

Ambush and Attack in Berdzor

The civic initiative Founding Parliament (formerly known as Preparliament) issued a statement on January 31 regarding an attack in Berdzor against its members who were taking part in a car rally. The organization said that several men in civilian clothes in police vehicles, including masked police officers ambushed and attacked the participants of the car rally, who were traveling from Yerevan to Nagorno Karabakh.

Founding Parliament said that the attackers, including policemen, smashed their car windows and confiscated and ripped Armenian flags they were carrying.

According to reports, nearly no one was spared in the attack including reporters and women. Anushavan Shahnazaryan, a journalist with Noyan Tapan was severely beaten and transferred to hospital. Former Karabakh war veteran Jirayr Sefilyan and all the other participants of the car rally received numerous injuries.

Founding Parliament's initiative "100th Anniversary Without this Regime" had organized several car rallies before in Armenia. When it became known that they were planning a car rally



from Yerevan to Nagorno Karabakh, they say they received several warnings from certain people in Karabakh that they would not be allowed to enter Artsakh territory and that all their activities would

be obstructed.

In the statement, Founding Parliament said: "We received information that following a directive of the
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Congratulatory address by President Serzh Sargsyan on Army Day

Dear compatriots,

I cordially congratulate you on the occasion of Army Day.

For our country and people, the army is more than just a public body. Literally every day and every night the Armenian army protects our lives, very often becoming engaged with bandits who seek to encroach upon our motherland. Today, they are trying to impose on us a new type of war, because they have lost all the previous types, including the so called "war of diversions." Its absurdity is already obvious even to those who call us "enemy."

In the 100th year of the Armenian Genocide, some people have decided to frighten us, Armenians, with homicide - Armenocide. Let us confess that what was implemented 100 years ago was centrally-planned and administrated genocide. We also fully understand that such a plan could have been fulfilled only in the absence of the Armenian statehood.

Today is a red-letter day, and I would like to reiterate once again for those who do not understand well: the Armenian people have returned to life, have returned to the international family of peoples through its statehood and army. They have returned from Hell. The attempts to terrorize the ones who have gone through hell are not serious. Such attempts are delayed by at least 100 years.

A question arises: what is the connection between the events that happened 100 years ago and today's army. Is there a plan in someone's sick brain to destroy Armenia? The answer is that those plans live not only in some peoples' brains, but also are heard from the lips of the neighboring country's officials. They can be heard through all possible loudspeakers. According to



them, not only Artsakh, but also the entire territory of Armenia made part of the historical lands of "Azerbaijan," and those lands are subject to so called "liberation." We perfectly understand the targets of such "pre-planned" rhetoric.

What do we say? We say that Artsakh's right to live in freedom is out of discussion. That is all.

Dear compatriots,

Since the day of its formation, when it even lacked an official name, our army has become tempered in war fires. It was born out of our people's will to live and be liberated and as a guarantor of their hopes, desires and immortality.

We have not had such a powerful army for a long time. I congratulate all of us on this great holiday. I wish safe service to our servicemen and peace to all of us.

President hands awards on Army Day

On the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the formation of the Armenian army, the President of the Republic of Armenia issued decrees awarding high state decorations to a group of servicemen for their high combat skills and outstanding achievements. The solemn award-giving ceremony took place today at the RA Presidential Palace. The RA President and the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, Serzh Sargsyan, congratulated the servicemen and the freedom fighters on the holiday and on receiving high state awards and in their presence, delivered his Army Day Congratulatory Address to our compatriots.

Congratulatory remarks by President Serzh Sargsyan to the awardees

Dear awardees,

I congratulate you on receiving high state decorations and on the Armenian army day.

We are proud of you. We extend our thanks to you for your boundless devotion and patriotic service.

Unfortunately, today we are also handing over posthumous decorations. Glory to their memories! I think nobody doubts that we will make them pay for all our fallen boys.



On the Armenian army day, we again and again highlight the significance of the mission carried out by the armed forces, as well as its importance and hardships. However, we also emphasize the self-sacrifice and heroism of our servicemen.

Following the already established tradition, I deliver my Army Day Congratulatory Address in front of such merited people who are present today at this hall. Let me behave the same way today.

Armenian MPs abstain on anti-russian PACE resolution



The Armenian members of the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) have pointedly declined to vote against a resolution accusing Russia of military aggression against Ukraine.

Their stance contrasted with the Armenian government's controversial decision last year to oppose a pro-Ukrainian resolution overwhelmingly approved by the United Nations General Assembly.

The PACE resolution passed late on Wednesday condemns Russia's "illegal annexation of Crimea" in March 2014 and accuses Moscow of "instigating and escalating developments in Ukraine, including with arms supplies to insurgent forces and covert military action by Russian troops inside eastern Ukraine." The Strasbourg-based assembly also decided again to strip Russia of the right to vote or take part in the PACE's governing bodies until April 2015.

After the decision, the head of Russia's delegation to PACE, Aleksei Pushkov, said his country will suspend until the end of 2015 its participation in the pan-European body dedicated to

upholding human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. The PACE first suspended Russia in April 2014.

Three of the four Armenian parliamentarians currently holding PACE seats abstained in the vote. Two of them represent the ruling Republican Party of Armenia (HHK), while the other is affiliated with Orinats Yerkir, a nominally opposition party thought to maintain links with President Serzh Sargsyan. The fourth member of the Armenian delegation in Strasbourg did not vote at all.

The PACE resolution was adopted almost one year after President Sargsyan welcomed a disputed referendum in Crimea that led to the Ukrainian region's annexation by Russia. Armenia went on to vote against a pro-Ukrainian resolution on Crimea at the UN General Assembly. The Ukrainian government condemned that stance, recalling its ambassador in Yerevan.

The Armenian lawmakers' seemingly neutral stance on the PACE measure therefore comes as a surprise, especially given Armenia's recent accession to the Russian-led Eurasian Economic Union (EEU). Some analysts already see a pro-Western shift in Armenian foreign policy.

Stepan Grigoryan of the Yerevan-based Center for Globalization and Regional Cooperation said on Thursday that Yerevan is now keen to reverse its "international isolation" resulting from Sargsyan's pro-Russian moves on the Ukraine crisis. "That is why they decided to abstain. They didn't adopt a pro-Russian stance at the PACE," Grigoryan told RFE/RL's Armenian service. The Sargsyan government is thus sending a corresponding "message" to the West, he said.

"Russia is also to blame for this stance adopted by our delegation," added the pro-Western pundit. "Having joined the EEU, Armenia had reason to expect Russian assistance in financial and other spheres. But as we can see, EEU membership has only earned Armenia negative things."

Small business owners continue protests in Yerevan

Hundreds of self-employed Armenians continued to demonstrate in Yerevan on January 29 against new taxation rules which they believe would ruin their small businesses.

The protesters, most of them owners of market stalls and small shops, marched from Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan's office to the presidential administration building in the capital where they scuffled with riot police. The latter used force to unblock a major Yerevan briefly closed by the angry crowd.

The protesters tried in vain to get Abrahamyan and senior officials from President Serzh Sargsyan's staff to meet them and listen to their demands. A senior aide to Abrahamian, Aleksandr

Ghazaryan, told them that the premier is too busy to talk to them. He also made clear that the Armenian government has no intention to repeal controversial legal amendments enacted last fall.

The changes effective from October 1 were made to an Armenian law on turnover tax, which is levied from businesses with annual sales of up to 58 million drams (\$125,000). The latter pay no other taxes.

While lowering from 3.5 percent to 1 percent the turnover tax rate, the amended law obligates the small business owners to provide tax authorities with documentary evidence of their wholesale purchases made from larger firms or face heavy fines. The government says that this will make it much harder for big business to evade taxes.

