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## President`s working visit to the Russian Federation



Serzh Sargsyan participates at the jubilee session of the CSTO Collective Security Council

### HIGHLIGHT

#### Rhode Island House of Representatives urges to recognize NKR independence

On May 17, Rhode Island House of Representatives passed a resolution that calls on the U.S. President and Congress to recognize the independence of the NagornoKarabakh Republic.

As the NKR Permanent Representation in USA informed, the resolution also encouraged the republic's continued efforts to develop as a free and independent nation and praised Artsakh's constructive involvement with the international community and its efforts to reach a lasting solution to the existing regional conflicts.



## "Big Coalition": Some pros and cons for Gagik Tsarukian

by David Petrosian

The formalization of the results of the last parliamentary elections is being completed in Armenia, and the final specification is underway in order to specify the number of the votes received by the election participants under both the proportional representation system and the majority election system.

Apparently, the final formalization of the election results will be completed after the Constitutional Court of Armenia examines the lawsuit, which is currently being prepared by the head office of the Armenian National Congress (ANC). The demand of the supposed lawsuit is to declare the elections null and void. However, as we noted earlier, the Constitutional Court of Armenia has never made such decisions. The Constitutional Court took its hardest decision on April 17, 2003 concerning the lawsuit filed by the presidential candidate Stepan Demirchian. At that

time the Constitutional Court, due to the highly controversial outcome of the election, suggested that the country's authorities should make relevant amendments to the Law on Referendum and hold a referendum of confidence in the head of the state within a year. As is generally known, the abovementioned decision of the Constitutional Court was ignored by the then parliamentary majority and other branches of the government.

ANC is preparing the current lawsuit to the Constitutional Court by using the materials of the ARF-Dashnaktsutyun Party and Prosperous Armenia Party - the two political forces, with which it had set up the Inter-Party Center for Public Oversight of the Elections. This is a noteworthy circumstance because the political vectors and preferences of the three forces are quite different from each other.

After the end of the parliamentary elections, interesting processes

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## President of Armenia attends CSTO jubilee session

On May 15 in Moscow, the capital of the Russian Federation, President Serzh Sargsyan participated at the jubilee session of the CSTO Collective Security Council which was dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the Treaty and 10th anniversary of the CSTO.

At the session of the CSTO Collective Security Council the Heads of the member states spoke about current international issues, global and regional challenges as well as discussed joint measures aimed

at the thwarting security threats to the members of the Organization. The parties discussed also main

results of the CSTO activities in the last ten years.

At the conclusion of the session, the parties adopted a joint declara-



tion which contains assessment of the principle tendencies of the development of the international situation

and CSTO activities. By the mentioned above document, the Heads of the CSTO member states reiterated their commitment to the goals and principles of the Collective Security Treaty and their readiness to develop and deep allied relations in the foreign policy, military, military-technical areas, in fighting subnational challenges, and in counteracting to the threats posed to security and stability.

The CSTO Collective Security Council also adopted a decision to establish the Order of Honor of the Organization and Collective Security Council Certificate of Honor.



## PM wrote an article: "Armenia Looks at Europe"

Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan doesn't see anything controversial in the fact that Armenia holds talks on getting closer economic relations with the European Union simultaneously with the integration processes in the former USSR space.

The Prime Minister stated this in his article "Armenia Looks at Europe" published in Russian Vedomosti newspaper on May 16.

Tigran Sargsyan recalled that Armenia has always actively supported deepening of economic relations on CIS and "EurAzEs" scales.

"At the same time, joining Customs Union is not substantial for us due to geopolitical reasons - there are no common borders either with Russia or Kazakhstan or Belarus. However, there may be other mutually beneficial forms of cooperation on the platform of the Union. There should be stimuli for integration - there is the so-called practice of "remote territories" according to which the latter cooperates within the Union on milder conditions, gets certain discounts and subsidies. We have offered to work out a special form of cooperation between Armenia and Customs Union. The issue is now in the phase of active discussions", said the PM.

Tigran Sargsyan recalled that talks on concluding a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade



Agreement between Armenia and EU have recently started.

"We are going to realize tense and scrupulous work on introducing European standards within coming 2-3 years. To meet the standards, changes of technical and technological processes and system of internal control are needed. And, what is most important, changes of conduct of participants of production and trade cycles. Economy should undergo serious quality changes. We should bring our legislation and system of control over production security in line with European standards. It's very voluminous and cost-based work and it's us who need it in the first place. As a result, the conclusion of Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with the EU will ensure considerable progress in Armenia: it will substantially increase export and import and significantly reduce the international trade deficit. It's symptomatic that Ukraine and Moldova also state such intentions - to enter a free trade zone with Europe", said the Armenian Prime Minister.

## Argentinean Ambassador: Argentina is eager to develop relations with Armenia

On May 17 the Minister of Foreign Affairs Edward Nalbandian received Diego Ernesto Alvarez Rivera, the newly appointed Ambassador of Argentina to Armenia on the occasion of presenting his credentials.

Congratulating the Ambassador on the appointment, Minister Nalbandian mentioned that the Armenian and Argentinean peoples

bilateral cooperation in all spheres.

Expressing gratitude for the wishes, the Ambassador underlined that Argentina is interested in deepening of cooperation with Armenia and assured that he would do his utmost for the further strengthening of bilateral interaction.

The interlocutors discussed issues related to the organization of



are connected with old and friendly relations which serve as a good basis for the further development of bilateral relations.

The Armenian Minister of Foreign Affairs wished the Ambassador success in carrying out his mission, expressing hope that by his activities he would give a new impetus to the expansion of

high-ranking reciprocal visits, ways of the development of bilateral relations in various spheres, strengthening of legal framework, as well as the intensification of cooperation within international organizations, economic interaction and cultural ties.

In the course of the meeting, the sides stressed the role and contribution of the Armenian community in Argentina to the development of the cooperation between the two countries.

Minister Nalbandian and Ambassador Rivera exchanged views on a number of regional and international issues.



## Serzh Sargsyan received Sheikh al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah of Kuwait

President Serzh Sargsyan received on May 12 Sheikh al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah of Kuwait, who is well-known in the world for her benevolent work and is the Chairwoman of the Supreme Committee of the Ideal Mother Award.

Serzh Sargsyan welcomed Sheikh al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah who is accomplishing charitable works, alleviating thus people's problems. The President underscored that he greatly values activities of the people engaged in the benevolent work and believes that high esteem and admiration that the people of Kuwait and other nations of the world have for



Sheikha Fariha are justified and well-deserved.

The parties underscored that the interstate Armenian-Kuwaiti relations are based on a deep respect of the two peoples and mutual trust.

The President of Armenia expressed confidence that Sheikh al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah's visit to Armenia will open a new page in the steadily developing

bilateral relations.

Noting that friendship of the Armenian and Arab peoples has a centuries-long history, President Serzh Sargsyan expressed gratitude to the authorities of Kuwait and Sheikh al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah for their constant attention toward the Armenian community of Kuwait, for their warm and considerate attitude.

## Armenian President to visit Japan

President Serzh Sargsyan received on May 17 the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of Armenia Tadahito Haradai.

On the eve of the President's visit to Japan, the parties discussed the agenda of the Armenian-Japanese relations and opportunities of developing cooperation in the areas of mutual interest.

President Sargsyan underscored that Armenia attaches great importance to the steady development of its relations with Japan. The parties expressed confidence that especially



this year, when Armenia and Japan celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic rela-

tions, the RA President's visit to Japan will give a new impetus to the relations of the two friendly states.

## President meets the Chairman of the Government of RF Dmitry Medvedev

Serzh Sargsyan, who was in Moscow on a working visit, met on May 15 with the Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation Dmitry Medvedev.

President Sargsyan once again congratulated the newly appointed Chairman of the Government on assuming this position, wished him success and expressed confidence that Dmitry Medvedev on that position too will promote friendship between Armenia and Russia.

The Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation expressed confidence that their cooperation will continue and friendly relations will be maintained, particularly in the view of the fact that Armenia and Russia have special allied relations.



Dmitry Medvedev congratulated President Serzh Sargsyan with the decisive victory of the Republican Party headed by him in the RA parliamentary elections. The Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation expressed wish that it would become a necessary prerequisite for Armenia's advancement, efficient development and, certainly, for the solution

of the social and economic problems. Dmitry Medvedev underscored that the Russian Federation will undoubtedly support all these processes. Armenia and Russian, according to Dmitry Medvedev, are good friends and allies.

In Moscow, President Serzh Sargsyan participated also at the unofficial summit of the CIS Council of the Heads of state.

## Parliamentary elections in Armenia registered considerable progress - US Ambassador

The U.S. Ambassador to Armenia John Heffern considers that the May 6 parliamentary elections in the country have registered considerable progress.

Talking to RFE/RL Armenian service, he said the embassy was attentively following the election process adding that progress was registered in certain fields. Heffern particularly pointed out the work of media, transparency in the

precincts, cameras installed there and skills of the electoral committees' members.

However, Heffern also said there were certain shortcomings. The Ambassador recalled the shortcomings registered by the OSCE/ODIHR observers, in particular bribery cases, misuse of administrative resources. Therefore, the government still has to take some efforts ahead of the next elections.



The embassy is also working with the government to eliminate the existing problems, he stressed.



## EU urges Armenia to hold presidential elections in line with international standards



The European Union urged Armenia to hold 2013 presidential elections in line with international standards.

The joint Document of the European Commission and EU

High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on implementation of the European Neighborhood Policy in Armenia in 2011 issued today reads this.

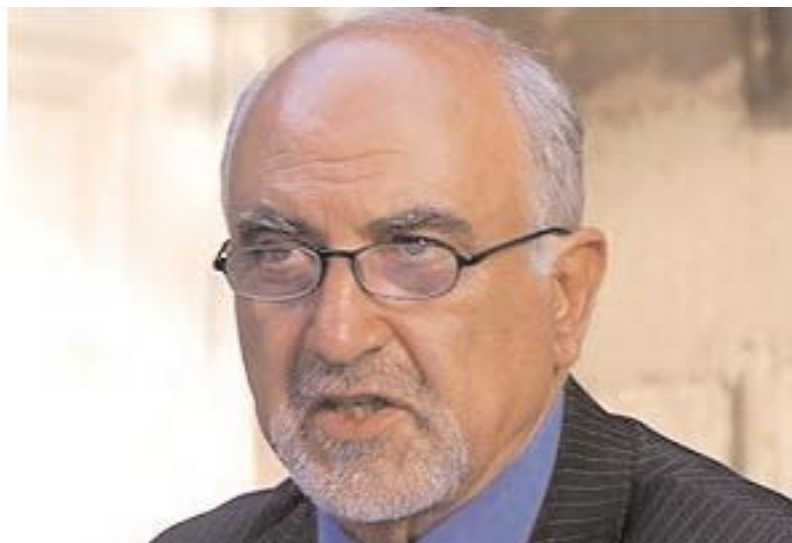
"On the basis of this year's

report and with a view to sustained implementation of the ENP Action Plan in 2012, Armenia is invited to:

Ensure that the presidential elections scheduled for 2013 are in line with international standards by addressing the shortcomings identified by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of OSCE concerning the May 2012 parliamentary elections", the document reads.

The document also reads that the negotiations for an EU-Armenia Association Agreement (AA) progress at a good pace. "Armenia made substantial progress in implementing the 'key recommendations' for the launching of negotiations on a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA)", the document notes.

