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Germany Recognizes Armenian Genocide

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The German parliament overwhelmingly approved on April 24 a resolution branding the mass killings of up to 1.5 million Armenians by Ottoman Turkish forces a century ago as genocide, risking a diplomatic rupture with Ankara.

The vote marks a significant change of stance for Germany, Turkey's biggest trade partner in the European Union and home to a large ethnic Turkish diaspora. Unlike France and some two dozen other countries, Berlin has long resisted using the word. The term 'genocide' also has special resonance in Germany, which has worked hard to come to terms with its responsibility for the murder of six million Jews in the Holocaust.

In a parliamentary session to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the killings, all parliamentary groups in the Bundestag lower house backed the resolution in a vote likely to infuriate Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan.

"What happened in the middle of the First World War in the Ottoman Empire under the eyes of the world was a Genocide," Bundestag President Norbert Lammert said at the start of German lawmakers' debate on the resolution.

Muslim Turkey denies that the massacres, at a time when Ottoman troops were battling Russian forces in the east of the empire, constituted genocide. It says there was no organized campaign to wipe out the Armenians, who are Christians, and no evidence of any such orders from the Ottoman authorities.



German President Joachim Gauck also used the word 'genocide' in a speech on Thursday. Gauck, a former East German pastor with a penchant for defying convention, also suggested Germany itself might bear some of the blame because of its actions during World War One.

The Ottoman Empire, whose large ethnic Armenian population had flourished for centuries, was an ally of Kaiser Wilhelm's Germany during World War One when the massacres occurred.

Most Western scholars refer to the mass killings of the Ottoman Armenians as genocide. Pope Francis also used the term this month, prompting Turkey to accuse him of inciting hatred.

Austrian Parliament Recognizes Armenian Genocide

Austria became on April 22 the latest country to recognize the 1915 Armenian genocide in Ottoman Turkey, a First World War ally of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

The Austrian parliament approved a corresponding statement drafted by the parliamentary leaders of the country's six main political parties after observing a minute of silence for up to 1.5 million Armenians massacred by the Ottoman Turks.

"April 24, 1915 marked the beginning of a policy of deportation and persecution, which ended in genocide," parliament speaker Doris Bures said at a special session dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the tragedy.

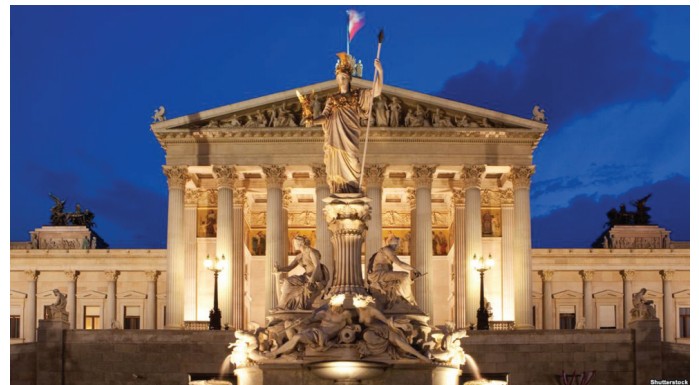
The parliamentary faction leaders stressed the importance of recognizing the Armenian massacres as genocide in their ensuing speeches delivered at the National Council.

The declaration authored by them reads, "Due to a historical responsibility -- the Austro-Hungarian Empire was allied with the Ottoman Empire in the First World War -- it is our duty to recognize the terrible events as genocide and condemn them."

"It is also Turkey's duty to face the dark and painful chapter of its past and recognize the crimes committed against Armenians under the Ottoman Empire as genocide," it says, echoing a resolution adopted by the European Parliament last week.

The statement also mentions hundreds of thousands of Greeks and Assyrians who were murdered on Ottoman government orders a century ago.

Armenia, whose ambassador in Vienna was present at the par-



liament session, was quick to welcome the declaration coming just two days before official ceremonies in Yerevan that will mark the centenary of the genocide. "With this step Austria has made an important contribution to the noble task of preventing genocides and other crimes against humanity," Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian said in a statement.

Turkey did not immediately react to the Austrian move. Ankara last week strongly condemned Pope Francis and the European Parliament for using the word genocide to honor the Armenians slaughtered during the First World War.

Incidentally, the Austrian declaration cited and endorsed the statements made by Francis and the European Union's legislative body.

Armenia Remembers Genocide 100 Years On

Tens of thousands of people marched to the Tsitsernakabert memorial in Yerevan on April 24 to pay their respects to some 1.5 million Armenians who were massacred by the Ottoman Turks 100 years ago in the first genocide of the 20th century.

In what has been an annual ritual in Armenia for almost 50 years, they laid flowers by the hilltop memorial's eternal fire surrounded by 12 inward-bending columns symbolizing Armenian-populated provinces of the Ottoman Empire.

The daylong procession began amid heavy rain after an official ceremony during which Armenia's political and spiritual leaders as well as dozens of foreign dignitaries marked the 100th anniversary of the start of the genocide.

"The western part of the Armenian people, who had for millenniums lived in their homeland, in the cradle of their civilization, were displaced and annihilated under a state-devised plan with direct participation of the army, police, other state institutions, and gangs comprising criminals released from the prisons specifically for this purpose," President Serzh Sargsyan said in a speech at

Tsitsernakabert.

"Human language is powerless to describe what an entire people endured," he said. "Around 1.5 million human beings were slaughtered merely for being Armenian."

The 3-hour ceremony also involved speeches by the visiting presidents of Cyprus, France, Russia and Serbia and a prayer service led by Catholicos Garegin, the supreme head of the Armenian Apostolic Church. It ended with an address by Esther Mujawayo, a prominent survivor of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

"It is very important that we stand by our Armenian sisters and brothers sharing their pain, their struggle, and of course their rebirth," Mujawayo told the participants of the event.

"As one of the participants of the Global Forum Against the Crime of Genocide, held in Yerevan over the last two days, I would like to extend our gratitude to the government and people of Armenia for furthering prevention agenda and raising public awareness to combat the crime of genocide and reach the noble goal of its complete exclusion," she added.

Mujawayo also read out the forum's

concluding declaration that calls on the outside world to ensure a greater international recognition of the Armenia genocide and condemns its denial by Turkey. The declaration also calls for a worldwide "strengthening of genocide prevention mechanisms."

In his speech, Serzh Sargsyan similarly denounced Turkey's continuing claims that Ottoman Armenians died in smaller numbers and not as a result of a premeditated government policy. "As Pope Francis rightly pointed out [on April 12,] 'Concealing or denying evil is like allowing a wound to keep bleeding without bandaging it,'" he said.

Serzh Sargsyan went on to thank foreign nations and various international bodies that have officially recognized the Armenian massacres as genocide. "Recognition of the genocide is a victory of human conscience and justice over intolerance and hatred," he said.

The Armenian leader further praised scores of Turks who were due to gather in Istanbul later in the day to commemorate the genocide victims. "They are strong people who are doing the right thing for their homeland," he said.

1.5 Million Victims of Genocide Canonized at Etchmiadzin

The 1.5 million or so victims of the Armenian genocide in Ottoman Turkey were collectively declared saints by the Armenian Apostolic Church on April 23, with Catholicos Garegin II saying that they died for their Christian faith.

The canonization took place at the church headquarters in Echmiadzin in front of thousands of people one day before the main official events in Armenia that will mark the 100th anniversary of the genocide. It was also attended by President Serzh Sargsyan as well as the visiting heads of the Coptic, Syriac and Indian Orthodox Churches and senior representatives of other Christian denominations.

The ceremony began with a procession of high-ranking clergymen led by Garegin from an Echmiadzin cathedral to a nearby open-air altar. It ended at 19:15 local time, symbolizing the year 1915 that saw the start of the mass killings and deportations of Armenians in the Ottoman Empire. At the end of the ceremony bells simultaneously rang in Armenian churches across

Armenia as well as Diaspora communities around the world.

"During the dire years of the genocide of the Armenians, millions of our people were uprooted and massacred in a premeditated manner, passed through fire and sword, tasted the bitter fruits of torture and sorrow," Garegin said during the canonization. "Nevertheless, in the midst of horrid torments and facing death, they remained strengthened by the love of Christ, bringing the witness of unshakeable faith."

"Manifold testimonies of holiness, virtue, and the joys of spiritual selflessness are recorded as well in the tragic annals of the Armenian Genocide. The Armenian who was persecuted for his Christian faith traveled the path of martyrdom with

prayer as his companion" he went on.

"We believe that we are weaving the crown of a new spiritual rebirth for our people, by canonizing the martyrs of the Armenian Genocide. The memory of our holy martyrs will heretofore not be a requiem prayer of victimhood and dormition, but rather a victorious song of praise by incorporeal soldiers, triumphant and sanctified by the blood of martyrdom," added the supreme head of the Armenian Church.

The unprecedented decision to canonize the genocide victims was made last year by a council of bishops representing the church dioceses in Armenia and foreign states with sizable Armenian communities.

