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### POLITICS

1. RPA faction member Gagik Melikian: Armenia will never give up Western Armenian territories and Genocide recognition process and will not accept Treaty of Kars [Noyan Tapan, 01/23/10]

Following the publication of the RA Constitutional Court's decision on Armenia-Turkey protocols, some Armenian political figures are trying to pretend to be innocent before Turkey by saying that it was a domestic decision and will not affect relations between the two countries. Member of the "ARFD" faction of the RA National Assembly Artsvik Minasian made this remark during the January 22 debate. In his words, such behavior of these persons minimizes the importance and force of the Constitutional Court's decision. "If we continue in the same spirit and not demand mandatory execution of the CC decision from our state bodies, then naturally, the Turks will stop the clamor they have raised and they will ratify the protocols after a short delay," A. Minasian predicted.

In the opinion of member of "Republican Party of Armenia" faction Gagik Melikian, the CC decision had the effect of a cold shower on the Turks trying to use a language of preconditions with the Armenian authorities. He said that Armenian officials have repeatedly stated that the aim of the protocols is to establish diplomatic relations and open the border, which was affirmed by the Constitutional Court as well.



Besides, according to G. Melikian, no country has so far agreed with Turkey's claim that Armenian-Turkish relations are linked with the Karabakh problem. "Turkey will not succeed in linking these two issues together, and it will be compelled to ratify the protocols, just as it was compelled to sign them," the NA deputy said. He assured those present that the Republic of Armenia will never give up Western Armenia's territories and the Armenian Genocide recognition process and will not accept the Treaty of Kars.

## **2. Edward Nalbandian does not rule out failure of Armenian-Turkish normalization [Noyan Tapan, 01/23/10]**

If Turkey is not prepared to head for the protocols' ratification and it continues to use a language of preconditions, then it is not ruled out that the Armenia-Turkey normalization process will meet with failure. In case of failure, Turkey's efforts to shift the responsibility onto Armenia will not be comprehended by the international community. Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian stated this at the January 22 press conference to summarize the foreign policy in 2009.

As for the Turkish side's claims that the RA Constitutional Court's decision contains preconditions and contradicts the provisions and goals of the protocols signed on October 10 and that the Armenian side has made some changes in the protocols, E. Nalbandian said that these claims "do not correspond to reality". "We hope that Turks will not attempt to use some artificial, invented pretexts as a reason for not ratifying these protocols," E. Nalbandian said.

In response to the question about whether adoption of a document on the Artsakh conflict is possible in 2010, the foreign minister replied: "It is difficult to say what will happen in 2010. If the Azerbaijani side shows a more constructive approach, progress is possible. However, I wouldn't say that a sudden change may occur in the next 2 months."

## **3. U.S. Department of State positively assesses the decision of RA Constitutional Court on Armenian-Turkish protocols [Armenpress, 01/25/10]**

The United States welcomed a controversial ruling by Armenia's Constitutional Court late on Friday, effectively dismissing Turkey's claims that it runs counter to the Turkish-Armenian fence-mending agreements.

"We view the court decision as a positive step forward in the ratification process of the normalization protocols between Turkey and Armenia," U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Philip Gordon said to RFE/RL. "The court decision permits the protocols, as they were negotiated and signed, to move forward towards parliamentary ratification, and does not appear to limit or qualify them in any way."

## **4. S. Ohanyan "There are expectations of registering progress in Karabakh conflict regulation issue" [Armenpress, 01/25/10]**

The negotiations over Nagorno Karabakh pass naturally and as far as bilateral meetings take place there are expectations of registering progress in Karabakh conflict regulation process, Armenian Defense Minister Seyran Ohanyan said today at the meeting with the students of the Yerevan State University.

According to him, this year too the Armenian leadership will implement relevant work for registering progress in negotiations.

"Everyone must understand that the basis of the issue must be the peaceful regulation of the issue, on the basis of negotiations. It is impossible to see the future of Nagorno Karabakh as part of Azerbaijan. The basis of the negotiation include three important principles – the right of Nagorno Karabakh to self-determination, land communication between Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh and ensuring of security of NKR," Armenian defense minister pointed out.

According to him, today in the process of negotiations Azerbaijan is trying to take the utmost "but this country must understand that Nagorno Karabakh issue must not be solved one-sided".