## Armenian National Congress can no longer play significant role - party leader



As a result of Armenia's May 6 parliamentary elections, President Serzh Sargsyan became the "master of the situation in the country," National Self-Determination Union

Chairman Paruyr Hayrikyan stated during a press conference on May 16.

According to Hayrikyan, the Republican Party of Armenia

(RPA) has such majority in the future National Assembly that the other political forces which entered the Parliament will just secure their presence.

"The election results made it clear that [Armenian National Congress (ANC) leader and Armenia's First President] LevonTer-Petrosyan and the ANC can no longer play a significant role in the country's politics," he said.

As per Paruyr Hayrikyan, because of the parliamentary election results, the 2013 presidential elections are no longer important, since even if the incumbent President and RPA leader Serzh Sargsyan is not reelected, he controls such political majority that he can remove any elected president from office.

## Raffi K. Hovannisian: Heritage will present its detailed assessment of the "State of the State"



**Raffi Hovannisian's statement on post-election Armenia:**

The Republic of Armenia and its citizens find themselves in grave systemic crisis. The parliamentary polls held on May 6 have delivered a nationwide abyss deeper and more ominous than ever before.

The incumbent regime has imposed in unprecedented manner a cult of complicity upon large segments of the Armenian public, and despite its own democratic rhetoric has comported itself and the elections in defiance of civil liberties, constitutional rights, and an unfettered expression of the national will.

Once again the people of Armenia have received a de facto legislature and, unless we together and immediately act to return to them the power and protection they are

due, the Republic is condemned to greet the next in a long line of de facto presidents as well.

We deserve?and shall have?better. We deserve?and must achieve?de jure leadership both in parliament and at the presidency.

In its long-standing tradition of humble public service, the Heritage Party will continue to serve the citizen-nation and its interests both in the current circumstances of de facto shame and in a near future of de jure dignity. We shall do so in all available arenas, through all possible avenues, and against all probable odds.

We thank those of our fellow citizens who cast their votes for Heritage?whether or not they were among the few that were officially registered in our favor?because they were born of a free will, a clear conscience, and a brave belonging to our Homeland and its calling.

Upon completion of a critical consultation process with our civil supporters and public partners, Heritage will present its detailed assessment of the "State of the State" and share its vision?temporarily obstructed but ever so sharp and undeterred?for the New Armenia which is bound to come.

For this purpose, Heritage will deliberate in congress on June 2.

**Raffi K. Hovannisian**  
May 15, 2012  
Yerevan

## Armenia's First President submits MP-mandate-withdrawal petition



Armenian National Congress leader and Armenia's First President LevonTer-Petrosyan submitted to the Central Electoral Commission (CEC) a petition for withdrawal from his parliamentary mandate, which he had received as

a result of the May 6 National Assembly elections.

At present, National Security Council Secretary and Orinats Yerkir (Rule of Law) Party (RLP) Chairman Arthur Bagdasaryan, Agriculture Minister and RLP member Sergo Karapetyan, Emergency Situations Minister and RLP member Armen Yeritsyan, and Larisa Alaverdyan from the Heritage Party have likewise submitted such petition, CEC informed Noyan Tapan

In case of such withdrawals, the parliamentary mandate is given to the next MP candidate in the proportional-election list of the given political force.

## Armenia's parliamentary elections were those of technologies - analyst



The phenomenon of the Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP) is very interesting, stated capital city Yerevan's Caucasus Institute Director, political scientist Alexander Iskandaryan, during Thursday's Armenian-Russian tele-

vision conference.

In his words, Armenia's May 6 parliamentary elections revealed an interesting picture: the country's large political parties grew larger, whereas the small parties grew even smaller.

Iskandaryan noted that paternalism is "sold" well, whereas ideology is "sold" poorly in countries like Armenia.

"Those parties, which had built their [pre-election] campaign on the battle of ideas, lost," the analyst noted, and added that the ruling Republican Party's main challenger in the elections was the PAP, not the opposition, and the opposition bloc Armenian National Congress' main opponents were the other opposition forces.

## Armenian PM disappointed former FM

It is painful that PM of Armenia chose an 'easy' way for counteraction, former FM, Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP) member VartanOskanian wrote on his Facebook page.

"I got aware of the fact that the PM has touched upon and even replied at the Government Thursday's session to my criticism on Armenia's economic policy during the election campaign. It is painful that the PM has chosen an 'easy' way to qualify my criticism 'illiterate,' in the case when my criticism, analyses and comments referred to the most concerning issues for people, namely social-economic issues. It is enough to ask the citizens' opinion on the

results of PM's policy," Oskanian said.

Based on the current global economic situation, central banks passed from monitoring the inflation to monitoring the nominal GDP, which assumes for the central banks to balance economic growth and containment of inflation.

A key target is economic growth in Armenia, including opening new jobs, raising the life standards and viewing all the other issues within this context. In addition, all international organizations emphasize that there are risks, which are still indefinite in Armenia regarding conclusion of long term-contracts

## Armenian National Congress appeals to Constitutional Court

"The Armenian National Congress' alliance of [political] parties has applied to the Constitutional Court, on Friday at 4pm, in connection with the disagreement over the decision reached by the results of the Armenian National Assembly's [NA] proportional-system elections," the Court's Press Secretary HovhannesPapikyan told Noyan Tapan.

Earlier, six MP candidates-five

of whom being from the ANC-like-wise had submitted petitions to the Constitutional Court. Each of them is appealing the respective constituency electoral commission's decision reached based the results of the NA single-mandate MP elections in the given constituency.

And in accordance with the law, the Constitutional Court President instructed the Court judges to examine the petitions and to report on the results.



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are taking place both in the camp of the election winners and the camp of those who will be in the minority in the National Assembly of the new convocation.

The question of whether a "big coalition" will be formed between the two parties that took first and second places in the last elections - the Republican Party of Armenia (RPA) and Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP) remains the key question in the camp of the winners.

If a proper political system accepted in the entire democratic and civilized world existed in Armenia, it is quite obvious that there would be no need for such a

nate in the parliament?

The fact of the matter is that:

- a regular presidential election will be held in Armenia in February 2013 and the incumbent president apparently would like to stand for President, while heading a broad political coalition. If Prosperous Armenia Party and its leader Gagik Tsarukian agreed to support Serzh Sargsyan (support him in public and by providing resources) in the upcoming presidential election in exchange for the nth number of ministerial portfolios and governor's positions, then his future victory would not be called into question in international structures;

- if a "big coalition" is not



coalition as RPA has 69 of the 131 mandates in the new parliament, which is more than enough for RPA to run the country single-handed in the next five years. In the last resort, with the aim of further strengthening its positions, RPA might form a coalition by taking its staunch ally - Orinats Yerkir (Country of Law) Party, a kind of political Sancho Panza, and thus increase the number of its own mandates together with the mandates of its partner to 75. Especially as such a junior partner would not raise considerable claims during the division of the "power pie".

Yet Armenia is not a country with a European-style political system, where "big coalitions" between the parties in parliament are formed based on entirely different principles in order to avoid a possible crisis related to ruling the country.

In Armenia, however, there is no crisis of ruling the country as the results of an election are determined just like the election results were determined at one time in the German Democratic Republic (GDR) i.e. by the ruling party. In this respect, the political system in Georgia is probably more similar to that in People's Republic of Poland where the political regime was a bit softer than in GDR, while Azerbaijan's political system is more like the regime existing in the communist Romania under Nicolae Ceausescu. And it does not matter that Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia are members of the Council of Europe and closely cooperate with NATO and other authoritative democratic institutions. Most probably, their "inclusion" in the above-mentioned international structures is geopolitical in character, rather than has been conditioned by the desire to establish real democracy in these countries.

So why is a "big coalition" needed, if RPA and its staunch ally Country of Law Party fully domi-

formed, then there will be 50 deputies in the Armenian parliament (the matter concerns the total number of the mandates of the factions of Prosperous Armenia Party (PAP), Armenian National Congress, and ARF-Dashnaksutyun), who will not agree to stamp automatically all the decisions and draft laws introduced by the country's government and the incumbent president. It is quite obvious that this circumstance will cause great discomfort to and put pressure on RPA and its loyal allies not only in the parliament, but also during the upcoming presidential election because if PAP makes a decision to field its own candidate in the upcoming election, it will be difficult to provide an explanation in case of that candidate's receiving less than 30% of votes.

These are the two main reasons why President Serzh Sargsyan would like to incorporate Prosperous Armenia Party into his power system.

To Gagik Tsarukian and Prosperous Armenia Party, the problem is not only in obtaining ministerial portfolios and positions of marzpets (governors) and increasing the party's access to administrative resource, but the problem is also that the party collected 450 thousand votes as an alternative to RPA. Entering into an alliance with RPA will disappoint Prosperous Armenia's voters who will almost certainly turn away from the party. But this dilemma of forming an alliance with the authorities or not is a problem of Gagik Tsarukian and his inner circle, rather than the problem of Serzh Sargsyan and RPA.

In our opinion, the decision about whether to form a "big coalition" or not will be taken very soon, perhaps even before the publication of this article. It only remains for detached observers to wait patiently for the respective decisions to be made by the persons in charge.

## OSCE mediators concerned about escalation in line of contact

The main goal of OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs' regional visit is to continue a dialogue with the Azerbaijani and Armenian FMs launched in London and Warsaw, Co-Chair Robert Bradtke said in Baku.

The discussions are related to implementation of provisions of a joint statement of three presidents made in Sochi.

According to Azerbaijani media,

Bradtke also commented on escalation in the line of contact, noting that the mediators are concerned over the situation.

On May 12 Co-Chairs Robert Bradtke (USA), Igor Popov (Russia) and Jacques Faure (France), and Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Andrzej Kasprzyk were received by Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan



and Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian.

## EU: Corruption remains a serious problem for Armenia

The European Union thinks that corruption remains a serious problem for Armenia. The joint Document of the European Commission and EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on implementation of the European Neighborhood Policy in Armenia in 2011 issued today reads this,

"Transparency International ranks Armenia in 129th place out of 183 (score 2.6 out of 10) in its Corruption Perceptions Index for 2011. The authorities have regularly and publicly expressed their readiness to fight corruption.

However, despite the adoption of certain important legal acts (e.g. the law on Procurement, and law on Public Service), fulfillment of obligations from the Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), OECD and other international bodies, as well as the increased number of arrests and indictments of corrupt officials, there have been no positive changes in the perception of corruption by different segments of the Armenian population and the government's measures have not been sufficient to change it. What is lacking is effective implementa-

tion. The anti-corruption coordinating mechanism created in 2004 is weak. No institutional support or resources have been allocated to anti-corruption work by the government. In May, the National Assembly adopted the law on Public Service. Starting from 2012, declarations on income and property will be submitted only by high-ranking public officials, as well as persons related to them. This law has several shortcomings regarding the capacity and powers of the Commission on Ethics of High-Ranking Public Officials", the document reads.

## Bundestag deputy declared that Nagorno-Karabakh issue must be solved based on self-determination principle

Deputy of German Bundestag, member of Green Party of Germany Faulker Beck declared in Baku that Nagorno-Karabakh conflict must be solved peacefully and based on the principle of self-determination of nations. Armenpress reports calling

"trend" agency that Beck mentioned about this during the conference about democracy which goes on in Baku.

At the same time Bundestag deputy did not mention in any way the principle of territorial integrity created displeasure in Baku.



