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POLITICS

1. Head of Swiss Delegation to the PACE Goran Lindblad is the new Co-Rapporteur on Armenia [Noyan Tapan, 06/26/10]

In a June 24 session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Monitoring Committee, Head of the Swiss Delegation to the PACE Goran Lindblad was elected Co-Rapporteur on Armenia, as Head of the Armenian Delegation to the PACE David Harutyunyan told Radio Liberty.

G. Lindblad will replace French parliamentarian Georges Colombie who declared that he was terminating his activities as Co-Rapporteur on Armenia due to the end of his term during a June 24 session of the Monitoring Committee. Armenia's second Co-Rapporteur is UK delegate John Prescott.



Let us mention that the new Co-Rapporteur on Armenia put the draft resolution on “Inclusion of the army in the events of 2008 March in Armenia” into circulation at the PACE in February of this year. According to that, it is foreseen that “taking into account the unacceptable attempts of the RA authorities to conceal the inclusion of the army in the events of 2008 March, the Assembly demands from the Armenian authorities the following actions: reveal all information regarding the inclusion of the army in the events of 2008 March, conduct a transparent investigation on the inclusion of the army in the post-electoral events and bring all officials responsible for the inclusion of the army in these events to justice.”

2. Violations of ceasefire regime by the Azerbaijani side go on [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

Several cases of violation of the ceasefire regime by the Azerbaijani side were registered June 25 in the Armenian- Azerbaijani contact line. The press service of the NKR Defense Ministry told Armenpress that the Azerbaijani side shot the border guards' posts, located in Horadiz-Saryjanlu-Korgan-Yarmja-Jraberd border line, with snipers-guns and guns of different dimensions. ‘After the response-operations of the front units of the Defense Army the opponent stopped shooting,’ the statement of the NKR Defense Ministry says.

3. NKR President Meets President of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

President of the Artsakh Republic Bako Sahakyan met June 26 President of the Republic of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan.

Central Information Department of the Office of the Artsakh Republic President told Armenpress that a wide range of issues related to further widening and deepening relations in different spheres were discussed during the meeting.

The necessity of steady strengthening inter-Armenian ties was mutually underlined.

Artsakh Republic premier Ara Haroutyunyan and vice-premier, finance minister Spartak Tevosyan partook at the meeting.

4. Hillary Clinton to Visit Yerevan [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

July 1-5, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will pay an official visit to Kiev, Krakow, Baku, Yerevan and Tbilisi. The statement circulated by the Department of State, says that in the countries of the South Caucasus – Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia, H. Clinton will discuss issues on bilateral relations and on consolidation of peace in the region. Besides the meetings with high-ranking officials, H. Clinton will meet with representatives of the civil society and mass media as well.

“Armenpress” reports citing “Ria Novosti” that during H. Clinton’s meetings with the heads of Azerbaijan and Armenia, the main theme is going to be the Karabakh conflict. The U.S. Secretary of State will try to give a new impetus to the regulation of the Karabakh issue and to Armenian-Turkish relations.

5. Last week Azerbaijani armed forces violated ceasefire regime 2000 times [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

After the confrontation of June 18 in the northern-eastern direction of the contact line of the Karabakhi-Azerbaijani armed forces, the ceasefire violation cases by the rival in the frontier line have become of frequent nature. Press service of the NKR Defense Army told Armenpress that according to the operative statement of the Defense Ministry, during the last 7 days the frontier military divisions of the Azerbaijani army have shot 2000 fires by different types of weapon at almost all directions. Ceasefire violation cases were intensified especially June 20 and 22, when the 185 out of the 504 fires were opened from “PK” and “ShK” machine-guns.

After the response activities undertaken by the guard divisions of the defense army the activeness of the rival in all the directions of the frontier line has been pressed. As result, no soldier from the Karbakhi side has been killed.

