moving rapidly from its stylized, luxury roots into a more diverse array of hotel offerings, including limited-service and extended-stay, and from its domestic foothold into a broader spectrum of key foreign locations.

Here and abroad, the company is opening properties in gateway cities served by major airline hubs, putting emphasis on such locales as the robust and New York City market, as well as Mexico City, and key cities in China and India.

But clearly, Hoplamazian must stay in sync with Tom Pritzker, who is executive chairman of the Chicago-based hospitality company and scion of the billionaire Pritzker family. By all accounts, the relationship is a close one and the conversation free-flowing, with Hoplamazian using Pritzker as a sounding board. Pritzker describes Hoplamazian as "my partner and my friend."

"We'll talk, I'll give him feedback," Pritzker said. "I'll say, 'Mark, you might want to think about doing such and such.' Sometimes he'll say, 'That's a lousy idea,' and sometimes he'll say, 'Oh, that's a good idea.'"

The relationship "is sometimes quite spirited, but there's a lot of respect," said Bill Mayer, managing partner of Park Avenue Equity Partners, who has advised the Pritzkers through the years. "There's a comfort level ... there's not a sense of 'got ya.' It's not that. They are trying to reach a common objective."

The reluctant debutante

Hoplamazian took the helm of Hyatt, initially as an interim leader, after the resignation of 23-year veteran Douglas Geoga in mid-2006. Though Hoplamazian had worked on Pritzker family investments for many years, most recently as president of The Pritzker Organization, he had no previous experience in the hotel business.

"I wish I had a camera," Pritzker said, recalling when he asked Hoplamazian to take the job. "He looked at me like I was stupid, like it was the worst idea I ever had."

But Hoplamazian said he is drawn to the human elements in business and art. He takes pride, for instance, in biotech investments made earlier in his career and is drawn to Asian textiles because they are objects used in daily lives. He said he quickly fell in love with the hotel business because he liked the people involved in Hyatt and the company's potential to touch guests' lives.

When he shared his growing interest with Pritzker, he said the family business leader was amused, thinking, "Somehow I see what's happening here ... the needle has gotten into the vein."

Hyatt, under Hoplamazian's leadership, is not shooting for the massive scale of a Marriott or Hilton, whose portfolios are much larger - about 3,700 properties each.

Rather, it is expanding in markets where its customers are headed, and broadening the types of lodging it can offer them, investing \$1 billion the past two years. Last year, it purchased 20 hotels from LodgeWorks LP, converting some into Hyatt House extended-stay properties and some into Andaz hotels, its emerging boutique brand. It moved into the Mexico City market by purchasing a Hotel Nikko Mexico and converting it to a Hyatt Regency. And it is making a significant investment in Manhattan.

In total, the company has more than 170 hotels in development, with about half in China or India, which is a substantial undertaking considering it owns, manages or franchises only 488 properties across seven brands.

"The pipeline, as part of its total footprint ... is above the average of its peers," said analyst Joe Greff, managing director at JPMorgan Securities LLC, which counts Hyatt among its clients.

By holding its annual meeting at the Grand Hyatt New York, the company was showcasing some of its changes. It recently completed a \$130 million renovation at the New York hotel, capping it off with the installation of twin marble sculptures by artist Jaume Plensa, who created the spouting Crown Fountain installation in Chicago's Millennium Park. At the Grand Hyatt, the white, oblong female heads, closed eyes suggesting a meditative state, anchor a soaring, dramatically lighted lobby.

The Grand Hyatt "was getting kind of tired," said Elmhurst-based hotel expert Ted Mandigo. Hyatt "cleaned up its act with existing properties and moved in with new properties," he said.

Since 2010, it opened Andaz Wall Street, Andaz 5th Avenue and Hyatt

48 Lex, properties that make use of textured wood, metal and stone to achieve sleek, urban looks. Four more hotels are being developed in New York, including a Park Hyatt that is part of a 90-story mixed-use tower rising up at the south end of a lushly green Central Park, within walking distance of such luxury retailers as Bergdorf Goodman, Louis Vuitton, Armani and Bulgari.

The Manhattan focus makes sense, Greff said. "If you are looking to build out brands globally, there are certain anchor markets you want to be in, and certainly New York City is one. And the fact that room rates are relatively high is a good thing for them."

