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DigiTec Expo 2012 to hold Career Fair

Armenia's capital city will hold DigiTec Career Fair scheduled for Oct. 5 to 7 within the frameworks of DigiTec Expo 2012, the Union of Information Technologies Enterprises informs.

"Currently the information technologies are one of the most rapidly developing fields. IT registers steady growth and is one of the highest-paid sectors. However, there is a lack of professionals," the Union's head Karen Vardanyan said.

To note, the 8th annual DigiTec Expo 2012 will be held in Yerevan on October 5-7. The DigiTec Information and Telecommunication Technologies Expo is organized since 2005 by the Union of Information Technologies Enterprises.

The DigiTec Information and Telecommunication Technologies Expo takes place every October in Yerevan, under the high patronage of the Armenian Prime Minister.

Štefan Füle visits Armenia



Serzh Sargsyan hosts EU Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy Štefan Füle. 27.09.2012

Who will help the Holy Bidzina?

By David Petrosyan

A parliamentary election will be held on 1 October in Georgia.

Georgia voters will elect 150 members of Parliament on a mixed system (75 by proportional or party lists, and 75 by majority districts). For about two dozen parties and alliances participate in the elections.

At the beginning of the campaign it seemed that the ruling United National Movement Party (UNM) of the incumbent president Mikheil Saakashvili would win the grand prize without any difficulties.

This is understandable, since the key information resources in the country are controlled by the Government.

In addition, the Government practically controls the administrative resources monopolistically and has enormous financial resources.

In these matters, Georgia does not differ much from the other countries of the former Soviet

Union (Ukraine, Armenia, Russia, Kyrgyzstan and Moldova) which have "hybrid regimes", though some Western politicians and experts continue to refer it as a "beacon of democracy" in the former Soviet Union countries (excluding the Baltic countries).

Besides all the mentioned serious internal resources, President Saakashvili and his administration have very serious external support, particularly from Washington and Brussels. The support is so serious that the Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt did not recommend to the Georgian opposition to hold mass protests after the elections.

The United National Movement Party points the progress in economy, the fight against the corruption and the police reform and reforms in other areas as its main political and economic achievements. However, a careful and a critical analysis of the Georgian reforms show that the police reform is the greatest suc-

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EU rewards Armenia for 'Pro-European' reforms

The European Union on September 27 formally allocated 43 million euros (\$55.5 million) in fresh assistance to Armenia which is meant to speed up the country's integration with the EU.

The EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle also confirmed the bloc's plans to give the Armenian government 15 million euros in additional funding in line with its so-called "more for more" policy of rewarding political and economic reforms in the former Soviet Union with greater aid.

Visiting Yerevan, Füle praised "pro-European reforms" implemented in Armenia and spoke of major progress in the country's ongoing negotiations with the EU on a far-reaching association agreement.

"We are building on solid foundations," he told a joint news conference with Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan. "There have already been some very positive changes in Armenia."



The two men spoke to journalists after holding talks and signing two agreements on the release of the 43 million-euro aid package. More than half of the sum will take the form of budgetary funding for efforts to bring Armenia's public finance management and trade regulations into conformity with EU standards. The remaining 19 million euros is to be channeled into state bodies involved in the association talks. It will also finance the implementation of judicial reforms

promised by the Armenian government.

"It's clear that the financial and technical assistance provided to the Republic of Armenia and the documents which I signed with Mr. Füle today will enable us to substantially enhance our government's capacity," said Sargsyan.

EU President Herman Van Rompuy said that the Armenian authorities are "on the right track" in carrying out the reforms sought

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Armenian Soldier killed In Karabakh

An Armenian soldier was shot dead on September 25 on a front-line position at a volatile section of the Armenian-Azerbaijani "line of contact" around Nagorno-Karabakh.

Citing "preliminary data," Armenia's Defense Ministry said the 19-year-old conscript, Vaghinak Baghdasarian, was killed by Azerbaijani forces. A ministry statement said military authorities are investigating the incident.

Ceasefire violations there have been a regular occurrence in recent years. They have also become more frequent at other sections of the heavily militarized frontline as well as along Armenia's border with Azerbaijan.

International mediators have increasingly expressed concern at such incidents and urged the parties to the Karabakh conflict to bolster the ceasefire regime with confidence-building measures. In particular, they want both sides to withdraw snipers from the frontlines and jointly investigate truce violations.

The Armenian government and Karabakh's ethnic Armenian leadership say they are ready to do this.

Azerbaijan, however, has repeatedly spoken out against sniper withdrawal. Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov also effectively rejected in June the idea of joint investigations.



... for 'Pro-European' Reforms

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by Brussels when he visited Yerevan in July. He praised their handling of parliamentary elections held in May but said a presidential ballot due next February should be even more democratic.

Füle also stressed the importance of the vote's proper conduct, saying that Yerevan should address relevant recommendations made by European election observers after the May elections. "Successful elections really matter," he said. "Without them, the continuous reforms which we want to see would be interrupted and the country's unity and purpose could be undermined."

The Armenian government and the EU's executive body, the European Commission, began negotiating on the Association Agreement more than two years ago. They also opened earlier this year separate talks on two key components of the future accord: visa facilitation and the creation of a "deep and comprehensive free trade area."

"This agreement is of utmost importance in moving our relationship to a higher level," Füle said. "This goes far beyond just a normal free trade agreement. With that agreement, the European Union will open up a sizable portion of its acquis (regulatory framework) related to the internal market to

Armenia. It will affect all Armenians and it will affect them in the best possible way."

"Most importantly, this agreement is about sharing values," added the EU official. "It is about freedom, which unlocks the full potential of women and men in Armenia, offering them a protective umbrella of high democratic standards and real guarantees for their rights and freedom."

Tigran Sargsyan said earlier this month that Yerevan hopes to complete the association and free trade talks by the end of next year. Neither he nor Füle mentioned any time frames on Thursday.

Nor did they say if the talks could be adversely affected by Armenia's recent decision to suspend diplomatic relations with EU member Hungary in response to the release from a Hungarian prison of Azerbaijani axe-murderer Ramilv Safarov. The EU has expressed concern at Safarov's pardoning by President Ilham Aliyev but unlike the United States and Russia, stopped short of criticizing the Hungarian government for extraditing the convict to Azerbaijan.

Füle reiterated this cautious reaction as well as his earlier calls for both Armenia and Azerbaijan to show "restraint" in the bitter row. "We have to keep working for peace," he said.

President Serzh Sargsyan appears to have been upset by this stance. Meeting with a visiting EU envoy on September 12, he slammed "some supposedly 'balanced' but, in fact, absolutely inadequate responses" to Safarov's release.

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Abuses at the expense of soldiers are impermissible

The President of the Republic of Armenia, Commander-in-Chief of the RA Armed Forces Serzh Sargsyan on September 26 at the Ministry of Defense of Armenia conducted a meeting with the participation of the commanders of the General Staff, headquarters, and military units.

The meeting was dedicated to the issues related to the process of procurement for the needs of the RA Ministry of Defense. The Head of the Presidential Oversight Service reported on the main findings and conclusions reached in the course of the examination.

The issue raised in the report was pertaining to the transparency of the bidding process and assuring a competitive environment. After presenting a number of factual indicators, the Head of the Oversight Service noted in his conclusion that in the bidding packages there were numerous instances when the bidding was conducted by more or less same individuals. Besides, there have been cases with so called "universal" organizations which were supplying foodstuff, automobile spare parts, fuel and lubricant substances and were conducting construction works. According to the report, the investigation conducted in the last two years revealed that the list of the suppliers is almost unchangeable. In the course of the investigation revealed were also some circumstances which were also influencing the shaping of the competition environment and transparency of the process.

The second reported issue was pertinent to the market prices for the goods and similar items procured for the RA Ministry of Defense. It was noted the working group on the selective basis looked



into some contracts regarding purchasing certain goods and agreements signed on their base. It was underscored that upon the Presidential instructions, in relation to the market prices for the goods purchased by the Ministry of Defense, after the investigation conducted by the Presidential Oversight Service in 2011, currently the situation has somewhat improved and in general the prices of the supplied goods correspond to the wholesale prices for similar goods. Nevertheless, according to the conclusions, some of the goods can be purchased at a lower price. At the same time, the working group established that not only high prices of the goods can pose some risks but also their actual quantity and quality.

At the meeting, the next issue under discussion was pertinent to the organizations related to certain individuals which won biddings and signed agreements with the RA Ministry of Defense.

The President assessed as impermissible violations at the expense of the scarce state resource and the troops and strongly criticized individuals who display such approach. "It is too bad that I don't see a fierce fight against such persons inside the Ministry. The Minister of Defense and the Chief

of Staff must be watchful lest the people who struggle against such occurrences don't have problems tomorrow or day after tomorrow," President Serzh Sargsyan said and underscored that when a commander of a battalion, a company or a regiment observes that their superiors protect the people who are honest, the situation will change and will influence the entire moral and psychological environment. The Minister of Defense assured the President that from now on they will be more persistent regarding the works of the Ministry and according to the Presidential instructions will reinforce control at all stages of the process of the bidding organization and pricing, supply of the purchased goods and their handling. "Mr. President, we will be working on every detail and will do our best that the RA Ministry of Defense become exemplary in conducting the procurement," Seiran Ohanyan, the Minister of Defense said.

After the meeting, the President of the Republic of Armenia, Commander-in-Chief of the RA Armed Forces Serzh Sargsyan conducted private consultations with the Minister of Defense, Deputy Ministers, Chief of Staff and their Deputies on the issues related to combat readiness and armaments.

Serzh Sargsyan received His Eminence Cardinal Kurt Koch

On September 26 Serzh Sargsyan received His Eminence Cardinal Kurt Koch, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

The President welcomed Cardinal's visit to our country, assessing it as strong evidence that relations between Armenia and the Holy See are strengthening and developing. "As the first country which adopted Christianity as a state religion, Armenia attaches great importance and meaning to its relations with Vatican. I recall with great pleasure my meeting last December at the Holy See with His Holiness, when we discussed the agenda of development of the relations between Armenia and Vatican. Bilateral historical ties and relations, rich cultural and spiritual heritage, common system of values compel us to constantly maintain high level of our relations and deepen them further," the President of Armenia said.

President Sargsyan underscored



that excellent relations have also been established between the Holy See of Etchmiadzin and Holy See of Vatican which is quite natural, considering the Christian system of values and ideology which link the two together.

His Eminence Cardinal Koch noted with satisfaction that as a country of rich culture and deep-rooted Christian traditions, Armenia continues to maintain these traditions and develop them

even further. He noted that the mission of the Catholic Church is to promote peace, develop dialogue and cooperation among all nations and religions which is the first prerequisite for the establishment of peace in the world.

President Sargsyan attached utmost importance to the Vatican's role not only in upholding peace in the world, human right and tolerance but also in the promotion of Christian unity.

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Nalbandyan presents Nagorno Karabakh conflict settlement current stage in Los Angeles

The Foreign Affairs Minister of the Republic of Armenia Edward Nalbandian came forth with a speech in Los Angeles prestigious "Global Problems Council" political center, attended by Los Angeles accredited diplomats, politicians, journalists, representatives of the State Department and journalists. The meeting was chaired by the center president Terry Mackarty.