## US House Foreign Aid Panel proposes doubling aid to Nagorno Karabakh

The U.S. House panel responsible for foreign aid this week adopted a number of provisions promoting U.S. interests and American values in the Caucasus, proposing sharply increasing aid to Nagorno-Karabakh from \$2 to \$5 million and rejecting the Obama Administration's proposed \$7.2 million cut in aid to Armenia, reports the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA).

According to ANCA, efforts led by Rep. Adam Schiff result in proposed 150% increase in aid to Artsakh, maintaining assistance to Armenia, prioritization of aid to Javakhk, and preserving military aid parity between Yerevan and Baku.

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on State-Foreign Operations, led by Chairwoman Kay Granger (R-TX) and Ranking Democrat Nita Lowey (D-NY), also maintained military aid parity between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and called upon the Administration to formulate a strategy for targeted aid to the Armenian-populated

Javakhk region of Georgia. In addition, the panel called on the Secretary of State to continue support for Armenians and other Christian populations at risk due to recent unrest in the Middle East. These provisions were included in the Committee's Fiscal Year 2013 version of the foreign aid bill, which is set to be voted on tomorrow by the full House Appropriations Committee.

"Armenian Americans from California and across America thank Congressman Adam Schiff - who aggressively spearheaded the adoption of these vital foreign aid priorities - for his principled, proactive, and persistent leadership," said Aram Hamparian, Executive Director of the ANCA. "We would also like to express our warm appreciation to our great friend and champion Congressman Steve Rothman, as well as to Ranking Member Nita Lowey, Congressmen Frank Wolf and Jesse Jackson, and, of course, to the leader of the Subcommittee, Chairwoman Kay Granger. The aid

levels proposed for both Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh are particularly meaningful in the context of overall reductions in foreign aid spending."

The key provisions of concern to Armenian Americans in this measure include:

- Nagorno-Karabakh: Against the backdrop of multi-billion dollar cuts to overall foreign aid spending, the panel proposed more than doubling aid to Nagorno-Karabakh, from the traditional expenditure level over the past several years of \$2 million to an FY13 level of \$5 million, expliciting expanding the mandate of this assistance program to include both humanitarian and development assistance.

- Armenia: The Subcommittee also set aid to Armenia at no less than \$40 million, rejecting the Obama Administration's proposal to reduce FY13 economic aid to Armenia to \$32.5 million, roughly \$7.5 million less than the \$40 million appropriated by Congress for

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- ♦ **1458. Bryusov street**, 9/8, 68 sq.m., 2 rooms, normal state, Baxi system, Czech tiles, showcases, wood doors and parquet. Price 75.000 USD
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- ♦ **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

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- ♦ **1727. Baghramyany str.**, 2 storied, 230sqm, capitally repaired, entrance from street, garage. Price 350.000USD
- ♦ **1725. Hanrapetutyany 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, fire-place, 1st floor- sitting room, 1 bedroom, cabinet, kitchen, lavatory, 2nd floor - 4 bedrooms, permanent hot and cold water, gas, Spanish tiles, 2 AC. Price - 500.000USD
- ♦ **3063. Komitas A.** Avetisyan street, 3storied+cellar, total-500sqm, 3 bedrooms, 3 lavatories, capitally repaired, cabinet, possible to sell with furniture. Price-negotiable
- ♦ **3059. Vahagni community**, total-1500sqm, building-280sqm, 2.5 storied, newly built, not lived in, 1st floor-living room-44sqm, kitchen, family room-24sqm, 2nd floor-3bedrooms, 3 lavatories, garage for 2 cars, cellar, security system, possible to sell with furniture. Price-negotiable.
- ♦ **3210 Aygestan community**. 2 stories, land: 480 sq.m, building: 310 sq.m, 1st floor is not repaired, garage, 2nd floor: repaired, kitchen, lavatory-tiled, permanent hot and cold water, Baxi system, a place for barbeque, garden, trees Price: 270.000 USD
- ♦ **3105. Cascade, Antarin.** 4 stories, land 1800 sq.m., building 1000 sq.m., newly built, need of cosmetic repair, windows, permanent hot and cold water, heating system, 4 bedrooms, ramparted, solar lamps, security system, cameras, external lighting. Price: 1. 300.000 USD
- ♦ **3054. Blur, Kharkovyan street**. 3 storied building, land 400 sq.m., building 450 sq.m., new, euro repair, ramparted, 4 bedrooms, 5 lavatories inside, 2 lavatories outside, Baxi system. Price 800 000 USD
- ♦ **2916. Ashtarak highway**, village Nazrvan. 3 storied building. Land 3500 sq.m., building 760 sq.m., euro repair, 3 tiled lavatories, a sauna, billiard, permanent hot and cold water, gas, heating system, garden, pool, garage.The building is ramparted. Price 50000 USD

## NEWLY BUILT

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

bedrooms-188 sq.m, 199 sq.m, 1 sq.m- 1900 USD, 2 bedrooms have a beautiful sight- 117



- sq.m, 120 sq.m, 124 sq.m, 1 sq.m-1700 USD Price: 1 sq.m- 1900-1700 USD
- ♦ **93. Kievyan street**, newly built building Given to the operation in October 2011, gajats, windows, exterior doors, h -3, 15 m, gas supply, the second floor has a parking lot, parking is possible for sale. Price 12 000 USD possible with mortgage, for 13 years term
- ♦ **94. Masiv**. Newly built, coupling, 8 flats, in each cottage 4 flats, total-2000 sq.m, each flat has 2 stories, 3 bedrooms, 210 sq.m., parking: 80 sq.m. Price: 160 000 USD

## FOR RENT

## 1 ROOMS

- ♦ **1031. Byuzand street**. 1 room, 34 sq.m, capitally repair, newly built, furniture, techniques, heating, AC, cabin. Price 600 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
- ♦ **1057. Argishti str.**, 14/9, 1 room, furnished, heating system, permanent hot and cold water, AC
- ♦ **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. Amiryany 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. Baghramyany 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
- ♦ **2022. Amiryany street**, 4/3. 74 sq.m., 2 turned into 3, newly repaired, Spanish tiles, jakoozi, permanent hot and cold water, furniture, techniques. Price 1500 USD, 1 day 100 USD
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **115. Buzand str. Building 7, /near Republic Square/,** 9/4, 75 sq.m, 2 rooms, newly built, capitally and euro repaired, furnished, equipped, permanent water, gas, heating system, AC, open balcony. Price: 1100 USD long-term, 1500 USD short-term.
- ♦ **2108. Amirlyan str./City center/,** 2 rooms, AC, washing machine, TV, refrigerator, satellite, bed sheets, utensil, all the conveniences. Price: 600 USD , 60 USD per day
- ♦ **2099. Sayat-Nova Ave.**, 12/6, 2 rooms, all the conveniences, repaired, furnished, water, gas, Baxi heating system, AC, washing machine. Price: 550 USD

## 3 ROOMS AND MORE

- ♦ **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. Amiryany str**, 12/11. 3 bedrooms, newly built, 180 sq.m, capitally repaired, fur-

- nished, 2 bathrooms, Baxi heating system installed, climate control. Price: 1700 USD
- ♦ **1970. Vazgen Sargsyan str.**, 10/8. 2 bedrooms, newly built., 150 sq.m, 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

- ♦ **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**. 1000 sq m, basement +2 floors' 310 sq m, capitally repaired, 4 bedrooms, 1 living-room, hall, 4 bathrooms, new furniture, equipped, 3 AC, Baxi system, sauna, swimming-pool, garden house, barbeque equipment. 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
- ♦ **455. Norq**, 3 storied building-150sqm, total -600sqm, 3bedrooms, lavatory, capitally repaired, furnished, technique, gas, permanent hot and cold water. Price 2000USD
- ♦ **1135. Monument V.** Papazyan street, 2floors, total-375sqm, stone building-210sqm, cellar, euro repaired, baxi, AC, garage-14sqm. Price 2000 USD per month.
- ♦ **1164. Arabkir, Monument**. 1 storied, land-300 sq.m, building-150 sq.m., capitally repaired, 3 bedrooms, 2 lavatories, pool. Price: 1200 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, telephone, 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
- ♦ **1121. Vahagni community**. 2 stories, building 402 sq.m.(including garage and cellar) euro repair, 3 bedrooms, hall, permanent hot and cold water, gas, heating system, heating floor, kitchen and dining room are furnished. Price: 3000 USD
- ♦ **1142. Djrvaj**, 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 street**. 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
- ♦ **1109. Blur**, 3 storied building, land 400 sq.m., building 450 sq.m., new, euro repair, ramparted, 4 bedrooms, 5 lavatories inside, 2 lavatories outside, Baxi system. Price 3800 USD
- ♦ **662. Norq gardens**, Amaranocayin street. 2 storied stone building.Land 1000 sq.m., building 300 sq.m., ramparted, 3 lavatories, 3 bedrooms, hall, camin, gas, heating system, stained glasses. Price 3000USD negotiable
- ♦ **1071. Noy block**. 2.5 storied, land 400 sq.m., building 500 sq.m., garden 250sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 5 lavatories, 2 kitchen, a hall. Price 3000 USD priliminary
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **1019. Nork**, 2 storied, separate structure, 700 sq.m. land, 350 sq.m. construction, capital euro repaired, furnished, garage with remote control, pool, 3 bedrooms, one with bathroom, and 2 separate bathrooms. In the first floor sitting-room, gas, permanent hot and cold water, Baxi System, fireplace, view to town, walled. Price: Negotiable

## 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. Hanrapetutyany 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 Baghramyany, 2 storied, 300sq.m.construction, 600 sq.m. land, in a first floor hall and kitchen, in a second floor 5 rooms, bathroom, open balcony, capital euro repair, gas, baxi system, permanent hot and cold water, telephone, garage, fruit garden. Price: Negotiable.
- ♦ **1438. Komitas**, 6 floors, cellar, mansard. Each floor is 120 sq.m., hasa need for cosmet-ic repair, walls are plastered, floor is leveled, hanging ceilings, permanent hot and cold water, gas, parking for 15 cars. Price: Negotiable
- ♦ **1462. Teryan street**, 3 stored, capital repaired, AC, capital repaired, parking, 800sq. Price: 10.000USD



## Violence against minorities or brainwash through strange incidents?

Who needed to declare the explosion of D.I.Y. club as a fight and as violence against sexual minorities? And why did they need it? Management expert Harutyun Mesropyan interprets the problem from a professional point of view. He says there are 10 forms of brainwash in management, such as, for example, deviating the public's attention from important problems by means of strange incidents.

"To create a problem and to propose solutions in a not explicit way, to lead the problem to the field of human rights, the field of property deviating from the problem itself. The other form is the so-called lasting principle, when they set an aim of reaching the solution for a problem they wish in 10-20 years, gradually bringing the public to the result they wish," the expert says.

Harutyun Mesropyan said that tens of attacks occur in the capital every day, about which people don't speak, they don't receive public resonance. Why suddenly such propaganda started?

Sexual health specialist Sevada Hakobyan says obvious propaganda of homosexuality is dangerous especially for minors aged 13-16. External factors can influence their sexual orientation.

"When the problem becomes dominating in the media or in some other way, the problem may have a guiding significance for a certain age group," Sevada Hakobyan says.

The club's director Armine Oganezova participated in a gay-parade in Turkey last year and is sure it became the reason for the violence against her. Harutyun Mesropyan is sure that the noise raised pursues deeper and political purposes. It is not excluded this may be used against Armenia. "They will say tomorrow in the Armenian-Turkish relations, you see what kind of a state Armenia is, while Turkey is advanced because..." Mesropyan says.