6. Frantishek Mikloshko going to thoroughly present in Europe the past and present of the NKR [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

Speaker of the Slovak National Council Pavol Paska has received a complaint letter from the Azerbaijani Mili Mejlis against the observation mission of the member of the council Frantishek Mikloshko in Artsakh. The letter was signed by 12 political parties of the Azerbaijani parliament. It presented itself a



strict complaint about going to the Artsakh Republic and participating in the NKR elections without the agreement of Azerbaijan.

An official from the Slovak National Assembly told the press service of the Forum of Armenian Associations in Europe (FAAE) that the letter has remained unanswered, as it was already stated that Frantisek Mikloszko is free in his decision of participating in observation missions, and the Slovak NA does not find it necessary to express any opinion on it.

Press service of the FAAE told Armenpress that in response to those complaints F. Mikloszko said that he is going to present the past and present of the Artsakh Republic in Europe more actively.

He has already received a great number of responses over "The Promised Land" article published by him in "Tizhden" weekly. The readers, among which there are well known political figures, are exceedingly surprised, and have not been familiar with the Artsakh issue, with the present and "possible future" of Artsakh up to now.

F. Mikloszko received numerous application-petitions on presenting and interpreting those issues more thoroughly, which he is going to do in the upcoming months.

7. Hovik Abrahamyan: 'The recognition of the right of Artsakh's people to self-determination should be on the base of the regulation of the NK conflict' [Armenpress, 06/29/10]

The frequent warlike statements of the Azerbaijani authorities on the settlement of the NK issue by applying force are blameworthy, RA NA Chairman Hovik Abrahamyan said. He stated today at the opening ceremony of the World Summit of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy (IPAO) that the latest diversion of Azerbaijan, which brought to human loss, proves that Azerbaijan's warlike statements can become a real challenge for the peace of the region.

'Armenia tends to settle the NK issue via peaceful negotiations within the framework of the OSCE Minsk Group. Armenia emphasizes the importance of the establishment of the atmosphere of mutual trust for continuing the negotiations with the constructive spirit.

'The recognition and realization of the right of Artsakh's people to self-determination should be on the base of the regulation of the NK conflict,' Mr. Hovik Abrahamyan stated.

8. Edward Sharmazanov: 'The milestone of the regulation of the NK issue is the status of Artsakh' [Armenpress, 06/29/10]

'Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Region' does not exist any more; the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic exists. The Armenian authorities have already made clear the three points, over which Armenia and Artsakh do not intend to make any compromises. Those points are the security guarantees, the status of Artsakh and common land border between Armenia and Artsakh. Secretary and Spokesperson of RA NA Armenian Republican Party Edward Sharmazanov said at today's meeting with journalists that the people of Artsakh are to make the final decision on making compromises.

'For us the milestone of the regulation is the issue of the status of NK. We should achieve the point, when NK gets even a higher status. In the final stage we will achieve the recognition of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic. Our goal is the recognition of the NKR,' Mr. Sharmazanov said.

According to him, it is rumored that that the process of regulation has entered the final stage, however it is not true. 'The issue has entered a new stage, which has some positive features. The issue will enter the final stage, when the NK becomes a negotiating side. No one can define the fortune of the NK nation without the consent of Artsakh's people. The sides of the conflict are Azerbaijan and Artsakh, but not Armenia and Azerbaijan,' Edward Sharmazanov stated.

As to the Erdogan-Obama meeting, Edward Sharmazanov underscored that Turkey does not have the right to interfere in the process of regulation of the NK issue. He says Turkey should realize that Armenia will not conduct any discussions on the theme of the Genocide.

'We have always been stating and will go on stating that Armenia endeavors to achieve the recognition of the Genocide. One should not pay any attention to the propaganda of Azerbaijan and Turkey,' he mentioned. Edward Sharmazanov noted that Turkey has to prove to the world! that it is not the heir of the feudalistic Ottoman Empire, but a part of the democratic civilization.

BUSINESS

9. Edward Nalbandyan: "Armenia has secure field for making investments" [Armenpress, 06/28/10]



Armenia has secure field for the implementation of economic programs, making of investments, Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandyan said today at a joint press conference with his Austrian counterpart Michael Spindelegger, considering the bright proof of what he said the enterprises of European countries functioning in Armenia.