As information and public relations department informs Foreign Minister Nalbandian dwelled on Armenian foreign policy main directions, American-Armenian relations, Southern Caucasus region problems and reportedly the junctions taken by Armenia to settle them.

Talking about Republic foreign policy Minister Nalbandian stated: "Armenia is leading a multi vector

policy. The expansion of ties and diversification of cooperation sphere with East and West, North and South is one of the main goals of our foreign policy. When developing relations with our partners we are guided by respect towards mutual interests and good will principles. Those principles are our strategic relations with Russia, close friendship relations with United States, active cooperation with European Union as well as maintenance of strong relationship with numerous partner states. Edward Nalbandian presented in detail Artsakh conflict negotiations current stage. In this regard Minister noted "Armenia shares the international community's position that the issue should be resolved through peaceful means.

Azerbaijan continues to endan-

ger the regional stability, applying force intertwined with threat, bellicose statements, multiple military budget increase, provocations of the contact line, violations of the ceasefire, systematic manifestations of vandalism towards historical and cultural heritage, preaching hatred against Armenians.

Azerbaijan does not only ignore international community appeals but consistently undertakes new steps which flagrantly violate the values of the civilized world. The latest prove of this is the release of murderer Safarov and his subsequent heroism which drew into shock the international society. There is no international organization, state to realize Azerbaijani action. The international community responded to this disgraceful event was unanimous: severe condemnations pertain to the event by official Baku.

Safarov shameful deal causes a serious harm to Nagorno Karabakh conflict peaceful settlement and efforts to strengthen regional security and stability.

Yet regardless the destructive steps undertaken by Azerbaijan Armenia continues its junction aimed at regulating the conflict mainly through peace means based on principles stipulated by UN Chapter and norms of international law".

At the end of the held meeting Minister Nalbandian covered the numerous questions.



Opposition Bloc Demands New Probe of 2008 Unrest

The opposition Armenian National Congress (ANC) demanded on September 26 a fresh parliamentary inquiry into the March 2008 post-election violence in Yerevan that left ten people dead and more than 100 others injured.

The ANC said the National Assembly should set up an Ad hoc Committee that would investigate the legality of police actions against thousands of its supporters demanding a rerun of a disputed presidential election. The Committee would also try to identify those who killed eight protesters and two police servicemen on March 1-2, 2008. Nobody has been prosecuted for those deaths.

The previous Armenian parliament already formed such a Committee later in 2008. The Committee, boycotted by opposition lawmakers, concluded in September 2009 that the use of force against the protesters, who barricaded themselves in downtown Yerevan, was "by and large legitimate and adequate." It said that there were only isolated instances of excessive force used by security forces.

The ANC shrugged off this conclusion at the time, saying that it is part of a government cover-up of what was the worst street violence in Armenia's history.

The Armenian authorities say that the violence resulted from the



Gagik Jhangiryan, an MP from the opposition Armenian National Congress (ANC)

ANC leader Levon Ter-Petrosyan's attempt to forcibly seize power. Ter-Petrosyan and his associates insist, however, that the authorities deliberately used lethal force to enforce the results of the "rigged" election.

Gagik Jhangiryan, one of the seven parliament deputies representing Ter-Petrosyan's bloc, said the new parliamentary commission would be radically different from the previous one. In particular, he said, the six political forces represented in the current National Assembly would name one Committee on member each. The Committee would also be empowered to question government and security officials as well as to demand and obtain relevant documents from law-enforcement authorities, he said.

The parliamentary factions of

the ruling Republican Party of Armenia (RPA) and the other parties did not immediately back or reject the ANC initiative. They said they would formulate a position after the opposition bloc circulates a corresponding motion in the coming days.

"We will hold negotiations and I think there will be others joining this initiative," said Jhangiryan, who was sacked as Armenia's deputy prosecutor-general for openly backing Ter-Petrosyan just days before the 2008 unrest.

"If there are few or no such backers, which I don't think will be the case, then that too will be an evaluation of those political forces," he told a news conference. "This will be a test of who wants to see the March 1 [case] solved.

Government approves 2013 State Budget Bill

Cabinet sitting was held on September 27, chaired by Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan at which the Government approved the 2013 state budget bill.

According to the bill, next year budget revenue will rise to AMD 1.059.1 billion (excluding the receipts from cross-budget transfers). Expenditures will stand at AMD 1.183.1 billion (excluding receipts from cross-budget transfers) and finally, the deficit will be AMD 124.0 billion.

The Government adopted a decision on the formation of a welfare housing estate in Charentsavan community of Kotayk province, according to which AMD 75mn will be earmarked to buy accommodation in the former technical school dormitory building for 19 families currently living under emergency conditions. With another decision, the Government provides improved living conditions for 7 households residing in the frontier village of Khachik of Vayots-Dzor province.

The Executive amended a previous decree relating to 2012 State budget indicators by which it strengthens the social protection of asylum seekers and refugees through simplified rules for adoption of Armenian citizenship and integration into society.

The Ministry of Territorial Administration was allocated

AMD 1 billion 300 million for transfer to the Town Hall of Yerevan to install central heating in 36 high and special schools in the capital city. Over the past two years, the government solved the issue of heating pre-school institutions and is now addressing the problem of art and music schools, as well as that of the libraries.

The Cabinet decided to earmark AMD 238mn to restore the following road sections which have suffered from heavy rains and other natural adversities: 5-M, 5-kilometer-long section on the motorway leading to Yerevan-Armavir-Turkish border and 200 meter-long section leading to Bagaran.

The meeting allocated a sum for the preparation of the second conference of rural communities in Jermuk town this October 5-6.

The Government decided that DigiTech - 2012 exposition will be held on October 5 - 7, 2012 at the Yerevan-Expo Exhibition Complex, which is located on the site of Yerevan Research Institute of Mathematical Machines CJSC.

The government allocated AMD 8.2mn to organize and hold a gala event dedicated to the Teacher's Day.

At the end of the sitting, the head of government referred to the issue of Indian buffalo meat imports that has been speculated recently by some political forces.

Heritage Party head responds on Baku conclave

Heritage Party chairman Raffi Hovannisian has been invited by the International Conference of Asian Political Parties to attend the organization's assembly scheduled for November in the Azerbaijani capital.

Hovannisian's invitation comes in light of his participation in the previous ICAPP convention held in Phnom Penh, where he visited the concentration camps of the Cambodian genocide and delivered an address on the challenges of democracy and sovereignty, the Armenian Genocide and prevention of crimes against humanity, and Mountainous Karabagh's liberty and statehood.

Raffi Hovannisian's response to the ICAPP organizers reads as follows:

"Jose de Venecia, Jr.

Founding Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP)

Manila, Philippines

Chung Eui-yong

Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General International Conference of Asian Political Parties

Seoul, Korea

Dear Sirs:

It was a pleasure, after the very productive meeting in Cambodia, to receive an invitation to the next Assembly of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties.

As I am sure you know, the president of the host country has added to his long-standing record of racism, rights suppression, and anti-Armenian demeanor by pardoning and glorifying an Azerbaijani soldier who had been convicted in Budapest for the cold-blooded murder by axe (yes, you read this correctly) of an Armenian colleague. Today, Lieutenant Gurgen Margaryan would have turned 34 years old.

I will not politicize this letter by detailing the Aliev regime's human rights background, its destruction of Armenian cultural heritage, and its failed war of aggression against the freedom-loving people of Mountainous Karabagh.

Suffice it to say here that, in view of the recent release and sanctification of axe-murderer Ramil Safarov, the Heritage Party cannot associate itself with the upcoming Assembly and will not attend.

In view of the aims and purposes of ICAPP, moreover, I would expect an unequivocal condemnation of this unconscionable conduct, which flies in the face of our common values and will necessarily cast a dark shadow upon your host government and, most unfortunately, upon the meeting itself.

With kindest regards,

Raffi K. Hovannisian

Chairman, Heritage Party

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs Republic of Armenia"

Hungary in Fresh Bid to Mend Ties with Armenia

Hungary has again urged Armenia to normalize bilateral relations that were frozen by Yerevan in response to the release from a Hungarian prison of the Azerbaijani axe-killer of an Armenian army officer.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary wishes to declare the interest of the Government of Hungary to end the unilateral suspension of diplomatic relations by the Republic of Armenia without preconditions," it said in a diplomatic note sent to Yerevan on Monday.

The ministry explained separately that the note posted on its website is a "formal answer" to a written notification by the Armenian Foreign Ministry about the suspension of diplomatic ties.

Hungarian Foreign Minister Janos Martonyi made a similar appeal in a letter to his Armenian

counterpart Edward Nalbandian early this month. Martonyi reportedly warned Yerevan of "serious ramifications that would not serve the interests of Armenia."

The Armenian government resorted to the extraordinary measure on August 31 just hours after the convicted axe-killer Ramil Safarov was extradited to Azerbaijan and immediately pardoned by President Ilham Aliyev.

The Hungarian government says that it had received formal assurances from Azerbaijan that Safarov will serve the rest of a life sentence given to him by a Hungarian court in an Azerbaijani prison. It also insists that his extradition conformed to a European convention to which both Hungary and Azerbaijan are signatories.

Armenian leaders have brushed aside such statements, saying that Budapest was well aware that



Safarov will be set free if sent back home. They also say that Hungarian officials had repeatedly assured the Armenian side, including in the days leading up to the extradition, that the Azerbaijani army officer will not be repatriated.

"Armenia's position remains the same," Foreign Ministry spokesman Tigran Balayan told RFE/RL's Armenian service (Azatutyun.am), commenting on the Hungarian note. He declined to elaborate.

In certain comments to Yerkir-Media television, Balayan said Yerevan expects "practical and clear steps" from Budapest. He did not specify just what the Hungarian side should do.

The Hungarian government has also been criticized by the United States and Russia. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Philip Gordon told RFE/RL late last week that Washington is "not satisfied" with the Hungarian explanations regarding Safarov's extradition.



Berman Urges Clinton to Suspend Azerbaijan from NATO Partnership for Peace

Rep. Rep. Howard L. Berman, the top Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, wrote Secretary of State Clinton today and called for Azerbaijan's suspension from the NATO Partnership for Peace Program and ending arms sales to Azerbaijan. Berman wrote the letter following the recent pardoning of Azerbaijani axe-murderer Ramil Safarov and his promotion to the rank of major in the Azerbaijani military.

Berman is facing a re-election campaign this year against Rep. Brad Sherman. The two will face off at a debate on Saturday at 6 p.m. at Ferrahian High School's Avetissian Hall. The debate is organized by the Armenian National Committee of America-Western Region.

The letter follows:

Dear Madam Secretary,

The recent pardoning by President Aliyev of the Azerbaijani axe-murderer Ramil Safarov - and his promotion to the rank of major in the Azerbaijani military - was indeed appalling. Aliyev's action makes a mockery of justice and shows contempt for NATO and its members, as well as for NATO's Partnership for Peace (PfP) program and all states that participate in it. The State Department appropriately issued a strong condemnation of Azerbaijan's pardon. In my view, however, the abhorrent nature of this pardon, as well as the gruesome

nature of the original crime and the context in which it occurred, demands something more. It demands a strong and meaningful response.