With big investment comes greater risk, but observers think Hyatt is in a strong position because it has a strong balance sheet with more than \$1 billion in cash and short-term investments, and because it plans to sell property investments over time, keeping just the management contracts.

Shaped by family loss

Hoplamazian, like many CEOs, has an intense drive, in his case stemming from his upbringing in suburban Philadelphia, the youngest of five children. His father died of a fourth heart attack, at age 53, when Hoplamazian was 12.

"As a 12-year-old, you don't really have great context for financial security," he said. "No matter that your mom is saying everything's fine and you shouldn't worry about it, I always had that on my mind."

His mother pushed him to get a top-flight education, he said, motivated by her regret at having to drop out of Radcliffe College to help with the family's grocery business after her father had a heart attack.

He received a bachelor's degree in economics at Harvard University and an MBA from the University of Chicago. Behind his desk, at Hyatt's headquarters on Wacker Drive, is a mounted kimono with an image of a roiling ocean. It reminds him of Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai's wood block print, "The Great Wave off Kanagawa," which he studied during a freshman course at Harvard.

In 1991, he married Rachel Kohler, who heads the interiors group for her family's eponymous kitchen, bath and hospitality company based in Wisconsin.

When he's in town, he wakes about 5 a.m. to hit the treadmill in their Lincoln Park home, then has breakfast with their three children, ages 15, 12 and 8, and drives them to school. On weekends, he finds himself sitting in the bleachers, watching his children's sporting events.

His civic life has been busy as well, including volunteer work for the Latin School, the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business and New Schools for Chicago. He also helped introduce the Facing History and Ourselves curriculum, aimed at fighting bigotry, into Chicago's public middle schools.

At Latin, he led efforts to craft a strategic plan.

"What Mark championed ... was educating the whole child, and not just having school be about rigorous test scores and grades," recalls real estate investor Stephen Quazzo, a fellow Harvard alum who served with Hoplamazian on the Latin School board.

"He has this great ability to make complex issues clear," said attorney Jeff Sharp, who also served with him on the board. "He was able to develop consensus on a whole bunch of issues."

Noting Hoplamazian's intense dedication to his work and his family, Quazzo quipped: "My view is he does not play enough golf or go out with friends enough because he works so hard."

Actually, the two have had some laughs together, said Quazzo, co-founder of Pearlmark Real Estate Partners and a quick wit.

"We both married way above our station: Princeton women," he said. "We are constantly dragged to Princeton events and are forced to put on a happy smile. ... The joke is, we are part of a mutual support club."

And they are both die-hard Green Bay Packer fans.

"We went to the Super Bowl two years ago in Dallas and had a great time," he said. "Neither of us is from Wisconsin, but he's more legitimate - he married into a Wisconsin family. I grew up in New Jersey, the ancestral home of (legendary coach) Vince Lombardi."

Hoplamazian worked as a mergers and acquisitions analyst on Wall Street and later in management consulting before deciding to join The Pritzker Organization at age 25. In many ways, that early decision was based on little more than gut feeling, much like his decision to go ahead and take the helm at Hyatt.

"I sort of voted with my feelings about it more than knowing with specificity what the future would hold," he said. "At the end of the day, I really liked everyone I met."

President and CEO of Hyatt Hotels Corp., a publicly traded hospitality company that remains majority owned by Chicago's billionaire Pritzker family.

Family ties: Married to Rachel Kohler, head of the interiors group for her family's eponymous kitchen, bath and hospitality company. They have three children, ages 15, 12 and 8.

Banter with the boss: Hoplamazian has an amiable relationship with Tom Pritzker, executive chairman of Hyatt. But there's a bit of playful tension in the sports arena.

Pritzker: "We used to play tennis ... but clearly, he wimped out in tennis. I was on a winning streak. Highlight that in your article."

Hoplamazian: "I have two embarrassing situations with Tom. One is not being able to keep up in tennis. He's pretty regular, and I'm not. I've been out of the tennis game for a while." Secondly, while on a business trip together, staying at the Park Hyatt Shanghai, "Something possessed me to challenge Tom to a race in the pool. He beat me, and I never lived it down."