The management expert is sure it is not casual that this noise over sexual minorities started after the elections, on the background of ecological and sociological problems.

Though the club was said to have been seriously damaged after the explosion, D.I.Y. club continues its activity and continues receiving clients.

To note, after the explosion the leader of Heritage Party Raffi Hovhannisyan visited the club and expressed his support.



## Of Hate Crimes and Intolerance: Lessons Must be Learned

Ara Khachatourian

Two days after the parliamentary elections in Armenia, a home-made car bomb was used to vandalize DIY, a bar in Yerevan frequented by non-traditionalist thinkers in Armenia and a safe-haven for the often-persecuted LGBT community in Armenia.

This act is a hate crime. There are no other words to describe it. Police arrested two culprits and controversy erupted when two people, who are members of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation parliamentary bloc opted to bail out the suspects Hampig and Mgrdich (also referred to as Arame) Khapazian, who allegedly targeted the bar owner for her activism in the LGBT community, and participation in a Gay Pride Parade in Turkey.

These individuals' mere affiliation with the ARF sparked a campaign in the Armenian press and on social media accusing the party of being behind the attacks and condoning the acts. The situation became more inflamed after one of those posting bail made comments to the press in defense of the suspects, as well as his personal contention that pre-trial arrests-in general-are unjustified.

This, like any other hate crime is deplorable and must be con-



demned by all forces in and outside of Armenia.

For 121 years, the Armenian Revolutionary Federation has been on the forefront of advocating and working for justice, human rights and against intolerance and persecution. The party's ideology and advocacy HAVE NOT changed.

It is truly unfortunate that the ARF members did not use their leadership perch to advance dialogue and discussion of tolerance and acceptance in our country. However, for people to use their statements to accuse an entire party that operates internationally of masterminding this attack is equally counterproductive.

In the US we have witnessed, as recently as last week, how still divisive the issue of LGBT rights can be and how, as a so-called advanced society, some elements are unable to fully comprehend the fundamentals of freedom and equality.

The fact of the matter is that this horrible incident has brought to fore the dire imperative for constructive discussion, discourse and dialogue about tolerance. If we are to advance as a nation we all have to work toward and practice what the ARF preamble says, which is that no individual or state has the right to oppress or persecute any other.

## Lilit Chitchyan: People have to value their vote and go to the elections

Sona Mashuryan

On May 3, the Civil Society Partnership Network organized a flashmob called "My Vote is Power" in Yerevan as part of the project called "Voting for Changes".

The representatives of the network's youth wing and members of the Armenian Young Women's Association silently conveyed the message of "My Vote is Power, My Vote is Decisive" by clipping the flyers with the message on the arms and bags of passers-by. Through this, the participants of the action called on voters to value their vote and go to the elections.

The second stop was at the Eritasardakan metro station where the young participants of the action greeted the people coming out of the metro wagons, handed them the flyers and went up the escalator with shirts reading "My Vote is Power" with the purpose of calling on people to participate in the elections.

As coordinator of the Civil Society Partnership Network Lilit Chitchyan told "NoyanTapan", the action wasn't politicized. "We don't support anyone. We simply want to

talk about the right to vote and how important it is for people to go to the upcoming National Assembly elections, value their votes in these elections and in all elections for that matter."

Chitchyan mentioned that this was the first event held within the framework of the project, the partnering organizations of the 27-member Network (Shirak

firm their pledges made during the election campaign.

After the elections, the Network's member organizations will start monitoring based on the pledges to find out how those pledges and project proposals were included in the program of this or that political party or deputy candidate and how the parties and deputies promote those issues in

the National Assembly.

"This monitoring will be conducted in the course of five years, but we will be able to see the first results in the fall. As they say, you have to strike while the iron is hot. In the first sitting, we have to

see to what extent the deputies and political parties have raised the issues related to healthcare and agriculture and to what extent those issues are being promoted. We might not see speedy solutions, but raising those issues is already very important for us," said Chitchyan.

During the election campaign, the partnering organizations organize the deputy candidates' meetings with voters and hold courses on electoral rights and the main electoral process.



Association of NGOs, "Against Arbitrary Rights" NGO and Oxfam Great Britain Armenia) organize meetings with deputy candidates in the provinces, informed them about the priorities of the project related to healthcare and agriculture and proposed to them to sign and confirm their pledges to turn the primary issues of the mentioned spheres into topics for discussion in the National Assembly. Lilit Chitchyan noted that the majority of deputy candidates signed to con-



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# President Serzh Sargsyan visits the Site of Gyumri Technology Center

On 29.04.12 Gyumri hosted the Governmental Delegation headed by RA President Serzh Sargsyan to mark the commencement of construction works of Gyumri Technopark. Implemented by Enterprise Incubator Foundation through World Bank funds, the Technopark is part of the Gyumri Economic Development Project aimed at creating an innovation-driven business environment and foster startup creation and incubation for economic advance of Gyumri, which despite all hardship poses a high technological and economic potential for development. The project

is also an attempt of the Government towards economic decentralization and regional development.

The delegation also included RA Minister of Territorial Administration Armen Gevorgyan, RA Minister of Economy Tigran Davtyan, Governor of Shirak Ashot Giziryan, and other officials. Present were representatives of the World Bank Armenia office, public sector, leading technology companies and academia. Parallel with the ceremony, a memorandum of understanding was signed between the Government of Armenia and D-Link



*Minister of Economy of Armenia Tigran Davtyan delivering an opening speech.*

International on the establishment of the D-Link Regional R&D Center in Gyumri, yet another important step towards technological and economic advance of the region.

Gyumri Technopark will house business and SME upgrading facilities and laboratories to be used for creating and supporting knowledge-based firms and enhancing for-

mation of highly qualified workforce in the region. The primary focus of the Technopark is to assist regional technology entrepreneurs to successfully develop and market their concepts, products and services by being trained in activities leading to the sustainable growth of their companies and establishing networking and marketing capa-

bilities for entry into new markets. The Government of Armenia will support technology commercialization through seed money provided to startups and teams with business ideas. The private sector and foreign sources will also participate in startup funding through a special equity fund. For details, please visit [www.eif.am](http://www.eif.am).



*EIF Director Bagrat Yengibaryan displays to the President of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan and guests the plans of Gyumri Technopark facilities.*



*Minister of Economy of Armenia T. Davtyan and D-Link Armenia Director A. Shahnazaryan signing a memorandum of understanding*

## Microsoft Innovation Center Celebrates Anniversary

Microsoft Innovation Center Armenia is one year old! A product of the joint efforts of Enterprise Incubator Foundation, USAID and Microsoft RA, MIC Armenia officially opened on May 11, 2011 to become a hub of innovation and creativity for talented technology youth in Armenia.

Though in its early infancy, MIC Armenia presents impressive statistics: more than 1200 graduates of advanced technology and managerial trainings, 5 idea generation and development contests – both local and international, 15 teams supported from consulting to incubation and currently working to bring their products up to international market standards, 1st startup created and successfully operating, five more startups to be registered within months.

The mission of MIC Armenia, however, goes beyond statistics. It introduces a fresh and alternative approach to innovation enhancement and pro-

fessional development. It synthesizes the most advanced western practices in technology youth cultivation and business grooming with local brainpower and creativity to report amazing results, which earned the International Marketing Excellence Award of Microsoft Corporation, and the special acknowledgement from USAID for best public-private partnership project.

Hachathone/yan/Yerevan, Imagine Cup Armenia, Your Phone-Your Apps, and many more events, projects and contests have made MIC Armenia a name known to all technology youth in Armenia, and a home for those with ideas and enthusiasm.

Our congratulations to MIC Armenia for its first birthday and wonderful achievements.

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# **"DigiTec Business Forum" 5th Annual forum June 15-16, 2012**



The 5th annual DigiTec Business Forum will be held in Yerevan on June 15-16 in “Armenia Marriott” hotel. The motto of Digitec Business Forum 2012 is **“Smart Country-Digital Solutions for Innovative Economy”**.

### Objectives of the Forum:

The objective of 5th annual DigiTec Business Expo-Forum is to promote the creation of ICT enabled Innovative Economy. Best local and international practices, involvement of representatives from state and private sectors, international and donor organizations, working to enhance innovative economies, key international speakers and experts will ensure the best environment for exhibiting and sharing ideas on innovative development and Smart Country profiles.

**DigiTec Business Forum**  
**2012 sessions:**

- *Smart production of Smart Countries*

Focus on ICT enabled process and organizational reengineering for more efficient and effective service production and provision. Client and Customer Management and Service, Market Research inno-

vative approaches and Sales Forces

- *Smart Infrastructures of Smart Countries*

Focus on the Business development and growth creation of business-friendly and growth inducing development incl. special business parks, administrative burden reduction and tax management systems, incentive structure like urban and countryside telecommunication infrastructure, smart buildings and smart communities, etc.

- *Smart Economies of Smart Countries- knowledge, welfare and transportation needs for the future*

Focus on opportunities of digital literacy and ICT in education, telemedicine and welfare technologies, intelligent transportation and utilities.

- *Smart Security of Smart Countries*

Focus on cyber crime, security and how traditional security systems are in a state of transition incl. privacy, data protection and unique identifiers.

- *Smart Laws of Smart Countries - Inclusion, participation and democracy*

Focus on ICT enabled transparency of decision making

processes, drafting laws and regulations, citizen and stakeholder participation in civic and democratic processes, participatory design process for user-friendly and user-centric government services.

- *Smart Governance of Smart Countries*

Focus on ensuring personalized, user-friendly, proactive service provision government services online and E-gov systems to boost innovative economies

## Visitors

Since 2008 DigiTec Forum has continuously grown. In 2011 more than 1700 representatives from the IT industry and the public sector participated. This year DigiTec is expecting circa 50 exhibitors and 2000 visitors.

## Participants 2008-2011

In 2008-2011 companies participating in the Forum were Armenian Datacom Company, Armenian Software, CHS Vericell Services, Norq, Grant Thornton Amyot, Job Finder, Microsoft RA, Smart Systems, Sourcio, Synergy, Armentel (under Beeline brand), X-Tech. Shahumyan Media, Interactive World, 7smarts, Toshiba, IT Logic, Icon Communications, Flexap, BSC, Innovasys, Sabio Consulting, Neomedia, Unitel, Eurasia University, number of companies from Georgia at Georgia Country Booth as well as other local and international partners.

This year conference exhibition will showcase solutions and products from about 50 companies and organizations. Consolidated booth space will be provided to South and East Europe (SEE ICT), CIS and other countries.

## Sponsors 2008-2011

In 2008-2011 DigiTec Business Forum sponsors were “Armentel”, Microsoft, ADC, HP, Apaga Technologies, Cyberoam and other companies.

# "Smart Country-Digital Solutions for Innovative Economy" Conference

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# The first round of “Smart Solutions of Smart Countries” innovation contest took place

**Winners of innovative contest  
will participate in DigiTec busi-  
ness forum**

Nearly 30 young people have presented 14 innovative ideas in the first round of "Smart Solutions of Smart Countries" innovative contest. Based on these ideas there were created working groups which must complete and present their business ideas by May 1, 2012. During further rounds of the contest the teams will create business models of their ideas and will develop experimental

prototypes for their businesses.

The winning teams will be able to present the experimental models of their ideas at Digitec business forum due June 15-16, as well as at Eurasia Youth International Forum scheduled for May 17-19.