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'Stopover in Abu Dhabi' program is now accessible for Armenia thanks to Etihad Airways

Armenia has been selected by Hala Abu Dhabi, the destination management division of Etihad Airways, as one of the 23 countries across the world where preferred sales agreements have been signed to expand the reach of Etihad Airways' popular 'Stopover in Abu Dhabi' program, aimed at passengers transiting in the UAE capital.

The program allows guests of Etihad Airways and selected partner airlines to break their journeys in Abu Dhabi and enjoy special privileges, such as complimentary visas, overnight hotel accommodation and golf course access, before continuing onto their final destinations.

As a result of the new partnerships, the incentives can now be booked through the 45 tour operators, in addition to Etihad Airways' website and the halaabudhabi@etihad.ae email.

A number of Etihad Airways' sales team members from across the world have also been appointed as destination and product champions by Hala Abu Dhabi.

The 'Stopover in Abu Dhabi' program includes:

- * Essential Stopover – guests are able to enjoy their first night free if staying a minimum of two nights. Rates start at US\$36 per person for two nights on Bed and Breakfast basis.

- * Premium Stopover – for guests travelling in premium cabins. Guests in First Class are entitled to complimentary accommodation for two nights in a five star hotel in Abu Dhabi. Guests in Business Class receive one night complimentary in a five star hotel.

- * Transit Golf - guests who transit in Abu Dhabi between six to 12 hours can take advantage of playing a nine-hole golf course or pool access at Yas Links until their next flight.

- * Complimentary visa stopovers - for nationals who require a UAE entry visa. Hala Abu Dhabi will facilitate a complimentary UAE visa when booking two nights' accommodation.

Further details are available online at www.etihad.com/en-ae/plan-and-book/book-stopovers/

European Court Opens Hearings On Armenian Genocide Case

Amal Clooney, a world-famous lawyer, urged the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) not to give the green light to public denial of the 1915 Armenian genocide on Wednesday as she represented Armenia in a high-profile case involving a controversial Turkish politician.

Clooney pointed to "overwhelming evidence" of the World War One-era slaughter of some 1.5 million Armenians by the Ottoman Turks at the start of hearings in Strasbourg on an appeal lodged by Switzerland and backed by Armenia.

The case stems from a 2007 Swiss court ruling against Dogu Perincek, the leader of a small Turkish nationalist party who branded the Armenian genocide an "international lie" during a lecture tour in Switzerland. Perincek was fined by the court in line with a Swiss anti-racism law that bans any act of denying, belittling or justifying genocide. The ruling was upheld by the Swiss Federal Court. Acting on an appeal filed by Perincek, the ECHR ruled in December 2013 that the Swiss verdicts violated an article of the European Convention on Human Rights that guarantees freedom of expression. It also said that there is no "general consensus" that the mass killings and deportations of Armenians constituted genocide.

Switzerland's Federal Office of Justice responded by asking the Strasbourg court's Grand Chamber to review the case. The Armenian government welcomed the move, saying that it will act as a third party in the hearings on the Swiss appeal.

Armenia's Prosecutor-General Gevorg Kostanyan is personally representing the government in the case along with an international legal team comprising Clooney and Geoffrey Robertson, a British-Australian attorney and academic.

"It is an honor to appear before you today on behalf of the government of Armenia," Clooney told a panel of senior ECHR judges in her opening remarks broadcast live on the Internet. "The stakes could not be higher for the Armenian people," she said.

The Lebanese-born attorney, who married Hollywood film star George Clooney in September, deplored the 2013 Strasbourg court verdict, saying that it "cast doubt on the reality of genocide that Armenian people suffered a century ago."

"The court did not explain why it was



overruling the Swiss court, which had heard and examined 90 kilograms of evidence on the matter. Instead, the lower court reached its conclusions that the genocide was not proved or even provable without using any of the fact-gathering tools that were available to it," she said before listing some of the well-known facts about the genocidal character of the 1915 massacres.

"Armenia is not here to argue against freedom of expression any more than Turkey is here to defend it," Amal Clooney went on. "This court knows very well how disgraceful Turkey's record on free expression is. You have found against the Turkish government in 224 separate cases on freedom of expression grounds." Perincek, meanwhile, remained adamant in denying a premeditated government effort to exterminate the Ottoman Empire's Armenian population. He said that making a public expression of his views, which essentially reflect the official Turkish version of events, a crime would deal a serious blow to free speech. Perincek, 72, also insisted that he did not mean to offend Armenians.

Robertson brushed aside these assurances, calling the Turkish politician an "incurable genocide denier." Britain's "The Daily Telegraph" newspaper quoted Robertson as saying that Perincek deliberately travelled across Europe in order to provoke a conviction for genocide denial and "arouse his supporters in Turkey."

The landmark case is being closely watched in both Turkey and Armenia, coming ahead of the 100th anniversary of the genocide to be marked in April. According to "Hurriyet Daily News," several prominent Turkish politicians, including former European Affairs Minister Egemen Bagis, travelled to Strasbourg to attend the hearings. Large groups of Armenians and Turks staged rival demonstrations outside the court building during the proceedings.

Small business owners continue...



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The traders argue, however, that they cannot comply with this requirement their suppliers usually refuse to issue them with receipts and invoices. "One of those wealthy businessmen is the finance minister [Gagik Khachatryan,]" said one of the speakers at their rally on Thursday. "They want to bring him into the taxation field at our expense."

"Instead, we will make him appear before the people. We won't allow them to use us as instruments," he told the crowd outside Abrahamyan's office.

A series of demonstrations held by the traders them in September and October forced Abrahamyan's cabinet to

effectively postpone the enforcement of the new rules until February 1. The traders have warned that they will go on strike if the government refuses to again freeze the law.

Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan on January 30 reportedly agreed to again make major concessions to scores of small business owners demonstrating against controversial new taxation rules introduced by his government.

Abrahamyan met with representatives of the protesters as they again rallied outside his office in Yerevan. The protest leaders were satisfied with the two-hour meeting, telling the crowd that he essentially agreed to meet their

demands.

"From what I understood, Mr. Abrahamyan is on our side," said one of them.

"The prime minister specifically agreed to discuss and revise [the law,]" said another participant of the meeting. He added that the premier will again meet with the traders' representatives on February 1 to present concrete solutions relating to Armenia's law on turnover tax levied from small firms and self-employed entrepreneurs with an annual revenue of up to 58 million drams (\$122,000).

The law was amended in October to require those entities to show tax officials documentary evidence of their transactions with wholesale suppliers. The government has said that this will make it much harder for large-scale Armenian importers of goods to evade taxes.

The affected traders say that they cannot comply with this requirement because the suppliers routinely refuse to give them receipts. A series of demonstrations staged by them in September and October already forced Abrahamian to postpone the enforcement of the law until February 1.

The government did not confirm or deny fresh concessions which the protesters say were promised by the premier.

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regime, a number of people assembled in Berdzor. They included men in civilian clothes and masked police officers, who claimed to be war veterans; they were there to obstruct our entry into Artsakh. False information was spread to those in Berdzor that we were armed. In addition to this, they were trying to convince people that the car rally, led by Jirayr Sefilyan, was a plot to try to persuade soldiers to no longer serve in Artsakh and return, in order to abandon Artsakh and leave it unprotected."

The organizers say they were not armed and they were en route to Nagorno Karabakh with their wives and children.

On January 30, Jirayr Sefilyan had written the following Facebook status: "I

am coming with my family. Dear Armenians of Artsakh, on January 31, 2015, the 100th Anniversary Without this Regime initiative is coming to Artsakh to inform people about our plans. We want you to also participate in the building of our country's future. We want you to demand accountability from us and we will be accountable to you. Artsakh is my home. I am coming with my family, together with my wife and children."