Accordingly, in light of the fact that this unprovoked and horrific murder occurred at a PfP event, I urge you to arrange for a joint protest to President Aliyev by all members of NATO. Second, I urge that NATO suspend Azerbaijan from all participation in PfP events unless and until Aliyev rescinds the pardon and promotion and re-incarcerates the killer, or returns him to Hungary, to serve the remainder of his life sentence. Further, I strongly encourage you immediately to halt all military assistance and arms transfers to Azerbaijan. President Aliyev's action, in its callous disregard for Armenian life, obliterates

any near-term hopes for building trust between Armenia and Azerbaijan. It thus undermines attempts to foster peace in the volatile Caucasus region. It likewise serves to remind us that a peaceful resolution regarding Nagorno-Karabakh must provide adequate security safeguards against Azerbaijani aggression.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

U.S. Congressman Howard L. Berman

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Azeri, Turkish-American Groups Denigrate US-Armenian Executive

By Harut Sassounian

Four Azeri and Turkish-American organizations launched a coordinated anti-Armenian campaign last week, attacking the integrity of Mark Hoplamazian, the CEO of Hyatt Hotels Corporation, in order to intimidate him and other Armenian-American executives.

In a letter to Thomas Pritzker, executive chairman of Hyatt Board of Directors, leaders of the Assembly of Turkish-American Associations (ATAA), Azerbaijani-American Council (AAC), Federation of Turkish-American Associations (FTAA), and Azerbaijan Society of America (ASA) accused Hoplamazian of being involved in "ethnic propaganda campaigns."

The Azeri and Turkish groups attacked Hoplamazian for speaking at the Sept. 22 banquet of the "Armenian Assembly of America (AAA), an Armenian-American lobbying group, as a Hyatt executive." They also expressed their unhappiness that he "serves on the Advisory Board of 'Facing History and Ourselves,' a non-profit group that 'teaches about the Armenian genocide.'"

The four Turkic organizations claimed that "Mr. Hoplamazian's engagement with ethnic special interest groups that spread antagonisms against Turkey and Azerbaijan may be in violation of the Conflicts of Interest clause of Hyatt's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics." However, a review of the hotel chain's code, posted on its website, does not provide the slightest hint that the Hyatt executive violated any of its provisions.

In their letter, the Azeri and Turkish groups made a series of malicious statements by referring to the Armenian Genocide as an "allegation" and as "World War I-era inter-communal atrocities." They falsely alleged that these "atrocities" were "never tried in any tribunal and no intent to exterminate Armenians was ever established. No sentences or court verdicts were issued in terms of the 1948 United Nations Convention on Prevention and Punishment of Genocide."

By making such ridiculous claims, the leaders of these Turkic organizations simply exposed their ignorance of the basic facts of the Armenian Genocide. They conveniently forgot about the Turkish Military Tribunals of 1919 that sentenced the Turkish ringleaders of the Armenian Genocide to death. U.S., Swiss, and Argentinean federal courts have also reaffirmed the veracity of the Armenian Genocide. Furthermore, in 1985 the UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities adopted a report classifying the Armenian Genocide as an example of genocide.

The Azeri and Turkish groups also claimed that they represent "over half million Americans of Turkic descent." This cannot be true simply because there aren't that many Turkic people living in the United States, according to the latest U.S.



census. Even if there were half a million Turkic Americans, it is highly doubtful that all of them would have given their consent to be represented by these organizations for such absurd misadventures. Most probably, these four groups altogether have a tiny fraction of the constituencies they claim.

Clearly, the faulty statements and silly accusations of these Turkic groups are intended to intimidate Hoplamazian and force him to disengage from any involvement in Armenian or genocide-related issues. More ominously, by targeting and making an example of the Hyatt CEO, Azeri and Turkish groups hope to discourage other Armenian-American executives from pursuing similar activities.

In their joint letter, the Azeri and Turkish groups indirectly threatened Hyatt's corporate interests by indicating that the company "currently runs a total of four successful hotels in Istanbul, Turkey, and Baku, Azerbaijan." One wonders if the governments of Azerbaijan and Turkey have authorized these two-bit groups to speak on their behalf. Moreover, do these organizations realize that they are undermining the business interests of their native countries by foolishly threatening a global corporation like Hyatt?

It would be highly regrettable if the unwise Azeri and Turkish campaign against prominent Armenian-American executives were to start an undesirable chain of events that leads the Armenian community to take counter-actions against successful Turkish-American businessmen, such as Muhtar Kent, the chairman and CEO of the Coca-Cola Company.

The Azeri-Turkish letter is highly unlikely to bring any tangible benefits to these groups, as Hyatt's Board of Directors will most probably dismiss their baseless allegations. More importantly, such a racist assault on the integrity of an exemplary Armenian-American executive would energize Armenians on the eve of the 100th anniversary of the genocide to pursue more vigorously their just demands from both Turkey and Azerbaijan.

Lastly, it is outrageous that these Azeri and Turkish groupings kept totally silent when an Azeri officer axed to death a sleeping Armenian in Budapest, Hungary, but are now alarmed when an Armenian-American CEO exercises his right to free speech in Beverly Hills!

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3 ROOMS

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

PREMISES

- ♦ **1710. Sayat - Nova str.**, 1st floor, 420sqm, 2 rooms, 2 lavatories, entrance from street. Price 1.000.000USD
- ♦ **1727. Baghramyan str.**, 2 storied, 230sqm, capitally repaired, entrance from street, garage. Price 350.000USD
- ♦ **1725. Hanrapetutyan str.**, 1storied, 171sqm, 2 entrances, capitally repaired, permanent hot and cold water. Price 500.000USD
- ♦ **1703. Northern Avenue**, 9/7, 66sqm, capitally repaired, heating, lavatory, 30000AMD service rent, view to Teryan street. Price 220,000USD
- ♦ **1553. Kasyan street**. 170sq.m., working fashion saloon, large windows, facade-15m, 1room+foye, h=2.80 m, cellar 30 sq.m. Price 500 000 USD preliminary
- ♦ **1598. Nairy Zaryan street**, 180 sq.m., 1st floor, a working restaurant, hall-100 sq.m. 1st line, repaired, tonir. Price: negotiable
- ♦ **1383. Nalbandian St**, cellar + 1 story, 30 sq. m. cellar, 90 sq. m. story, Euro repair, hall, kitchen, lavatory, 24-hour hot and cols water, gas supply, suitable for a bar or restaurant. Price: 512.000USD
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **3348. Blur, Barbyusi**. 3 floors, land - 800 sq.m, building-700 sq.m, capitally repaired, climate control. Price: 1.5 million USD
- ♦ **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 490.000\$.
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **3292. Arabkir**, 2 floors, land - 1200 sq.m, building - 340 sq.m, 4 rooms, newly built, repaired, euro windows and doors, sauna, 2 swimming-pools, 5 bathrooms, permanent hot and cold water, heating system, Jacuzzi, fireplace, laundry room, cameras, 2 satellites, garage for 2 cars, basement, fruitful garden, brick fence. Price: 1.2 million USD
- ♦ **3313 Blur, H. Emin**, 3 floors, land - 550 sq.m, building - 450 sq.m, capitally repaired, furnished, 6 bedrooms. Price: 1 600 000 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 cottege 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. Amiryan 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., capitally repaired, Baxi system, furniture, techniques, AC, satellite. Price: 1 day- 80 USD, a month- 900 USD
- ♦ **1961. Tumanian street**, 4/2, 86sq.m., 1 bedroom, Euro repair, Euro windows, Furnished, permanent hot and cold water. Price: 1200 USD, 1day: 70USD
- ♦ **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

- ♦ **2005. Northern Ave.**, 8/8, 3 bedrooms, newly built, 130 sq.m, repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2200 USD
- ♦ **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, capitally repaired, furnished, heating, 2 bathrooms. Price: 2000 USD
- ♦ **1739. Pushkin str.** 6/5, 3 bedrooms, newly built, capitally 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, Falkon 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. Amiryan str**, 12/11. 3 bedrooms, newly built, 180 sq.m, capitally repaired, furnished, 2 bathrooms, Baxi heating system

- installed, climate control. Price: 1700 USD
- ♦ **1970. Vazgen Sargsyan str.**, 10/8. 2 bedrooms, newly built,, 150 sq.m, capitally repaired, furnished, 2 bathrooms, climate control. Price: 2500 USD
- ♦ **1967. Pushkin str.**, 8/6. 2 bedrooms, newly built, 130 sq.m, capitally repaired, furnished. Price: 2000 USD
- ♦ **1966. Ekmalyan str.**, 10/5. 3 bedrooms, newly built, 170 sq.m, capitally repaired, furnished, 2 bathrooms, Baxi heating system installed. Price: 1300 USD
- ♦ **1951. Buzand/Mashtots crossroad.** /13, 2 bedrooms, newly built, 122 sq.m, capitally repaired, 2 bathrooms, furnished, heating system, climate control, usage fee included. Price: 2000 USD
- ♦ **1950. Buzand/Mashtots crossroad.** /8, 2 bedrooms, newly built, 163 sq.m, capitally repaired, 2 bathrooms, furnished, heating system, climate control, open balcony, view to the garden, usage fee included. Price: 2500 USD
- ♦ **1137. Moskovyan str.**, 6/1, 2 bedrooms, lavatory, pool, normal state, furnished, technique, DVD, AC, permanent hot and cold water. Price 1100USD, possible daily rent.
- ♦ **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. Koghbaci street**, 13/6, 2bedrooms, newly built, euro repaired, furnished, 2 lavatories, central heating. Price 1700USD per month, 100USD per day.
- ♦ **1793. Teryan street**. 260 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 3 lavatories, capital repair, climat control, parking, unfurnished (possible to furnish), newly built Price: 3500 USD
- ♦ **1564. Tumanyan street**, 7/4. 110 sq.m.,



euro repaire, 2 lavatories, Spanish tyles, permanent hot and cold water, gas, Baxi system, satellite, modern furniture, techniques, garage. Price 1200 USD.

- ♦ **1720. Amirian Street.**, 18/10, 2 bedrooms, 190 sq/m, newly built, euro windows, permanent hot and cold water, gas, central heating, 2 open balcony, nice view to the city, possible with or without furniture, parking for 3 cars. Price 3000USD per month negotiable, for long term - 6 months and more.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- ♦ **1191 Aygestan**, 2 floors, land 350-400 sqm, building - 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, capitally 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, capitally 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, capitally repaired, furnished, gas, permanent hot and cold water. Price 4000USD
- ♦ **1152. Baghramyan**, 3 floors, land - 800 sq.m, each floor - 200 sq.m, 10 rooms, 7 bathrooms, newly capitally repaired, furnished, equipped, AC, 3 TV, heating system, garage. Price: 3000 USD
- ♦ **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, 2ond 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, capitally repaired, beutfull view. Price: 1300-1500 USD
- ♦ **721. Blur Qery street**, land 150 sq.m., 2 stories+ a cellar, 200 sq.m., newly built, tele-

phone, refrigerator, washing machine, 3 bedrooms, garage, 2 lavatories, a pool, camin, permanent hot and cold water, a cellar is used as a sport hall. Price : 3000 USD

- ♦ **1117. Aygestan**, land-420 sq.m., building 646 sq.m., 3 storied, 4 bedrooms, open kitchen, euro repair, new tiles, furnished, techniques. Price" 5000 USD
- ♦ **1195. Nork**, Armenakyan str, 4 floors, land - 2000 sqm, building-520 sqm, capitally 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, capitally repaired, furnished. Starting Price: 5000 USD
- ♦ **1203. Blur**, H. Emin str, 3 floors, land - 550 sqm, building-450 sqm, capitally repaired, furnished. Starting Price: 6000 USD.
- ♦ **1219. Monument**, Aram Cholakyan str, 3 floors, land - 800 sqm, building - 300 sqm, newly capitally 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, capitally repaired, land 567sq.m., building 551 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 1 cabinet, furnished, a heating system. Price 2500 USD primary.
- ♦ **1076. Nork**, 2 storied, 220 sq.m., euro repair, in the 1st floor 2 rooms, kitchen, lavatory, in the second floor, separate entrance, open kitchen, 3 bedrooms, lavatory, furnished, view to city, garage, garden. Price: 2000USD
- ♦ **990. In Monument, Papazian street**, 2 storied stone building + half-cellar, has mansard,5bedrooms, 2 kitchens, 2bathrooms, laundry, permanent hot and cold water, gas, plot of land 250sq.m, the size of whole construction is 370 sq.m. Price 2500USD

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. Hanrapetutyan 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 cosmetic 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

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cess among all the reforms.