The organizers of the contest are Union of Information Technology Enterprises, Microsoft Innovation Center, Business Incubator of Armenian-Russian (Slavonic) University, Eurasia International University and Key Solutions.

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## EU continues to request earliest closure of Armenian NPP



*The EU Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighborhood policy Stefan Fule*

The European Union continues to request the earliest possible closure of the Armenian NPP in Metsamor as "it cannot be upgraded to meet internationally recognized nuclear safety standards". The joint Document of the European Commission and EU

High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on implementation of the European Neighborhood Policy in Armenia in 2011 issued today reads this.

"Armenia has not yet drawn up a detailed decommissioning plan for MNPP. Armenia continued the safety upgrading of the plant, which it plans to close once replacement capacity is available. Armenia is preparing the construction of a new Russian type nuclear power plant on the Medzamor site, although financing remains a major problem. Following the Fukushima nuclear accident, Armenia expressed readiness to undertake with the EU a comprehensive risk and safety assessment ('nuclear stress test') of the plant (VVR type of the first generation), taking account of EU standards. Armenia became an observer of the Energy Community", the Document reads.

## Citizens of Armenia can obtain identification card and biometric password from June 1



Citizens of Armenia can obtain identification card as a document certifying the identity and nationality of its holder for using it in the ter-

ritory of the Republic of Armenia.

As the Police of Armenia told Noyan Tapan, in case of leaving for abroad citizens can also obtain a passport with biometric data as a travel document.

The identification card will contain an electronic database, individual cryptographic keys, electronic digital signature and certificates for identity.

It is not obligatory to receive those documents but voluntary.

RA laws on "The Passport of the Citizen of the Republic of Armenia", "Identification Cards" and "Registration Numbers of Public Services" adopted by the National Assembly November 30, 2011, will enter into force from June 1, 2012.

## Armenia's macroeconomic stability has been strengthened. Prime Minister



Armenia's Central Bank characterized 2011 monetary policy as macroeconomic stabilization year. Minister of Finance VacheGabrielyan in May 17 Cabinet session came forth with the account on the implementation of the monetary policy.

The head of the Cabinet TigranSargsyan stated the international financial institutions high estimated our country's macroeconomic indicators and coordination of monetary and fiscal policies in 2011. " Due to this

facts the negotiation procedure with International Monetary Fund passes smoothly, and the project we were conducting negotiations with was approved without any problem. We can register that our macroeconomic stability has been strengthened in 2011, which is a good achievement" Prime Minister noted.

" We have often been criticized for not effective conduction of monetary and fiscal policies; whereas international authoritative organizations remarks come to prove the contrary. It is clear the world is guided by these values " PM Sargsyan underscored.

In the course of the session Minister of Finance stated that due to 2011 consistent monetary policy as well as through the balanced policy during the year, the state has managed to mitigate the high inflationary environment. Second, there is an acceleration of the economic growth rate mainly pertaining to the progressive growth of industry and agriculture.

In the session the Government approved the draft of Central Bank 2011 monetary policy. In this regard VacheGabrielyan stated " Central's Bank assessments on 2011 monetary policy are generally consistent with Government's macro-economic programs".

In the words of the Minister the Central Bank must be ready to specify the policy directions.

## Armenia exports only wild crawfish from food products to EU countries



From food products Armenia exports only wild crawfish to the countries of the European Union, the head of the State Service for Food Safety of Armenia, Abraham Bakhchagulyan, said on May 18

According to him, EU requires a laboratory examination in compliance with European standards from Armenian producers.

"Due to this, Armenia exports only wild crawfish to EU countries,

because our standards in this concrete sphere meet the laboratory safety standards," he said.

According to Abraham Bakhchagulyan, Armenia should create a network of laboratories, and relevant works are already underway.

The head of the Service also said that in accord with the governmental food safety strategy, the priority direction for Armenia is the export of such products as fish, fruits, vegetables and honey.

"We have made a commitment to our European colleagues to conduct a monitoring in the sphere of fish cultivation and submit the results. If our business subjects in this sphere meet the EU standards they will be able to export fish to EU," Abraham Bakhchagulyan said, adding that the monitoring starts on June 1.

## NGOs Criticize Road Project Implementation

Agrouing of Armenian non-governmental organizations criticized the government on Thursday for its handling of a multimillion-dollar project to upgrade the country's road infrastructure.

The organizations monitoring the project's implementation specifically expressed concern over the selection of a Spanish construction company tasked with rebuilding and expanding more than 90 kilometers of major Armenian highways as part of the scheme.

The company, Corsan Corvian Construcccion, signed a \$280 million contract with the Armenian Ministry of Transport and Communications late last month after winning an international tender called by the government last August. The Manila-based Asian Development Bank (ADB) will finance the bulk of that construction work from a \$500 million loan which it pledged to provide to Armenia in 2009.

Silva Adamian, who coordinates the monitoring team, claimed that the tender was not fair because Armenian firms were barred from participating in it. "Our companies were not allowed to take part in this tender," she told RFE/RL's Armenian service (Azatutyun.am). "I don't consider this a tender. What kind of a tender is this?"

"Besides, there is no information about that Spanish company," Adamian said. "We don't know what kind of a company it is, where it has worked and what it has done."

"I don't know who told Ms. Adamian that Armenian companies were banned from participating in the tender. There is no such thing," countered AraHovsepiyan, the government-appointed chief executive of the project implementation agency.

Hovsepiyan said that Armenian firms were among 28 entities that showed a tentative interest in the tender last year. None of them eventually submitted bids, he said.

"No Armenian company has previously engaged in this scale of work required by bidding specifications," Hovsepiyan told RFE/RL's Armenian service (Azatutyun.am). "There hasn't been this scale of [road] construction work in our country before."

"This [Spanish] company was declared the winner because it met all bidding requirements and has ample experience in construction work," added the official. "Based on some unofficial information ... I can say that it is considered one of Spain's largest construction companies that is doing business not only in Spain but also elsewhere in the world."

The so-called North-South Project envisages the reconstruction of some 550 kilometers of highways stretching from the Armenian-Iranian border to one of the three Armenian-Georgian border crossings. The Armenian government says a key aim of the \$1.5 billion project is to enable Iran to use Armenian and Georgian territory for large-scale freight shipments to and from Europe.





## First Sheikha of Kuwaiti Royal Family H.H. Fariha Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in Armenia: Warm and Promising Visit



**By Gourgen James Khazhakian**  
Chief correspondent

"A new page in Armenia-Kuwait friendship" – that was essence of the headlines of a number of stories in Armenian mass media outlets on the four day visit of the First Sheikha of Kuwait's Royal Family Her Highness **Fariha Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah** to Armenia upon the invitation of the Armenian First Lady **Rita Sargsyan**. "With the First Lady we discussed issues concerning children, women and families which have special need. I am very happy for being in Armenia," Sheikha who is Founding President of the two Charitable Foundations, The Ideal Family and The Ideal Mother, said to the journalists. She stressed that there are strong friendship ties between Armenia and Kuwait. Rita Sargsyan mentioned that Sheikha had many Armenian friends



and had strong wish to visit Armenia. "She feels herself at home here", stressed the First Lady of Armenia. Mrs Rita Sargsyan made a present to Sheikha – a carpet named "Gandzak" which, as she said, even in Kuwait will remind Sheikha about Armenia. The Guest considered the gift as one of the best ones she had

ever had. Her Highness was received by the President of Armenia **Serzh Sargsyan** (see p.2)

On May 12 the two Ladies visited Armenian History museum, got acquainted with the exhibits.

Accompanied by the spouse of the RA FM **Natalya Nalbandyan**, H. H. Sheikha Fariha Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on the same day visited Matenadaran, the Institute-

Repository of the Old Manuscripts. And on May 14 the RA Minister of Culture **Hasmik Poghosyan** guided Her Royal Highness to the Museum of Sergey Parajanov.

During reception from the Catholicos of All Armenians **Karekin II** on Sunday May 13 for a delegation led by H. H. Sheikha Fari-



ha Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, speaking about the Armenian-Arab relations, His Holiness said they have always been warm, brotherly and friendly, and the expressions of the established traditions are visible today in Kuwait.

He also expressed a delight that effective diplomatic relations are established between the two countries.

Also, Karekin II reflected on Kuwait's Armenian community, and noted with satisfaction that the latter greatly contribute to Kuwait's progress.

In the person of Sheikha Fariha, the Catholicos extended his thanks to the Kuwaiti authorities for their caring approach toward the Arme-



nians of Kuwait.

The Catholicos also expressed his special gratitude to Sheikha Fariha for her humanitarian activities.

In turn, Her Royal Highness reflected on the high level of religious tolerance in Kuwait, and the Kuwaiti Armenians' important role in the Country's development.

At the meeting with Sheikha Fariha Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-

Sabah, Armenian Deputy PM, Co-Chairman of the Armenian – Kuwaiti Inter-Governmental Commission **Armen Gevorgyan** told the High Guest that Armenia attaches great importance to deepening of relations with Kuwait. In turn, Sheikha shared the impressions she received in Armenia. She also touched upon the

intention of realizing volunteer work in Armenia. To note, The Ideal Family and The Ideal Mother Foundations are implementing charity projects not only in Kuwait but also in foreign countries. The organizations support women, children, elderly people and disabled people in need.

...I do not know about your impressions, but I myself feel that soon we will see outcomes of this quite saturated visit to Armenia of a Lady member of the Kuwaiti Royal Family.

In particular, as our sources say, it is planned to launch joint Armenian-Kuwaiti TV projects.

## News from VivaCell-MTS

**By Andy Barsamian, Jr**

**For the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row VivaCell-MTS becomes the General Sponsor of the Golden Apricot Yerevan International Film Festival...**

The joint press conference held on May 11 at the Ministry of Culture announced this year's Golden Apricot Yerevan International Film Festival. Participants of the press conference included the Minister of Culture of Armenia **Hasmik Poghosyan**, VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian**, the Director of the Golden Apricot Yerevan International Film Festival **Harutyun Khachatryan**, Programs Director of the Festival **Mikayel Stamboltsyan**, and the Artistic Director of the Festival **Susanna Harutyunyan**.

Golden Apricot 9<sup>th</sup> Yerevan International Film Festival will be held from July 8<sup>th</sup> till 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. This year again the festival is supported by the General Sponsor and Devoted Partner VivaCell-MTS and the Ministry of Culture of Armenia.

This year 1020 (against 700 applications last year) applications from around 70 countries were submitted for participation in the festival, which is the evidence of the festival's yearly growing popularity. Another proof of this is the participation of renowned cinematographers, which has grown into just another tradition at the festival. This year the jury of the festival will be presided by Spanish director **Victor Erice**, jury member of the Cannes Film Festival in 2010. With Yerevan announced the World Book Capital in 2012, the Golden Apricot will present a new program Book and Cinema. The program will reflect on the screen versions of the Armenian and world classic literature.

The competitions in 2012 again will include International Feature, International Documentary, Armenian Panorama, and Apricot Stone programs. The latter was launched in 2011 and is particularly aimed for short films by young cinematographers. The screenings are promising in Yerevan Perspectives, Retrospect Screenings and Tribute programs, which promise a number of surprises by the world masters of cinematography. In particular, film screenings dedicated to the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Yuri Yeznkyan** ("Yuri

Yeznkyan and His Students") and the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Frunze Dovlatyan** will be organized within the Tribute program. The 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Andrey Tarkovsky** will be also celebrated.