The NKR police released a statement later in the day about the incident in Berdzor. They said that the car rally had garnered a "negative response from wide segments of the public in Artsakh" and unknown individuals had decided to prevent the participants of the car rally from entering the territory of Nagorno Karabakh.

The statement went on to say that given these circumstances and possible violations of public order, the NKR police had placed units along several sections of the Goris-Stepanakert highway. They said that the participants of the car rally were asked by police officers stationed on the highway to turn back because their initiative could cause "social tension" in Artsakh. "However, several participants of the car rally, opposing our request, resorted to illegal activities and continued provocations, even after warnings to desist by police," the statement read. "To prevent possible mass unrest, the police of NKR were forced to resort to corresponding measures conferred to them by law. Sadly, there were injuries; however no one's life is in danger."

Ambassador Suresh Babu: "In recent times India has achieved a Breakthrough..."

The world's largest democracy's 66th Republic Day Celebration in Yerevan marked with "India in My Imagination" Contest in Armenian Schools



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On 26 January India celebrates its Republic Day.

day, in his speech at the festive reception for the Holiday Ambassador of India to Armenia Mr. **Suresh Babu** mentioned "a breakthrough in the foreign policy front within a span of six months", I've recollected immediately a CNN report scene of India's PM Mr. Modi welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Obama...

...Really, this year's celebration in

Government members, MPs, foreign Ambassadors/diplomats, businessmen, clergy to the reps of the Armenian intellectual elite, art people, others...

After traditional performance of the two countries' anthems Ambassador Suresh Babu addressed the guests.

Below The Highlights readers could find full text of the Ambassador's speech:



Welcoming Ambassadors of China, Russia...



...and Brazil, i.e. the BRIC...



...Gagik Tsarukyan

And your correspondent of The Highlights team has been covering this event for almost a decade in a row, so

Yerevan was a special one even in terms of the traditional venue's - Tigran the Great Ballroom at the Armenia Marriott Hotel

"Excellency Dr. Armen Ashotyan, Minister of Education and Science of Armenia,



Ambassador Suresh Babu in the center, with Armen Ashotyan (l) and Sergey Manassarian (r)



Deputy Foreign Minister Excellency Mr. Sergey Manassarian,

Mr. Gagik Tsarukyan, the Leader of the Prosperous Armenia Party.

Distinguished Excellencies – Ambassadors, Deputy Ministers and Dignitaries in the Government of Armenia; Ladies and Gentlemen,

January 26th has been "engraved" in my memory. But when in the early morning of the previous day, of 25 January, yours truly heard from a CNN report words "...India's National Day...", I rushed to my TV and saw US President Obama arrived in India for a really unprecedented event – for the first time a top-ranking foreign official was invited to be a guest of honor at the military parade on the occasion of the Republic Day... And when in the evening of the next

being absolutely overcrowded; it's very difficult to say what layer of the Armenian society was not represented there – from the

thank you for accepting our invitation to join us in celebrating the 66th Republic Day of India this evening. Your presence demon-



Handing prizes to the winners of "India is in My Imagination" contest



The guests

strates your attention to India as a country which is in its own way fast developing and emerging as a major global player.

I also place on record our sincere gratitude to the President of Armenia H.E. Mr. Serzh Sargsyan for his warm greetings to the President of India on today's occasion.

We, the people of India, are celebrating today another historic milestone in our contemporary history. This year is particularly significant as the new BJP Government led by Mr. Narendra Modi, the Hon'ble Prime Minister, came to power in May 2014 with a clear majority in the Parliament and has completed over six months in office.

Basing on two planks of governance, i.e. effective governance and development, Prime Minister Modi has launched series of policy initiatives to transform the socio-economic spectrum of the country thus addressing the concerns of common Indian. In this direction, "Make in India" is one of the glaring initiatives to attract large investments aiming to convert India into a reliable destination for investments which will in turn help developing huge manufacturing hub not only in Asia but its beyond.

Under the visionary guidance and leadership of Prime Minister Modi, India has achieved a breakthrough in the foreign policy front within a span of six months. Our Prime Minister and the External Affairs Minister have held Summit level meetings with almost all world leaders and have participated in all major multilateral gatherings during this short period.

For our relations with friendly Armenia, probably, the bygone year may not be full of events in terms of bilateral cooperation, but the Embassy of India, nevertheless, has organized several events aimed at strengthening our ties with Armenia at people-to-people level.

I will not go deep into details as a special publication which the India-Armenia Friendship NGO has prepared with the support and guidance by the Embassy and which will be released this evening by H.E. Mr. Manassarian, will be self-explanatory.

One of the major activities of the Embassy in 2014 included All-Armenia Painting & Essay Competition among the schoolchildren of Armenia in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Science

(with personal involvement and guidance of the Minister) and the TUMO Centre of Creative Technologies.

We have the winners; we have the Jury members present amongst us this evening. All is left is to do the honours of giving away the prizes by Excellency the Minister of Education and Science of Armenia. I consider this is one of the major initiatives of popular diplomacy.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy New Year 2015 and hope that the New Year will not

most popular competitions among the Armenian schoolchildren. Hundreds of them expressed their knowledge/attitude to India by writing & painting. Those who're present here tonight and who shared with me joy of the competition, would confirm my conviction that the words "India is My Love" the contestants were bearing on their T-shirts, have not been mere an advertisement. Hundreds of the Armenian schoolchildren wearing that T-shirts expressed their real love to India by their essays and paintings that was presented to the friendly Indian people".

Armen Ashotyan thanked Ambassador Babu and the Embassy staff for this initiative and the joint work.

"...I told Mr Ambassador half-jokingly that it'd be a great thing to organize similar competition in India - with motto "I Love Armenia" ...Why half-jokingly? 'Cause if in Armenia we've had hundreds of children participating,

in case of India we'd have thousands of them..." he said as well.

Minister Ashotyan finalized his speech by once more congratulating friendly people of India and wishing to the people and the country further prosperity, progress and peace.

And, after the official part, as Ambassador Babu announced before, Minister Ashotyan and the Jury members handed prizes over the winners of the Competition. Four First Prize winners (there were two age groups - for the elder and for the junior, and two nominations - for essays and paintings) - Viktoria Torossyan, Nanah Petrosyan (essays), Sira-nush Mkhitarian and Al-var-d Baghdasaryan (paintings) will travel to India for a week, while four second prize winners were awarded with plan-shets (tablets), four third prize champions received smart phones and two consolation prizes were also given. All these prizes were sponsored by the M/o Tourism of India, M/s Kalpataru Power Transmission Ltd, Greenleaf Tobacco Ltd and others.

...And, another announcement: Armenian Deputy FM Sergey Manassarian released a special edition dedicated to the Republic Day of India "INDIA: New vision, new vigour" a colorful bilingual publication of rich content presenting achievements of India as well as essential moments in Indo-Armenian relations of recent years.

And the popular Indian music/dances numbers & cuisine masterpieces were there indeed...

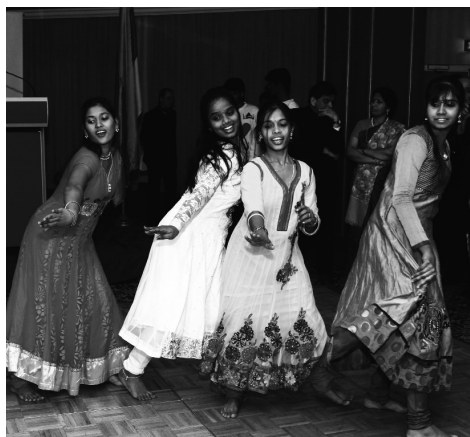
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"INDIA: New vision, new vigour"

only bring peace and economic prosperity to the friendly Republic of Armenia but will also further enhance India-Armenia bilateral cooperation.