In the other spheres there are a lot of questions. So:

- There are serious problems in the judiciary that need real reforms (the last reform was made by M. Saakashvili when he was appointed to be the Minister of Justice). Note that by the end of 2011, the number of acquittals in the judicial system of Georgia is estimated tenths of a percent and Georgia is the second in the number of acquittals after partially recognized Abkhazia.

- The corruption level in Georgia has really decreased. But on the other hand, the corruption minimized in everyday life has become elite. Some Georgian opposition representatives and experts believe that the level of the elite corruption has recently grown substantially.

- The exile of the "thieves in law", about which the UNM and President Saakashvili are so proud, had a number of side effects in the terms of human rights, when the citizens of Georgia who had been in contact with the representatives

year GDP (14 billion 270.4 million U.S. dollars). This is a very high figure, even compared to the neighboring Armenia, where the total amount of the domestic and foreign debt reaches about 4 billion U.S. dollars, or about 40% of GDP (according to the World Bank Armenia's GDP was 9.371 billion U.S. dollars in 2011).

- In the result of Saakashvili's administration's ill-conceived foreign policy, which was also supported by the United National Movement party, Georgia started military actions against its former autonomy of South Ossetia in 2008 and eventually lost it along with Abkhazia.

In brief, there are reasons to criticize Georgia's current Government.

What about the United National Movement Party?

The main opponent of the UNM is considered to be the "Georgian Dream" Union, the leader and the sponsor of which is a billionaire named Bidzina Ivanashvili. He made his fortune in Russia in the 90s of the last century, but the main part of his capital is kept in Europe (France) and North America now.

Before the elections B. Ivanishvili sold his last Russian asset of an American company, in order to avoid accusations of the authorities about him being "pro-Russian".

M. Saakashvili presents "Georgian Dream" to his Western partners as a "Russian political project" that has no relation to the reality, although the supporters of this powerful opposition force believe that it is necessary to negotiate with Moscow in order to improve the bilateral relations.

"Georgian Dream" has accumulated a number of different Georgian parties and recognized leaders, among which the following people are highlighted: a former football player of "Milan" and the winner of the "Champions League 2003" Kakha Kaladze, the former ambassador to the UN and the leader of Our Georgia - Free Democrats Party Irakli Alasania, the former Ombudsman Subari, also a small but highly intelligent Republican Party of Georgia.

On the eve of the election campaign the representatives of "Georgian Dream" were subjected to various forms of pressure on the part of the ruling administration. The leader of the unit B. Ivanishvili lost his Georgian citizenship (formerly a citizen of Russia and France) and is now stateless. He is actively involved in the campaign, but he is not running.

Among the other participants in the race the following parties and movements should be mentioned: the Christian Democratic Movement, "New Right", the Labour Party and "Free Georgia". These parties also have a chance of getting into the Parliament.

It seems that the unproblematic UNM leadership has been called into serious doubt after several

shocking videos about brutal torture of prisoners aired on Georgian TV. It was one of the largest penitentiary institutions of Georgia - the Gladani prison in Tbilisi.

The demonstration of bullying exploded the situation in Georgia. The Government had to make the Minister of Corrections and Legal Assistance Khatuna Kalmakhelidze resign, then make the Interior Minister Bacho Akhalaia resign under the public pressure. More than 10 people from the staff of the institution were arrested.

- Calling for calm amid the aforementioned scandal. "I appeal to our youth today, which is shocked by the abuse to our nation ... I urge you to remain calm, but do not forget it is a crime".

In general, including the above mentioned, one can speak of a general change in the pre-election situation. Predicting the results of the parliamentary elections on October 1 (by a curious coincidence it is the St. Bidzina's Day celebrated by Georgian Orthodox Church) has become even more difficult as the Georgian authorities started to



And this is despite the fact that the judicial system of this former Georgian autonomy works on the basis of the Soviet law and was not reformed on the advice of the international and European experts.

of the underworld were prosecuted.

- According to the 2011 results, Georgia's foreign debt reaches to 11 billion 167 million U.S. dollars which is 77.7 % of Georgia's last



However, these resignations did not defuse the situation. Many streets of different cities in Georgia are filled with thousands of citizens demanding the resignation of President M. Saakashvili. The latter, used a standard method from his political experience in order to relieve the current wave of public protest, which was accusing the "hostile Russia" and the "irresponsible opposition" in the demonstration of those videos. However, the method didn't work for this time, because the public didn't care who organized it. Georgian society is far more interested in the fact that the terrible abuse did take place.

In addition, against the background of the current situation, the opposition intensified sharply, especially the "Georgian Dream". On September 21 it had a massive rally in Zugdidi (Western Georgia), where more than 50 thousand people were present (out of a population of 70-75 thousand). During the rally, the leader of the "Georgian Dream" B. Ivanishvili said, in particular:

- Referring to the Western patrons of the President, that the revealed violence against the prisoners showed the "true face of the power" led by Saakashvili.

- Referring to the same address he added: "At least the democratic West will see now what represents M. Saakashvili, that the so called "beacon of democracy" is ruled by an executioner".

- Calling the upcoming parliamentary elections a "judgment day for the Government". "They are afraid of this day, because they all have to answer to the law", he added.

spread dirt on the opposition. This is about Kakha Kaladze and the former Minister Giorgi Haydrava, which is not formally from the "Georgian Dream" but supports it. They are accused of contacts with criminal authorities. However, we offer the following versions of some predictions to our readers:

- The probability that the "Georgian Dream", which during the campaign proved to be a competitive opposition, can get at least one third of the mandates greatly increased. The fact that new elections will be held in case one third of the members give up their mandates, according to the new Georgian law, should be taken into consideration.

- There is a certain probability that the "Georgian Dream" may get the most seats in the new Parliament, along with the other opposition forces. There may be a coalition government under the leadership of the "Georgian Dream".

- The UNM can win solely with a small advantage or gain over one or two small parties, including those of the above, which will get into the Parliament. Then the Prime Minister Vano Merabishvili will remain and his political weight will increase, but the impact of President Saakashvili on the political process will decrease. It might be possible to talk about the decline of the "era of M. Saakashvili".

However, this is all a speculation, though the fact, that the probability of rigging the vote remains high, is taken into account. So, we will have to wait for the official results of the voting and only then draw conclusions.



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The fifth anniversary Strudel in Yerevan

By Marianna Martinova

It's golden autumn in Yerevan again, and the "Armenia Marriott" Hotel, according to its tradition, is celebrating the Viennese Strudel all decorated in autumn colors.

Like in previous years, this autumn gift to the citizens of the capital was prepared by the "Armenia Marriott" Hotel in direction and collaboration with the Austrian Airlines.

It is no coincidence that there are Austrian Airlines' billboards near the hotel, and inflatable airplanes flying above the hotel café's umbrellas.

attend the event, relax in the café and also take a part in the prize drawing.

The prize drawing was scheduled for 6 pm. At that time everyone, who attended the event during the day, gathered in front of the hotel. The prizes were attractive: 10% discount on flights of the Austrian Airlines, the famous Austrian cake "Sacher", a two-day trip to St. Petersburg for two with a stay in "Marriot" Hotel, a two-day trip to Tbilisi, a dinner for two in the restaurant "Kuchina" in "Marriott Armenia" Hotel with a paid bill, and of course the super prize: a trip to Vienna for two with paid visits to

summer next year, the number of flights between the two capitals will be increased. He also said he was very pleased to see the excitement of people about the event. He also noted that being born and living in Vienna for many years, he knew the taste of Viennese Strudel and he was sure that the Strudel, made under the direction of Rudolph Graber, the Chef of "Armenia Marriott", tasted no different from the Viennese Strudel baked in Austria.

Communicating with the media, Mr. Konshanski said that 1500 pieces were sold this year, and this year Strudel, like the one baked last year, was the largest in



a tradition for a long time. During one of these festivals on Christmas, a girl from "Oran" shared her dream: becoming a cook. In order to help, "Armenia Marriott" allowed her to attend the practical classes in the kitchen of the hotel's restaurant under the direction of the Chef. After a year, she took a part in baking the Strudel.

Zoltan Konshansky also told the media that his working contract in Armenia was terminated, and he was transferred to a "Marriot" Hotel in Moscow. On this occasion, Mr. Konshansky presented Mr. Mikkel Krantz, the new manager of Marketing and Sales at "Armenia Marriott" who had great experience in "Marriott" hotels.

Mr. Krantz said he was in Armenia for only 4 days and he was pleasantly surprised by the massiveness of the organized event. He also noted that he was convinced that the Marketing and

Sales team worked smoothly and efficiently, which is evidenced not only by the numerous letters, but also by the real progress and results, and there is no need to make any changes in the members of the team.

He also said that new "Marriott" hotels would be opened in Armenia and in the region in case of necessity. Just like increasing the size of the Strudel seeing that there is a demand, they decided to open a "Marriot" Hotel in Tsakhadzor because the demand creates the offer.

To the question: "What new things can we expect in the future," he replied that he had a lot of good ideas and plans that he would not announce at the moment, and he added smiling that one thing was clear: he promises a bigger Strudel next year.



Yerevan Strudel 2012 exceeded all the expectations.

Last year's 39-meter Strudel was completely eaten by 2 pm. Therefore, this year, according to Zoltan Konshanski, the director of Marketing and Sales at "Armenia Marriott", it was decided to bake a 60-meter cake. However the Strudel turned 64.5 meters, which can be considered as 65 meters.

Since the morning, from 11 am, there was a big excitement in front of the hotel. People only complained about having problems leaving their offices to attend the event as it was a weekday and they needed more time to

museums and a stay in a "Marriot" Hotel.

Only on this day, when "Marriot Armenia" celebrates the Strudel, the Austrian Airlines offers 50% discounts to Vienna.

The director of the Austrian Airlines, Negedi Lucas, told the reporters: "We somehow try to combine Yerevan and Vienna. With the help of our flights, we try to increase the number of tourists from Armenia to Austria and vice versa in order to share the culture of both countries. He also pointed out to the Austrian Airlines offer 2400 places in their airplanes, and predicting an increased demand of flights in

the region, and as they are going to beat their own record next year, it is possible to contact the Guinness organization.