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Putin, Hollande Join Armenian Genocide Remembrance In Yerevan

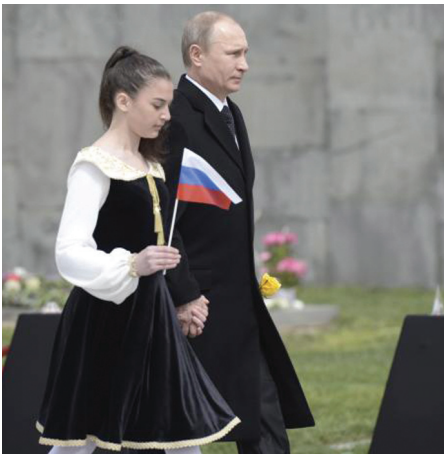
Presidents Francois Holland of France and Vladimir Putin of Russia and officials representing more than 50 other states joined Armenia's leaders on April 24 in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide.

The two men as well as the presidents of Cyprus and Serbia delivered speeches during a remembrance ceremony held at the Tsitsernakabert genocide memorial in Yerevan. The foreign dignitaries attending it included a U.S. government delegation led by Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew.

The heads of the visiting delegations walked to the memorial one by one, escorted by Armenian schoolgirls holding the national flags of their respective countries. Each foreign leader then put a yellow rose into a wreath shaped as a forget-me-not flower, the official emblem of the commemorations of the genocide centennial.

"I bow to the memory of the victims and I have just told my Armenian friends that we will never forget the tragedies that your people went through," Hollande told the several hundred participants of the event.

"One hundred years ago, destructive hatred wanted to exterminate a population because it was Armenian," he said. "This hatred committed considerable massacres but it could not achieve its ultimate end. You are standing there, alive. Armenia bears a remarkable memory, but its message is universal, it is one of resistance, it is one of recognition, it is one of hope."



"We are also aware that it is with the disappearance of 1.5 million Armenians 100 years ago that the word 'genocide' was invented, so to speak," Hollande went on, pointing to Raphael Lemkin, a Polish Jewish intellectual who coined the term in 1944.



Vladimir Putin, meanwhile, described the 1915 slaughter as "one of the most appalling tragedies in the history of humankind." "The events of 1915 shocked the entire world and were perceived in Russia as its own calamity," he said in his speech.

"And today we mourn together with the Armenian people," added Putin. "Remembrance events will take place in hundreds of Russian cities -- I want to stress that, dear friends: in hundreds of Russian cities."

Both Putin and Hollande emphasized the fact that the Russian Empire, France and Britain jointly condemned the mass killings and deportations of Armenians as a "crime against humanity" in May 1915, one month after they were ordered by the rulers of the Ottoman Empire.

The French president also stated that international condemnation of the Armenian and other genocides is important for preventing more crimes against humanity. In that context, he pointed to the continuing "barbarity of the terrorists" from the Islamic State militants controlling large parts of Iraq and Syria.

Russia and France are among two dozen countries that have officially recognized the Armenian genocide. One of those nations, Cyprus, has also criminalized public denial of the genocide.

"We are here to honor the resilience of the Armenian people," Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades declared at Tsitsernakabert.

Turkey condemns Russia's recognition of Armenian Genocide

Turkey condemns Russian President Vladimir Putin's statement, in which he called the mass killings of Armenians during the World War I "genocide," the Turkish Foreign Ministry said in a statement, Sputnik reports.

Although Ankara respects its friendship with Moscow, the recent statements related to the mass killings of Armenians during WWI might have some impact on the bilateral ties, the Turkish Foreign Ministry said.

"Starting from 1995, we know the [Russian] habit of making political statements in support of unilateral Armenian claims every 10 years. On April 24, 2015 another similar statement followed. We condemn this statement.



UK Ambassador's message on Armenian Remembrance Day



Message by HM Kathy Leach, UK Ambassador to Armenia, has issued a message on Armenian Remembrance Day.

"On this solemn day of commemoration, we bow our heads with Armenia and Armenians around the world as we

remember together the many victims, more than a million souls, who were killed in the deportations and massacres of 1915. Our hope in this year of commemorations is for Armenia and Turkey to find a way to face this tragic history together."

No decision yet on Mistral: Russian, French Presidents meet in Yerevan



No decision has yet been taken on the future of France's suspended contract to deliver Mistral helicopter carriers to Russia, French President Francois Hollande said on April 24

after meeting Russian President Vladimir Putin, Reuters reports.

"As far as the Mistral is concerned I have set the terms. Either the Mistral is delivered, which is not our decision as of today, or a repayment will be made in the form we have discussed," Hollande said at a news conference after the meeting in Yerevan, Armenia.

Separately, Economy Minister Emmanuel Macron told Reuters in Paris the French government would make sure the companies and workers involved were not affected.

"Technically we are ready so that this decision, if it is taken, will not damage the companies and workers involved," he said.

Earlier on Friday a Russian source close to the talks said Russia and France were close to an agreement for Paris to cancel the contract and reimburse Moscow.

The DCNS unit of Thales, 26 percent owned by the French state and 25 percent by Dassault Aviation, is a prime contractor on the Mistral.

Obama Criticized By U.S. Jewish Group

An influential Jewish-American lobby group has criticized U.S. President Barack Obama's decision to again avoid publicly using the word genocide to honor some 1.5 million Armenians massacred by the Ottoman Turks.

In that regard, the American Jewish Committee (AJC) also commended Pope Francis and the European Parliament for reaffirming their recognition of the Armenian genocide last week.

"We regret that the U.S. has indicated, at least as of now, that it will not recognize the Armenian genocide during commemoration events this week," the AJC executive director, David Harris, said in a statement on Wednesday. "This decision is particularly troubling in light of President Obama's remarks (as a senator) in 2008, when he spoke poignantly about the Armenian genocide."

"As we know from our own Jewish experience, no country of good will should succumb to political pressure -- in this case, by Turkey -- when confronted with a question of moral integrity and historical accuracy. We hope that the U.S. will reverse its announced decision, and publicly acknowledge this atrocity by its rightful name -- genocide," added Harris.



The Armenian Assembly of America, which has been campaigning for genocide recognition along with other U.S.-Armenian groups, welcomed the statement. "The Armenian Genocide was the ghastly precursor to the Holocaust and is a tragedy that unites the Armenian and Jewish people," its executive director, Bryan Ardouny, said.

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Obama again bows to Turkish pressure in his April 24 statement

U.S. President Barack Obama has praised Pope Francis, mentioned a Jewish lawyer who coined the term "genocide" but again declined to use it in his latest statement on the 1915 mass killings of Armenians in Ottoman Turkey.

In what one Armenian-American group criticized as "linguistic gymnastics," Obama spoke instead of "the first mass atrocity of the 20th century" as he marked its 100th anniversary late on Thursday. He also again used the Armenian phrase "Meds Yeghern," or Great Calamity, to refer to the slaughter of 1.5 million Armenians.

"Beginning in 1915, the Armenian people of the Ottoman Empire were deported, massacred, and marched to their deaths," he said. "Their culture and heritage in their ancient homeland were erased. Amid horrific violence that saw suffering on all sides, one and a half million Armenians perished."

"As the horrors of 1915 unfolded, U.S. Ambassador Henry Morgenthau, Sr. sounded the alarm inside the U.S. government and confronted Ottoman leaders," he added, referring to an American diplomat who has been a key reference source for Armenians campaigning for international recognition of the genocide.

In a 1915 telegram to the U.S. State Department, Morgenthau famously described the Armenian massacres as a "campaign of race extermination."

"Because of efforts like his, the truth of the Meds Yeghern emerged and came to influence the later work of human rights champions like Raphael Lemkin, who helped bring about the first United Nations human rights treaty," Obama said, referring to the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Lemkin, the Polish-Jewish lawyer who coined the term "genocide" in 1943, referred to the atrocities against Armenians as well as the Nazi massacres of Jews when describing his investigations.

"We welcome the expression of views by Pope Francis, Turkish and Armenian historians, and the many others who have sought to shed light on this dark chapter of history," read Obama's statement.

It alluded to the pontiff's April 12 declaration that the events of 1915 can be considered "the first genocide of the 20th century." Turkey reacted furiously to the move, recalling its ambassador to the Vatican.

The pope's statement, voiced during a Vatican Mass, reportedly caused a rift within the Obama administration between proponents and opponents of Armenian genocide recognition. News reports from Washington said earlier this week that Obama eventually chose to side with those State Department and Pentagon officials who believe that that using the word genocide would be very risky now that Washington needs Ankara's help in fighting the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq.

Obama's decision was communicated to the leaders of the two main Armenian-American lobbying organizations on Tuesday. Both groups deplored his resulting statement.

"The sad spectacle of President Obama playing word games with genocide, so obviously dodging the truth at the direction of a foreign power, falls beneath the dignity of the American people," said Aram Hamparian, the executive director of the Armenian National Committee of America.

"President Obama's exercise in linguistic gymnastics on the Armenian Genocide is unbecoming of the standard he himself set and that of a world leader today," said Bryan Ardouny of the Armenian Assembly of America.

Obama repeatedly described the Armenian massacres as genocide and pledged to ensure its official recognition by the U.S. when he ran for president in 2008. However, he backpedaled on that pledge after becoming president, anxious not to anger Turkey.

Obama on Thursday repeated that his personal view on what happened in 1915 has not changed, hinting that he does not want to publicize for purely political reasons. "Peoples and nations grow stronger, and build a foundation for a more just and tolerant future, by acknowledging and reckoning with painful elements of the past," he said in an apparent reference to Turkey.