Thank you !!"



Cultural program

On behalf of the Government of Armenia and personally himself Minister Ashotyan congratulated friendly Indian people for the next Republic Day.

"On this occasion we can speak about cultural similarities, millenia old Armenian-Indian historical ties and indeed mutual warm feelings both peoples have been having", Mr Ashotyan continued. And...

"I must stress also the impressive progress of India within recent years, demonstrating not only unique cultural values but also huge economic growth and the military power.

Today's India is a country of the cutting-edge high-tech and education, being at the same time a land of the kind and warm people. And it is symbolical that, as distinguished Mr Ambassador mentioned, the contest we've initiated and held jointly last year, "India is in My Imagination" (or "India is My Love"), has become one of the



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- 1104.**Komitas Ave.**, **Aram Khachatryan str.**, 5/2, 125sq.m.,stone bld, h-2.75m.,3 bedrooms, office, 2 bathrooms, old repair, gas, garage. Price: 130.000 USD
- 2836.**Pushkin str.**, 4/4,5, 400sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC. Price: 460.000 USD.
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- 1598.**Komitas, Nairy Zaryan str.**, 1000 sq.m., working restaurant,1st line, capitally repaired. Price: negotiable.
- 1603.**Northern Ave.**, Ground floor of the building, 160 sq.m.,zero level, window glasses. Price: 2.600.000 USD.
- 2035.**Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m.,1st line, facade-55m.,capitally repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: Negotiabel
- 2013.**Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m.,1st line, capitally repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 1.300.000\$ negotiable
- 2012.**Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1,2, 140sq.m.,window glasses, capitally repaired, AC. Price: 850.000 USD negotiable
- 2155.**Mashtots ave.**, 3storied building, 540sq.m., each floor-180sq.m, window glasses,parking. Price:3.600.000 USD
- 2020.**Hr. Kochar str.**, Land-300sq.m,1st line, 4storied building, 1080sq.m.,each floor-270sq.m, h-3.6m,without divisions, parkings, 3 access. Price:1.200.000 USD negotiable
- 1986.**Cascade**, Land 1000sq.m. 3storied building1200sq.m., unfinished, parking. Price:1.000.000 USD.
- 2167.**Sayat Nova str.**, newly built, 38sq. m, capitally repaired. Price: 200.000 USD
- 2175.**Tumanyan str**, Ground and 1st floorof the building, 600sq.m, ground floor300sq.m, 1st floor-220sq.m, basement-80sq.m, - 1st line, zero level, 2 entrances, facade-15m, 4 window glasses, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, Price: 3500 USD per sq.m.
- 2172. **Isahakyan str**, 92sq.m, 1st line, 7 degrees above zero level, facade-9m, 2 window glasses, h-3.20m, 2 halls, cabinet, bathroom, capitally repaired, heating system. Price: 450.000 USD

LANDS

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

PRIVATE HOUSES

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

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

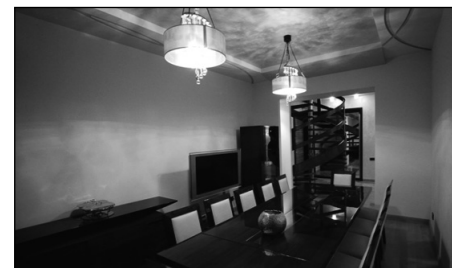
- 3432.**Aygedzor**, Land - 1021 sq m ,3 storied bld.-501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, central heating, AC, boiler room garden, swimming pool, sauna, garage, security system. Price:1.000.000 USD

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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1 ROOM

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

2 ROOMS

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

3 ROOMS AND MORE

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

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



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

PRIVATE HOUSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PREMISES

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

The Youth Orchestra Recently: Sergey Smbatyan Headed One of the Most Prestigious Russian Orchestras



By Gourgen James Khazhakian
Chief Correspondent
Journalist Emeritus of the Republic of Armenia

On January 29th **Sergey Smbatyan**, the Founding Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia (SYOA) performed in Moscow as the conductor of the Moscow State Symphony Orchestra of Pavel Kogan (MSSO, Music Director and Chief Conductor **Pavel Kogan**), one of the most prestigious Russian orchestras. The audience was presented the Vocalise by Sergey Rachmaninov, the Rhapsody for Piano and Orchestra on the theme of Niccolo Paganini (soloist - the winner of numerous international competitions **Andrey Gunin**) and the Symphony No.4 by Pyotr Tchaikovsky.

Speaking about her impressions of the concert, **Yekaterina Polozhentseva**, the MSSO Manager of the Guest Artists said in particular: *"It was interesting to listen the Orchestra's performance under the guidance of Sergey Smbatyan. But this cooperation wasn't the first one with the young conductor; and he always has justified all our expectations!"*

Mrs Polozhentseva also added that the audience received the concert featured Smbatyan's guidance very warm.

The MSSO was founded in 1943 by the Kremlin and has been one of the five oldest concert orchestras in Russia. The Moscow State Symphony Orchestra became renowned around the globe under the leadership of **Pavel L. Kogan**. In 1989 he was engaged as Music Director and Chief Conductor and immediately enriched the Orchestra repertoire by the works of European and American composers. During the last 25 years the MSSO regularly performed overseas including the

USA, UK, Japan, Spain, Austria, Italy, Germany, France, South Korea, Australia, China and Switzerland.

The Moscow performance became Sergey Smbatyan's second foreign concert in 2015.

As The Highlights has informed its readers, earlier, on January 15th, the Founding Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the Youth Orchestra performed jointly with the world-renowned Hollywood actor **John Malkovich** in Seoul leading the Korean Chamber Orchestra.

the Aram Khachaturian House-Museum.

The event is being implemented jointly by the SYOA and the Union of Composers and Musicologists of Armenia, it is held under the patronage of the President of the RA **Serzh Sargsyan** and supported by the Ministry of Culture of the RA.

During the evening the soloists **Anahit Dilbaryan**, **Vardan Gyodakyan**, **Armen Babakhanian** and **Roman Namalyan** presented the piano compositions by Edgar Hovhannisyan. Being a perfect piano player himself, the author managed to reveal all the technical and acoustic capabilities of the instrument.

The pianist Armen Babakhanian highlighted the special importance and even the necessity of the Armenian Composing Art Festival. *"The Armenian music school has always been famous for its outstanding and fantastic composers. But, unfortunately, some of their works are forgotten nowadays. In this regard, I welcome the initiative of this Festival which gives the listener, especially the young one, an opportunity to enjoy the pieces by our great compatriots. Edgar Hovhannisyan's piano compositions occupy their special scheme not only in Armenian, but also in the whole world music culture. Undoubtedly, he is an exceptional talent and the World Musician!"*, - said Armen Babakhanian. The Festival will be finalized by a big concert on Wednesday 4 February.

We think it's a proper thing to remind our readers the bio of Maestro Sergey A. Smbatyan (this time taken from the Moscow State Symphony Orchestra official website, www.mssso-kogan.com):

And....