Later Mr. Konshanski noted that the social events and programs are very important to the hotel staff, and this day was no exception.

Children from two public organizations were invited to try the Strudel: the children of "Oran" (Public Organization of children from poor families) and "SOS" (children of the village).

Inviting these children to different events at "Armenia Marriott" Hotel and also organizing holidays for kids has become



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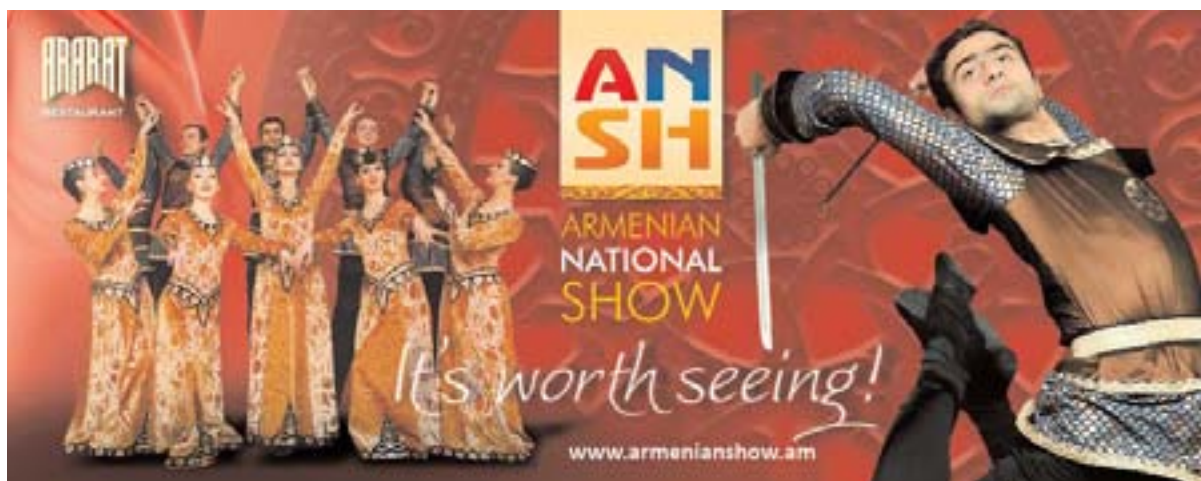
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"UN for You" Month in Armenia: 20th Anniversary of UN Presence in Armenia



The United Nations in Armenia together with its strategic partners - government officials, representatives of the diplomatic corps, international organizations, private sector, civil society, educational institutions and media, celebrates today the 20th anniversary of the UN presence in the country.

The main event of the celebrations is an official reception



and market economy."

"Over these past 20 years, jointly with the partners, the UN has delivered innumerable benefits for the country with the transparency, integrity and neutrality that are hallmarks of our work. We have contributed towards the advancement of the sustainable human development and the achievement of the nationalized Millennium Development Goals through enhancing state capacity, supporting a profound legislative

Dafina Gercheva also thanked all UN partners, including the government, civil society, and media for their cooperation and support to the work of different UN institutions operating in Armenia.

This event inaugurates the UN Month in Armenia. As a part of the celebration of this milestone, the UN together with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Transport and Communications and HayPost will organize the cancellation ceremony of a specially designed post stamp, dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the Armenian membership in the UN and 20th anniversary of the UN presence in Armenia, which will take place on UN Day - 24 October.

On the UN Day Armenian journalists will receive a UN Journalism Award for the most professional coverage of the issues related to the UN work in Armenia. The UN expert jury will select the winners according to their professionalism, creativity, and in-depth knowl-



one. In addition to the photo exhibition debates on the UN role and its achievements will be organized.

During the month, the UN Resident Coordinator and Heads of UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes will also discuss with the students of Armenian universities the role of the UN in promoting human rights, peace and securing and accelerating human development. UN literature will be distributed to the students of different Yerevan Universities by the Biblio-Bus of the National Library of Armenia, which hosts one of the two UN Depository Libraries.

On October 24, 1945, sixty-



at the "Lovers' Park" in Yerevan. During the event a photo album illustrating the twenty-year achievements of UN Armenia Office was presented to the public.

Dafina Gercheva, UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative in Armenia said: "I cannot emphasize enough the significance the UN places upon its partnerships with the various actors in Armenian society. The strategic cooperation with the Government, private sector, academia, civil society and media has been instrumental for

demonstrating our role as an impartial facilitator and promoter of Armenia's transition towards functional democracy

reform and strengthening social fabric and country's resilience. I express my great appreciation to the Armenian people who believe deeply in our work for peace, sustainable development, and human rights," she added.

Hovik Abrahamyan, President of the National Assembly said: "The UN in Armenia is our reliable partner and has supported Armenia's efforts towards sustainable development. The work of the United Nations reaches every corner of the country, affects our lives and contributes to the wellbeing of our nation."



edge of the UN work in Armenia.

For more information please visit: <http://www.un.am/am/Contests/886>.

On the same day a historical photo exhibition will be opened at the UN House. It will illustrate the UN work and achievements in support of the country's efforts towards sustainable development and will raise public awareness on the UN values. It will travel around the country, in order to reach out to every-

seven years ago, the founding Charter of the UN entered into force. The UN Office in Armenia was opened in December 1992, after Armenia became a member of the United Nations in March 1992.



Armenian Government Reports Further Strong Growth in Agriculture

Armenia's agricultural sector is on course to expand at a double-digit rate for a second consecutive year, Agriculture Minister Sergo Karapetyan said on September 25.

Government data cited by Karapetyan shows Armenian agricultural output rising by 10.8 percent year on year, to 431.2 billion drams (\$1.1 billion), in the first eight

despite lower yields blamed by the Ministry of Agriculture and farmers on an excessive spring rainfall. He explained that the increase will be achieved thanks to a 20 percent expansion of the country's wheat fields.

The Armenian government has pledged to help to increase domestic wheat production by more than 50



months of 2012.

"This trend will continue until the end of the year. We have progress in all sectors," Karapetyan told journalists after inaugurating a new agricultural enterprise in the northwestern Shirak province.

Favorable weather conditions have again been instrumental in this performance, translating into sharp rises in the domestic production of fruits and vegetables. Their retail prices this year have been significantly below the 2011 levels.

According to Karapetyan, Armenian vegetable exports reached 21,500 tons in January-August, compared with 16,800 tons in the full year 2011.

The minister said that Armenia's wheat output will also rise this year

percent by 2014 as part of its strategy of boosting the country's food security.

"We now meet our domestic demand in basic foodstuffs by an average of 60 percent," said Karapetyan. "We have a strategic program to raise this figure to 80 percent by 2020."

The minister further reported modest growth in cattle breeding, which is the principle form of agricultural activity in much of the mountainous country. Rural poverty is particularly widespread in those areas.

Agriculture accounts for roughly one-fifth of Armenia's Gross Domestic Product.

Armenia's education cost increased in 2011

The 2011 Armenian State Budget spending on education secured a 99-percent execution of the program, Deputy Finance Minister and Chief Treasurer Atom Janjughazyan stated at the National Assembly.

And the slight deviation from this program was caused primarily by the costs of auxiliary services provided to education. The education expenditures in 2011 grew by 8.5 percent as compared with 2010.

This spending was directed toward pre-school and general elementary education, and general secondary educa-

tion programs. And the ratio of these expenditures to those of overall spending on education was 23.4 and 42.6 percent respectively.

A total of 1,368 public education schools, with 365,500 students, functioned in Armenia in the year past, as compared with 369,600 students in 2010.

The average monthly salary of the school teachers was AMD 118,093 (approx. \$290) and that of the administrative staff was AMD 176,222 (approx. \$433).

EU to allocate EUR 43mIn financial assistance to Armenia

After concluding the agreements, EU Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy Štefan Füle said during his joint press conference with Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan that "we are ready to assist the process of Armenia's European integration.

According to Štefan Füle, the planned financial assistance will contribute to preparation of Armenia's institutions for political association with the EU and economic integration.

Under the financial agreements, the EU will support the process and implementation of negotiations on

bilateral agreements between the EU and Armenia including Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement and Visa Facilitation/Readmission Agreements.

Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan said that the financial and technical assistance allows Armenia to substantially enhance the potential of the government.

"That is - development of sub-structures, issues of sanitary and eco-sanitary spheres and legislative reforms, improvement of customs procedures as well as strengthening of democratic institutions", said Tigran Sargsyan.

National air carrier Armavia on sale

National air carrier Armavia Company is going to be sold. Armavia company press secretary Nana Avetisyan confirmed the news being circulated for quite a long time. "Yet it is not clear who is going to purchase the company, Italians or somebody else: many wish to buy the Company "Avetisyan stated.

Armavia selling can be reasoned by not being profitable under critical circumstances.

Armavia and Zvartnots international airports have signed agreement on March 15, 2011, in accordance to which the airport agreed to meet "Armavia" requirement, particularly



reviewing the service tariffs. Armavia in its turn committed to stand the accumulated debts by

September accordingly to the schedule timetable. Armavia accumulated 5, 3 million dollar within 6 months.

USAID/Armenia to continue local government assistance programs

Armenian Deputy PM and Territorial Administration Minister ArmenGevorgyan on September 26 received USAID's new Mission Director for Armenia, Dr. Karen R. Hilliard.

Gevorgyan congratulated Hilliard for assuming this mission and expressed a hope that Armenia's interaction with USAID will continue, Territorial Administration Ministry Public Relations Department informs.

Noting that USAID is one of Armenia's key partners, the Deputy PM specifically reflected on the joint programs toward territorial administration and local self-government agency assistance. Also, he considered as unique the USAID programs which, in parallel with global issues, attempt to resolve practical matters as well.

In her turn, Hilliard expressed a

readiness to continue the interaction, and noted that the economic and political development-oriented initiatives will be included in USAID/Armenia's next five-year programs. She also informed that USAID is preparing to launch a program aimed at developing Armenia's remote communities.

The interlocutors reflected on the recent local self-government elections held in Armenia. In this

connection, the Deputy PM noted that this voting was held in organized fashion, under peaceful conditions, and in compliance with the working law and international standards. Also, ArmenGevorgyan presented details on the reforms that are envisioned in the coming years and with respect to local governance.



Memorandum between HayPost and Russian Post

A memorandum was signed yesterday, on 25 September 2012 in Moscow between HayPost and Russian Post, concerning the intention of the two postal operators to make express money transfers by means of "Forsage" system.

According to the memorandum, HayPost gets an exclusive right of "Forsage" system transfers over the Republic of Armenia. It means that express money transfers can be carried out from each of the 40.000 post offices of the Russian Post to each of the 900 post offices of HayPost and vice-versa. Press service of the "HayPost" CJSC informs about this.

The solemn ceremony of signing took place in the presence of Managing Director of "HayPost Trust Management" BV Mr. Juan Pablo Gechidjian, Acting Chief Executive Officer Mr. Haik Avagyan, Deputy General Director of Russian post Mr. Igor Mandrykin, representatives of the Ministry of Communication of the Russian Federation. This step will allow the postal operators of Russia and Armenia to develop the express money transfers between

the two countries, the quality of the rendered services and the inclusion of regions in the provision thereof.