Obama Criticized By U.S. Jewish Group

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Harris' statement underscored recent years' change in the AJC's position on the genocide issue. The AJC as well as other Jewish-American organizations had for decades opposed U.S. recognition of the genocide in view of Turkey's geopolitical significance to Israel. Some of them even helped Turkey block pro-Armenian resolutions in the U.S. Congress.

In 2007, the Jewish group Anti-Defamation League (ADL) declared that the Armenian massacres "were indeed tantamount to genocide" after weeks of controversy in which critics questioned whether an organization dedicated to remembering Holocaust victims could remain credible without acknowledging the genocide.

Israel's government is facing similar criticism from a growing number of Israeli politicians and pundits. In what may have been a response to that criticism, it has decided to send a delegation of two Israeli lawmakers to Friday's official ceremonies in Yerevan to mark the 100th anniversary of the genocide.

The Associated Press reported on Wednesday that the low-level delegation is under strict instructions to refer to the 1915 slaughter of 1.5 million Armenians as a "national tragedy," rather than "genocide." Nevertheless, one of its members, Nachman Shai, said it is time for Israel to acknowledge that genocide took place in the Ottoman Empire.

"In foreign policy, there are interests and there are values," Shai told the news agency. "In this case I think values should trump interests. As Jews, we must recognize it."

Israel's President Reuven Rivlin is also known as a supporter of Armenian genocide recognition. According to TheTower.org, Rivlin reaffirmed his view on the subject at a closed meeting with journalists in Jerusalem last week. "The Nazis used the Armenian genocide as something that gave them permission to bring the Holocaust into reality," he said, according to the publication.

CNN: 8 things to know about the mass killings of Armenians 100 years ago

As Armenians worldwide mark the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, the CNN presents eight facts that should be known about the mass killing of Armenians in the Ottoman Empire.

What preceded the mass killings of Armenians that began 100 years ago?

The Ottoman Turks, having recently entered World War I on the side of Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, were worried that Armenians living in the Ottoman Empire would offer wartime assistance to Russia. Russia had long coveted control of Constantinople (now Istanbul), which controlled access to the Black Sea - and therefore access to Russia's only year-round seaports.

How many Armenians lived in the Ottoman Empire at the start of the mass killings?

Many historians agree that the number was about 2 million. However, victims of the mass killings also included some of the 1.8 million Armenians living in the Caucasus under Russian rule, some of whom were massacred by Ottoman forces in 1918 as they marched through East Armenia and Azerbaijan.

How did the mass killings start?

By 1914, Ottoman authorities were already portraying Armenians as a threat

to the empire's security. Then, on the night of April 23-24, 1915, the authorities in Constantinople, the empire's capital, rounded up about 250 Armenian intellectuals and community leaders. Many of them ended up deported or assassinated.

April 24, known as Red Sunday, is commemorated as Genocide Remembrance Day by Armenians around the world. Friday is the 100th anniversary of that day.

How many Armenians were killed?

This is a major point of contention. Estimates range from 300,000 to 2 million deaths between 1914 and 1923, with not all of the victims in the Ottoman Empire. But most estimates - including one of 800,000 between 1915 and 1918, made by Ottoman authorities themselves - fall between 600,000 and 1.5 million.

Whether due to killings or forced deportation, the number of Armenians living in Turkey fell from 2 million in 1914 to under 400,000 by 1922.

How did they die?

Almost any way one can imagine.

While the death toll is in dispute, photographs from the era document some mass killings. Some show Ottoman soldiers posing with severed heads, others with them standing amid skulls in the dirt.

The victims are reported to have died in mass burnings and by drowning, tor-

ture, gas, poison, disease and starvation. Children were reported to have been loaded into boats, taken out to sea and thrown overboard. Rape, too, was frequently reported.

In addition, according to the website armenian-genocide.org, "The great bulk of the Armenian population was forcibly removed from Armenia and Anatolia to Syria, where the vast majority was sent into the desert to die of thirst and hunger."

Was genocide a crime at the time of the killings?

No. Genocide was not even a word at the time, much less a legally defined crime.

The word "genocide" was invented in 1944 by a Polish lawyer named Raphael Lemkin to describe the Nazis' systematic attempt to eradicate Jews from Europe. He formed the word by combining the Greek word for race with the Latin word for killing.

Pope Francis recently referred to the killings of Armenians as a "genocide," a move that upset Turkey.

Genocide became a crime in 1948, when the United Nations approved the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. The definition included acts meant "to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group."

Who calls the mass killings of Armenians a genocide?

Armenia, the Vatican, the European Parliament, France, Russia and Canada. Germany is expected to join that group on Friday, the 100th anniversary of the start of the killings.

Who does not call the mass killings a genocide?

Turkey, the United States, the European Commission, the United Kingdom and the United Nations.

A U.N. subcommittee called the killings genocide in 1985, but current U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon declines to use the word.





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- 1402.**Hr. Kochar Str.**, 1100 sq. m.,facade -25 m. Price negotiable.
- 2090.**Lori region**, close to Stepanavan, Gyargyar village, 6 hectares, forest 2 hectare has building permits, 3 water source, electricity. Price: 100.000USD.
- 2406.**Avan**, Mher Mkrtchyan block, 1000 sq.m., electricity, gas, water, the district is inhabited. Price: 30USD per sq.m
- 2310.**Monument, Babayan str**, 1000 sq. m, facade-25m, privatized, Price:350 USD negotiable
- 2107.**Monument**, 2400sq.m, building permits, building project. Price: 400 USD per sq.m.
- 2413.**Ashtarak roadway**, 1000sq.m, building permits, building project. Price: Negotiable
- 2414.**Demirchyan str.** land-750sq.m., building permits. Price:750.000 USD.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- 3739.**Nork Marash** Land- 2000sq.m, two separate houses, total bld-600sq.m,capially repaired, swimming pool, sauna, guard house. Price: 950.000 USD
- 3348.**Blur, Barbyus str.** Land - 800 sq.m, 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m, 4bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capially repaired, climate control. Price: 1.2 million USD
- 3146.**Aygestan**, Land-500 sq.m., 5 storied bld-765 sq.m.,each floor-180 sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, study, capially repaired, hjeating system,elevator. Price: 2.300.000 USD.
- 3583.**Nork-Marash**, Land-1100sq.m,2 storied bld-520sq.m,6 bedrooms,5 bathrooms, capially repaired,heating system, AC, swimming pool, garden. Price:1.350.000 USD.
- 3432.**Aygedzor**, Land - 1021 sq m ,3 storied bld.-501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, capially repaired, central heating, AC, boiler room garden, swimming pool, sauna, garage, security system. Price:1.000.000 USD
- 3576.**Avan**, Tsarav Akhbyur /near Botanical garden/, Land-560sq.m., 4 storied building-560sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, a kitchen, office, capially repaired, heating system, swimming pool, garden, 2 car parking. Price: 850.000 USD
- 3606.**Avan**, Tsarav Akhbyur/near Botanical garden/, Land-1000sq.m.,3 storied building-750sq.m.,6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capially repaired, heating system swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking. Price-1.500.000 USD
- 3574.**Blur**, Land-779sq.m.,2 storied building-720sq.m.,4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, study, capially repaired, heating system,sauna swimming pool, garden. Price: 2.000.000 USD
- 3590 **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-450 sq.m.,4 storied building-470sq.m.,3bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: 680.000 USD
- 3651.**Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-900sq.m.,5 storied building-800sq.m.,4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capially repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price:1.700.000 USD.
- 3401.**Antarayan str**, Newly built, land-700sq.m, 3 storied bld-690sq.m, 5 bedrooms, capially repaired. Price: 1.300.000 USD
- 3712 **Cascade** Newly built, land-450sq.m, 4 storied bld-600sq.m, zero state. Price: 550.000 USD

NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

- 74.**Cascade**, Verin Antarayin. 136-315 sq m.,walls plastered, electricity, water, gas, euro windows,no exploitation fees. Price:1200 USD per sq.m, parking -15.000 USD.
- 107.**Monument**, Verin Antarayin. inhabited, 8 floors, gas, windows, street view -1000 USD per sq.m., city looking -1500 USD per sq.m., parking - 4 million USD preliminary.
- 87.**Sayat-Nova str.**, 21 floors, 3 bedrooms -188 sq.m., 199 sq.m., Price 1900 USD per sq.m., 2 bedrooms have a beautiful sight - 117 sq.m., 120 sq.m., 124 sq.m.,Price: 1700 USD per sq.m., climate control, gas.
- 93.**Kievyan str.**, Given to the operation in October 2011, 16 floors, walls plastered, windows, exterior doors, h -3, 15 m, gas,parking. Price: 1500-1600USD per sq.m,parking-12 000 USD. Possible with mortgage, for 13 years term.
- 94.**Masiv**. 3floors,8 flats,each flat has 3 bedrooms, 210 sq.m., parking. Price: negotiable.
- 130.**Antarayan str.**, 34 flats, 110-275 sq.m., 4 penthouses-200-275sq.m,available sevices-car wash, cleaning service, garbage removal service, parking. Price: Negotiable
- 131.**Busand str.**, commercial, office and residential areas, penthouse, available sevices-car wash, cleaning service, garbage removal service, parking. Price: Negotiable