## **5. Karabakh conflict regulation issues discussed in Sochi [Armenpress, 01/25/10]**

The meeting of the Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev took place dedicated to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict regulation process.

The foreign ministers of the three countries joined the next part of the meeting.



Presidential press office told Armenpress that the Sochi meeting is the first contact between the Armenian and Azerbaijani presidents in 2010 and the fourth one with the participation of the Russian president.

The Republic of Armenia highly assesses the mediatory efforts of the Russian President directed toward the peaceful regulation of the Karabakh conflict.

During the meeting at the Sochi residence of the Russian president the sides discussed issues on current round of the negotiation process and prospects of settlement. Afterwards the meeting of the three presidents continued in non-formal atmosphere.

In Sochi Armenian and Azerbaijani presidents are also expected to have separate meetings with the OSCE Minsk Group co-chairing countries. Today late in the evening the president will return back to Yerevan.

## **6. M. Chavushogli, “The regulation of Nagorno Karabakh conflict is of great importance for Europe” [Armenpress, 01/25/10]**

“The regulation of Nagorno Karabakh conflict is of great importance for Europe. It is one of the issues waiting for its solution. The countries of OSCE Minsk Group, the co-chairing countries continue to exert efforts directed toward the regulation of the conflict,” new elected president, Turkish parliament member Mevlyut Chavushogli said at the press conference today in Strasbourg. “The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe will do its best for the peaceful regulation of the conflict. War is not a way for the solution of conflicts in our continent,” Chavushogli said. He also noted that the agreement between Armenia and Turkey will contribute to the consolidation of peace and security in the region.

M. Chavushogli who has been elected president of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe will replace Luis Maria de Puig.

## **7. Luis Maria Puig “NKR conflict must be regulated in a peaceful way” [Armenpress, 01/25/10]**

PACE (Parliamentary Assembly of the European Council) Chairman Luis Maria de Puch, at today’s press conference summing up his chairmanship in PACE said, “The NKR conflict must be regulated in a peaceful way.” In answer to the question about the activities of NKR subcommittee of PACE, he mentioned that it must act more active. “We tend to bring together the positions of these two countries. I completely exclude confrontation and solving the issue with military interference. It’s also the position of the Council of Europe. The subcommittee can be of great importance to the political solutions foreseeing. The selected chairman will continue implementing works,” he said. Luis de Puig also added that he is unaware of the nominated candidates put up for the position of the subcommittee chairman.

## **8. Sergey Lavrov “The sides have general understanding over main principles of Karabakh conflict regulation” [Armenpress, 01/25/10]**

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov summing up the results of the meeting of the Armenian, Russian and Azerbaijani presidents said that the sides have common understanding about basic principles of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict regulation. The parties will prepare their suggestions and definitions over the elements they do not have general agreement.

“The concrete suggestions have been discussed which were presented by the Minsk Group co-chairs,” the minister said. “There is a general understanding over the document. All the parties considered the existence of the document very important as it gives opportunity to conduct the conversation tying it with concrete definitions,” he added.

“Today’s main result was the arrangement that though there are elements over which there is no agreement, the parties will prepare concrete suggestions and definitions which will be involved in the text,” Lavrov said.

The minister refused to clarify the details of the document. “It is the subject of negotiations of the parties,” he explained.

The negotiations of the presidents lasted for almost two hours.



## 9. H. Y. Schmidt “Normalization of the Armenian-Turkish relations and Karabakh conflict regulation must be viewed separately” [Armenpress, 01/26/10]

German ambassador to Armenia Hans Yochen Schmidt spoke in an interview with Armenpress about the current level of the Armenian-German relations, position of Germany toward the normalization of Armenian-Turkish relations.

- Mr. Ambassador how do you assess the Armenian-German cooperation, are you satisfied with its current level?