The delegation guided by Trust Manager of HayPost CJSC Mr. Juan Pablo Gechidjian has held several meetings recently in Moscow with the management of Russian Post, reaching agreements regarding the forthcoming intensification and the start of a new qualitative phase of cooperation. It is planned to activate the current procedures functioning between the postal operators of the two countries, resulting in faster and more efficient delivery

of money transfers, parcels, letters and other postal items and services to addressees.

The post office network of HayPost CJSC is available all over the Republic of Armenia, particularly, in regions and all the rural communities.

The development of distant trade is another target of the postal operators of Armenia and Russia, which shall be implemented by means of mutual sales of products, presented in catalogues of each other. The volume of EMS transfers is meant to increase due to special programs for corporate clients.



News from VivaCell-MTS: the Best Employer of the Year, a Breakthru in Neonatal Care, On-Going Support to the Culture and Nature Protection

By Gourgen James Khazhakian
Chief correspondent

"National Confidence" Council announces the results of the Best Public Servant and the Best Trademark of the Year National Award

On September 20 VivaCell-MTS, Armenia's leading telecom operator company, announced the Company has been recognized as the **Best Employer** during the **Best Public Servant** and the **Best Trademark** of the Year National Award in 2012.

The "National Confidence" Council honors those organizations and public servants who have been the best in the spheres of economics and public service, and have had noticeable achievements, manifested devotion and philanthropy, have promoted the formation of competitiveness and have facilitated the increase of the public respect towards the public servants in Armenia. Based on the expert and public survey results, the Council has recognized Armenia's leading telecommunications operator as the best employer.

VivaCell-MTS, included in the list of the most merited organizations, has particularly been awarded for pioneering in the creation of jobs for the most vulnerable groups of society. The Company which has taken the customer satisfaction as a measure of its performance, is the first in denying any kind of discrimination at workplace as part of its corporate social responsibility policies. 36 of the Company's 1200 employees are people with special needs.

(If you visit the Company's offices even just for a couple of times, you'd meet those employees who, to note, look in their working environment as other staff members, - nothing extraordinary.)

Thus, recently your correspondent was really happy to meet there **Arevik Torosyan**, a native of Jrashen village, near Spitak, who, alike her younger sister, **Marineh**, was heavily injured because of the devastating Spitak Earthquake '88 and who (accompanied by her Mom) your author met for the first time in far already 1989 in America where they installed a prosthesis to her... So Arevik works now in VivaCell-MTS as an operator.)

Offering competitive salaries, compensation system, and health insurance, the Company also supports its employees in their efforts to gain better professional qualities by caring for their tuition fees.

(To note, in 2011 VivaCell-MTS was awarded for national leadership in corporate responsibility.)

"From the very beginning, VivaCell-MTS, as a business, has been guided by the desire to support the economic development of the country and has gradually become a model of private entrepreneurship in Armenia. We manage to stay in the vanguard because of the devotion of our team. We are confident that the true power is in one's devotion to his work and loyalty.

And it's the people who have the right to value it. Thank you for your appreciation!" said VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian**.

...No, Mr Yirikian, that's we the Armenian people who should thank you and the staff of Armenia's leading telecom operator for, first of all, cultivating a really new and so vitally important culture in Armenia, be it culture of business, culture of management, or, in the mentioned case, culture of treatment to those who are not guilty, at all, for having limited physical capability!

And for much more non-stop examples of extending helping hand to many and many, a new evidences of which The Highlights readers could find below.

VivaCell-MTS and "BirthLink" announce the launch of the third phase of the Project aimed at improving neonatal care conditions in maternity hospitals

to save the life of infants in unexpected complication cases both before birth and during early deliveries. VivaCell-MTS' readiness to support the medics can be seen in the Projects the Company initiates and is involved in. This time the project of providing necessary equipment to Armenia's regional maternity hospitals is implemented



infusion pumps, suction apparatuses, and bubble CPAP.

"It has been five years now since this project has come into the focus of our attention, and the specialists say there is decrease in infant mortality rates. We have managed to provide intensive care units to maternity hospitals in various regions and help medics in saving this group in their efforts to fight diseases. We can't stay only observers. The menace to the life of the newborn obliges us to be proactive," says VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian.

The statistics of infant mortality (more than 4 million infants die within the 1 year of life) in the world says a lot about the importance of neonatal care in the sphere of healthcare.

And the preservation of the national art and culture is one of the priorities for VivaCell-MTS and its Founding GM Ralph Yirikian so the following info wouldn't seem to us as smth new:

VivaCell-MTS is General Sponsor of the Return 6th

daughters of Armenia to Homeland from all parts of the world. Famous Armenian musicians from France, Israel, Denmark and Germany will perform during the Festival.

"Experiencing classical music is very important for the individual development and harmony. And, as Armenia's leading telecommunication operator and responsible corporate citizen, VivaCell-MTS pays high importance to the aesthetical education and development of the Armenian society", VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian commented. *"Classical music is a magical tool we must cultivate in the society, and especially in the younger generation, because it is the classical music that can broaden human ability to understand and appreciate the whole beauty of the world around them. It is the music that can enrich one's life, provide a tool to experience the world from a new perspective",* added Mr Yirikian.

Having embedded the cultural mission in the heart of its operation, VivaCell-MTS supports projects aimed at the preservation and development of the arts and cultural elements such as music, dance, theater, and everything that constitutes the source of national pride and makes the core of Armenian national identity, Company's reps say.

The opening of the Festival took place at A. Khachatryan Concert Hall on September 24. The Festival includes eight concerts and will be closed on October 31.

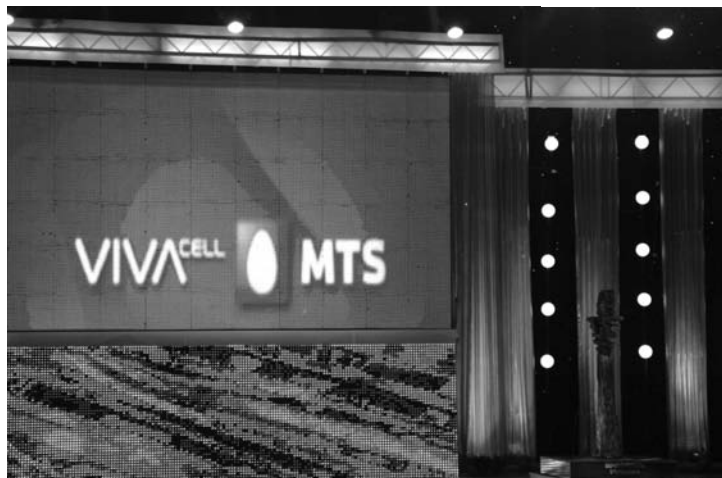
Nature protection/ healthy environment and so environmental education issues have also been in the focus of social corporate responsibility of Armenia's leading telecom operator for a long time already...

On 26th September, the final event of the **"Green School"** project implemented by the Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets (FPWC) took place in Ani Plaza Hotel. 150 schoolchildren and 30 teachers from five schools as well as reps of UNICEF, VivaCell-MTS Company, the Ministry of Nature Protection, and the National Institute of Education will participate in the event.

FPWC started the Green School project in May 2011. Five schools from different regions of Armenia have become Green School members. During more than one year the participants have followed the rules of green living and created the basis of green thinking in their schools.

The final event summarized the results achieved by the participants in a year. The teachers and pupils will receive prizes and certificates. The best school was announced as a Green School and was honored with a green flag which symbolizes the school's adherence to the green principles.

In Armenia the Green School project is supported by the Swiss Embassy, UNICEF and FPWC's General Partner VivaCell-MTS Company.



High-end medical equipment will be provided to 10 maternity hospitals in 3 regions of Armenia and the "Muratsan" university hospital in Yerevan

On September 25 VivaCell-MTS announced the launch of the next phase of the neonatal care long-term project in cooperation with the British "BirthLink" NGO (Director - **Kathy Mellor**).

...The Highlights has permanently been covering this cooperation which results need no comment: specialists say that owing to the cooperation between VivaCell-MTS and "BirthLink" the infant mortality index in Armenia in 2012 has dropped for 11 percent (!-The Highlights) against the previous year.

To remind, maternity hospitals in Armenia lack special equipment

in Tavush (Tchambarak, Ijevan, Noyemberyan, Dilijan), Gegharkunik (Gavar, Vardenis), Lori (Spitak, Stepanavan, Alaverdi, Tashir) and the "Muratsan" university hospital in Yerevan. As a result of cooperation between VivaCell-MTS and the British "BirthLink" non-governmental organization the maternity hospitals in the mentioned regions will be equipped with cosycots, heated mattresses, pulse oximeters, phototherapy unit, portable oxygen cylinder, air conditioning unit, emergency bags,



Classical Music Festival

On September 25th "Gallery of Arts" Cultural Foundation, under high patronage of the First Lady of the Republic of Armenia Mrs **Rita Sargsyan** and with VivaCell-MTS general sponsorship, presented the Return 6th

Classical Music Festival.

The name of the festival symbolizes the aim of the festival - bringing together under one roof those Armenian classical musicians, who have left for other countries during the last two decades. VivaCell-MTS is committed to the noble goal of providing our compatriots, who are making musical career outside Armenia an opportunity to visit and perform for the Armenian lovers of classical music. For six years already, this Festival is bringing the sons and



The Army News: Visit of the President, CSTO Exercise Completed, Annual Visit of the Kansas Natl Guard Delegation, European Cooperation, Other...



By Gourgen James Khazhakian
Chief correspondent

Probably, the most attractive event of the recent military ones was CSTO Collective Rapid Reaction Force Cooperation 2012 joint military exercise which



skills under combat conditions in the field.

According to the Armenian Defense Ministry Press/Info Dept, in addition to training objectives the Command Staff also had to deal with several research tasks to review and conduct analysis upon that will enable more effective



Anatoly Serdyukov, Defense Minister of the Russian Federation.

After the welcoming ceremony an extended meeting with the participation of the heads of defense agencies of both countries was held between the sides followed by a briefing for numerous mass media reps.

Seyran Ohanyan outlined in his speech that Armenian-Russian warm relations are also reflected in the defense sector. "During the negotiations we discussed issues of regional and international security, bilateral cooperation, projects within the framework of the CSTO, as well as issues regarding the legal basis of the Russian 102nd Military Base in Gyumri. I'm glad that the relations develop in a systemized manner", said Mr Ohanyan.

Anatoliy Serdyukov also emphasized "the importance of the Armenian-Russian warm relations that enable more effective cooperation". "We discussed a broad spectrum of issues, including military-technical cooperation, the implementation process of the action plan 2012, and projects for 2013. I also would like to note that Cooperation 2012 joint military exercise testified the high level of combat readiness and harmonized activities of our troops," he said.

At the same time Armenian militaries develop cooperation with European/NATO partners...

France

Thus, on September 20, Seyran Ohanyan hosted **Henri Reynaud**, French Ambassador to Armenia and the newly appointed Military Attache Lieutenant Colonel Mme **Andre Evrard**.

At the beginning of the meeting Mr Ohanyan congratulated the newly appointed military attache on assuming her new position and wished success. Seyran Ohanyan noted that the current warm and friendly relations between Armenia and France in political, cultural and economic fields require a parallel development of bilateral cooperation in the defense sector.