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1 ROOM

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

2 ROOMS

- 2302 **North Ave.**, Newly built, 11/4, 137sq.m, 2bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 2295 **North Ave.**, Newly built, 16/15, 173sq.m., 2bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished. Price: 5000 USD
- 2290 **Bayron str.**, Newly built, 5th floor, 220sq.m, 2bedrooms, study, open kitchen, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control, furnished, parking. Price: 4000 USD
- 1780. **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 13th floor, 82 sq.m, 2 bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 1700 USD negotiable.
- 942. **Teryan str.** 4/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: 1500 USD.
- 1950. **Buzand/Mashtots area.** Newly built, 8th floor, 163 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control, furnished, open balcony. Price: 2500 USD.
- 1681. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 6/2, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- 1535. **Busand str.**, Newly built, 7/4, 82sq.m., 2bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, parking, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable.
- 2089. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 8/6, 120sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control, furnished, equipped. Price: 2500 USD
- 1738. **Amiryan str.**, 8/8, 159sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable
- 1951. **Busand str.**, Newly built, 13th floor, 122sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control. Price: 2500 USD
- 1406. **Sayat Nova ave.**, 7/3, 110sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable
- 2109. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 10/4, 137sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, central heating, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- 2243. **Buzand str.**, Newly built, 17/4, 125sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD
- **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 14/5, 120sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, partly furnished. Price: 2000 USD

3 ROOMS AND MORE

- 2277. **Kievyan str.** duplex, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, with or without furniture. Price: Negotiable.
- 2310 **Busand str.**, Newly built, 190sq.m, 3bedrooms, 3bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished,

parking. Price: 2500 USD

- 2316 **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 6th floor, 227sq.m., 4bedrooms, 2bathrooms, guest toilet, capitolly repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2500 USD
- 2303 **Hanrapetutyan str** Newly built, 9/5, 165sq.m, 3bedrooms, 1bathroom, 1 guest toilet. capitolly repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 2286. **Sose str.**, Newly built, 12/2, 154sq.m, 3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 1700 USD
- 2257. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 17/16, 160 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: Negotiable
- 2021. **Teryan Str.**, Newly built, 9/8, 9, 245 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished. Preliminary price: 3500 USD.
- 2005. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/8, 130 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, parking. Price: 2200 USD.
- 1723. **Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/4, 170 sq.m 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, open kitchen, capitolly repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD.
- 1981. **Vardanants Str.**, Newly built, 14/14, 140 sq m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, 3 open balconies, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- 1793. **Teryan str.**, Newly built, 8th floor, 260 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, study, capitolly repaired, climate control, parking, unfurnished (possible to furnish). Price: 3500 USD.
- 1720. **Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 16/10, 179 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, central heating, AC, cellar- 25sq.m, with or without furniture, parking. Price 3000 USD negotiable
- 2195. **Northern ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 300sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capitolly repaired, climate control, AC, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- 2261. **Hin Yerevantsi, /North Avenue/,** Newly built, 10/3, 124sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 1700 USD
- 2084. **Tumanyan str.**, 4th floor, 200sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, climate control, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- 2252. **Northern ave.**, 7th floor, 350 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, open balconies, capitolly repaired, climate control, parking. Price Negotiable.



PRIVATE HOUSES

- 1335 **Baghramyan str.**, Land-200sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished. Price: 3000 USD
- 1336 **Aygedzor**, Land-1000sq.m, 2 storied bld-240sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished. Price: 2000 USD
- 1337 **Davtashen** Land-406sq.m, 3 storied bld-306sq.m, 4bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capitolly repaired, furnished. Price: 3900 USD
- 1323. **Monument, Babayan str.**, Land-400sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m, 4bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitolly repaired. Price: Negotiable
- 1248. **Aygedzor**, Land - 1021 sq m, 3 storied bld. - 501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, capitolly repaired, central heating, AC, sauna, boiler room garden, swimming pool, garage, alarming system, security system. Price: 8000 USD.
- 999. **Aygedzor**, Land - 1000 sqm, basement + 2 floors- 310 sqm, capitolly repaired, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, newly furnished, equipped, sauna, swimming-pool. Starting Price: 5000 USD.
- 1094. **Noy block**, Land-450sqm, 2 storied building - 220sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden. Price: 2000USD.
- 1195. **Nork, Armenakyan str.**, Land - 2000 sq.m, 4 storied bld.-520 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms,

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

- 1142. **Djrvaj**, Bagrevand community. Land-1000 sq.m., 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, pantry, playing room, capitolly repaired, no furniture/ can be furnished, if necessary /garage for 2 cars. Price: 4 000 USD.
- 1293. **Nork-Marash**, Land-1100sq.m, 2 storied bld-520 sq.m, 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, swimming pool, garden. Price: 7.000 USD
- 327. **Nork-Marash**, Land-500sq.m., 4 storied building-600 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking. Price-4000 USD
- 1306. **Tsarav Akhbyur** /near Botanical garden/, Land-1000sq.m., 3 storied building-750sq.m., 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capitolly repaired, heating system swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking, with or without furniture. Price: 6000-8000 USD negotiable
- 1288. **Tsarav Akhbyur** /near Botanical garden/, Land-560sq.m., 4 storied building-560 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, a kitchen, office, capitolly repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden, 2 car parking. Price: 5000 USD
- 1197. **Blur**, Land-779sq.m., 2 storied building-720sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, study, capitolly repaired, heating system, sauna swimming pool, garden. Price: 8000 USD
- 1312. **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-450sq.m., 4 storied building-470sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable
- 1317. **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-900sq.m., 5 storied building-800sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable.
- 1323. **Monument, Babayan str.**, Land - 400 sq.m, 3 storied bld-300sq.m, each floor-100sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable

PREMISES

- 2049. **Teryan str**, ground floor+basemnet, 1st line, 200sq.m, repaired. Price: 6.000 USD
- 1693. **Malatia-Sebastia** 4 storied building, 1200sq.m, each floor-300sq.m, 2 separate entrances, climate control, 2 elevators, basement, parking. Price: 15USD per sq.m.
- 1526. **Byuzand str.**, 5/semi-basement, 170 sqm., 4-5 degrees below zero level, window glasses, cellar - 50 sq.m., 6 rooms, the largest is 30 sq.m., 2 entrances, 2 lavatories. Price 2000 USD per month, negotiable.
- 1408. **Zarobyan str.**, /parallel to Baghramyan str./, 2 storied building, 600 sqm. ground floor- hall and kitchen, 1st floor 5 rooms, bathroom, open balcony, capitolly repaired, gas, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable.
- 1462. **Teryan str.**, 3 storied building, 800 sq.m., capitolly repaired, AC, parking. Price: 10.000 USD.
- 1945. **Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1, 2, 140sq.m., window glasses, capitolly repaired, AC. Price: 8000 USD
- 1943. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m., 1st line, capitolly repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 7000 USD
- 1868. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m., 1st line, facade-55m., capitolly repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: 15.000 USD.
- 2087. **Northern ave.**, Ground floor of the building, 100sq.m, 1st line, zero level, capitolly repaired, window glasses. Price: Negotiable.
- 2033. **Abovyan str.**, 388sq.m, Ground floor of the building, 3 degrees above zero level, window glasses, h-3m., basement-235sq.m, capitolly repaired, heating system, AC. Price: 15.000 USD
- 2031. **Vardanants str**, 500sq.m, ground floor of the building, 2 entrances, facade-20m, window glasses, without divisions, ,basement-250sq.m, Price: 8000 USD
- 2027. **Sayat Nova str**, 95sq.m, ground floor of the building, 2 entrances, 7 degrees above zero level, 4 window glasses, capitolly repaired. Price: 4.000 USD

RA President's Global IT Award Laureate Number Five Mario Mazzola Donates USD 1 million to the American University of Armenia - to Cover Students' Fees

News conference on the Global Award of the President of Armenia for Outstanding Contribution to Humanity through IT at the AUA

On 18 April a press conference on the GIT Award was held at the AUA Akian Gallery with the speakers Vigen A. Sargsyan, Chief of Staff of the President of Armenia who has been holding also position of the Award Committee Chairman, Hovik Musaelyan, Chairman of the Executive Board of the GIT Award (Director of the Synopsys Armenia CJSC), Ralph C. Yirikian, Member of the Award Committee's Selection Panel, Founding General Manager of VivaCell-MTS, Sponsor of the Award since its establishment, Anthony (Tony) K. Moroyan, Member of the Selection Panel, President of Viasphere International and Prof. Armen Der-Kiureghian, President of the American University of Armenia.

"By financing the Award, we have our input in raising global awareness of our country's IT potential. In line with other sectors, VivaCell-MTS pays great attention to the education sector. Particularly valuable is the visit of famous IT experts to our country who have meetings with especially the youth and share their practice with them. This Award serves precisely this purpose," said VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian**.

At that news conference it was announced that Dr **Mario Mazzola**, 2014 GIT Award Laureate has decided to donate USD 1 mln for the AUA. In a letter addressed to the RA President **Serzh A. Sargsyan**, Dr Mazzola has expressed willingness to make such a significant donation to the American University of Armenia.