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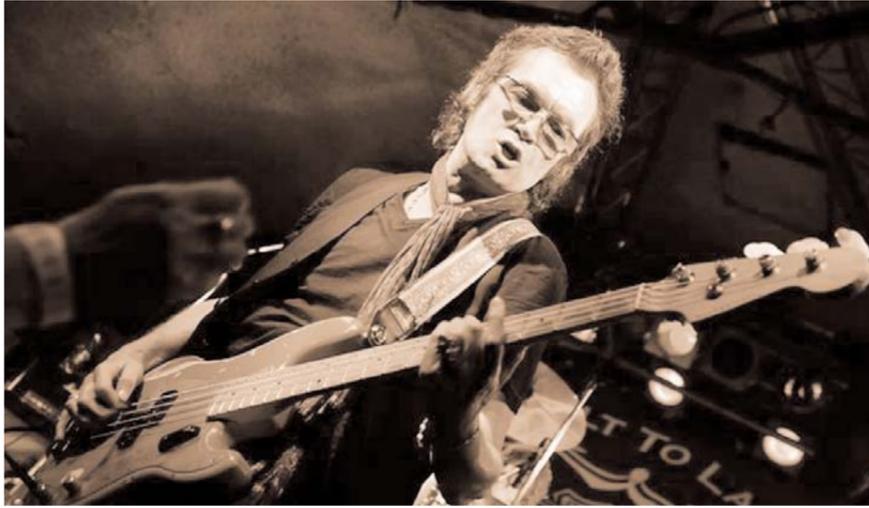
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' Deep Purple" legendary group member Glenn Hughes to take part in "Dorians" concert

The joint concert of "Dorians" rock group with Derek Sherinian (Dream Theatre, X-Planet) is scheduled to be launched on September 10 at Karen Demirjyan Sport Complex, yet this is not the single surprise prepared for the audience.

At the briefing with Armenpress, the group producer VahagnGevorgyan noted, that unique concert besides Shirinyan hosts world famous " Deep Purple" rock bassist and vocalist Glenn Hughes. In the words of "Dorians" group soloist GorSujyan, the cooperation with the famous musicians is of great experience for them first of all. The interlocutor stated rehearsals of the concert will kick off in August.

" I am happy for coming Armenia and surely for working with the group: I have recently got acquainted with them and I am



proud for that" told Shirinyan.

"Fly" CD songs and various instrumental pieces are set to be presented at the con-

cert. The scheduled concert will be concluded by repertory of " Deep Purple". The ticket sale will start in coming days.

A regular book published in Turkey speaks about Armenian Genocide



Recently there is a growth of books referring to Armenian massacre and Armenian Genocide. As Armenpress reports, "An article on Armenian massacre: 1894-1895" in Turkish was published in Istanbul, "Peri" publishing house, based on joint report of then ambassadors of different countries in Istanbul. The book tells that many believe that Armenians disappeared in 1915, yet everything dated earlier, in 1895, when more than 100 thousand Armenians from 11 vilayets were systematically killed.

Already the massacre initiated in 1909 resulted in the death of more 20 thousand Armenians from Cilician Tarsos (Tarson) and Adana areas. It is said in the book that 1895 massacres in fact were the first round of 1915 Armenian Genocide.

" If all those governors, commanders, responsible for 1895 massacre bore the responsibility, 1915 Genocide would not occur".

The authors of the book voice hope the readers might leave their adopted denying stance. The book is based on the reports submitted by then Ambassadors of Russia, England, Germany, Austria ,Hungary Empire, Italy and France to Istanbul.

ARMENIAN POETRY

HovhannesToumanian

English translation by Alice Stone Blackwell

The Crane (1896)

The Crane has lost his way across the heaven,
From yonder stormy cloud I hear him cry,
A traveller'a'er an unknown pathway driven,
In a cold world unheeded he doth fly.
Ah, whither leads this pathway long and dark,
My God, where ends it, thus with fears
obsessed ?
When shall night end this day's last glimmer-
ing spark ?
Where shall my weary feet to-night find rest ?
Farewell, beloved bird, where'er thou roam
Spring shall return and bring thee back once
more,
With thy sweet mate and young ones, to thy
home
Thy last year's nest upon the sycamore.
But I am exiled from my ruined nest,
And roam with faltering steps from hill to
hill,
Like to the fowls of heaven in my unrest
Envyng the boulders motionless and still.
Each boulder unassailed stands in its place,
But I from mine must wander tempest tossed
And every bird its homeward way can trace,
But I must roam in darkness, lone and lost.
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Zodiac Weekly Forecast

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

Read the lead paragraph on the home page carefully. Concentrate on being self-aware. You may be inclined to charge onto the battlefield when the timing is not right. Yes, the war may be necessary, but are you really ready now? Put on your velvet gloves when dealing with others this week.