"VivaCell-MTS has always supported the initiatives, including



the sphere of art, that are leading to raising Armenia's reputation in the world. This is why for the seventh year in a row VivaCell-MTS is extending its hand to the festival. VivaCell-MTS considers this undertaking as another effective way of integrating Armenia into the world through presenting the richness of the country's cultural heritage," VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian** told. "Having a developed cinematography puts the Nation on equal positions with other cultural nations. One cannot overestimate the role of Golden Apricot in promoting our national cinema, and through it, in relaying our identity, history, mission and fair objectives to the humanity," continued Mr Yirikian.

In the frames of the festival Directors without Borders joint forum on production implemented with the EU support as part of the Directors without Borders of the European Union Eastern Partnership program will be held for the 6<sup>th</sup> time.

A Cinema Reporters without Borders training is planned to be held before the start of the festival and is to be attended by highly qualified international experts and cinema researchers and critics ar-

iving from the Eastern Partnership countries. The guests will participate in the publication of the Golden Apricot Daily throughout the festival days.

...And reveals its secrets of competitiveness and leadership at the market to students of the

### Leadership School

On May 10, VivaCell-MTS, Armenia's leading telecom operator, announced that its style of management remains a model for future professionals.

The specialists of tomorrow believe the experience of management of Armenia's leading telecommunications operator proves useful for enriching theoretical knowledge with practical skills. The interest is



particularly great about the Company's new approach to business management.

"Healthy working environment, courage to set new criteria, willingness to be guided by moral values, responsibility and consistence in reaching the set goals – these are the main principles on which any organization striving to be a leader and lead by example should build

its strategies. The basis of these all should be the responsibility towards the consumer and equally the society," said VivaCell-MTS General Manager **Ralph Yirikian** addressing the Leadership School students.

VivaCell-MTS pays particular importance to the identification of

the true professional aptitudes of employees and the ability of the manager to appreciate employees' role as management tools. At the meeting with the future professionals VivaCell-MTS General Manager also shared the advantages of the Company's systemized approach to management.

...Launches Another Developed Support Program to Armenian Universities

**Number of universities of Armenia will be equipped with internet access labs and Wi-Fi corners, to secure a modern format of quality education**

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Company announced the launch of just another program of cooperation with universities of Armenia.

The four years of continuous cooperation with the universities of Armenia are driven by VivaCell-MTS sense of responsibility towards the coming generations.

The cooperation since 2009 in the frame of VivaCell-MTS Career Development Program includes a number of projects: regular classes by VivaCell-MTS specialists organized for students; Open Door Days; internships; 3-day trainings for specialists of various fields (technical,

commercial, information systems, legal, etc.); seminars on teaching methods and corporate responsibility for instructors; professional competitions; experience exchange; and educational funds providing scholarships for students from socially unprotected families.

In addition to above the Company has spent considerable funds on supporting and equipping the educational body in Armenia in a remarkable way. "This support is the proper way of investing in the future of the country," states **Ralph Yirikian**, VivaCell-MTS General Manager.

Armenia's leading telecommunications operator, which has proved its commitment to the importance of having quality workforce before, announces the launch of the new initiative in the Vanadzor Pedagogical University.

VivaCell-MTS has supported the university in equipping an auditorium with 12 computers with internet access and a Wi-Fi corner. To increase the productivity of the learning process the university is provided also with an interactive blackboard. Owing to this modern-day technological solution, the required information available with the instructor can now be easily shared with the students on the blackboard to help in managing the learning processes.

"The way knowledge is shared is as important as the willingness to learn. The time sets its prerogatives and forces us to be more flexible in getting quality education. Probably, I won't be mistaken, if I say that the Internet is one of the efficient ways of getting one. We are ready to support. We wish to see a generation, which is looking forward to take the advantage of the best possibilities in getting education and develop," added Mr Yirikian.

Armenia's leading telecommunications operator plans equipping computer labs in universities cooperating with the Company by the end of this year. The universities will be provided with valuable equipment required for the organization of learning processes in due way, including videoconferencing equipment, servers, uninterruptable power supplies (UPS), switches, and other network equipment, in addition to the Wi-Fi corners.



## 2015: A Rededication or a Last Hurrah?

For nearly a century our survivors of the Meds Yeghern (Great Catastrophe) have suffered the psychological and emotional trauma of the first genocide of the modern era. The effect of the genocide has long since passed the point where recognition by Turkey can erase the emotional scars that have become part of the Armenian psyche. If the near destruction of their nation, if being uprooted from their ancestral homes, dispossessed of their wealth, and scattered wherever chance may have taken them were not sufficient a tragedy, the survivors had to witness the victorious Western democracies reward an unrepentant Turkey.

Having won the Great War (World War I), the Western democracies, led by Great Britain and France, recognized the government of Kemal Ataturk as the legitimate successor to the Ottoman Empire. The newly formed Republic of Turkey was allowed to join the world community of nations unscathed by any moral, financial, or political liability for the Armenian Genocide. And the historic Armenian lands awarded by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson in the Treaty of Sevres (concluded in 1920) as a free and independent Armenia were abrogated by the Treaty of Lausanne (signed in 1923).

Another April 24th has come and gone. Nothing has changed. Within a few years 2015 will mark 100 years that we have persevered in our struggle for a cause that cries out for justice. Yet, as we approach that historic milestone, we are no closer to obtaining justice than we were when the Western democracies turned their backs to our plight at the end of the Great War. In anticipation of 2015, the Turkish government has already put its considerable resources in full offensive mode. If we continue on the path we have elected to follow, 2015 will be anticlimactic in our pursuit of justice.

Think about it for a moment. The survivors of the genocide are but a handful. Not only the first, but the second generation progeny of the survivors are decreasing in numbers each year. Within another 15 to 20 years, generations that had an emotional and psychological connection to the genocide will have dwindled significantly in numbers. As the years pass, the link between 1915 and the present will become more and more tenuous. And, as a result, it will become an historic event devoid of the personal involvement of those who carried on the struggle for justice for most of the first century. Realistically, how many can we expect to continue the struggle with the same determination and dedication? And just as realistically, how much empathy can our cause continue to engender among our own people without a significant political victory?

Unfortunately, Yerevan is constrained either by protocol, by Moscow, or by the interests of the oligarchs. Whatever the reason, it does not lessen the fact that Yerevan has failed to aid the diasporan attempt to gain recognition of the

genocide. Our efforts have been uncoordinated and unimaginative. Our observance of April 24th has fared no better. Granted, we are constrained by the lack of funds, but may we question where all of our concerned Armenian supporters are? Typically the same small percentage of our community members participate in these observances. Does that send a message or does it make us feel better to ignore this fact? We have been confronting Turkish governments for 100 years. Governments that are committed to denial and historical revisionism. Governments that are determined to complete the genocide of our nation. Yet, given the lack of political victories, our strategy has changed very little over the course of 100 years.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu continues to express Turkey's desire to share the pain of those who are ready to share their pain with the Turkish nation. How much pain does the perpetrator have to share with its victims? Secretary of State Hillary Clinton does no better in her response to a query from the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA) when she suggests that Armenia and Turkey should "...work together to address their shared history. Only by working together to address these horrific events can [Armenia and Turkey]...achieve a full, frank, and just acknowledgment of the facts."

Mensur Akgun, a Turkish academic, expresses the mindset of many Turkish intellectuals in his article "The Virtue of Apologizing," in which he cites German Chancellor Angela Merkel's apology to her Turkish citizens for the racist attacks they suffered at the hands of some Germans. Not to be outdone, President Obama apologized to all Muslims for the accidental burning of Korans in Afghanistan by U.S. service personnel. In another misguided example, Akgun refers to Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's apology for the Dersim Massacre in 1936. This apology was pure political theatre to discredit the Republican People's Party (CHP) for the massacre at Dersim and its present leader Kemal Kilicdaroglu (Erdogan's political opposition). For Akgun to have the temerity to equate the subject of these apologies with the Armenian Genocide is beyond belief. "One would hope that the tragedy of 1915 could be discussed independent of its legal label, and that the state [Turkey] would express its regrets for what unfolded...for taking these events lightly," he said. By his own words, Akgun is taking "these events" all too lightly.

Does his understanding of "apology" reflect the thinking of those Turkish intellectuals and the average citizen who presumably represent the groundswell of popular support sweeping Turkey to revisit its past? Is this the evolving sentiment that Armenians believe will ultimately force the Turkish leadership to recognize the genocide?

Contrary to many who continue to believe that Turkey is on the brink

of imploding for the benefit of Armenia—a view held by too many Armenians for too many years—our neighbor is getting stronger economically, and its diplomatic influence is steadily increasing and geographically expanding. Erdogan has not yet completely defanged the political influence of the Turkish military. Any attempt by any government in Ankara that seeks to recognize the genocide would be subject to a coup that would be supported by a majority of Turkish citizens once its economic, political, and psychological implications were understood. If recognition of the genocide were free of these ramifications, it could have conceivably happened years ago.

We have a dangerous tendency to overlook or belittle the cunning and political astuteness of our adversaries. It would not be beyond Erdogan to upstage our efforts in 2015 by offering a conciliatory message to Armenians based on a revisionist view of events that took place in 1915. How would he frame the premeditated murder of some 1.5 million innocent Armenian men, women, and children in a way that would be palatable to the Turkish citizen, his political ambitions, and Turkish history, all while preventing a political backlash to his administration? Whether or not he could succeed is unimportant. His attempt would garner sympathy on the world stage for Turkey, and Armenia, the victim, would be perceived as being intransigent.

His deceitful apology, self-serving as it would be to Turkey's interests, would be accepted without questioning by any number of governments including the United States, the United Kingdom, Sweden, France, Israel, Switzerland, and Spain, which collectively wish that the issue of the genocide would simply go away forever. The only strenuous objection to this hypocrisy would come from Armenian organizations and the legions of unbiased and credentialed genocide scholars and historians, who have determined that a genocide occurred based on a dispassionate analysis of the evidence. For Armenians, genocide recognition has become an emotional crutch. For foreign governments, recognition is a political issue of which they want no part at this point in time.

As a result there is a serious disconnect between our understanding of justice and the understanding of justice that world political leaders have accepted. Our justice embraces HaiTahd (Armenian Cause). Their concept of justice simply suggests that Turkey acknowledges a dark period in its past (whatever that may mean). These political leaders, bereft of any moral principles guiding their decision making, do not place any further burden on the Turkish leadership.

Governments with geo-strategic interests in the south Caucasus and in the vast energy resources of Central Asia can be expected to place Turkey's interest above Armenia's. Yerevan would be pres-

## Armenians in Egypt: Dwindling Yet Resilient in a Country in Turmoil



*By Harut Sassounian  
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I just returned from a fascinating trip to Egypt. The Primate of the Armenian Church had invited me on behalf of the Diocesan Council to deliver the keynote address at the annual commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. I accepted the invitation with some trepidation given the ongoing turmoil in Egypt since the toppling of the 40-year despotic rule of President Hosni Mubarak.

Bishop Ashot Mnatsakanyan had reassured me that the situation in the country was peaceful, and that the community was looking forward to my visit, as they have been reading my weekly columns in local Armenian newspapers.

Upon my arrival in Cairo, I visited the Diocesan headquarters and the Armenian Embassy, where I encountered a familiar face. Amb. Armen Melkonian, an old friend, had served as the consul general of Armenia in Los Angeles a decade ago. After a pleasant lunch with the Primate and the ambassador on a restaurant-ship on the Nile, I spent the afternoon at a massive shopping mall in Cairo buying new clothes, as my suitcase was left behind in London by British Airways. I refrained from purchasing items that carried the "Made in Turkey" label.