"The sum donated by Mario Mazzola will be used to support students facing financial difficulties to cover their tuition fees. Annually, around 20 students will receive scholarships," said President of the American University of Armenia **Armen Der-Kiureghian** stressing that the students of the computer science will be the target.

According to Prof. Der-Kiureghian, when the University first started offering BS in computer science, it had only 40 students. The number of students applying for this program reached 80 last year and this year the AUA expects to have 120 students.

"Before visiting Armenia, Mario Mazzola had not even heard of it and it is odd as everybody in the Silicon Valley knows about Armenia. After his visit, he expressed the wish to support the development of higher education in Armenia. Donation to the

tune of USD 1 million to the AUA is aimed at it too," said President of Viasphere International, Inc. **Tony Moroyan**.

Mr Moroyan, "our man" in Silicon Valley since yet 1960s who has been supporting Armenia's IT/high tech sector from the first days of Independence, in particular, by being a driving force in the ArmTech Congress as well as the GIT Award, informed as well that Cisco will be represented in Armenia in the coming years.

H. Musayelyan informed the gathered that they've decided to issue post stamps, post cards and envelopes with the goal to inform the international community about the Award.

Chief of Staff of the President of Armenia, Chairman of the Award Committee **Vigen Sargsyan** said that 2013 Laureate of

the Award since its establishment including all five Laureates' visits to Armenia as well as all the events/news connected the GIT Award for all these years, and have been doing our VERY BEST to present our Readers, both the local ones and those of abroad this important theme AS IT BEFITS (which we believe is being appreciated by both The Highlights readers as well as the Award leaders – as our sources said, The Highlights stories on the Global IT Award have been used as a kind of booklets to inform all the interested parties), but, nonetheless, here we'd like to remind briefly the meaning of the Award and the honorable Laureates indeed:

The Global Award of the President of the Republic of Armenia for Outstanding Contribution to Humanity through IT was established on July 6, 2009 by the decree of the President of Armenia Serzh A. Sargsyan with the aim of supporting the development of this sphere, in particular, by focusing by the Award the potential foreign investors attention on Armenia. The Award is granted on an annual basis to individuals which have made an exceptional contribution in the spheres of technologies, education, organization, finances, etc., and whose internationally acclaimed efforts result in serious development of the information technologies sphere.

In 2010 retired Intel Corporation Chief Dr **Craig Barrett** was the first to receive the Award. Co-Founder of Apple Computers, Inc. **Steve Wozniak** became the second Laureate in 2011.

Chairman Emeritus of Sinaptics, Inc. Dr **Federico Faggin** is the third Laureate of the GIT Award. The fourth Global IT Award of the Armenian President was handed to the President of the Semiconductor Industry Association, Society of Semiconductor Industry Specialists, Techno Vision Company, retired CEO of Hitachi Electronic Devices Group and Senior Executive Managing Director of Hitachi Dr **Tsugio Makimoto**.

Last year the Chief Development Officer at Cisco Systems, Inc. Mario Mazzola visited Armenia (notably, accompanied not only by his spouse, as all the previous Laureates, but also by their younger daughter, **Francesca**) to receive the Global IT Award of the President of RA.



the Award, Founder and President at Techno Vision, former CEO of the Hitachi Company Dr **Tsugio Makimoto** written a book titled "Armenia as an Innovative Country" that will be released in Japanese in the near future.

"I think we will have a special presentation of this book in Yerevan. It will be available also in Armenian and English in the future," said Mr Sargsyan.

Asked when the name of the 2015 Laureate of the Global IT Award of the Armenian President will be revealed, V.A. Sargsyan said they already had a shortlist of nominees but the final decision will be made in coming September, and the Award, traditionally, will be granted in November.

We The Highlights have been covering

VivaCell-MTS: Sharing Experience with the Young Generation and Extending Hand to the Countryside Compatriots and the Kids

Mushegh Khanoyan, a Shgharshik villager: "My dream to have our own shelter has come true thanks to VivaCell-MTS and Ralph Yirikian, and now I am the happiest man in the world!"

VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian delivered a lecture at the school with a special profile in physics and mathematics

On 16 April VivaCell-MTS Founding General Manager **Ralph Yirikian** was hosted as a guest lecturer at the school with a special profile in physics and mathematics after Artashes Shahinyan. In the course of the interactive lecture, the schoolchildren of 9th to 12th grades got acquainted with the history of VivaCell-MTS, its creation, its challenging path and success. Sharing the example of VivaCell-MTS, Ralph Yirikian encouraged the children not to give up on the way to success, to keep learning, to work hard, to be honest and fair, and to have a respectful and responsible attitude towards the environment.

"Rely on yourselves, build your future with your own hands, overcome the hardships, and use the accumulated experience for moving forward and achieving your goal. Nothing happens at once. One needs patience and hard work to succeed," Ralph Yirikian noted.

In the frames of the "Business with a Mission" project Ralph Yirikian has already delivered a number of lectures at educational institutions in both Yerevan and the regions.

So another lecture of the kind by the experienced Manager and Citizen...

Ralph Yirikian has delivered a lecture in the Yerevan State University of Languages and Social Sciences

On 21 April, in the frames of the "Business with a Mission" project Mr Yirikian has delivered a lecture in the Yerevan Valery Brusov State University of Languages and Social Sciences. Ralph Yirikian touched upon topics related to the

agenda of elaborating a successful strategy for the development of the business and enhancing the technical capacity of the mobile network. He also spoke about the marketing strategy and the policy of corporate responsibility adopted by the Company.

Sharing the example of VivaCell-MTS, its Founding General Manager emphasized the role of young professionals in the success and growth of any company.



"Human resources are the biggest asset of any commercial organization. Providing high quality services would be impossible without qualified specialists. Since the first day of its operation VivaCell-MTS has been recruiting young graduates giving them an opportunity to start their career from scratch and acquire the necessary experience by working in the telecommunications sphere, one of the most rapidly developing spheres in the world economy," Mr Yirikian noted.

It seems now the turn for a CHARITY has come...

40 houses in 10 regions of Armenia

VivaCell-MTS and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia Partnership Gained Momentum

VivaCell-MTS and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia 2015 partnership started with a momentum; this year VivaCell-MTS invested AMD100 mln. (last year AMD 55mln) for the housing project and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia has undertaken its implementation. The dream of 40 Armenian families of 10 regions of Armenia. 20 families will have improved housing conditions, another 20 families will complete the construction of their half-built houses.

VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian, staff members from the company and the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia team launched the project in Shgharshik village of Aragatsotn Region with the construction of **Khamoyan** family house.

"A whole life, almost 20 years, my family has lived in this half-built house with cement floors, leaking roof and damp walls. Two of our children have serious health problems; my daughter was born with a heart disease. My son was born blind in one eye, he is also ill with brucellosis. My wife and I seem to

have lost hope that anything good could happen in our life. And now, when our dream comes true, I am the happiest man in the world!" said the father of the family, **Mushegh Khamoyan**.

The partnership between VivaCell-MTS and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia goes back to 2007. Through this partnership 53 families live in decent homes. This year, another 40 families will replenish the list.

Through this long and fruitful partnership VivaCell-MTS makes a secure social investment in the protection and develop-

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ment of Armenian communities becoming part of the mission of eliminating poverty housing in Armenia through a striking example of corporate social responsibility.

"VivaCell-MTS is pleased to support the implementation of this project. In addition to the strategic importance, it holds the

therapeutic and entertainment platform that will provide free access to 8000 children with disabilities registered in Armenia.

The fundraising dinner brought together representatives of public and private sectors, embassies and international organizations. The live and silent auctions, as well



idea of unity, the idea of helping and encouraging each other. I am filled with special joy, when I see that the employees of our company are guided with these ideas and express willingness to voluntarily participate in the construction works of these families' houses. This proves that the values of our company are spread among, accepted and practiced by our employees," said Armenia's leading telecom operator company General Manager Ralph Yirikian.

"Poverty housing and poor socio-economic conditions in Armenia are forcing people to leave their home country in search of a better life abroad. The best solution of this problem we are facing over many years is to have a solid roof and decent housing conditions. A man who loves his home will never leave it," said Fuller Center for Housing Armenia President **Ashot Yeghiazaryan**.

Fundraising was held for the construction of the first Inclusive Playground in Armenia

On April 17th the Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets (FPWC) jointly with the Yerevan Zoo held a fundraising dinner to raise additional funds for the construction of the first Inclusive Playground in Armenia. The project aims to establish an educational,

as other donation initiatives available during the event raised a total of 10 mln AMD that was matched by the FPWC's General Partner VivaCell-MTS.

Unique paintings for the live auction were donated by well-known Armenian artists **Ashot Avagyan, Vahagn Hamalbashyan, Lucie Abdalyan, Gabriel Manukyan (Gabo), Arev Petrosyan, Narek Avetsiyan** and **Artur Sargsyan**, as well as limited special editions of alcoholic beverages by ArmAs Winery and Ararat Abricon. The handicrafts and paintings for the silent auction were kindly donated by Armenian children with special needs to support the cause.

The colorful event included unique performances by children of the inclusive theater of the Child Development Foundation, Small Theater dance troupe and the award-winning Paros Chamber Choir, mostly consisting of singers with disabilities:

The construction works are expected to be completed by June 2015, thus creating playing and learning equal opportunities for all children.