"Today we have about 140 ventures with France, by the way they are carrying out quite effective activity. With Germany we have 90 enterprises. There are also a number of other European countries which have made investments in Armenia. It is obvious that no conflict can create favorable conditions for development of economic relations, cooperation. Here our positions correspond to the approaches expressed by the EU and its member states. That is – regional economic cooperation may be favorable for the solution of the conflicts," Nalbandyan said.

10. Different types of tourism to be promoted in Armenia [Armenpress, 06/29/10]

The number of tourists visited Armenia during the first month of the running year reached 147 069 which is 20 000 more as compared with the 2001 indices. The 34.9% arrived from Russia, 28,1% from Georgia, 7,8% from Iran, 4,5% from the USA. An official from the Economy Ministry's Tourism Department told Armenpress that this year "Armenia, the Noah's Country" 52-minute documentary film about Armenia shot by the "Buzz Business" Spanish company will be broadcasted in different countries of the world and in a number of states multilingual printed, audio-video and advertising materials will be spread which will attract potential tourists to Armenia.

Head of the Armenia's National Competitiveness Foundation public relations officer Zara Amatuni said that the materials telling about Armenia will be spread particularly in the four targeted countries for Armenia – England, Germany, Italy and ! France.

Yerevan municipality's culture department also plans a number of events in Yerevan attractive and favorable for tourists. "The majority of the tourists coming to Armenia stays in Yerevan. In Armenia only cultural tourism is spread, this year we are also planning to promote social, ecological types of tourism. I think that by January we will complete our programs," specialist of the Municipality's culture department Aram Baghramyan said.

Director of one of the tourism companies Anna Karapetyan said that the absence of good rest houses in Armenia is the main obstacle for the promotion of different types of tourism.

"With almost the same prices tourist may depart for Batumi, Kabuleti and live in quite good conditions and in many of our rest houses in spite of high prices there are not even satisfactory living conditions," Anna Karapetyan said.

11. Trade Financing Academy starts its activity in Yerevan [Armenpress, 06/29/10]

Trade Financing Academy started its activity today in Yerevan within the framework of cooperation between the HSBC Bank Armenia and "Armenia's Small and Medium-Sized Development National Center" Foundation. The goal of the academy is to assist the importing-exporting companies functioning in Armenia to pick the utmost from the trade opportunities.

The executive director of the center Karen Gevorgyan highlighted the activity of the academy in Armenia and noted that it will give an opportunity to the companies to get acquainted with the financing deals better and effectively manage the financial risks. He expressed hope that in the coming months the academy will give notable results.

General executive director of the HSBC Armenia Astrid Clifford said that the bank, functioning in Armenia for already 15 years, has always assisted the development of small and medium-sized business. According to her, the! HSBC Trade Financing Academy, reaching success in a number of countries – United Kingdom, France, Georgia – in Armenia as well will give desirable results.

The seminars of the Academy will be conducted by the specialists of the HSBC Armenia Trade Financing services. They will pass their knowledge to the heads of corresponding organizations and financial directors and to those who consider the international trade sphere promising for their business.

12. Craig Barret awarded RA President's Award for the global contribution to the IT sphere [Armenpress, 06/29/10]

Handing of the president's awards for the global contribution to the IT sphere took place today at the resident of the Armenian President. The award was given to former general executive director of "Intel" corporation, chairman of the Board of Directors Craig Barret who has arrived in Armenia with his



spouse Barbara Barret. The award consisted of gold and diamond medal symbolizing the high technology, diploma, memorial symbol.

Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan noted that the award is honest contribution to the development of IT on a global level. "With this we honor Doctor Barret and praise the contribution of "Intel" corporation to spreading high technology and knowledge in all the parts of the world," Serzh Sargsyan said.

One of the important achievements the president considered ensuring the availability and knowledge and the general increase of the literacy. According to him, in this two spheres the IT are doing real revolution.