Armenian Composing Art Festival: the piano compositions by Edgar Hovhannisyan have been presented

The next concert held within the framework of the 6th Armenian Composing Art Festival, dedicated to the 85th anniversary of the famous Armenian composer **Edgar Hovhannisyan** took place on January 30 at

Sergey Smbatyan,
ARMENIA

Conductor

Armenian conductor Sergey Smbatyan was born in 1987 in Yerevan into a family of musicians. At the age of

four he started to learn the violin and was first taught by his grandmother before later studying with Bagrat Vardanyan and Zakar Bron. He begun his career as a violinist at the age of 13 and has received a number of awards at international violin competitions in Japan, Romania and Italy. As a soloist, Mr. Smbatyan has performed with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and the Moscow Academic State Symphony Orchestra, to name a few.

While becoming an accomplished concert violinist, Mr. Smbatyan showed great interest in conducting and started his studies at the Yerevan Komitas State Conservatory, where he attended conducting lessons of Yuri Davtyan, and the legendary Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Moscow. He graduated from both schools in 2009.

In 2005, when only 18 years old, Mr. Smbatyan founded the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia, which consists of young talented students and postgraduate students of the Yerevan Komitas State Conservatory, and became the Orchestra's Artistic Director and Music Director. A year later, SYOA was named the official orchestra of the Aram Khachaturian International Competition and in 2008 the President of the Republic of Armenia granted the Orchestra the prestigious status of a "State Orchestra" for their high professionalism and deep understanding of contemporary music.

Under Mr. Smbatyan's leadership, SYOA received invitations to renowned festivals such as Young Euro Classics, Crescendo and the Moscow Easter Festival, and performed at major venues including the Konzerthaus in Berlin, Opera Garnier in Paris, Palais des Beaux-Arts in Brussels and the Tchaikovsky concert Hall in Moscow. The Orchestra continues to perform regularly, giving 35-40 concerts each season. It has appeared at leading international festivals in collaborations with Vladimir Spivakov, Vadim Repin, Krzysztof Penderecki, Maxim Vengerov, Boris Berezovsky, Mikhail Simonyan and Denis Matsuev among others.

Mr. Smbatyan made his London conducting debut with the Philharmonia Orchestra in spring 2010 as part of HRH Prince Charles' charity concert at the Windsor Castle. He conducted the



orchestra again in 2011. The same year, he was selected to take part in the London Symphony Orchestra's public master classes as part of the "LSO Discovery" program for young conducting talents. Within this program, Mr. Smbatyan worked with the LSO under the direction of Valery Gergiev and Sir Colin Davis. In addition, he has taken conducting lessons with Riccardo Muti.

Highlights of his 2012/2013 season are performances with the Dresdner Philharmonie in the Frauenkirche Dresden and at the Dvorák Prague Festival with the Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra. A champion of Armenian contemporary music, Mr. Smbatyan is the co-founder of ACAF, the Armenian Composing Arts Festival. He also seeks active participation in charity projects, conducting at nursing houses, orphanages and universities throughout Armenia. In 2009 he founded the UNICEF Children Orchestra which gave numerous performances in Armenia and in Europe.

Sergey Smbatyan received his PhD in Fine Arts from the Institute of Arts of National Academy of Sciences of Armenia in 2009. In May 2012 he graduated from Royal Academy in London. He makes his home in London and the Yerevan.

Congratulations!



According to a decree by the Defense Minister of the Republic of Armenia Seyran M. Ohanyan signed on Jan. 22 The Highlights Chief Correspondent, Journalist Emeritus of

Armenia, publicist and writer, fmr frontline reporter **Gourgen James Khazhakian** was awarded "Garegin Njdeh" Medal "...on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of formation of the RA Armed Forces as well as for a contribution to the military-patriotic education of youth". (Symbolically, Gourgen says often that his soul has two "pillars" – an All-Armenian spiritual center ancient Gandzasar Monastery (Nagorno-Karabakh Republic) and indeed the great military/state figure and ideologist Gen. Garegin Njdeh (1886-1955)...)

We wish our long-time colleague (who is also a holder of other state awards such as the Prime Minister's Memorable Medal and the Gold Medal of the Ministry of Culture) good health, personal happiness and further success in his (passionate) writing.

*The Noyan Tapan
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Armenia ranked 52nd in 2015 Index of Economic Freedom

Armenia is ranked 52nd in the 2015 Index of Economic Freedom published by The Wall Street Journal and The Heritage Foundation.

According to the report, Armenia's economic freedom score is 67.1, making its economy the 52nd freest in the 2015 Index. Its overall score has declined by 1.8 points from last year, reflecting considerable deterioration in property rights, labor freedom, and monetary freedom. This decline was the eighth-largest in the 2015 Index. Armenia is ranked 23rd among the 43 countries in the Europe region, and its score puts it above the world and regional averages.

Armenia's transition to a more dynamic and market-oriented economy has been facilitated by openness to global commerce and by regulatory reforms designed to encourage entrepreneurial activity. However, continued efforts, particularly to strengthen the independence of the judiciary and eradicate corruption, are needed to ensure progress in long-term economic development.

Although Armenia performs relatively well in most categories compared to world averages, the historical gains are not fully institutionalized, and the country's economic freedom has been on a five-year downward path. This decline

Armenia

◀ Previous: #51 Costa Rica

Next: #53 Macedonia ▶

OVERALL SCORE: 67.1

WORLD RANK: 52



RULE OF LAW

Property Rights

20.0 ▼

Freedom From Corruption

36.0 ▲

LIMITED GOVERNMENT

Government Spending

82.8 ▲

Fiscal Freedom

84.4 ▼

REGULATORY EFFICIENCY

Business Freedom

82.7 ▼

Labor Freedom

64.3 ▼

Monetary Freedom

70.6 ▼

OPEN MARKETS

Trade Freedom

85.4 ▼

Investment Freedom

75.0 ▲

Financial Freedom

70.0 —

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has taken place across six of the 10 economic freedoms, most notably in labor freedom, freedom from corruption, and monetary freedom.

Hong Kong tops the list, followed by Singapore, New Zealand, Australia and Switzerland. Armenia's neighbors in the region are placed as follows: Georgia - 22nd, Russia - 143rd, Turkey - 70th, Azerbaijan 85, Iran - 171st.

The Index covers 10 freedoms - from property rights to entrepreneurship - in 186 countries. The economic freedom is measured based on 10 quantitative and qualitative factors, grouped into four

broad categories, or pillars, of economic freedom: Rule of Law (property rights, freedom from corruption); Limited Government (fiscal freedom, government spending); Regulatory Efficiency (business freedom, labor freedom, monetary freedom); and Open Markets (trade freedom, investment freedom, financial freedom).

Each of the ten economic freedoms within these categories is graded on a scale of 0 to 100. A country's overall score is derived by averaging these ten economic freedoms, with equal weight being given to each.

ADB announces Armenia partnership

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced on January 28 it has approved a new strategy with Armenia to facilitate sustainable and inclusive growth.

The strategy includes supportive measures for improving infrastructure, energy and urban development. The bank initially will continue to finance infrastructure enhancements, but over time it will shift its focus to act as a catalyst of investment support from the Armenian private sector.

ADB stated that because it has strategic partnerships with other countries, the financial, education and health sectors will see little involvement on the part of the bank.

"ADB plans to provide financial assistance of around \$500 million over the next five years to support improved transport links, to upgrade secondary towns where poverty is highest, and to strengthen energy security," ADB's Country Director for Armenia David Dole said.



Transportation will receive support in this plan through the construction and restoration of transport lines between Armenia and neighboring nations such as Georgia. In the realm of urban development, towns and cities heavily affected by poverty will be the focus of developmental support projects.

Analyst: More focus on self-determination issues, geopolitical developments needed



The process of peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and everything that is related to Nagorno-Karabakh should be a matter of first concern for Armenia in 2015, according to a political analyst.