Since 2011 the Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets with the support of the General Partner VivaCell-MTS implements a long-term "FPWC for the Yerevan Zoo" project that aims to convert the zoo into a multi-functional regional hub for biodiversity conservation and environmental education.

"Hoorrrraah, Mr. Mario is Back !!!": A Story of Lifelong True Charity and the Love Indeed



By **Gourgen James Khazhakian**
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From the first day of the Brazilian Embassy opening in Yerevan, The Highlights has been actively covering its activities. Especially fruitful cooperation with the Embassy has been started under leadership of Ambassador **Marcela Maria Nicodemos** (posted in 2009 - April 2013), and at present we appreciate much our friendship with the current Brazilian Ambassador H.E. Mr. **Edson Monteiro** who has been doing a lot to strengthen Brazilian-Armenian friendly relations.

But now we have to speak about husband of Ambassador Nicodemos, Dr. **Mario Matus Pavez**. And the occasion is his very recent visit to Armenia.

Though we've written for several times on Dr. Matus' charitable activities for those having serious health problems, we strongly believe his good deeds are worth to be reminded. Within his stay in Armenia, in Kharberd Specialized Orphanage (for children and adolescent with mental/other health problems) Dr. Matus not only created a computer room and a rehabilitation center (equipped by unique devices brought from the US such as the "Spider Cage" which is a multi-function exercise with the same characteristics of the former one but with several additional function) at their own, i.e. personal money, but have been visiting those children not only on special days, but permanently. Just a year after "Mr. Mario's Computer Learning Center" opening the results were evident: all the children there knew the Armenian alphabet, they can read, count, and they can play special games aimed at training their memory.



Those having spasmodic fingers could use the so-called "touch" PCs.

The children can write words, they are studying English.

Thanks to special musical software they can synthesize various sounds, melodies.

Another "place in need": in Intl Child Development ("Autism") Center, Dr. Matus found, ordered, paid at his own for various parts of PCs, then received them, assembled personally, and last but not the least - trained the Center's teachers how to use those PCs with the special softwares installed to care children's learning of Armenian alphabet, drawing, math, other subjects, with unique help of audio/visual materials.

And a special software was also created by Dr. Matus. According to the Center Manager Narineh Vardanyan, "... the results are very encouraging," she said as even those children who were not able to speak and write before that, have become

"I brought the sticks from US, that's why I was not able to bring enough of them for all of you, but I promise to send more of them - even after leaving Armenia," said Dr. Matus..."



"...You can not imagine how I was happy to see again my children and my friends. I saw very warm reaction in all people that I met again", Dr. Matus told your author in a very excited way and continued:

"...When I went with Marcela (Ambassador Marcela Maria Nicodemos) to say goodbye to the Catholicos Karekin II in Etchmiadzin, His Holiness told me the following: "...The children of the Orphanage will bring you back". That was true. I came to see my children because I missed them a lot but I couldn't imagine that I would have such a reception by them that I've enjoyed. You can see how they express their love and affection in the purest and honest way. So I was thinking that it was right to come to Yerevan to see MY children 'cause they need LOVE and I, also, need their affection. And also I felt so happy to see my friends, and I saw how everybody receives me.



able to pronounce and even type whole words.

Those who read about Mr. Mario's CHARITY in Armenia for the very first time, most probably, will be AMAZED getting know the list is not over, not yet...

Yerevan School for Adult People with Limited Sight, or, simply speaking, our blind citizens is another place in our country where Mr. Mario left, in his own words, "a piece of Heart"...

So an extract from a story published in an 2013 April issue of The Highlights: "... There I've met reps of "Hangrwan" (Harbor) healthcare - cultural NGO which helps those having sight disfunction to be prepared for independent daily life. As "Hangrwan" Head Stella Sviridenko told The Highlights correspondent, "unfortunately, we in Armenia do not have culture of the so-called "white sticks" (for the blind), - while in the West it accounts more than 90 years...."

...When you yourself have seen a blind man with that "white stick" in the streets of Yerevan? As for myself, I cannot remember.

And could the readers, after all the above mentioned, guess, who brought those white (magic) sticks to the School on Friday April 19?

Right, Dr. Mario Matus!

So after two year break, Dr. Mario Matus returned Armenia.



So much attention and affection I've received in Armenia this time that I do not know how to reward. Thanks a lot you, all Armenians, thanks a lot to all my friends, I will keep ALL in my heart FOREVER".

We the grateful Armenians too...

I think there is no special need to tell our readers how the patients of the Orphanage received "their Mr. Mario"- let the pics tell the story...

P.S. On 24 April your author received the following letter from Dr. Mario Matus Pavez:

"To all my dear Armenian friends:

Today I join all my dear Armenian friends in the remembrance of the 100 years of the terrible massacre of over a million and a half innocent Armenians by the Ottoman Empire.

I join you in the feeling of sadness and remembrance of all the loved ones of the Armenian people who disappeared 100 years ago, but they are remembered as if they happened yesterday.

A big hug to all my Armenian friends and let me be with you during all time of this commemoration. It is the feeling of a person who loves and admires the Armenian people.

For all my great friends

With love,

Mario Matus".

Armenian Genocide victims commemorated at Taksim Square in Istanbul - Photos

A commemoration ceremony for the victims of the Armenian Genocide was held on April 24 at Taksim Square in Istanbul. The ceremony was attended by an unprecedented number of people, mostly Diaspora Armenians, Kurds and Turks.



AI-Monitor: Why is Israel still silent on Armenian genocide?



By Arad Nir
AI-Monitor

For years, close ties between Israel and Turkey were understood to be the reason Jerusalem has avoided the repeated requests of Armenians for the international community to recognize the genocide their community suffered at the hands of the Ottoman Turks during World War I. Not only has Israel refused to recognize that the massacre was premeditated and planned by the Ottoman government in Istanbul, it has also exerted its influence in Washington to prevent the United States from recognizing the genocide. This alone was a good enough reason for the various Turkish governments to maintain close ties with Israel. Ankara believed that Israel had almost mystical powers of influence over the White House and Capitol Hill.

Diplomatic relations between Israel and Turkey have been foundering for over half a decade. During most of that time, there has been no Turkish ambassador to Israel, while the Israeli ambassador to Turkey was expelled from Ankara in disgrace. Pro-Israel lobbyists no longer meet with the Turkish ambassador in Washington, and the Israel Defense Forces have found apt and even successful alternatives to cooperation with the Turkish military, at least as far as Israel is concerned.

This year, Armenians are marking the centennial of the genocide. Given the deterioration of its relationship with Turkey, this occasion would seem to provide Israel with a golden opportunity to respond to the moral claim that it recog-

nize the Armenian genocide, just as Pope Francis recently did, followed by the European Parliament. In fact, dozens of prominent Israeli artists and academics recently signed a petition calling on the Israeli government and Knesset to recognize the Armenian genocide.

Nevertheless, officially, Israel continues to squirm. The Foreign Ministry recommends showing greater empathy to the Armenian issue, and this will be the first year that Israel will send an official delegation to participate in the memorial ceremony to take place in Yerevan. It will, however, be a low-ranking delegation, made up of Knesset members. Foreign Ministry spokesman Emmanuel Nahshon presented Israel's official position to AI-Monitor, saying: "Israel's position has not changed. We are sensitive and attentive to the terrible tragedy of the Armenian people during the First World War, and express our empathy and solidarity. Most of the international community's efforts must be focused on preventing humanitarian tragedies in the future."

A few senior Israeli officials dealing with the issue spoke to AI-Monitor about it on condition of anonymity. They emphasized that this doesn't just involve susceptibility toward Turkish sensitivities, but also sensitivity that Israel wants to show toward Azerbaijan, which is a neighbor of both Turkey and Armenia. Since the Soviet Union's collapse, the borders in the Caucasus region have been redefined. One consequence is a continuing state of war between Azerbaijan and Armenia. One of the pillars of Azerbaijan's new national narrative is the "Khojaly massacre," which refers to a bat-

tle in the village of Khojaly, located in the disputed Armenian enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, on Feb. 26, 1992. According to the Azeri narrative, Armenian forces killed 600 Azeri civilians there, including 169 women and children.

In this instance, the Armenians deny responsibility for the massacre of civilians, just as they do for a long list of atrocities that the Azeris have blamed on them since WWI. Given this relationship, it's no wonder that the Azeris describe Armenian claims of genocide as fabricated. Last week's decision by the European Parliament to use the term "Armenian genocide" was described by a spokesman for the Azeri Foreign Ministry as "an attempt to falsify the history [and] its interpretation for political purposes" stemming from the parliament's succumbing to Armenian pressure.

Gallia Lindenstrauss of Israel's Institute for National Security Studies says that Azerbaijan is the Muslim country with which Israel currently has the closest ties. Trade between Israel and Azerbaijan is estimated at over \$5 billion. Israel imports some 40% of its oil from there, and exports mainly weapons and sophisticated defense systems to it. In 2012, when talk of an Israel strike against Iran was at its peak, Foreign Policy quoted a senior US official as saying (apparently with considerable hyperbole), "The Israelis have bought an airfield ... and the airfield is called Azerbaijan."