"The most important goal of creation of this award is drawing the attention of the Armenian youth toward the IT. We will encourage their studying and work in this sphere, will search and find new ways and means for it," the Armenian president said, drawing the attention particularly on the circumstance that while presenting Barret people often describe him as leading protector of improvement of knowledge in the world who always managed to look forward and insist that the future belongs to knowledge. He called on the Armenian businessmen to think about it.

"Synopsys Armenia" company's director general Hovik Musayelyan congratulated the prize-winners and considering this day a historic one noted that with it Armenia praises a person who has an exclusive contribution to the high technology sphere and the role of who had a revolutionary significance in the development of global IT sphere.

Co-chairman of the prize giving organizational committee, director general of Synopsys company Rich Goldman also highlighted the competition and noted that Armenia has come forth with a unique initiative by honoring people having a significant role in this sphere.

C. Barret thanked the organizational committee and the Armenian president, assuring that this prize is the highest manifestation of assessment of his work. "It is pleasant to be in Armenia, becoming the first receiver of this prize. I am here not as an individual but I represent thousands of people who during decades contributed to the progress of the IT sphere and bringing it to the current level," he said.

The Armenian President's award has been established with the July 6, 2009 decree of the Armenian president having goal to encourage the development of the sphere. The award is given to people having exclusive contribution to the IT sphere.

13. Title of Honorary Doctor of Yerevan State Architecture University to Craig Barrett [Armenpress, 06/29/10]

Yerevan State University of Architecture awarded today a title of honorary doctor to former executive director of "INTEL" corporation, chairman of the board Craig Barrett. The rector of the university congratulated him on receiving Armenian President's award June 28 for the outstanding contribution to the sphere of information technologies.

During the ceremony of handing the certificate, highly appraising the biography and activity of C. Barrett, Deputy Chairman of "Synopsys" company Rich Goldman and Executive Director of "Synopsys Armenia" Hovik Musaelyan delivered congratulatory speeches.

C. Barrett noted that he is delightful to communicate with Armenian lecturers and students. The latter, according to him, are the new generation of scientists, and each of them has a large opportunity of splendid activity in future.

The visit of C. Barrett and his spouse to the university coincided with the opening of the exhibition of photos of the honorary doctors of the Yerevan State University of Architecture.

DIASPORA

14. RA Minister of Diaspora Hranush Hakobyan left for France at the invitation of the Armenian community of Marseilles [Noyan Tapan, 06/26/10]

On June 25, RA Minister of Diaspora Hranush Hakobyan left for Marseilles at the invitation of the local Armenian community.

Minister Hakobyan will visit the Armenian-French Chamber of Commerce and Industry and will take part in the "Colors of Armenia" exhibition organized by the AGBU. The Minister will also attend the opening of Hrant Dink Square in Bouc-Bel-Air.

As the Department of Media and Public Relations of the RA Ministry of Diaspora told "NT", the Minister is scheduled to meet with President of "Armenia-France Health Action" (ASAF) Avetis Matikian. The sides will discuss the 2011 Pan-Armenian Forum of Cardiologists and other issues.



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15. This year's "Ari Tun" project launched [Noyan Tapan, 06/26/10]

On June 24, Armenia's Ministry of Diaspora launched the second year of the "Ari Tun" project with a solemn ceremony.

The Ministry expects to see twice the number of youth visiting to Armenia last year, that is, 600 youth. The youth up to 25 years old will stay with Armenian host families communicate with their fellow Armenians, visit all places of interest in Armenia, museums and cultural homes.

In the first stage, 90 youth from Canada, Georgia, Latvia, Syria, the USA and France will visit Armenia.

16. Levon Ananyan: Armenia-Diaspora literary bridge is the most consolidated one [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

As part of the Days of Armenian Literature of the "One Nation, One Culture" festival from July 28 to July 2 the fifth all-Armenian conference of writers will be conducted. With the request of Armenpress chairman of the Armenian Writers' Union Levon Ananyan presented details about the coming conference.