European Integration NGO Head Karen Bekaryan told reporters on Friday that international processes that go parallel will take place in 2015 as well, however Armenia should pay attention to problems related to the right of self-determination, as well as to the ongoing geopolitical developments.

"I think that we must start promoting

the problem of NK-Armenia internal integration. Probably it is high time even we have introduced in school programs of a constant functioning necessary condition that Armenian schoolchildren should have an opportunity to visit Karabakh and vice versa. I am more than sure that starting from that age, human understanding of motherland and ownership leaves its traces in a more interesting way than when you leave it to the occasion.

Maybe it is time for us to have such a program," Bekaryan said, adding that the recent border tensions and Azerbaijan's behavior show that maybe it is worth addressing and thinking of enlarging the legal field between Armenia and NK, making it more inclusive, including all spheres, and first of all the field of security.

According to the expert, in 2015 discussions of the law about NK citizenship can also be started.

As for the process of peaceful settle-

ment of the Karabakh conflict, Bekaryan thinks that Armenian diplomacy must show the world how Azerbaijan behaves.

"Azerbaijan's behavior during last year, specifically during the last eight months shows it clearly that if the Madrid Principles theoretically sound nice, in the current situation, when there is such a kind of xenophobia, this kind of behavior, absence of any sort of trust mechanisms is a null situation in terms that expecting some indefinite compromise, and moving along that scheme, once again, is theoretically nice, but in today's situation is far from being true or being close to the truth," Bekaryan said.

According to the expert, one should not lose vigilance and the political and military administration is completely aware of that, which proves that "we can constantly see that actions and counteractions are at least adequate, if not to say that in many cases on certain occasions they had teaching or punishing elements."

Don't suppress the light you discover inside yourself: Lilit Khachatryan



"Don't suppress the light that you discover within yourselves ever. Go and meet the light and it will lead to something interesting." The author of these words is Lilit Khachatryan, a former lawyer, who had enough courage to step in into the world of art three years ago, and succeed.

All of us have a hidden light inside ourselves, which probably can be best described with the word "talent." Sometimes we lack the courage to discover it within ourselves and pass it to others. Three years ago Lilit Khachatryan managed to cross the boundaries of the self-doubt and internal fear. And there was the painting beyond

those boundaries.

"I'm a lawyer by profession and I have worked in this field for years. But at some point I discovered I have a desire to paint. At the beginning I was trying to hold it back by just thinking: Start painting? At 36? But then I understood that I am not able to resist this (the word "desire" is too weak to describe) passion," Lilit said.

And then came over 70 works within two years.

"I was putting on a silk everything that was coming out from my soul, everything I was feeling," she says. "The art has changed me and my perception of the world. There were big changes in my inner world after I started painting: I see the beautiful and the uniqueness in everything. Even in the human relations I ignore everything negative."

"There are positive and good things around us that need attention. Intercourse with the Art can lead to great changes. I gave up my lawyer's career, quit the job and fully dedicated myself to painting. My husband's support played a key role in this change and I thank God that I have him next to me," said the artist. "Painting is my life and I found myself here."

Lilit was among the artists selected by Pietro Franesi, the Director of New York and Dubai Art Biennale to participate in these events. Pietro Franesi will also be the curator of Lilit's solo exhibition that will open in Yerevan on February 5 in the Artists' Union.

"Don't suppress the light that you ever discover inside yourselves. Go and meet it. And it will lead to something interesting." This is Lilit's request.

Armenia's Jewish Community Leader Lashes Out at Pro-Azeri Propagandists



*By Harut
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California Courier*

Rima Varzhapetyan-Feller, the president of the Jewish community of Armenia, recently wrote a scathing article titled, "World Jewry Cannot Become a Tool in the Hands of Anti-Armenian Propagators." She criticized all those who engage in such propaganda for writing "ordered and one-sided articles...in pursuit of profits."

Such writers attempt to exploit Israeli political circles and glorify Azeri-Israeli relations, which consist mostly of arms-for-oil deals, in order to isolate and weaken Armenia.

Feller mentions as examples of anti-Armenian propaganda recent articles by Maxime Gauin and Alexander Murinson in Haaretz; Arye Gut on JNS.com; and Alexander Murinson in The Hill.

According to Feller, "The biography and activity of these authors leaves no doubt about the one-sidedness of their analysis. Maxime Gauin, who presents Armenia as an anti-Semitic country, himself publicly supports the ultra-right party of Turkey, the Nationalist Movement Party. Apart from its stated position supporting the denial of the Armenian Genocide, that party is known for propagating anti-Semitism and xenophobia. Yet, Gauin turns a blind eye to this."

Feller further asserts that "Arye Gut has for quite a long time been at the service of the Azerbaijani propaganda

machine, and is a member of the Azerbaijan-Israel International Association. Alexander Murinson takes as a reality his doctoral thesis that Azerbaijan, Turkey, and Israel are an entente alliance-and develops the idea that the enemy of one of these states is the enemy of all three."

The head of the Jewish community in Armenia explains that anti-Semitism exists in every corner of the world, including Armenia. Such manifestations in Armenia, according to Feller, "never enjoyed the support either of authorities, or more or less influential social and political entities. The Jewish community feels itself protected in Armenia, and the authorities respect their rights, culture, and traditions."

Feller is also highly critical of Azerbaijani President Aliyev: "It is no secret what methods the dictator of Azerbaijan is using to mold opinions in the West; in fact, they've been mentioned by many highly influential publications, such as The New York Times in September 2014 and Foreign Policy magazine in June 2014. Influential international Jewish structures should not allow themselves to get involved in such speculations."

Feller mentions several examples of rampant anti-Semitism in Azerbaijan. "In the 1990's, when bandits from the People's Front of Azerbaijan organized and committed pogroms against the Armenian population in Azerbaijan, one of the slogans used was: 'Azerbaijan will prosper without Jews and Armenians.' No matter how hard the authorities of Azerbaijan try to present

themselves as friends of Israel, they cannot be friends of the Jewish people. If there is anyone who doubts this argument, I urge them to read the publications on the numerous, flagrant human rights violations by the Aliyev Administration, or, at least, the articles on the funding of anti-Jewish demonstrations in Europe. There is no doubt that Azerbaijan is using its relations with Iran and Israel, and presenting itself in Israel as the most reliable regional partner in its policy against Iran. Clearly, the leaders of Azerbaijan are playing a dangerous game if they think they will succeed in using Israel and world Jewry to promote their personal interests."

The righteous Jewish community leader then condemns Cong. Steve Stockman (R-Texas), who is known for his pro-Azerbaijani views, for inserting Arye Gut's propagandist article in the Congressional Record. "This was overtly disrespectful, not only to the voters in Stockman's district but also to American democracy. The promotion of ordered and false articles should not be allowed to echo from the rostrum of America's legislative power. One should not be able to present hate propaganda and promote the agenda and interests of a dictator as an expression of freedom of speech, especially when it uses Jews, and in particular, the Jewish community of Armenia."

Feller concludes her article by rightly warning "the Jewish community of the United States to stay alert and condemn any attempt to exploit the Jewish factor in such a despicable way by certain political circles."

Haaretz: Israeli President implicitly recognizes Armenian Genocide at UN

Israeli President implicitly recognizes Armenian Genocide during General Assembly Holocaust memorial.

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin told the UN General Assembly on Wednesday that "cynical" accusations against Israel of genocide and war crimes harm the world body's ability to fight the real thing, Haaretz reports.

Speaking at the assembly's ceremony marking International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Rivlin mentioned the

1915 Armenian Genocide - the killing of more than one million Armenian nationals by Turkey - which is not recognized as genocide by Israel.