About six months ago, Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon paid his first public visit to Azerbaijan. Foreign Minister Avigdor Liberman has visited Baku, the capital, on several occasions. While there, both of them heard from their hosts that Azerbaijan, like the Israeli government, considers Iran's nuclear capacity to be an existential threat.

Azerbaijan's border with Iran stretches for 611 kilometers (380 miles), making it longer even than Turkey's border with Iran, which is 499 kilometers (310 miles) long. Meanwhile, Armenia's border with Iran stretches for just 35 kilometers (22 miles). If the length of their borders can be used to determine the importance of relations with those countries, then Armenia is the least important of all of

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U.S.-Armenian Rock Band Marks Genocide Centennial In Yerevan



The Armenian-American hard rock band System of a Down (SOAD) marked the centennial of the Armenian genocide late on Thursday with a first-ever concert in Yerevan that attracted tens of thousands of people.

The free concert in the city's central Republic Square closed SOAD's latest "Wake Up the Souls" tour dedicated to the memory of some 1.5 million Armenians massacred by the Ottoman Turks during the First World War.

Despite nonstop rain, the world-famous California band led by Serj Tankian kept the mostly young crowd electrified for almost two and a half hours with its hits popular in Armenia. Tankian and the three other SOAD musicians are Americans of Armenian descent who have used their worldwide fame to raise international awareness of the 1915 genocide.

"This is not a rock-n-roll concert. To our murderers this is

revenge," Daron Malakian, the band's second vocalist, declared at the start of the performance, which also drew many young people from neighboring Georgia and Iran.

"Armenia, we have come and we're not going to go," Tankian said for his part.

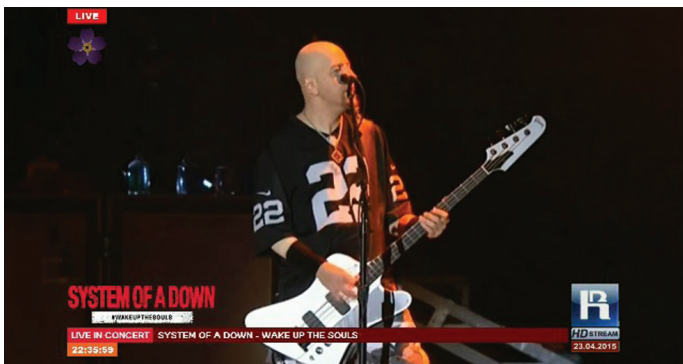
Tankian, who has had two solo concerts in Armenia in the past, spoke to the crowd about the genocide at the end of the show broadcast live by Armenian television. "For the last few days I haven't been able to sleep well," he said. "All I can think about is my grandparents. My grandmother was very little when she went on the ... on the road with her grandmother. It was a Turkish mayor that saved my grandmother."

"The government of Turkey should be hailing these saviors as heroes instead of denying the obvious history," he said. "My grandfather was five years old when he saw his own father die and lost his sight from hunger."

The 47-year-old rock star went on to denounce as "appalling" the U.S. government's failure so far to describe the mass killings and deportations of Armenians as genocide. He also hit out at Armenia's political leadership, saying that it must finally start "getting rid of the institutional injustice" in the country.

"We are System of a Down and it is our responsibility to tell you these things and to rock you at the same time," added Tankian.

Tankian similarly called for boosting the rule of law and combating corruption in Armenia during his previous trip to his ancestral homeland in 2011. He also deplored serious fraud that was reported during Armenia's last presidential election held in 2013.



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them. And in general, it is considered an ally of the country that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu compares to Hitler's Germany.

Coming back to the official position presented by the Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman, it would seem that the call to the international community "to prevent humanitarian tragedies in the future" might not refer only to the incidents of

mass murder committed daily by the Islamic State against anyone who is not one of them - Yazidis, Christians or Alawites. It is mainly directed against Iran's "explicit intent of obliterating the Jewish state," as Netanyahu reiterated April 16 at Yad Vashem during a memorial service for the victims of the Holocaust. Herein lies the real reason for Israel's policy concerning whether it will recognize the Armenia genocide. The reason isn't

Turkey; it's Iran.

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Kronos Quartet

On April 29, at 7:30p.m. within the framework of Yerevan Perspectives 16th International Music Festival the Kronos Quartet (David Harrington, violin, John Sherba, violin, Hank Dutt, viola and Sunny Yang, cello) will give a concert at Al. Spendiaryan National Academic Theatre of Opera and Ballet. Below we present the activities of the Kronos Quartet.

For more than 40 years, the Kronos Quartet - David Harrington (violin), John Sherba (violin), Hank Dutt (viola), and Sunny Yang (cello) - has pursued a singular artistic vision, combining a spirit of fearless exploration with a commitment to continually re-imagining the string quartet experience. In the process, Kronos has become one of the most celebrated and influential groups of our time, performing thousands of concerts worldwide, releasing more than 50 recordings of extraordinary breadth and creativity, collaborating with many of the world's most intriguing and accomplished composers and performers, and commissioning more than 800 works and arrangements for string quartet. In 2011, Kronos became the only recipients of both the Polar Music Prize and the Avery Fisher Prize, two of the most prestigious awards given to musicians. The group's numerous awards also include a Grammy for Best Chamber Music Performance (2004) and "Musicians of the Year" (2003) from Musical America.

Kronos' adventurous approach dates back to the ensemble's origins. In 1973, David Harrington was inspired to form Kronos after hearing George Crumb's *Black Angels*, a highly unorthodox, Vietnam War-inspired work featuring bowed water glasses, spoken word passages, and electronic effects. Kronos then began building a compellingly diverse repertoire for string quartet, performing and recording works by 20th-century masters (Bartók, Webern, Schnittke), contemporary composers (John Adams, Osvaldo Golijov, Aleksandra Vrebalov), jazz legends (Ornette Coleman, Charles Mingus, Thelonious Monk), rock artists (guitar legend Jimi Hendrix, Brazilian electronica artist Amon Tobin), and artists who truly defy genre.

Integral to Kronos' work is a series of long-running, in-depth collaborations with many of the world's foremost composers, among them are "Father of Minimalism" Terry Riley, Polish composer Henryk Górecki, Philip Glass, Steve Reich, etc.

In addition to composers, Kronos counts numerous performers from around the world among its collaborators, including the Chinese pipa virtuoso Wu Man, legendary Bollywood "playback singer" Asha Bhosle, featured on Kronos' 2005 Grammy-nominated CD *You've Stolen My Heart: Songs from R.D. Burman's Bollywood* and many others. Kronos has performed live with the likes of Paul McCartney, Allen Ginsberg, Zakir Hussain, Modern Jazz Quartet, Noam Chomsky, Rokia Traoré, Tom Waits, David Barsamian, etc.

Kronos' work has also featured prominently in a number of films, including two recent Academy Award-nominated documentaries: the AIDS-themed *How to Survive a Plague* (2012) and *Dirty Wars* (2013), an exposé of covert warfare for which Kronos' David Harrington served as Music Supervisor. Kronos also performed scores by Philip Glass for the films *Mishima* and *Dracula* (a 1999 restored edition of the 1931 Tod

Browning-Bela Lugosi classic) and by Clint Mansell for the Darren Aronofsky films *Noah* (2014), *The Fountain* (2006), and *Requiem for a Dream* (2000). Additional films featuring Kronos' music include *21 Grams* (2003), *Heat* (1995), and *True Stories* (1986).

The quartet spends five months of each year on tour, appearing in concert halls, clubs, and festivals around the world including Lincoln Center Out of Doors, BAM Next Wave Festival, Carnegie Hall, the Barbican in London, the Sydney Opera House and other places.

In addition to its role as a performing and recording ensemble, the quartet is committed to mentoring emerging performers and composers and has led workshops, master classes, and other education programs via the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Carnegie Hall's Weill Institute and other institutions in the U.S. and overseas. Kronos has recently undertaken extended educational residencies at UC Berkeley's Cal Performances, the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland, the Special Music School at the Kaufman Music Center in New York City, and the Malta Arts Festival.

With a staff of ten based in San Francisco, the non-profit Kronos Performing Arts Association (KPAA) manages all aspects of Kronos' work, including the commissioning of new works, concert tours, education programs, and more. One of KPAA's most exciting initiatives is the *Kronos: Under 30 Project*.