Ambassador Henri Reynaud reaffirmed the willingness of the French side to develop Armenian-French bilateral cooperation in the defense sector noting that France is ready to support Armenia in its educational reforms underway in



the Armed Forces.

At the meeting they also referred to the bilateral cooperation and issues regarding the regional security, MOD sources says.

Germany

And a delegation of the International Cooperation Department of the Federal Ministry of Defense of Germany was in Armenia on September 24. They discussed the implementation process of the action plan of 2012, and projects



for 2013.

The delegation was hosted by **Davit Tonoyan**, First Deputy Defense Minister of Armenia. At the meeting the parties highly appreciated the current level of the bilateral cooperation and stated that the action plan of 2012 has almost been completely fulfilled. According to the action plan for 2013, the sides are expected to cooperate in the scope of the primary directions of the current reforms underway in the Armed Forces as well as to establish cooperation in the Combat Service Support.

The Armenian President Visits Defense Ministry

On Sept. 26 the President of the Republic of Armenia, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the RA Armed Forces **Serzh Sargsyan**

construction works. According to the report, the investigation conducted in the last two years revealed that the list of the suppliers is almost unchangeable. In the course of the investigation revealed were also some circumstances which were also influencing the shaping of the competition environment and transparency of the process.

The second reported issue was pertinent to the market prices for the goods and similar items procured for the RA Ministry of Defense. It was noted the working group on the selective basis looked into some contracts regarding purchasing certain goods and agreements signed on their base. It was underscored that upon the Presidential instructions, in relation to the market prices for the goods purchased by the Ministry of Defense, after the investigation conducted by the Presidential Oversight Service in 2011, currently the situation has somewhat improved and in general the prices of the supplied goods correspond to the wholesale prices for similar goods. Nevertheless, according to the conclusions, some of the goods can be purchased at a lower price. At the same time, the working



President of the Republic of Armenia, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Serzh Sargsyan and Defense Minister Seyran Ohanyan

conducted a meeting at the Ministry of Defense with the participation of the commanders of the General Staff, headquarters, and military units.

According to the Presidential Press Service, the meeting was dedicated to the issues related to the process of procurement for the needs of the RA Ministry of Defense. The Head of the Presidential Oversight Service reported on the main findings and conclusions reached in the course of the examination.

The issue raised in the report was pertaining to the transparency of the bidding process and assuring a competitive environment. After presenting a number of factual indicators, the Head of the Oversight Service noted in his conclusion that in the bidding packages there were numerous instances when the bidding was conducted by more or less same individuals. Besides, there have been cases with so called "universal" organizations which were supplying foodstuff, automobile spare parts, fuel and lubricant substances and were conducting

group established that not only high prices of the goods can pose some risks but also their actual quantity and quality.

At the meeting, the next issue under discussion was pertinent to the organizations related to certain individuals which won biddings and signed agreements with the RA Ministry of Defense.

The President assessed as impermissible violations at the expense of the scarce state resource and the troops and strongly criticized individuals who display such approach. "It is too bad that I don't see a fierce fight against such persons inside the Ministry. The Minister of Defense and the Chief of Staff must be watchful lest the people who struggle against such occurrences don't have problems tomorrow or day after tomorrow," President Serzh Sargsyan said and underscored that when a commander of a battalion, a company or a regiment observes that their superiors protect the people who are honest, the situation will change and will influence the entire moral and psychological environment. The Minister of Defense assured the President that from now on they will be more persistent regarding

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reorganization of the troops and preparation of joint operations within the framework of the CSTO.

During the final phase of the exercise the airborne/airmobile troops, motorized infantry, artillery, and aviation subunits of the member states as well as Armenian-made UAVs ("drones"), - a subject of a special pride for us the Armenians, special

forces, MES subdivisions and other units of Armenia successfully accomplished their tasks in accordance with the scenario of the drills which unfolded in several areas - protection of the state border, neutralization of militant groups, prevention of terrorist acts, release of hostages, first aid, rescue operations, prevention of chemical and other technogene hazards, humanitarian assistance to civilians etc. The joint operation of the CSTO Collective Rapid Reaction Force troops deterred the aggression of the conditional enemy and restored the state border.

The Command of the military exercise summed up the results according to which the CSTO Collective Rapid Reaction Force was announced "to be capable to face any threat and give adequate responses to enemies in view of demonstrated successful coordination and high interoperability".

The training, in overall, brought together around 2000 servicemen from the CSTO member states, involved 500 units of military technicians, 50 units of artillery, 200 units of automobile, 1,500 rifles, military aircrafts and helicopters and Armenian-made UAVs.

And on the same day Seyran Ohanyan, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Armenia hosted

final phase took place at Marshal Baghramyan training ground on September 19 with full engagement of all participating troops and forces.

Serzh Sargsyan, President of the Republic of Armenia, **Nikolay Bordyuzha**, Secretary General of the CSTO, **Arthur Bagdasaryan**, Secretary of the Armenian National Security Council, **Seyran Ohanyan**, Minister of Defense, **Anatoly Serdyukov**, Defense Minister of Russia, **Yuri Zhadobin**, Defense Minister of Belarus, representatives of the CSTO member states, the CSTO Secretariat and Joint Staff, diplomatic missions accredited to Armenia, the CIS, UN, OSCE, ICRC and other, officials of the Armenian Government and the National Assembly (see an upper pic) attended the final phase of the exercise.

As it was announced before, the objective of the exercise was to hone practical skills of the command staff and operational planning, command and control of troops, to improve coordination and interoperability among units of the Collective Rapid Reaction Force, Special Forces, and other units, to strengthen the moral-psychological readiness of the CSTO Collective Rapid Reaction Force personnel, to improve practical

Major General Lee Tafanelli Meets Major General, Prof. Armen Yeritsyan, Minister of Emergency Situations

Chief of Kansas Natl Guard Impressed by "Excellence" of the Armenian Rescuers in NATO's Georgia 2012 Exercise, MES "Huge Progress" and Said They Had to Learn from the Armenian Seismic Service

By Gourgen James Khazhakian
Chief correspondent

And a couple of days before, on September 25, the Armenian Minister of Emergency Situations Major General, Prof. Armen Yeritsyan received delegation headed by Gen. Lee Tafanelli. The goal of the meeting was to discuss cooperation directions and set up perspectives of further development between the Armenian MES and the Kansas National Guard.

Welcoming the guests, Minister Yeritsyan stated in particular that Armenia-Kansas cooperation will be strong and continuous. Thanking for inviting MES workers to Kansas aimed at familiarizing 911 Service operation, Minister Armen Yeritsyan stressed that the Ministry develops in all directions and has registered many progresses last year, for instance, the Garni Observatory has been passed to the Ministry, and they are planning to turn it to a serious regional scientific center, as well as the number of anti-hail stations has been increased. "It is noteworthy also that the trust from the population to '911' Service has significantly been increased; - within mere four months they've received more than 400,000 calls", Minister Yeritsyan said (proudly).

In turn, Gen. Tafanelli claimed that despite only a year has been passed since his last visit to Armenia, he saw many changes and a huge progress. "I'm

defense, improvement of the 911 Service of the Armenian MES and technical support.

Gen. Tafanelli said that they had things to be learned from the

State of Kansas have become a matter of concern.

By the end of the meeting the guests attended the work of the Ministry's Crises Management

And, as the issue of Armenian rescuers participation in NATO Georgia 2012 Exercise has been touched upon, it seems to us worthy to tell The Highlights readers that on Sept. 22-27 in Georgian City of Rustavi in a field exercise having scenario of a heavy earthquake participated more than 1,000 people - various search /rescue squads, observers and experts from NATO member as well as 24 partner countries including Armenia, also reps of intl organizations specialized in working in disaster areas.

Since 2000, this is 14th event of the kind organized by the Euroatlantic Disaster Reaction Coordination Center (EDRCC). Notably, in 2010 NATO held similar large scaled Armenia 2010 exercise in our country.

On September 27 official ceremony of closing of Georgia 2012 Exercise was held during which the best participants were awarded. Among them were members of the RA MES rescue team.

In turn, Head of Armenian delegation, Chief of the MES Rescue Service Major General **Sergey Azaryan** awarded foreign participants on behalf of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Armenia.



Minister Gen. Armen Yeritsyan and Gen. L. Tafanelli at the MES Crises Management Center. "I saw huge progress..." - Tafanelli



Armenian rescuers at Georgia 2012...

aware that recently the Armenian rescuers participated in exercise (Georgia 2012, held by NATO - GKh.) where they have shown excellent skills", noted Major General Lee Tafanelli. As fields of cooperation, Minister Armen Yeritsyan mentioned seismic



...And the awarding ceremony

experience of the Armenian seismic defense as aftershocks of a quake recently registered in the

Center, and they said they were very impressed by an obvious progress they've noticed there.

Major General Lee Tafanelli ensured the Armenian side that he'd spare no effort to deepen and enlarge cooperation between the Natl Guard of Kansas and the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Armenia.

The Army News: Visit of the President, CSTO Exercise Completed, Annual Visit of the Kansas Natl Guard Delegation, European Cooperation, Other...

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the works of the Ministry and according to the Presidential instructions will reinforce control at all stages of the process of the bidding organization and pricing, supply of the purchased goods and their handling. "Mr President, we will be working on every detail and will do our best that the RA Ministry of Defense become exemplary in conducting the procurement," Seyran Ohanian, the Minister of Defense said.

After the meeting, the President of the Republic of Armenia, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the RA Armed Forces Serzh Sargsyan conducted private consultations with the Minister of Defense, Deputy Ministers, Chief of Staff and their Deputies on the issues related to combat readiness and armaments.

Visit of the Kansas National Guard Delegation to Armenia

Major General **Lee Tafanelli**, the Adjutant General of Kansas and his delegation including members of his senior staff paid a working visit to Armenia on September 24-28 arranged under the State Partnership Program between Armenia and Kansas, a National Guard Bureau program that links the National Guard of participating states with developing nations to foster mutually beneficial military-

to-military, military-to-civilian, and civilian-to-civilian relationships.

Kansas and Armenia conduct 15 to 20 engagements a year focusing on a variety of professional fields such as emergency response, law enforcement, medical training and military operations.

"My visit last year was very informative. The Armenians are



General Tafanelli accompanied by the US Ambassador John Heffern

very warm and hospitable people. I am looking forward to renewing the relationships I made last year and making some new ones," said Tafanelli. (To note, a US General was invited to attend, as a guest of honor, military parade on the occasion of Armenia's Independence 20th anniversary on Sept. 21' 2011).

In turn, Armenian Defense Minister Seyran Ohanian visited Kansas in the late March 2012, within the framework of his quite saturated visit to the United States of America. (See The Highlights relevant issues).

According to the MOD Press Service, the delegation visited the Armenian Peacekeeping Brigade, the training center for the instructors of the Engineering Companies of the Armenian Peacekeeping Brigade and the training field for the Expeditionary Medical System deployment, where they watched demining operations and the final stage of EMEDS deployment.

During demining action training several elements of mine clearance operations were demonstrated and the Armenian medical staff showed its skills in employing the expeditionary medical support and organizing air evacuation with several Kansas National Guardsmen taking part in trainings.