Cairo is a highly congested city of 17 million. It takes more than an hour to travel a short distance. Most traffic lights do not work and no police are seen in the streets. The most shocking site in Cairo is the "City of the Dead," a cemetery where tens of thousands of people live among the tombs. Amazingly, thousands of satellite dishes are perched on the tombs! One wonders how the destitute residents of the cemetery can afford satellite TV?

In the evening of April 28, I spoke at the Armenian Genocide commemoration in Cairo on the topic, "Genocide Recognition or Pursuit of Justice?" The next day, I traveled to the historic city of Alexandria where I delivered similar remarks at the commemorative event organized by the Armenian community.

Returning to Cairo, I participated in a town-hall meeting on May 2, during which community members questioned me on contemporary Armenian issues. The inevitable question that almost always comes up during my talks was, not surprisingly, also raised in Cairo and Alexandria: "Do Armenians lose their rights for genocide restitution after 100 years?" My answer was a

firm NO. There are no statutes of limitation on the crime of genocide under international law.

One of the highlights of the trip was the reception dedicated to the printing of my Arabic book in Cairo, originally published in Beirut, titled *The Armenian Genocide: The World Speaks Out: 1915-2005, Documents and Declarations*. The book signing ceremony was held at the Armenian Embassy in the presence of representatives from other embassies, members of the Egyptian media, scholars from local universities, Armenian community leaders, and members of the clergy. Brief remarks were made by Melkonian and Prof. Mohammad Rifa'at al-Imam, who wrote the introduction to the Egyptian edition of the book, followed by my concluding comments. While in Cairo I gave a number of interviews published in Arabic, English, and Armenian in the local press.

I had the pleasure of visiting colleagues at Housaper and Arev Armenian newspapers. I also paid a heart-breaking visit to the Kalousdian School, which was days away from shutting its doors due to a shortage of students after serving the educational needs of the community for more than 150 years. The Kalousdian School will be merging with the Noubarian School in Cairo.

While the Armenian community is safe in Egypt, it is struggling to cope with the uncertainties of a country slowly transitioning from military to civilian rule. The newly formed parliament, dominated by the Muslim Brotherhood and Salafists, may be disbanded and replaced with a more representative body. Later this month, Egyptians have the opportunity to elect a president who could take bold initiatives to begin healing their ancient and glorious country's many ills.

In recent years, a large number of Armenians left Egypt for greener pastures in the United States, Canada, and Australia. Yet, those who have remained are doing their utmost to cling to their language, religion, and ethnic traditions. Fortunately, local Armenian organizations can benefit from vast real-estate holdings bequeathed to them decades ago by Armenians who were wealthy businessmen and high-ranking Egyptian government officials.

It is incumbent on the government of Armenia and Armenians worldwide to extend a helping hand to their compatriots in Cairo and Alexandria and not allow these once-vibrant communities to turn into ghost towns with extensive resources that only a few would enjoy.



## 2015: A Rededication or a Last Hurrah?

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sured to work with Ankara to usher in a new beginning and a better life for Armenians. Little thought would be given to the adverse effect this sought-for cooperation would have on Armenia's future sovereignty and development. Substantial economic aid would be offered Yerevan (which would ultimately serve to enrich the oligarchs) to encourage cooperation. Turkey might offer to open the border (a symbolic gesture since Turkish goods already enter the Armenian market) to buy its acquiescence. Unfortunately, with an open border, Armenia would soon become an economic eastern province of Turkey and the lira would replace the dram within a few years. HaiTahd would soon become a dream that the aging nationalists could talk about over surj (Armenian coffee).

Anyone who disputes this fact should compare the \$1 trillion Turkish Gross Domestic Product (GDP) with Armenia's 18 billion GDP (Central Intelligence Agency estimated data for 2011 based on U.S. purchasing power parity). While the population of Armenia is steadily decreasing (mid-2011 estimates) to slightly under 3 million, Turkey's is just shy of 73 million. Only Russia, in order to protect its interests in the south Caucasus and Central Asia, stands in the way of such a scenario being successful.

As we approach 2015, the task before us is obvious: Our 100th anniversary must be a year-long observance that must rise above the mundane. Programs and events should be planned by professionals assisting the local committees. It must be a coordinated 12-month effort throughout the Armenian Diaspora that challenges the Turkish lies; shows how the tremendous wealth that was confiscated during the genocide became the basis of the

new Turkish economy; exposes the planning, execution, and methodology of the genocide, and the number of religious and communal properties that were destroyed or desecrated; shows the failure to honor Article 42 of the Treaty of Lausanne; and puts a light on the illegal occupation of historic Armenian lands and the continual persecution of the Armenian minority. Anything less than this will be a last hurrah. The 100th anniversary must define our cause to the world and firmly set the stage for its continuation beyond 2015.

Having said that, it must be decided whether the present strategy emphasizing genocide recognition is to be replaced by a strategy that reflects the new reality as we approach 2015. And what is the new reality? The absolute need to achieve de jure independence for Artsakh and the amelioration of the political, economic, and cultural condition of the Javakhayer. If we cannot save Artsakh, the first of our historic lands to be liberated, how do we propose to reclaim Nakhichevan, Kars-Ardahan, or Wilsonian Armenia?

As for Javakhk, Tbilisi is in contravention of so many agreements without any fear of repercussions. Yet we do little to constantly and effectively challenge and publicize these flagrant violations meant to marginalize our brothers and sisters as citizens of Georgia. We cannot have failure here and expect victory in Turkey. There is a clear path that must be followed. Unfortunately, genocide recognition is not it.

Our 100th anniversary is a one-time opportunity that cannot be frittered away with replays of what has gone on countless times before. The world must hear our message clearly and completely. And the Turkish leadership must understand that our demand for justice will never cease.

## We can hear of destruction of Surb Nshan church any day, specialist of monuments states

Specialist of monuments SamvelKarapetyan stated today that the SurbNshan Armenian church in Tbilisi "is in a deplorable state and we can hear of its destruction any day".

Addressing a press conference on May 16, the specialist recalled that there were 2 fires in the church 0- in 2002 and in January 2012 and in both cases the fire was extinguished with water.

"Fire in historic monuments should only be put out either with foam or with sand", he noted.

SamvelKarapetyan last visited SurbNshan church in April 2012 and according to his data the crack in the front part of the church has stretched, the prayers hall subsided and the tiled roof got out of whack.

"Based on the agreement concluded between the Armenian and Georgian sides in January 2012, there should have been repairs



after the cleaning works in the church. During my latest visit, I saw that wooden and iron piers were installed to support the church but they didn't help and the forechurch wrecked several days ago", he said.

At the same time, the monuments specialist noted that "the

church may still be saved if there is a desire to do so".

"There are many churches in Tbilisi and rains and earthquakes can't only inflict damage to Armenian churches. The problem is that only the Armenian churches are in deplorable and neglected state", he said.

## US House Foreign Aid Panel proposes doubling aid to Nagorno Karabakh

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FY12.

- Javakhk: In a move that underscored the panel's interest in the welfare of the Armenian-populated Javakhk region of Georgia, they directed "the Coordinator of United States Assistance to Europe and Eurasia at the Department of State, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, to report to the Committees on Appropriations describing the effects of United States assistance from fiscal years 2005-2012 of programs conducted in Samtskhe-Javakheti and a strategy for future development of this region."

- Military Aid Parity: The

Subcommittee maintained parity in Foreign Military Financing (\$2.7 million) and International Military Education and Training (\$600,000) between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

- Minority communities in the Middle East: The panel, in response to calls from Members of Congress as well as the ANCA and other ethnic and faith communities across America, noted that recent events have "have intensified the challenges facing minority communities, including Armenian and other Christian populations," and called upon the Secretary of State to continue support of humanitarian and resettlement assistance for members of these vulnerable communities."

Earlier this year, in an initiative supported by the ANCA, a bipartisan group of legislators, led by Armenian Caucus Co-Chairman Frank Pallone (D-NJ), sent a letter to Reps. Granger and Lowey making the case for supporting "the U.S.-Armenia strategic relationship through economic development and security assistance." The letter called for at least \$5 million in U.S. aid to NagornoKarabakh, increased aid to Armenia, targeted assistance to Javakhk, military aid parity, and support for Armenian and other Christian communities in the Middle East, among other priorities.

The Senate Appropriations Committee may consider the foreign aid bill as early as next week.

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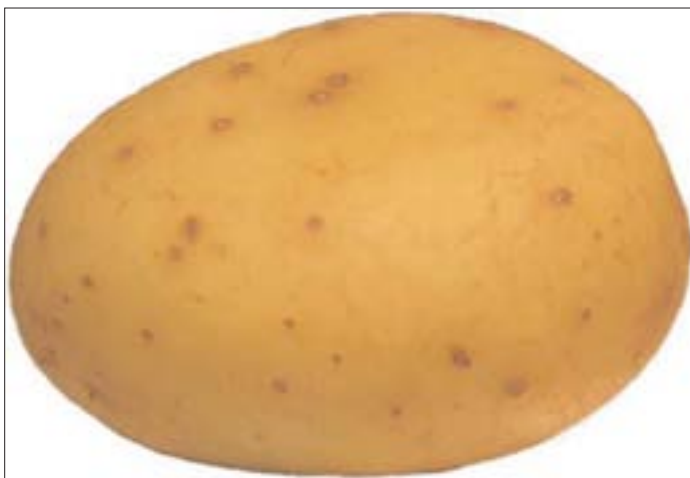


## DID YOU KNOW?



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Comments are  
welcomed!

## And the latest superfood is... the humble spud



sium, and they are, but potatoes make a more significant contribution in the diet."

The research was carried out for the Potato Council, which has developed a mobile phone app which allows shoppers to see how rich in nutrients spuds are compared with more fashionable foods.

Sian Porter, consultant dietitian to the council, said: "It is important to have a wide variety of foods in your diet but sometimes our heads are turned by new things and we underestimate old favourites like potatoes and how they compare to other, often more expensive, 'superfoods'."

IT is the ultimate culinary "wonder fuel", providing Britons with more vitamins, nutrients and minerals than beetroot, bananas, nuts, broccoli and avocado combined.

The humble potato - long shunned by weight watchers as being fattening - is in fact full of goodness and plays a more important role in nutrition than the five so-called superfoods, according to researchers.

Just one medium jacket potato contains the same amount of fibre as five-and-a-half bananas and more vitamin C than three avocados.

And all the seed and nut products eaten by children aged between four and 10, including peanut butter, provide them with less of the mineral selenium than potatoes.

Sigrid Gibson, an independent nutritionist and data analyst, looked at results from the National Diet and Nutrition Survey programme.

She said: "We looked in detail at all the food intake records of 876 children and 948 adults. Some superfoods are not very popular and the nutritional value is obviously zero if they are not eaten.

Independent nutritionist and data analyst Sigrid Gibson

"Broccoli is a good source of folate [Vitamin B9] but the data shows potatoes provide more of this vitamin to the diet overall and also the important minerals iron and magnesium some children lack.

"Similarly we think of bananas as being a good source of potas-

## Cannes 65 th Festival declared its launch



Cannes one of the most prestigious film festivals is scheduled to kick off on May 16-27. Gevorg Gevorgyan director of the Armenian Film Festival briefed reporters that the Armenian delegation comprising 15 members has already left for Cannes to partake in the film market held within the

framework of the festival.