Taurus (Apr. 20--May 19):

You are drawn to all things beautiful and truly tempted to buy the wonderful items you see, especially those for your home. If you need to watch yoYour mind may be freer and lighter than it has been for a long time. A stone has been heavy in your heart, but for some reason this week it seems easier to handle. Think very carefully before buying something beautiful for your home. It may not "work" for you.

Gemini (May 20 -- June 20) :

Your attitude is bright and cheerful. You will attract pleasant experiences this week and your social life is promising. Because Mercury, your ruling planet, turns retrograde, you likely will reverse a previously made decision. It's a good idea. You need more time to think about it.

Cancer (June 21--Jul y 21) :

This is a good week to bring fruition to a home improvement project that was conceived in the fall of '11. Saturn always gives us what we deserve. So if you have put work and time into your effort, you will be rewarded. If not, you may be hit with a necessary repair.

Leo (July 22 --Aug. 21):

Mercury brings you friends, lovers, and great social life this week. Don't make any sort of promises because circumstances may force you to renege. Mercury begins retrograde motion in your sign on the 14th and your calendar may turn topsy-turvy.

Virgo (Aug 22--Sep. 22) :

You have been quietly cheerleading from behind the scenes on behalf of someone else's show. A fresh bit of news may cause you to back away from this activity. Don't take action until this news is proven valid. Often rumors fly wildly when Mercury changes directions.

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

You have several balls in the air this week. There are positive aspects concerning education, publishing, travel and the law, particularly over the weekend. Libras are normally very tactful, but now that Mars is in your sign, it is possible that at any time the wrong words may simply fall out of your mouth. Think before you speak.

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

Although you may be annoyed beyond belief, this is definitely not the time to start any sort of battle, competition, or argument. Someone in your vicinity may be really trying to provoke you, but save aggressive moves until later in the summer. At this point giving in to your anger is self-destructive.

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

The effort and energy that you put into friendships and your community is coming back to you now. People want to support you and your projects. Sharing the applause with whomever has helped is the appropriate thing to do at this time. Give special attention to including your partner.

Capricorn (Dec 21 -- Jan 19) :

Your energies are high and you can accomplish a great deal of work now. Hold in mind that you are the one with the energy, so don't critique others if they can't or won't match it. Avoid antagonizing those in power during this period or you may lose a battle, even if you are in the right.

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

If you have been involved in an important project concerning the law, travel, your church, publishing, or work on the internet, now is the time of fruition. Assuming you have been true to your cause, the results will be in your favor. There are still details to complete, but essentially you have proven yourself.

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

Generally you will be feeling better this week. Your being is not so reactive to the environmental irritants. That includes both allergens and annoying people. A gift comes your way. This is the result of time and energy you have invested in the past. Don't turn it away.

HUMOR

Letters from charities

I am always getting those return address labels from charities wanting money.
The other day, I got one from an Alzheimer's group. Funny though, they forgot to put my street name on them.

I want to lose some weight

A man, seeking to lose some of his excess weight, visited the local doctor.
John: How can I lose twelve pounds of ugly fat?
Doctor: Of course! Cut your head off.

Quote of the week



The art of being wise is knowing what to overlook.

William James

WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?

Enjoy your leisure



CLUBS

MEZZO CLASSIC HOUSE CLUB 28 Isahakyan

July 16 at 9.30 p.m. "Nuance" ethno-jazz July 17 at 9.30 p.m. Lupe y la Banda at Mezzo

THE CLUB 40 Tumanyan Street

July 16, 23 at 7 p.m. Tea Master invites to tasting Chinese teas July 17, 24 at 8 p.m. Film Screening

STOP MUSIC CLUB Moskovyan Str., 37

July 16 at 9 p.m. Suren Arustamyan Blues July 18 at 9 p.m. Imagine Band July 20 at 8.30 p.m. Alien Time Live July 22 at 9 p.m. Gigabeat July 24 at 9 p.m. Warm Rain Rock

COMPOTE CLUB Koryun 19a

July 17, 24 at 8.30 p.m. Crayfishes July 20 at 8.30 p.m. Disco

PEQUENO CACTUS Mashtoc av.