According to the Press Service of the US Embassy in Yerevan, "Major General Lee Tafanelli of the Kansas National Guard and First Deputy Defense Minister Davit Tonoyan on Thursday observed 22 Armenian military and civilian members of the Armenian Center for Humanitarian Demining and Expertise, who are participating in a Demining Training Program. This program, which is funded by the US Embassy's Office of Defense Cooperation and the US European Command, provides training and

equipment to Armenia's Demining Center in Etchmiadzin city.

The demining training runs from September 17 to Friday and focuses on proper mine marking and clearance techniques. In addition, the US Government provided twenty mine detectors, protective equipment, and demining toolsets to Armenia's newly established Center for Humanitarian Demining and Expertise. Members of the Kansas National Guard and a civilian member of the US Humanitarian Demining and Training Center are conducting the training."

During the visit, Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli met with Seyran Ohanian, and Col. Gen. **Yuri Khachaturov**, Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces.

Now let's turn back to the RA MOD Press Service:

"Welcoming the guest, the Minister highly estimated the level of the cooperation between the Kansas National Guard and Defense Ministry of Armenia and highlighted the fostering of this cooperation in humanitarian demining, development of medical capabilities, assistance with expert recommendations in evaluation of Armenian Peacekeeping Brigade's capabilities under the NATO Operational Capabilities Concept expert recommendations and other fields.

With regard to military cooperation with Armenia, the Adjutant General of Kansas appraised the preparedness of Armenian service

members during joint trainings with Kansas National Guardsmen and the high level of interoperability. Both parties also underlined the significance of the 10th anniversary of the partnership between Armenia and Kansas in to be marked in 2013.

During the meeting with the Chief of the General Staff the parties discussed the regional security and issues of bilateral military cooperation of mutual interest

Building on the current level of cooperation between Armenia and Kansas that allows to implement long-term planning, it was decided to work out a 5-year plan of cooperation.

Kansas and Armenia have been partners since 2003 under one of the State Partnership Programs that provides an avenue for cooperation between the Ministry of Defense of Armenia and the Kansas National Guard..."

Well, the agenda of our militaries was quite saturated within the last fortnight, - as usual...

And for Armenia having its "sworn" neighbors, - the two at least, it's a real reason d'être, especially under the light of the very last incident at the contact line - in 11.30 on Tuesday Sept. 25 an Armenian soldier, (just) 19 year old private **Vaghinak Baghdasaryan** (called up from Yerevan) was shot dead from the adversary's side during his being on duty at the combat position...

Ian Gillan and Tony Iommi welcome the start of the Gyumri music school construction

Yerevan /Mediamax/. Deep Purple lead singer Ian Gillan and Black Sabbath guitarist Tony Iommi welcomed the news on the start of Gyumri N6 music school construction.

Ian Gillan noted in his message sent to Mediamax that he is "personally honored and humbled to be a small part of this project".

"I know how much hard work you and many others have put into making it happen. And here we are - the work has begun, the foundations are being laid for the re-birth of music after a generation has passed in silence since the devastation of the earthquake in 1988. Already I can hear the tinkling of piano keys, the scraping of violin bows, strumming of guitars, beating of drums, aching of hearts and tears of frustration as students attempt to master their craft in order to eventually be able to express their art when music becomes a friend for life. Have a wonderful happy day and just try to imagine what fruit this tree will bear in the future", noted Ian Gillan.

In his message, Tony Iommi called the news on starting the construction of the school "wonderful".

"What wonderful news that the school is finally being built. My trip over has left an indelible memory, the warmth of your welcome and hospitality will not be forgotten. I hope the new school will inspire a great number of children to learn to play a



musical instrument, not just the most gifted but those for whom music can be a therapy. I'm very busy recording a new Black Sabbath record so can't be with you, but I hope to pay a visit when the school is finished", said Tony Iommi.

Exclusive samples of Armenian printed book to be exhibited in Bibliothèque Mazarine in Paris

On the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Armenian typography an exceptional exhibition will take place in Bibliothèque Mazarine in Paris on October 26-30, which will be organized with the assistance of the Bibliothèque universitaire des Langues et civilisations (BULAC - Languages and Civilisations University Library). In the framework of the exhibition rare and precious Armenian books unknown to the public will be exhibited, mainly collected from the authoritative libraries and monasteries. This was reported by the responsible for the exhibition Michael Nshanyan.

"The exhibition presents the wide geography of the Armenian typography - Venice, Rome, Istanbul, Amsterdam, Marseilles and Madras. It highlights the intellectual, technical and trade exchanges between Europe and the East beginning from the Renaissance up to the Illuminators Epoch", stated Michael Nshanyan, adding that this exhibition was a great opportunity to present the public the exclusive samples of the Armenian book.

On October 26, parallel to the exhibition, a symposium will take place, organized by the

Bibliothèque universitaire des Langues et civilisations (BULAC). On that day lectures will be reported, devoted to the 500th anniversary of the typography of the Armenian book.



ARMENIAN POETRY

RAPHAEL PATKANIAN

(1730 - 1792)

CRADLE SONG

NIGHTINGALE, oh, leave our garden,
Where soft dew the blossoms steep ;
With thy litanies melodious
Come and sing my son to sleep!
Nay, he sleeps not for thy chanting,
And his weeping hath not ceased.
Come not, nightingale ! My darling
Does not wish to be a priest.

O thou thievish, clever jackdaw,
That in coin findest thy joy,
With thy tales of gold and profit
Come and soothe my wailing boy !
Nay, thy chatter does not lull him,
And his crying is not stayed.
Come not, jackdaw ! for my darling
Will not choose the merchant's trade.

Wild dove, leave the fields and pastures
Where thou grieveest all day long;
Come and bring my boy sweet slumber
With thy melancholy song !
Still he weeps. Nay, come not hither,
Plaintive songster, for I see
That he loves not lamentations,
And no mourner will he be.

Leave thy chase, brave-hearted falcon!
Haply he thy song would hear.
And the boy lay hushed, and slumbered,
With the war-notes in his ear.



Zodiac Weekly Forecast

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

You have arrived at a turning point with respect to one or more significant relationships. Think about what you started two years ago. It may have been a new relationship or a fresh creative venture. Now is a time of full maturity of that relationship or new beginning. This is the time to pour more effort and probably some financial resources if you wish to claim it as yours.

Taurus (Apr. 20--May 19):

A partnership or a significant relationship that began two years ago is arriving at a point of full ripeness. If it has been good, you can review it now with a sense of satisfaction. This is the time in which you cultivate the soil for future growth, or let it begin to die naturally.

Gemini (May 20 -- June 20) :

Your power of concentration is deep at this time. It is important that you use it for the good in your life rather than in self-criticism and obstructive thinking. If you cannot stop the negative self-talk, then focus on something else that is totally neutral. When you move your body your attention will shift.

Cancer (June 21--Jul y 21) :

You feel strong and confident and it may feel as though your very life depends upon making your point of view heard and acknowledged. No doubt others will let you speak, break in line, or generally do what you want to do. A burst of physical energy may demand that you exercise.

Leo (July 22 --Aug. 21):

A relationship of at least two years is at a turning point and may grow or die, depending upon your ability to admit error and share responsibility with the Other for cleaning the dust off old hurts. You may be tempted to spend money on things of beauty for your home.

Virgo (Aug 22--Sep. 22) :

People in your public or work life are particularly gracious in their compliments and include you freely. Those who travel this week will find it a pleasure. Communications with a significant other might become confused or snarled. Don't make assumptions about what the other is thinking.

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

Your partner or a significant other may upset the status quo of your life. Somehow this triggers your security fears. Old tensions may rise and threaten to overwhelm you. This time calls you to rise beyond your childhood and remember you have better resources now than you did as a child.

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

You are still in a danger zone with regard to relationships. One of you is behaving erratically and it is hard to tell what will happen next. The Scorpio can be stoic when necessary and this is one of those times for you, lest you be drawn into a wide open battle. Keep home and hearth secure.

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

You have a desire to reach outward to others. You want to share ideas and express yourself in a larger framework. Circumstances on the romantic front are favorable with one or more who share your intellectual interests. Activities involving teaching/learning are positive, along with good aspects for travel.

Capricorn (Dec 21 -- Jan 19) :

Whatever is occurring in your life at this time is clearly intense and emotion-laden. You may feel as though your very life depends upon making your point of view heard and acknowledged. I would not want to be on your enemy list right now, lest you attack. Count to 10 and rattle your sabers before you explode. Give people a fighting chance.

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

Surprise, changeability, and general rebellion are the qualities prominent this week. You may be the one who feels rebellious and wants to be left alone. Or it could be your partner or a good friend. If you have words on your mind regarding a relationship, they may fall right out of your mouth when you least expect it. Think carefully before speaking.

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

You are focused on the subject of healing. This may be on the physical, spiritual or emotional plane. Given the mind-body connection, it is probable that work on the emotional level will heal you physically and vice-versa. If it is not you who is healing, then it may be someone significant in your life to whom you are attending.

HUMOR

This is Armenian Radio;

our listeners asked us:

"Why is our government not in a hurry to land our men on the moon?"

We're answering:

"What if they refuse to return?"

Quote of the week



Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.

Mark Twain

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Lupe y la Banda

October 3 at 9:30 p.m.

Anushik Alaverdyan & Karen Mamikonyan BAND

October 4 at 9:30 p.m.

CHIGAPO & THE GENIUSES Band

October 5 at 9:30 p.m.

"Imagine" Band

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STOP MUSIC CLUB

Moskovyan Str., 37

October 1 at 9 p.m.

Reincarnation

BOURBON ST.

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October 4 at 8:30 p.m.

Hayway Band

SPORT AND CONCERT COMPLEX AFTER KAREN DEMIRCHYAN

Tsitsernakaberd Park

October 6 at 7 p.m.

Stas Mikhailov. New program: "I'll open my heart"

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Nikol Galanteryan Vocal-Instrumental Evening.

Anna Mayilyan, mezzo-soprano

Jemma Abrahamyan, violin

October 3 at 8 p.m.

From Romanticism to Modernism

Grisha Khachatryan, piano

Zhora Sargsyan, piano

October 5 at 8 p.m.

Marcin Malinowski, piano, keyboards (Poland) and Friends

Authoring Jazz-Fusion Evening

The concert starts with the performance of Stepan

Shakaryan.

October 6 at 8 p.m.

Yeva Sujyan

The concert starts with the performance of Stepan Shakaryan.

THEATRES

G. SUNDUKIAN NATIONAL ACADEMIC THEATRE

Grigor Lusavorich st., house 6

October 1 at 7 p.m.

Gayane

Ballet in 3 acts

October 3,4 at 7 p.m.

The Adventures of Masha and the Bear

October 5, 7 at 7 p.m.

A Hundred Years Later (Premiere)

October 6 at 7 p.m.

For the Sake of Honor Drama, 2 acts

H. TUMANIAN STATE PUPPET THEATRE

Sayat-Nova Ave., house 4

October 6 at 12, 2, 4 p.m.

Alice in Wonderland

October 7 at 12, 2, 4 p.m.

That Same Huri

RUSSIAN DRAMA THEATRE AFTER K. STANISLAVSKI

7 Abovyan Str.

October 3 at 7 p.m.

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Mashtots Ave., Building 58

October 6, 7 at 7 p.m.

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