- First of all I highly assess Armenia's involvement in the “ISAF” mission in collaboration with Germany ensuring the security of strategically important Kunduz airport. By the way, the German side within the framework of NATO has assumed prior responsibility for ensuring security in the north of Afghanistan. Armenia's involvement in the process is the sign and proof of the responsibility, Armenia displays with its participation in the peacekeeping missions of international importance. Naturally, it is not an easy task, especially taking into consideration that in the recent two years the situation in the north of Afghanistan has not improved and just the opposite, worsened. As to the cooperation in the sphere of economy, I hope that both in direct and mediatory ways, for instance, through the European Bank, it will develop. The head of the bank is German and I hope he will visit Armenia this year and with the German support this establishment will boost its cooperation with Armenia, continually increasing the volume of assistance. Germany has a resolute role in the EU too, which on its turn is also highlighted in this pre-context. In further cooperation I also see prospects particularly in the mining sphere, in spite of a number of difficulties caused by the crisis and reduction of prices for metals, for instance molybdenum. Speaking about the sphere of education and science, we must remember the visit of the Armenian Education and Science Minister to Germany which was aimed at activation and boosting of cooperation between the universities of the two countries. Today many Armenian students manage to get German scholarships and participate in the German and international programs. These processes must continue.

- What did the past year give? What developments have been registered in the Armenian-German relations and what issues exist now?

- Currently I may say that there is no serious issue in the Armenian-German relations. Our relations have prospects for development. I hope that the cooperation between the parliaments of our two countries will deepen. It will get new accentuation particularly after the ratification of the Armenian-Turkish protocols. Turkey must understand that by their ratification it will strengthen more its role in Caucasus and the relations with the EU will improve. And the positive thing for Armenia will be the lifting of the blockade, expansion of transport routes, trade, etc. Thus, Armenia's potential which is necessary for the development of cooperation will be used more effectively.

- Mr. Ambassador what do you think when Germany will finally recognize the Armenian Genocide? Can we consider that the special resolution about the Genocide adopted by the German Bundestag is the first step toward final, complete recognition?

- Yes, as you know the German parliament adopted a resolution which today is accepted as a basis. It describes what happened in 1915 and with that resolution the German government strictly criticizes the criminals of those years. Though the word genocide is not used in the resolution, we consider that what happened during that period is awful. It is difficult for me to predict whether it is the first step toward the final recognition, but I can say that the adoption of this resolution by the government is an important step to emphasize the criticism we have of what happened during that time. Recently an Armenian described the resolution as “having prospect” meaning that while clarifying their positions over the Genocide a number of European countries take into consideration this resolution.

- Do you consider it right that often the Turkish side ties the normalization of Armenian-Turkish relations with the normalization of the Armenian-Azerbaijani ones?

- The formation of the Armenian-Turkish protocols is the first step toward the improvement of the relations between the two countries. It must continue: the two countries assumed such commitment. Whether the above mentioned issues must be viewed in the same context or not is the issue of political analysts, but I will agree with those who think that the normalization of the Armenian-Turkish relations and Karabakh conflict regulation must be viewed separately. The Russian side too pointed out it on behalf of the country's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. The urgent issue of normalization of relations must not be “burdened” by other issues.



## BUSINESS

### **10. Ministers should focus on major problems and shortcomings of 2009, prime minister says [Noyan Tapan, 01/23/10]**

The RA ministers of education and science, finance, economy, environmental protection, Diaspora, agriculture, labor and social affairs, sport and youth affairs, urban development, and transport and communication presented the 2009 reports on their activities at the Armenian government on January 20.

Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan reminded that the reports will be published and posted on websites of the ministries. Prior to discussing the reports, the prime minister said that he had instructed all the ministers to focus on the following issues. First, the major shortcomings and problems of 2009 that hindered the process of reforms and affected negatively the index of economic growth. Second, the lessons of the year 2009: "in 2010 we should point out the priority problems to be under direct control of ministers, and the ministers will present reports at the end of this year to show what positive changes have been made in relation to these problems," T. Sargsyan noted.

He once again underlined the significance of the programs implemented and three major programs to be implemented in 2010 under immediate control of the ministers. He reminded that the public must be informed about the programs ensuring economic growth this year.

### **11. German government to give loans of 105 million euros to Armenia [Noyan Tapan, 01/23/10]**

At the January 21 sitting, the Armenian government gave its consent to the proposal for signing the 2009-2010 agreement on financial cooperation between Germany and Armenia. RA Deputy Minister of Finance, Chief Treasurer Atom Janjughazian said that under this agreement, the German government will give loans of 105 million euros to Armenia as assistance for programs being implemented in several directions.

Particularly, in his words, it is envisaged allocating 20 million euros for mortgage market's development. 40 million euros will be provided for community infrastructure, 22 million euros for Vorotan-Kaskad complex of hydropower stations, and 18 million euros for crediting renewable energy.