- Mr. Ananyan one and a half year ago Armenian Writers' Union signed a memorandum with the Diaspora Ministry. What did the signing of the memorandum give?

- In the first month of the creation of Armenian Diaspora Ministry joint programs and memorandum on conducting events have been signed with the Armenian Writers' Union. One and a half year passed from that period, and today we may register with delight that these programs are becoming a reality. The fifth all-Armenian conference is being conducted in collaboration with the Diaspora Ministry.

- Which is the periodicity of conduction of all-Armenian conferences?

- For the first time all-Armenian conference was held in 2002 and with two year periodicity is being conducted till now. The first two conferences were conducted in Armenia and Artsakh, the third one in Beirut and the forth and fifth one again in Armenia.

- How the conference is entitled and what issues will be discussed during it?

- The conference will be called "Armenian Literature – Armenian Citadel". During the conference the discussions will be held over four topics. First of all we must discuss the tendencies of development of the Armenian literature during the recent two years, secondly we must try to draw parallels between the Armenian literature and the global one, thirdly we will discuss the issue of internalization of the contemporary Armenian literature and fourthly, we will sum up the issue of literary press and literary standards.

- How many writers will participate in the conference?

- This fifth all-Armenian conference is unprecedented with the number of its participants. About 100 Armenian-writing writers from 20 countries will participate from diaspora. Armenian writers living here will also take part.

- Writers of Armenia and diaspora are in touch with each other.

- Today, really, Armenia-Diaspora literary bridge is the most consolidated one. And now we also note that the Diaspora writers want their books to be published in Armenia, which has become a reality thanks to the stubborn efforts of the Armenian Writers Union.

- Mr. Ananyan, an opinion is spread that the contemporary Armenian literature is on the edge of collapse. What will you say about it?

- Unlike diaspora in Armenia the youth literature is developing dynamically. The young generation is fully approving its presence in the contemporary Armenian literature. The senior generation of writers feels the warm breath of the young writers. And in diaspora there is a work to do.

ARTS

17. "Jazz-Movie" Contest within the frameworks of "Golden Apricot" [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

This year, too, the "Golden Apricot" film festival will kick off with traditional ceremony of apricot blessing, which will take place in St Zoravor Church. Organizer of the festival programs Vardan Hakobyan said today at a meeting with journalists that this year besides showing films, a contest of "Jazz-Movie" is intended as well, which will sound in Charles Aznavour Square in the evening hours from the opening day of the festival till July 16.

The organizer of the joint contest with "Golden Apricot" is distinguished master of Armenian jazz Levon Malkhasyan, who will also chair the professional jury," Vardan Hakobyan noted adding that monetary awards are intended for the jazz contest, the total prize fund is Drams equal in 6.000 Dollars.



According to Vardan Hakobyan, open-air showings of films are intended in the Lovers' Park at 23:00 pm, the entrance will be free of charge. A club version of showing of films and discussion will be also held.

"Golden Apricot" film festival is conducted with the support of the Armenian Culture Ministry.

18. Photo contest entitled "Artsakh through my eyes" [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

Culture and Youth Affairs Ministry of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic has organized an on-line photo contest entitled "Artsakh through my Eyes", which has kicked off June 23 and will last till July 6. Everybody, without age restriction, can participate in the contest. The only precondition is that Artsakh is pictured in all the photos.

"Our goal is to involve young people in the life of Artsakh, to encourage people to display interest in Artsakh, as well as to have a collection of photos in the ministry, which we will present to our outlandish guests," head of the Youth Affairs Department of the NKR Culture and Youth Affairs Ministry Tigran Atanesyan told Armenpress.

The photos presented at the exhibition can be both professional and amateur, "We intend to select the best works and to organize a photo exhibition, but there are no financial means yet. It is because of this problem that we conduct the contest in an electronic format," Tigran Atanesyan said.

The photos presented at the contest will be placed in social nets, and the winners will be determined through "on-line" voting. Twenty thousand Drams is intended for the first place, and 15 and 10 thousand Drams for the second and third places respectively.