Italian NaniMoreti is the president of the 65 th jubilee festival. Main competition program includes 22 films.

American film director Wes Anderson's "The kingdom of the fool moon" film will declare the launch of the festival. "Theresa D." film by French director Claude Miller will conclude the festival.

Parallel to the festival Cannes hosts traditional film market. Armenia's National Film Center has been participating in it since 2009.

"We decided to participate in Cannes with a new approach. The state enabled the chance to partake at the film market works personally, and find ways of further cooperation" Gevorg Gevorgyan said. In the words of the interlocutor the responsible of interesting projects and films, which according to the statement had submitted

their applications, will present their works.

Professional directors and producers like Albert Mkrtchyan, Artak Igityan, Hovhannes Galsyan, Armen Ronov and a number of young promising professionals are participating in the festival.

In the words of Gevorgyan the jury had no preferences while making choice among the films and projects pertaining to genre and the theme; there is no need to restrict the opportunities of film makers.

In the frame of Cannes Festival Armenian National Film Center Director is scheduled to have meetings with French National Film Center (partnership agreement was signed 2012), "Belarus film" and with the responsible of Czech film production. Cannes film festival is international film industry forum, which hosts about 35000 film fans and 4000 journalists from all the corners of the world.

## ARMENIAN POETRY

Sona Van

### A RENTED ROOM BY THE SEA

I don't enjoy the seashore  
from this window  
the quivering bed sheets  
of the hotel  
my bed pulls me inside  
as a black hole  
in a galaxy

I don't like the seashore  
at this hour  
the wounded sand  
under my pelvis  
the snoring of the wave  
reminding of my grandmother  
her rising cheek  
interrupted by a sudden  
staccato snort

the sea too is perhaps a woman  
with a seabed as exhausted as mine  
filled with seeds  
anger  
and  
drowned ships  
of dreams



## Zodiac Weekly Forecast

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

Legal, ethical or educational issues have been emphasized by the eclipses of the year. Travel has been punctuated, whether it be of body, mind, or spirit. Exposure to those of different backgrounds or cultures opens your heart and leads you in new directions. A challenge concerning siblings, roommates, or neighbors may cause you to seek the High Road.

### Taurus (Apr. 20--May 19):

This eclipse pattern has emphasized issues of sexuality, intimacy, and material accumulation. Reorganization of debt and investments may be in progress. You may now be more conscious than usual about existential matters related to life, death, and what is on "the other side" of normal, waking consciousness.

### Gemini (May 20 -- June 20) :

The eclipses of this 18 month series have drawn attention to your partnerships. Patterns from your childhood history needed to be uncovered repaired or removed in order to allow your growth into a more mature relationship. Self-searching or psychotherapy may be truly helpful.

### Cancer (June 21--Jul y 21) :

Eclipses have pressured you to concentrate on improvement of work related relationships and health maintenance. Diet, exercise and concentration on physical regimen have been imperative. Honing your management systems in personal and work arenas is necessary to create order in your daily work routine and mental organization.

### Leo (July 22 --Aug. 21):

The current eclipse pattern is emphasizing your progeny or other personally creative "births". Romantic ventures have been intensely emotional and self-revealing. You have also learned a few lessons in discernment concerning friendships and associations that no longer serve you well.

### Virgo (Aug 22--Sep. 22) :

Matters concerning your family and property are accentuated for the current 18 month cycle. Old problems in relationships, even with the deceased, have been brought to consciousness for cleansing and healing. A new family member may have entered the scene, or you may have begun to spend more time with family in general.

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

The accent of this eclipse cycle has been on travel, education, care of vehicles and relationships to siblings, roommates, neighbors, or others who daily traverse your life. You are seeing how your habit patterns of thought affect your attitude toward life. New practical life skills have been developing.

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

This eclipse series accents personal and financial resources. Greater understanding and awareness have developed related to expenditures of time, energy and money. You may have incurred debt. You are learning to eliminate or recycle whatever or whomever no longer serves a positive purpose in your life.

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

Your sense of personal identity is the subject under consideration. Who are you becoming and who do you need to be? How do you wish to define yourself before the world? You are learning what is required for you to hold onto your identity while simultaneously maintaining a personally rewarding relationship.

### Capricorn (Dec 21 -- Jan 19) :

The Sagittarius/Gemini eclipses have been emphasizing your need to create order, both internally and externally. The development of your projects has required the faith of your deepest self. Bringing order out of chaos is done on both the inner and outer levels simultaneously, so while you organized files you were also organizing your mind.

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

The eclipse series is bringing a variety of new opportunities concerning your community networking and development of friendships. In order to accommodate for these additions, you may have needed to let go of previous creative projects. This may have caused some grief but it may not be permanent.

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

This eclipse series has focused a certain amount of intensity in the arenas of career (work in the world) and also home, hearth and family. You are stretching your worldly boundaries throughout the 18 month cycle to serve an expanded public. Family relationships have included one loss and one gain.

## HUMOR

### Do you go to church?

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

## Quote of the week



"The man who  
has no imagination  
has no wings."

Muhammad Ali



## WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?

Enjoy your leisure



## CLUBS

**MEZZO CLASSIC HOUSE CLUB**

**May 21 at 9:30 p.m.**  
CITY PROJECT BAND  
feat. MARINA  
(All about jazz and bossa-nova)  
**May 22 at 9:30 p.m.**  
UPSTAIRS BAND  
(Pop & jazz)  
**May 23 at 9:30 p.m.**  
ART VOICES  
(Jazz, soul and pop)  
**May 24 at 9:30 p.m.**  
CHIGAPO & THE GENIUSES  
BAND (All funky all jazzy)  
**May 25 at 9:30 p.m.**  
IMAGINE BAND (World Best  
Hits of All Times)  
**May 26 at 9:30 p.m.**  
CROSS BLUES BAND  
(The bests of the blues, swing,  
jazz and soul music)  
**May 26 at 9:30 p.m.**  
HAYWAY BAND feat R.P.  
(Great souls and jazz fusion)

**STOP MUSIC CLUB**

**May 22 8:00 p.m.**  
Film Screening  
**May 25 9:00 p.m.**  
Author songs evening  
**May 29 8:00 p.m.**  
Film Screening

**CLUB 12**

**May 24 9:30 p.m.**  
Greek Part  
**May 25 9:30 p.m.**  
Retro Disco Party  
**May 26 9:30 p.m.**  
Latino party from  
Fiesta Caliente  
**May 31 9:30 p.m.**  
Greek Party

**ULIKHANYAN CLUB**

**May 24 21:00**  
Rak & Roll  
**May 25 21:00**  
Suren Arustamyan Blues Band  
**May 31 21:00**  
Rak & Roll

**TORTUGA PUB**

**May 22 20:00**  
Piano night  
**May 24**

Crabs (crayfish) day

**May 29 20:00**

Piano night

**May 31 19:00**

Crabs (crayfish) day

**METRO MUSIC PUB**

**May 24 18:00**  
Crayfish day  
**May 31 18:00**  
Crayfish day

**BOURBON ST.**

**May 24 20:30**  
Hayway Band (Live Music)  
**May 31 20:30**  
Hayway Band (Live Music)

**COMPOTE CLUB**

**May 25 20:30**  
Disco

**BARD CLUB**

**May 25 21:00**  
Author's songs night

**SPEAKEASY COCKTAIL BAR**

**May 21 18:00**  
Happy Hours!  
**May 24 18:00**  
Solo Saxophone Night  
**May 25 20:00**  
Acoustic Guitar Night  
**May 26 20:00**  
The World of Jazz by Hasmik  
**May 28 18:00**  
Happy Hours  
**May 31 18:00**  
Solo Saxophone Night

**CAFESJIAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

**May 22 20:00**  
Cafesjian Classical Music Series:  
Voice and Percussion  
**May 24**  
Music Cascade: Armenian Jazz  
Band  
**May 25 20:00**  
Music Cascade: Katuner Avangard  
Folk Band  
**May 29 20:00**  
Cafesjian Classical Music  
Journey, Khachaturyan Trio

**NAREGATSI ART INSTITUTE**

**May 24 15:00**  
Solo Exhibition/ painting. Martin  
Meliqyan (Armenia-France)

## THEATRES

**G. SUNDUKIAN NATIONAL ACADEMIC THEATRE**

**May 27 19:00**  
Goya. Drama in 2 acts

**YEREVAN STATE CHAMBER THEATRE**

**May 23 19:00**  
Royal Concert.  
Musical-amusing show  
**May 24 19:00**  
Royal Concert. Musical-amusing



show  
**May 25 19:00**  
Frightened Silence. Realistic elegy  
**May 26, 27 19:00**  
Gentlemen, Everything is  
Collapsing but We Cab Still Live  
and Have Fun. Pessimistic Comed

**May 30 19:00**  
It Doesn't Matter With Whom  
**K. STANISLAVSKI STATE  
RUSSIAN DRAMA THEATRE**

**May 21 19:00**  
Six Meals from One Chicken.  
Small Stage. G. Slutski  
**May 23 19:00**  
Another Person. Small Stage, P.  
Gladilin  
**May 24 19:00**  
Abanamat (Once We Lived in the  
Mountains) S. Dovlatov  
**May 25 19:00**  
Khanuma, A. Tsagareli  
**May 26 19:00**  
I'm Marrying an American  
Woman, A. Shirvanzade

The Emperor. By Levon Shant.

Drama

**May 26 19:01**Filumena Marturano. Eduardo De  
Filippo**May 27 19:01**

The Baker's wife. By M. Pagnol

**HAMAZGAYI THEATRE**

**May 25, 26, 27, 31, 19:00**  
Sale. Tragicomedy

**H. PARONYAN STATE THEATRE OF MUSICAL COMEDY**

**May 23 19:00**  
Mr Babik and Others. Comedy



**May 27 19:00**  
The Maniac, G. Slutski

**YEREVAN H. TUMANYAN STATE PUPPETY THEATRE**

**May 26 12:00, 14:00, 16:00**  
Goldfish. Play for kids. Author:  
Alexander Pushkin  
**May 27 12:00 14:00 16:00**  
Golden Chucken. Play for kids.  
Author: Vladimir Orlov  
**May 28 12:00**  
Three Piglets. Play for kids

**STATE MARIONETTE THEATRE**

**May 26 12:30 14:00**  
The Naked King. Musical  
Performance  
**May 27 12:30 14:00 15:30**

**May 25 19:00**  
Napoleon Korkotyan  
**May 26 19:00**  
Die first then I'll love you. A.  
Papayan, Artistic Director: Yervand  
Ghazanchyan  
**May 27 19:00**  
Eastern Dentist. Operette  
**May 30 19:00**  
Filumena Marturano. Comedy.  
Play by Eduardo De Filippo. Play  
in 2 acts  
**May 31 19:00**  
You Can't Get Rid of Me.  
Comedy

**STATE MUSICAL CHAMBER THEATRE**

**May 23 19:00**  
David of Sasun. Epos  
**May 25 19:00**  
Sexual Mess in the Hotel. For  
adults (18+)  
**May 26 14:00**  
Beauty and the beast

**HENRIK MALYAN THEATRE**

**May 21 19:00**  
Stories in the Train. William  
Saroyan  
**May 31 19:00**  
Marriage. Comedy

## CONCERT HALLS

**KOMITAS CHAMBER MUSIC HOUSE**

**May 28 19:00**  
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Swiss-Armenian Piano M



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