The Armenian government also gave its consent to the proposal for signing the agreement of cooperation on labor and social issues between Armenia and Iran. The document envisages promoting and strengthening cooperation of the two countries on issues related to labor, employment, pensions, social insurance, social assistance for families, women, elderly and the disabled.

### **12. 1 billion 40 million AMD intended to extend from the state budget for the implementation of urban development programs in Shirak [Armenpress, 01/25/10]**

One billion 40 million AMD is intended to extend from 2010 state budget for the implementation of urban development programs in the province of Shirak. The relevant financial means intended for the implementation of the dwelling construction in Mush 2 and Ani districts of Gyumri by "Glendale hills" organization on the order of the Armenian government, as well as for the implementation of the programs on the order of other ministries, are not included in this sum of money. Last year 1 billion 800 million AMD was extended to the province for implementing urban development programs.

The schools of Akhurik and Vardaqaqar will be constructed this year within the frameworks of the intended money, 6 other province schools will be repaired as well. The construction of Gyumri architectural college, Institute of Geophysics and Shirak governor office will be continued.

Head of the Urban Development Department of Shirak Governor Office Albert Margaryan told Armenpress that besides the programs intended to be implemented by state means works will be carried out in the province by the Social Investment Fund and "Lins" Foundation as well. The schools of Arevshat, Saratak and Nor Kyank communities of the province will be repaired with the support of the latter, and the cultural houses of Lanjik and Amasia, as well as the school of Gogahovit – by the means of the Social Investment Fund. Akhuryan-Jrarat road will be repaired through the loan means of the World Bank.



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## **13. Construction of underground car park in Liberty Square to finish in May [Noyan Tapan, 01/25/10]**

It is envisaged finishing the construction of the underground car park in Yerevan's Liberty Square in May of this year. After familiarizing himself with the process of construction work, Yerevan Mayor Gagik Beglarian said on January 23 that the car park is important for easing traffic congestion in the city as the modern three-story car park located under the square is designed for 500 cars.

4 billion 150 million drams will be spent on the car park's construction. "This car park will enable to ease traffic congestion in the city center. We also plan to build several other car parks in Yerevan," the mayor said.

Construction work started in the 4th quarter of 2008. According to Tiziano Ronci - Technical Director of Renco Armestate LLC implementing construction work, the best air conditioning, lighting, and safety systems will be installed at the car park. There will be signboards for drivers, as well as elevators for disabled persons. The municipality will work out a policy and a price-list for users of the car park. The special computerized systems will show how many vacant parking spaces are on each floor and how to use them. The mayor underlined that there will be no stalls at the underground car park and truck drivers will not allowed to park their vehicles there. It was mentioned that after the completion of construction work, the monuments to Hovhannes Tumanian and Alexander Spendiarian will be put in their former places and the square will have its previous appearance. Asphalt work will finish soon. The installation of fire water supply pipes and the interior decoration have been completed, and electrical equipment is currently being installed.

## **DIASPORA**

### **14. Aid to Haiti from the Canadian Armenian community [Noyan Tapan, 01/25/10]**

The Diocese of the Armenian Church of Canada has appealed to all Canadian Armenians to make their donations for Haiti's earthquake on January 12. The death toll is well over 100,000.

The Congress of Canadian Armenians has conveyed its condolences to the people of Haiti and has supported the initiative of the Diocese. It's noted that the aid needed for survivors and without the support of the international community Haiti can't recover.

"Perhaps Armenians know the pain of a powerful earthquake. When more than 20,000 people died and hundreds of thousands of people were affected by the earthquake that hit Armenia on December 7, 1988. At that moment the international community offered immediately its aid. It is now our turn to extend the same helping hand to the people of Haiti", said members of Armenian community of Canada.

### **15. ARS Australia donates money to Haiti [Noyan Tapan, 01/25/10]**

The Armenian Relief Society Regional Committee of Australia (ARS Australia) has announced the provision of funds to support Haiti. Nearly 100,000 people are feared to have died after a massive earthquake measuring 7.3 and many thousands more are homeless. ARS Australia's Suzy Sarafian said:

"It is our hope and prayer that the humble donations of our community will help as many of the victims and their families as possible", [www.armenia.com.au](http://www.armenia.com.au) website informs.