July 21, 22 at 8 p.m. Salsa Night

TORTUGA PUB Pushkin 51

July 19 at 7 p.m. Crayfish day

BOURBON ST. Teryan 19

July 19 at 8.30 p.m. Hayway Band (Live Music) July 22 at 8.30 p.m. Solar Band. Jazz, bossa-nova, latin night

CAFESJIAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS Cascade Complex

July 18 at 8 p.m. Cafesjian Classical Music Series: Joseph- Maurice Weder presents Mozart, Beethoven and Schumann July 20 at 8 p.m. Vardan Gasparian presents Summer guitar trio July 21 at 8 p.m. Music Cascade: Nuance Ethno Jazz Band July 24 at 8 p.m. Cafesjian Classical Music Series: Haik Davtian, violin, Artur Aharonian, piano

CONGRESS HOTEL Republic Square

July 20 at 7 p.m.

New Opportunities forum: Business & Education Best Western

NAREGATSI ART INSTITUTE Vardanants 16/1

July 18 at 7 p.m. Wednesday Film Night Series. This green and red world. USSE-Armenia/ drama/1975/ 65 min. July 19 at 7 p.m. The Elders Are Dancing. The Elect Dance and Song Ensemble of Elderly People

YEREVAN MODERN ART MUSEUM 7 Mesrop Mashtots Poghota

July 16 at 8 p.m. Another City or the "Other" In The City

Advertisement for National Chamber Orchestra of Armenia concert on July 18 at 19:00. Includes program details and conductor Vahan Mardirossian.

THEATRES

STATE MARIONETTE THEATRE Mashtots Ave. 43.

Play for kids July 21 at 12.30 p.m., 2 p.m. Little Red Riding Hood Play for kids July 22 at 12.30 p.m., 2 p.m. Wheel of Fortune

NATIONAL ACADEMIC THEATRE AFTER G. SUN- DUKYAN Grigor Lusavorich st., house 6

Play for kids July 17, 18, 19 at 7 p.m. The Adventures of Masha and the Bear

MHER MKRTCHYAN ARTIS- TIC THEATRE Movses Khorenaci st., house 18

Play for kids July 20 at 1p.m. The Will of Unlucky Panos July 21 at 7 p.m. Filumena Marturano

HENRIK MALYAN THEATRE OF FILM ACTORS

Mashtots ave, 58.

July 18 at 7 p.m. Cabaret July 19 at 7 p.m. Musical-amusing show Royal Concert July 20 at 7 p.m. Optimistic comedy Scotch & Whisky

K. STANISLAVSKI STATE RUSSIAN DRAMA THEATRE Abovyan st., house 7

July 23, 25 at 7 p.m. Don Juan Avia

THE ARMENIAN STATE THEATRE OF SONG Khanjyan 13 a

July 16 at 6.30 p.m. Komitas. 2012 Best Musical Project. Directed by Artur Grigoryan

CONCERT HALLS

ARNO BABAJANYAN CON- CERT HALL Abovyan Street

July 19 at 7 p.m. Armenian State Ensemble of Gusan and Folk Song. Concert

Advertisement for Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall concert on July 20 at 19:00. Includes program details and conductor Ruben Asatryan.

Vardanants 18 (entrance from Vernissage)

July 16 at 7 p.m. Train Stories July 22 at 7 p.m. Rosinant 2012

H. TUMANYAN STATE PUP- PET THEATRE Sayat-Nova av., house 4

Play for kids July 21 at 2 p.m. Abu Hasan's Slippers Play for kids July 22 at 2 p.m. That Same Huri

HAMAZGAYIN THEATRE 26 Amiryan Str.

July 21 at 7 p.m. Sale July 22 at 7 p.m. The Salvation Island

YEREVAN STATE CHAMBER THEATRE

ARAM KHACHATURIAN CONCERT HALL 46 Mesrop Mashtots Poghota

July 20 at 7 p.m. Yerevan International Music Festival

ARMENIAN CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY EXPERI- MENTAL ART I/3 Pavstos Buizand

July 16 - 28 at 6 p.m. Group Exhibition of contemporary Art of Romania, National Museum of Contemporary Art

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