Rivlin called on the United Nations to set red lines beyond which it would intervene to stop acts of genocide. He then said: "At the same time we must remember that the setting of red lines requires us to stop diluting and cynically exploiting them in the name of pseudo objectivity, as is done in the rhetoric of human rights

with the use of terms such as 'genocide' for political purposes."

Citing the "disgraceful" UN resolution, later struck down, that equated Zionism with "its greatest enemy" racism, Rivlin continued:

"Nonetheless, absurd comparisons such as this one, which we as Israelis are exposed to constantly... not only confuse the ally with the enemy, but they undermine this house's ability to effectively fight the phenomenon of genocide."

CSTO Chief Says Stance on Artsakh Conflict 'Clearly Stated'



Head of the Russia-led Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) Nikolai Bordyuzha has said the organization's position on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict was clearly stated in a series of statements made last year, while not reiterating what that position was, Arka news agency reports.

Speaking to journalists in Moscow on Friday, Bordyuzha said he had visited Armenian army units and discussed the recent upsurge in violence on the Armenian-Azeri border and the Artsakh-Azeri border with the President of Armenia.

The CSTO Secretary General said the issue was discussed last summer at a meeting between Russian president Vladimir Putin and the presidents of

Armenia and Azerbaijan in Sochi, when Putin chaired the Collective Security Treaty Organization's Council.

In response to a question from a Novosti-Armenia reporter as to why the CSTO did not respond to commando raids by Azerbaijani troops across the border with Armenia, Bordyuzha said the CSTO cannot respond by military measures, because it runs counter to the basic formula of the Collective Security Council, which says the Nagorno-Karabakh problem is to be solved by peaceful means and on the basis of non-use of force.

Speaking about recent attacks by Azeri troops resulting in the deaths of Armenian servicemen, Bordyuzha said: "We are talking about how this problem should be addressed at the political level and I think the statements made CSTO are quite serious and weighty, reflecting not only the opinion of the Russian Federation."

Since the beginning of January, tensions have escalated on the Armenian-Azerbaijani border and along the line of

contact in Nagorno-Karabakh where clashes have occurred on a daily basis with Azerbaijani forces shelling Armenian positions and conducting raids.

Bordyuzha also announced to journalists that CSTO member states will begin producing military hardware and equipment that were previously purchased from Ukraine.

According to Nikolai Bordyuzha, the kind of hardware in question can be manufactured in Belarus, Kazakhstan, Armenia and Kyrgyzstan.

Bordyuzha also announced that a number of large-scale military exercises will be conducted in the framework of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) in 2015.

For example, a large-scale exercise will be held with the participation of the Collective Rapid Reaction Force. And in September and October, Armenia will host exercises by the CSTO's peacekeeping forces. Drug control services and law enforcement agencies of CSTO member states will also conduct military exercises in 2015.

Armenian military details 2014 drills with U.S. troops



Armenian soldiers reportedly took part in five U.S.-led military exercises last year, highlighting Armenia's increased cooperation with NATO and the U.S. military in particular.

Defense Minister Seyran Ohanyan listed those exercises along with Armenian participation in three other war games held by the Russian-led Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) in 2014 at a news conference in Yerevan this week.

One of the drills took place in March 2014 at the U.S. Army's Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo where some 35 Armenian

troops have been serving under U.S. command as part of KFOR, a NATO-led multinational force. The Army said at the time that they and soldiers from North Dakota National Guard jointly practiced crowd control operations there.

"The training was part of a weeklong process to give both U.S. and Armenian soldiers the skills necessary to quickly and safely load and unload from UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters," the Army said in an article posted on its website.

Ohanyan also mentioned the Platinum Eagle exercise organized by the U.S. military in Romania in April-May 2014. It involved about 75 U.S. Marines and army units from Armenia, Macedonia and NATO members Romania and Bulgaria. The official purpose of the drill was to "reinforce relationships in a joint training environment and increase interoperability of allied/partner forces."

The Armenian military has increasingly participated in such exercises over the

past decade in line with Yerevan's Individual Partnership Action Plan with NATO. The cooperation framework commits Armenia to contributing troops to NATO-led missions and implementing defense reforms meant to bring its armed forces into greater conformity with NATO standards.

As part of those reforms, U.S. military instructors have been helping the Armenian army increase the number of its non-commissioned officers serving on a contractual basis. About 50 Armenian sergeants underwent a weeklong U.S. training course near Yerevan in February 2014.



"Aznavour Story 2015" documentary to be screened in Marseille on April 25

"Aznavour Story 2015" - a two-part documentary by Richard Findykian will be screened in Marseille on April 25 as part of an event dedicated to the centennial of the Armenian Genocide, Nouvelles d'Armenia reports.

A series of radio programs "Aznavour Story -2015" presented by Richard Findykian and Jacques Bonnadier will air

on French Armenian radio stations in Paris, Lyon, Vienna, Valencia and Marseille (AYP FM, RADIO ARMENIE, RADIO A, RADIO DIALOGUE, RADIO JM and the Jewish Radio in Marseille).

The trailer of the film presents an episode, where Charles Aznavour says he expects an important decision from Ankara. "Turkey is a powerful state, and will

become even more powerful if it recognizes what has happened. I think it's time for Ankara to make an important, real decision," Aznavour said.

At tonight's dinner to be attended by French President Francois Hollande Charles Aznavour will be honored with a medal of the Coordinating Council of the Armenian Organizations of France (CCAF)

Turkish director's Armenian Genocide film premieres in Yerevan

Renowned Turkish film director Fatih Akin was in Yerevan on January 30 to present his film on the Armenian Genocide - The Cut.

The main figure is Nazaret Manoogian, played by Tahar Rahim, an Armenian blacksmith who is separated from his wife and young twin daughters in the middle of the night by Turkish soldiers, who take him to a work camp, after which his town is cleared of Armenians.

He survives the forced labor in the desert and avoids having his throat slit when his would-be executioner takes pity and only pretends to kill him.

After Turkey's defeat in the war, he begins a quest that takes him to Cuba and America in search of his missing daughters who have fled there, after their mother and the rest of their family were killed.

The 138-minute film with a budget of €15.5 million has been shot in Jordan, Germany, Cuba and Malta. The State Commission on Coordination of the Events for Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide also supported the creation of the film. The Cut premiered at the 71st Venice Festival on August 27.

Fatih Akin was born in 1979 to Turkish parents, who had moved to Germany in 1960s. He first visited Yerevan in 2010 within the framework of the Golden Apricot International Film Festival.



"It was a significant event, as it was a very sensitive moment for a man with of Turkish descent to visit Armenia," Akin told reporters in Yerevan.

"In the past it wasn't even possible to use the word 'genocide' in Turkey. It's not very easy today, but I believe in the freedom of speech. I think the freedom of speech is the fragile grace given to us," he said.