### **16. ANC Welcomes First Armenian American Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian [Noyan Tapan, 01/25/10]**

Activists and leaders of the Armenian National Committee welcomed newly-elected Councilmember Paul Krekorian to the Los Angeles City Council during an Inaugural Celebration on January 17 in California. According to [www.asbarez.com](http://www.asbarez.com), The ANC joined hundreds of supporters for celebrating the historic election of the first Armenian American to the Los Angeles City Council. Among the supporters who spoke during the ceremony were Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, State Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, LA City Council President Eric Garcetti and others. During his tenure as State Assembly member, Krekorian introduced AJR 15, which designated April 24, 2007 as California Day of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide. This resolution urged Congress and the President of the United States to formally recognize the Armenian genocide made by Turkey.



## **17. A number of all-Armenian events to be conducted this year by the Armenian Diaspora Ministry [Armenpress, 01/26/10]**

A number of all-Armenian events will be conducted by the Armenian Diaspora Ministry this year, too. Head of the All-Armenian Programs Department Zhenya Azizyan told Armenpress that “Come Home” program will continued this year, within the frameworks of which a visit of 600 young Diaspora Armenians to Armenia is intended. According to Zh. Azizyan, “Come Home” is one of the succeeded programs of the previous year.

A conduction of all-Armenian chess Olympiad is intended in the running year, the final round of which will be held within the frameworks of “One Nation, One Culture” festival, in August. “At the end of the previous year we signed a cooperation memorandum with the Armenian Chess Academy, within the frameworks of which an agreement has been reached to jointly conduct an all-Armenian youth chess Olympiad. Currently works are being carried out toward the formation of regional teams,” Zh. Azizyan noted.

A number of forums of bankers, financiers and graduates of Armenian higher educational establishments on the themes of “The preservation of the Armenian identity in mixed marriages”, “Cultural genocide” and “The state of the Western Armenians in Diaspora” are intended to conduct. As a result of the latter, an all-Armenian joint textbook in Western Armenian is intended to design.

“These are the events intended by the ministry, but it does not mean that we will not support other all-Armenian initiatives,” Zh. Azizyan concluded.

## **18. Three Armenian boys among honorary 20 selected from three thousand students of famous school La Martiniere of Calcutta [Noyan Tapan, 01/23/10]**

On January 21, only twenty of three thousand students of famous school La Martiniere of Calcutta were chosen of school prefects among which are our three Armenian boys. According to Armenia College and Philanthropic Academy information center, the newly nominated elders were given certificates and special ties.

The report read that those selected are students of Armenia College and Philanthropic Academy of Kolkata, Andranik Gevorgian, Karen Mkrtchian of Armenia and Armen Margarian of Iran, who currently continue their higher education in La Martiniere of Calcutta.

The students were nominated by the teachers and the principal of the school on the basis of their academic performance and capabilities.

Pastor of Armenians in India, Manager of Armenia College and Philanthropic Academy, Father Khoren was invited to the ceremony. He thanked the Principal, Sunirmal Chakravarthi for providing the Armenian boys with an opportunity of excellent education and bestowing upon them the honor of being chosen as prefects.

## **ARTS**

## **19. The preparatory works of “One Nation, One Culture” all-Armenian festival to kick off from February [Armenpress, 01/25/10]**

The preparatory works of “One Nation, One Culture” all-Armenian festival, which is conducted by the Armenian Diaspora Ministry, will kick off from February. Head of the All-Armenian Programs Department of the ministry Zhenya Azizyan told Armenpress that the format of the festival has changed this year; it will be conducted all year round.

Besides the festival part, where representatives of performance art come forward, concrete professional weeks will be held as well – weeks devoted to painting, Armenian literature, theatrical art, Armenian press. Every week, besides certain events, will compulsorily include a scientific conference as well, as a result of which an establishment of an association of a relevant specialty is intended.

“So, one of the main goals of the ministry is being realized – a revelation of the professional potential of Diaspora, unification, a creation of databases,” Zh. Azizyan noted. According to her, the core festival part will take place July-August. For the participation in the festival there is no limitation in regard to geography.