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SAMALI LAM UNDERGROUND (ARR. JACOB GARCHIKO) / FASH WESH *
CLINT MANSSELL (ARR. DAVID LANG) *
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TERRY RILEY / GOOD MEDICINE FROM SALOME DANCES FOR PEACE *

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WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?**Enjoy your leisure****26 April**

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

12:30, 14:00, 15:30. The Real Friend. Ruben Marukhyan. Musical performance. Staging: Anna Elbakyan. 3+. Play for kids | State Marionette Theater

14:00. Beauty and the Beast. French folk tale. Children's Musical Fun Show. Director: Armen Margaryan. Play for kids | State Musical Chamber Theater

15:00. Princess With a Mustache. A. Grigoryan. Based on Ernst Amadeus Hoffman's "Nutcracker". Play for kids | M. Mkrtchyan Artistic Theater

16:00, 18:00. Little Red Riding Hood. Author: Charles Perrault. Director/Producer: Arpi Maghakyan. Play for kids | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

19:00. The Dragon. Yevgeyi Svarts. Staging: Karen Khachatryan. Play | Hamazgayin State Theater

17:00. The New Adventures of The Three Piglets. Directed by Samson Stepanyan. Choreographer: Sevag Avakian. Painter: Andre Asatryan. Musical | State Musical Chamber Theater

19:00. Eastern Dentist. Authors: Artemi Ayvazyan, Hakob. Paronyan. Stage Director: Yervand Ghazanchyan. Play | State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan

19:00. Fish Without Water or Suicide. A. Khandikyan, L. Mutafyan. Tragicomic fantasy without a break. Play | Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan

19:00. Scotch & Whisky. Optimistic comedy. Director of the play: Arshaluis Harutiunyan. Play | Yerevan State Chamber Theater

19:00. Coma Nostra. Author: Narek Duryan. Staging and music design

by Narek Duryan. Producer: Kristine Hovhannisyan. Play | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

19:00. A Hundred Years Later. Author: Perch Zeytuntsyan. Drama. Staging: Tigran Gasparyan. Play | National Academic Theater after G. Sundukyan

19:00. Armenians in Operas of World Composers. Concert performance. Concert | National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendirian

20:00. The Beautified Project: Aragil. The first full band concert of the year before the European Tour of 2015. It is also the premiere of the "Aragil" CD which will be released to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Concert | Kami Club

27 April

19:00. I've Come to Call Only. G. Marquez. Staged by N. Grigoryan, N. Tsaturyan. Play | Student Theater

19:30. ANPO & Maria Guleghina. Soloist: world famous soprano Maria Guleghina. Program: Exerpts form operas by Verdi, Puccini and Giordano. Concert | National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendirian

28 April

12:00. The Silly Man. Based on Hovhannes Tumanyan's tale. Small Hall. Play for kids | State Puppet Theater after H. Tumanyan

16:00. Anush. Drama. Author: H. Tumanyan. Director: Davit Hakobyan. Play | State Musical Chamber Theater

19:00. State Dance Ensemble of Armenia. Dance | State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan

19:00. From Here and There. Premiere. Sergey Danielyan's monoplay. Author and Staging Director: Sergey Danielyan. Play | Yerevan State Chamber Theater

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

20:00. As a Beginning. Hrachuhi Utmazyan. Artur Utmazyan. Poetry, Evening of literature and music | Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan

29 April

19:00. Morgan's In-Law. Author: Alexander Shirvanzade. Comedy in 2 acts. Play | State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan

19:00. Sexual Chaos in the Hotel. Author: Ray Cooney. Director: Honored Artist of RA, David Hakobyan. Play | State Musical Chamber Theater

19:00. Zhanna. Film-Comedy. Erkat Production, 2015. Movie | Yerevan State Chamber Theater

19:30. Kronos Quartet. The concert of the world famous Kronos Quartet. In the framework of "Yerevan Perspectives" International Music Festival. Concert | National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet after A. Spendirian

30 April

16:00. David of Sasun. Author: Hovh. Tumanyan. Staged by David Hakobyan. Play | State Musical Chamber Theater

17:00, 19:00. 3-4. Children's Interactive Show. Play for kids | National Academic Theater after G. Sundukyan

19:00. Jesus of Nazareth and His Second Disciple. P. Zeytuntsyan. Drama in 2 acts. Play | Yerevan Drama Theater after H. Ghaplanyan

19:00. Money is Your God. Premiere. G. Sundukyan. Comedy in 2 acts. Play | State Theater of Musical Comedy after H. Paronyan

19:00. Amnesia. Melodrama. Staging: Gor Margaryan. Play | Yerevan State Chamber Theater

Zodiac Weekly Forecast

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

See the lead paragraph (on the home page) as it pertains to you. It appears that the focus of your attention may be on activities involving your financial resources. You feel strong and assertive, ready to move things forward. Some type of healing has occurred on the mental or physical level that gives you renewed energy.

Taurus (Apr. 20--May 19):

This is a powerful period with regard to your closest relationships. Frank and open discussions will be very effective healers at this time. There are signals that not all is so serious. Give yourself the opportunity to go out and play-try something new and different.

Gemini (May 20 -- June 20) :

Your life is ultra busy on both the interior and the exterior this week. People are playing significant roles with their comings and goings. You may be caught up in a whirlwind of activity and interesting things to do. You also have a real need to get your large muscles moving, so perhaps you will also be involved with sports.

Cancer (June 21--July 21) :

This is a week to design as you like. There are no new aspects to contend with as you move through the days. Your life routine should be fairly smooth. You deserve it, after the eclipse challenges in March and early April.

Leo (July 22 --Aug. 21):

Your energy is strong and you are clicking on multiple levels. Love and social life are favorable. Your mind is sharp and ready to tackle anything. Your physical strength is good. You are ready to take on the next great project. Enjoy!

Virgo (Aug 22--Sep. 22) :

This is a wonderful week to concentrate on research or some other mental project. Your mind is clear and things seem to flow easily from one thing to another. You have favorable aspects for travel, networking, and connections with those from a distance, such as the internet. Publishing and/or legal interests are in your favor.

Libra (Sep. 23--Oct. 22)

Your energy is high and your mind is busy at this time. You want to enjoy things of beauty and romance now. It could be hard to concentrate upon mental work that requires attention to detail. If you must do so, then check everything twice. This is a week for the arts, for love, and for fun!

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

The communications of this week are largely with your partner(s). It is time to heal a rift that may have occurred long ago. It may require some courage to allow yourself to be vulnerable, but heartfelt engagement is what will relieve some of that old stressor. The rift might be purely in your history, rather than involving this partner.

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

This is a good time to remember that romance in your life is a really good thing. Opportunities exist for you to enjoy travel, partner(s), and social life. The work routine is something of a challenge at this time. Do things that are good for your heart and soul.

Capricorn (Dec 21 -- Jan 19) :

Your concentration is good at this time and will help you accomplish any mental project you need. Using your hands to create artwork and/or gardening is also favored. Love life and time spent with children would also go well this week. Nurturing will feel good to you.

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

This is a good week to get plenty of rest and take your vitamins. Your physical cycle is on a low. It may be difficult to get anything moving forward that concerns home, hearth and family. It is possible that you will be called upon to offer your services to the needs of a family member.

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

A partner, a sibling, or a neighbor may offer information that would help to heal you in some way. Or it is possible that you will access new information via your research. These people are willing to lend a hand if need be.

ARMENIAN POETRY

BEDROS TOURIAN

LITTLE LAKE

WHY dost thou lie in hushed surprise,
Thou little lonely mere ?
Did some fair woman wistfully
Gaze in thy mirror clear?

Or are thy waters calm and still
Admiring the blue sky,
Where shining cloudlets, like thy foam,
Are drifting softly by ?

Sad little lake, let us be friends!
I too am desolate ;
I too would fain, beneath the sky,
In silence meditate.

As many thoughts are in my mind
As wavelets o'er thee roam ;
As many wounds are in my heart
As thou hast flakes of foam.

But if heaven's constellations all
Should drop into thy breast,
Thou still wouldst not be like my soul,
A flame-sea without rest.

There, when the air and thou are calm,
The clouds let fall no showers ;
The stars that rise there do not set,
And fadeless are the flowers.

Thou art my queen, O little lake !
For e'en when ripples thrill
Thy surface, in thy quivering depths
Thou hold'st me, trembling, still.

Full many have rejected me :
“ What has he but his lyre ? ”
“ He trembles, and his face is pale ;
His life must soon expire ! ”

None said, “ Poor child, why pines he
thus ?
If he beloved should be,
Haply he might not die, but live, —
Live, and grow fair to see.”

None sought the boy's sad heart to read,
Nor in its depths to look.
They would have found it was a fire,
And not a printed book !

Nay, ashes now ! a memory !
Grow stormy, little mere,
For a despairing man has gazed
Into thy waters clear !

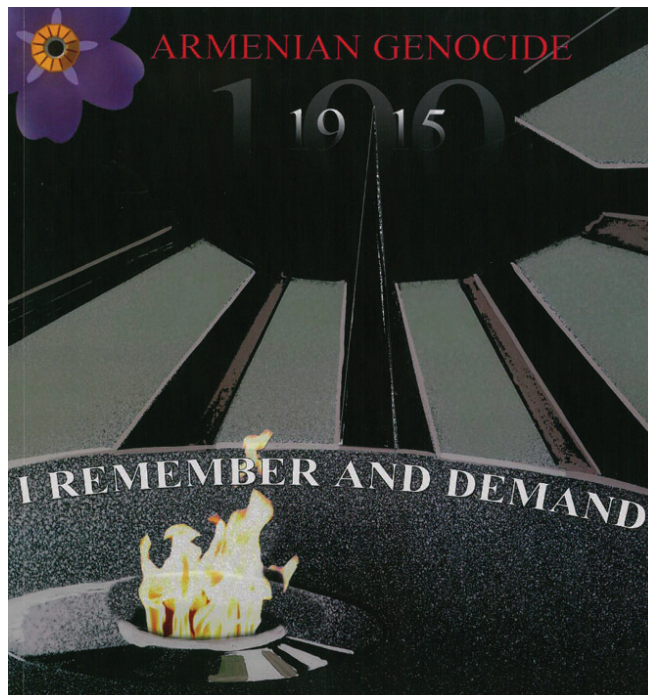
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