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19:00. Anush. Opera in 3 acts. Dedicated to Gohar Gasparian's 90th Birthday Anniversary. Musical Director and Principal Conductor: Honoured Artist of Armenia, Karen Durgaryan. Director: People's Artist of Armenia, Gegham Grigoryan. Artist (Painter): Honoured Worker of Art of Armenia, Grisha Sahakyan. Choreographer: People's Artist of Armenia, Vilen Galstyan. Choirmaster: Hrach Boryan. Conductor: Atanes Arakelyan. | National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian

4 February

19:00. Love Stir. Marc Camoletti. Play in 2 acts. | State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan

5 February

19:00. Royal Concert. Musical-amusing show. Author and director of the play – Ara Yernjakyan. 2010 marked the 30th anniversary of "The Royal Concert". More than a thousand performances, more than half a million spectators from different continents: Asia, Europe and America. | Yerevan State Chamber Theater

19:00. Mrs. Ministress. Premiere. Comedy in 2 acts. | State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan

6 February

19:00. Royal Concert. Musical-amusing show. Author and director of the play – Ara Yernjakyan. 2010 marked the 30th anniversary of "The Royal Concert". More than a thousand performances, more than

half a million spectators from different continents: Asia, Europe and America. | Yerevan State Chamber Theater

19:00. Four Reasons for Marriage. Premiere. Author: Richard Baer. Comedy in 2 acts. | State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan

7 February

12:30, 14:00, 15:30. Thumbelina. Musical performance. Hans Christian Andersen. Stage Director: Anna Elbakyan. 4+. | State Marionette Theater

19:00. Spartacus. Aram Khachaturian

Ballet in 3 acts. Chief ballet master: People's Artist of Armenia, Vilen Galstyan. | National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendiarian

19:00. Coma Nostra. New performance dedicated to the author's 55th anniversary. Author: Narek Duryan. | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

14:00. Cinderella. Author: Charles Perrault. | State Musical Chamber Theater

14:00, 16:00. The Tailless Fox. Author: Hovhannes Tumanyan. Staging: Ruben Marukhyan. | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

18:00. An Armenian's Fate. Small hall. | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

19:00. Karine. Premiere. Tigran Chukhajian. Operette in 2 acts. Libretto: Tagvor Nalyan. Staging: Yervand Ghazanchyan. Conductor: Yuri Davtyan. Director: Shushanik Gevorgyan. Design Artist: Robert Elibekyan. Choir Master: Shushan Hovhannisyan. Choreography: Anna Karapetyan. Artistic Director of Theater: People's Artist of Armenia,

Laurate of State Award, Yervand Ghazanchyan. | State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan

19:00. Hollywood... Hollywood. Premiere. N. Simon. Comedy in 2 acts. | Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan

8 February

12:00. Tom & Jerry. Premiere. Children's Musical Fun Show. Staging: Artur Saribekyan. Music by: Armen Margaryan. | State Musical Chamber Theater

12:30, 14:00, 15:30. The Adventures of Buratino. Alexei Tolstoy. Director: Armen Elbakyan. 4+ | State Marionette Theater

14:00, 16:00. Cock-a-doodle-doo. | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

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

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

18:00. Golden Chicken. Author: Vladimir Orlov. Director/ Producer: Karen Khachatryan. | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

19:00. Mister Babik and Others. Comedy in 2 acts. Author: Zhora Harutyunyan, Staging: Yervand Ghazanchyan. | State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan

19:00. Love Mess. Crazy hallucination, in 2 parts. H. Berger. | Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan

19:00. To Arms! Tragicomedy, 2 acts, 110 min. Author and director of the play – Ara Yernjakyan. | Yerevan State Chamber Theater

Zodiac Weekly Forecast

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

You are likely to benefit through changes made by the Powers that Be. You cannot reach these people directly. "Powers" can be those who are miles above you in a corporation, legal changes in your favor, street repairs, or insurance benefits to name only a few. This is a good week to seek healing of emotional wounds.

Taurus (Apr. 20--May 19):

A relationship became significantly more complicated in the first half of December. You wanted to be of assistance to another and it may have become far more involved than you imagined in the beginning. Now is a time to make corrections in that situation. You have the option to pour much more energy into it or let it go. This one is better let go.

Gemini (May 20 -- June 20) :

You may have many opinions this week, but don't believe everything you think. Your objectivity is limited right now so you may be missing an important perspective. Travel to somewhere you have been before could prove fun and may lift your spirits. Relationship(s) to friends and also to children are favorable.

Cancer (June 21--Jul y 21) :

You have likely been dealing with a decision concerning joint property or family issues. You have spent a few weeks in this process. Although you want to come to a final solution, that may elude you right now. Be patient and know that the right answer will come soon. Set it aside to percolate before you take action.

Leo (July 22 --Aug. 21):

You and partner are so tight right now that one cannot identify you as individuals. This may feel good for the present, but it somehow creates a blind spot that neither of you can see. Take special care with decisions. If you can avoid them, do so. If you must, seek a voice of objectivity from a third party.

Virgo (Aug 22--Sep. 22) :

It is possible that you will discover or re-discover an important piece of information that you once knew, but since forgot. This same feature flows over to include finding mislaid papers or documents. In case of health difficulties, look for a 2nd opinion before you take any type of drastic measures.

Libra (Sep. 23--Oct. 22)

Now is the time to correct an error in judgment made in early December. It involves your job. You may have to re-evaluate and possibly write an explanation of the action taken at that time. Avoid a defensive attitude and be honest about your mistake and things may go better for you. The circumstances have already changed.

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

This is a good time to offer apologies where they are due. You can assist in mending bent relationships. Your words have the authenticity of power. Use them wisely. Remember that emotional healing is a two way street. Both of you can be healed with an honest exchange. No name-calling, yelling, or blaming will work.

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

Necessary expenses (those not of the "fun" type) may develop this week. If not that, you could be just having a little blue mood. It is one of those times when we become aware that our loved ones can never know or understand fully what is inside of us. This is an existential dilemma that everyone encounters now and then. It will pass quickly.

Capricorn (Dec 21 -- Jan 19) :

Your charisma is powerful and you can be at your most persuasive now. Manipulation in order to get what you want is not really necessary. Step aside from such temptations. Activities requiring physical energy are accented and favored now. You have a need to get out and about to refresh your spirit.

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

The Mercury retrograde spotlight is shining on you so brightly this week that the glare may hurt your eyes. Make an effort not to offer opinions. Inquire of others about their attitudes. If you make flat statements you are likely incorrect or too adamant for comfort.

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

Your attitude about yourself is not altogether accurate right now. You may think way too much of your ideas, or alternately, you may see yourself as lower than scum. Neither is accurate and you should probably not make decisions of any importance this week. Spiritual pursuits are given a "go" signal. So are alternative methods of healing. You may prefer solitude at this time.

ARMENIAN POETRY

Varouzhan Khastour

Armenian writer, publicist, translator, author of 15 books. In 1997 was published his «Expectation» book. In 2003 it was translated by Lusine Avetisyan.

From now on, we will present You some poems from «Expectation» book.

RENAISSANCE

There was rain, biblical rain,
and we were walking
with footprints of a dream
to search for new discoveries,
to find a cure

for the cells of anticipation,
indefatigably multiplying like a cancer,
in whose bygone past
displaced all the laws of gravity,
and turned into absolute darkness.

Then, your fingers kneaded
light
and, pouring the flour of trust
on my eyelids,
on which stiffened
the rebellions of alien limbs,
reducing my pupils to deserts,
where there was darkness, absolute
darkness.

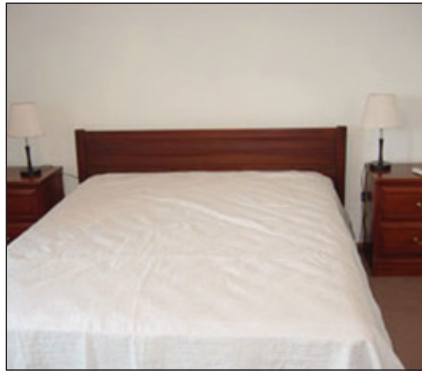
You unhesitatingly walked
the path of my pupils,
and there was rain,
biblical rain,
under which were buried
the crystalline mountains of
pain and grief...

The ark of trust
ran aground on the dreams of Ararat,
which turned to an island of salvation.

We did not send out doves,
we went down together
from the peak of the holy mountain,
and it was a miracle that
the ocean of love swelled
under our feet,
but we had no need
for dry land...

*Translated by
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