**20. The official website of the Armenian National Cinema Center to function [Armenpress, 01/26/10]**

Armenian National Cinema Center has prepared an official site, which will start functioning in two months. Director of the Cinema Center Gevorg Gevorgyan told Armenpress that the three-year activity of the Cinema Center will be presented on the Armenian internet portal, thorough information will be reported about the history of film production in Armenia, contemporary Armenian films, as well as about the participation of Armenian tapes in Yerevan and different authoritative international film festivals. Armenian films of different genres, new programs will be presented by separate sections.

According to G. Gevorgyan, the Cinema Center attaches importance to the role of a specialized educational center for novice film directors, so a separate section about the educational studio dealing with movie production will be ensured in the new site. The system of submitting applications of films, as well as the financial part will be presented in the same site.

"There will be comprehensive information about the activity of the Cinema Center. This is a fine opportunity of making that activity transparent too and making many countries throughout the world recognize us through the net," the director of the Cinema Center added.

## SOCIAL

**21. In 2010 Yerevan to sign cooperation agreements with a number of cities [Armenpress, 01/25/10]**

Cooperation agreements are intended to be signed in 2010 between Yerevan and a number of cities. Press service of Yerevan Municipality told Armenpress that agreements will be signed with Warsaw, Astana, Kazan, Shiraz, Buenos Aires, Kharkov and Moscow.

The cooperation will run in trade-economic, scientific-technical and humanitarian directions. A special attention will be paid to the experience exchange, the encouragement of investments, as well as to the joint implementation of urban development, social, cultural and sport programs and events.

The municipality has started the international cooperation still from 1976, Titograd town of Montenegro (currently - Podgoritza) has been proclaimed the first sister-town. Yerevan cooperates with other numerous cities throughout the world as well.

From the beginning of 1990 Yerevan has established partner relations with different cities of the world. Together with 218 cities, the capital is a member of the Organization of World Heritage Cities from January 8, 2006. The goal of the organization, which has been founded in 1993 in Morocco, is to promote the exchange and spread of knowledge and experience by taking care for the preservation of human historical-cultural values. The membership of Yerevan to the Organization of World Heritage Cities is of great importance in regard to the protection of monuments and experience exchange.

**22. The "Luys" Foundation compiles list of Universities for 2010-2011 [Armenpress, 01/25/10]**

The "Luys" foundation compiled the list of Universities for 2010-2011 in accordance with the US "News Report" ranking of the world's best universities. An official from the foundation informed Armenpress that the Armenian students who were admitted to one of the listed universities may apply to the "Luys" foundation for scholarships from the first of April, 2010 to June 15.

Ten universities listed in the top 25 universities are from the United States. Among the British universities only Cambridge and UCL (University College London) are listed. Universities from Australia (1), Canada (1), Switzerland (2), Japan (1), Hong Kong (1), Singapore (2), France (1) and Ireland (1) are involved in the list as well. "Since the majority of the best universities ranking list are the universities from the US, we decided to list only the first 10 American Universities in the list," Foundation Director Assistant and PR secretary Alina Evoyan said. "Luys" is a foundation supporting the Armenian students of highly ranked Scientific Research Centers of abroad. It receives applications of Armenian students studying at the world leading universities and provides scholarships for studying at international higher educational establishments through the 2010-2011 academic year.

"Luys" does not cover all the expenses; it provides money to meet the basic needs of a student, for full coverage a student should apply to other organizations. There are over 41 students financed by the foundation who study at the world's leading universities. "Luys" directly financed only 26 of them; the others were financed by its partner "Ayb" Foundation. The Armenian students studying in foreign universities who get scholarships within the frames of the "Luys" summers school project and foreign



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lecturers from leading universities as well will deliver lectures for Armenian students and senior school pupils.

## **23. According to Bako Sahakian, programs planned in Shushi should be implemented with high quality and in established time [Noyan Tapan, 01/25/10]**

On January 22, NKR President Bako Sahakian met with members of the Hayastan All Armenian Fund delegation headed by Executive Director Ara Vardanian.

Programs implemented by the Fund in NKR were discussed at the meeting. The construction work to be done in the town of Shushi was in the focus of special attention.

B. Sahakian emphasized that in consideration of Shushi's importance for all Armenians we should implement the planned work with a high quality and in the established time widely covering the process of the work.

According to NKR President's Press Office, NKR Prime Minister Ara Haroutiunian, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance Spartak Tevosian and other high-ranking officials took part in the meeting.

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