19. First solo concert of "System of a Down" soloist Serzh Tangyan in Armenia [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

The first solo concert of world famous rock musician, solo performer of "System of a Down" rock group Serzh Tangyan in Armenia will be held August 12 in Yerevan Sport and Concert Complex Hall after K. Demirchyan. The organizers of the concert are "DM Communications" and "Fugitive Studios" companies.

Public Relations Manager of the concert Sofia Blbulyan told Armenpress that the concert will be held with grandiose illumination and newest sound equipments. Serzh Tangyan will come forward with the 6 members of his group, with accompaniment of Armenian classical musicians. "The Yerevan concert is exclusive with its content; Tangyan will perform old and new works and will conclude his "Elect the Dead Symphony: tour," Sofia Blbulyan said.

The concert will be conducted under the high patronage of the Armenian Prime Minister. Serzh Tangyan is an American-Armenian well known singer, born in Beirut, and then moved to the USA with his family. He perfectly masters several musical instruments, has received "Grammy" authoritative music award.

S. Tangyan is also engaged in active public work. During his musical career he has released 5 albums in the staff of "System of a Down" and one disk with Arto Tunjboyajian.

20. 5th All-Armenian conference of writers launches in Tsakhkadzor [Armenpress, 06/29/10]

"The Armenian Literature Armenian Citadel" 5th All-Armenian conference of writers officially launched today in Tsakhkadzor organized by the Diaspora Ministry and Armenian Writers' Union. Chairman of the union Levon Ananyan said that the launch to the all-Armenian conferences was given still in 2002 after which once in two years the conferences were organized.

"During those eight years we have assembled enough experience and today we may state for sure that Armenian Writers' Union has become a circle linking all Armenian writers. We managed to bring the writers living in abroad to a competitive field and together with the Armenia-based writers compete on equal platform," Levon Ananyan said. According to him, it may be said that Homeland-Diaspora general literary field has been created, corresponding ties have been consolidated. "There is no writer in Armenia and Diaspora who irrespective of political views will not feel responsible for the consolidation and development of our literature," Levon Ananyan said, adding that the number of participants this time is unprecedented 80 writers from 20 countries, and about 250 writers of Armenia out of 350. Referring to the selection of title, Levon Ananyan noted that Armenian literature has always been a citadel of the Armenian spirit and today too it has the same mission.



21. Armenian Writers Awarded for Outstanding Contribution to Preservation of the Armenian Identity [Armenpress, 06/29/10]

In the 5th all-Armenian conference kicked off in Tsakhkadzor, Armenian Diaspora Minister Hranush Hakobyan handed awards to Armenian writers for the outstanding contribution to preservation of the Armenian identity.

She awarded a medal after William Saroyan to Toros Toranyan, Torgom Postanjan, Aram Arsenyan and Levon Ananyan. A number of writers received certificates. H. Hakobyan said that the writers participating in the conference will gain new energy and ideas in the homeland, will communicate with the art of the distinguished Armenia-based writers, and the contemporary Armenian literature will receive a new impetus of boosting.

"Armenian literature has been and remains the Armenian citadel. A poet lives in every Armenian and everybody is well aware that Armenian people have had splendid exemplars of literature beginning from the 5th century. That boosting of the literature broke at the beginning of the 20th century, when the world witnessed the Armenian Genocide. The Armenians were killed, tortured, but nobody managed to break down the spirit of the Armenians," H. Hakobyan said.

According to her, Armenians have been spread all over the world, but wherever they have been, they have created a small Armenia, systems of national merits and a new Diaspora culture. Diaspora-Armenian writers have linked the homeland with Diaspora, the Armenian literature with the world one. And today the erection of a new Armenia is the duty of every Armenian.

In her opinion, Diaspora-Armenian writers must become the loudspeaker of the Artsakh issue, must implement lobbyist work in all the countries, where they live. "This must become an urgent issue, for the risks are growing more and more. Diaspora struggles for its existence, for preservation of the Armenian identity, and the basis of the latter is the Armenian writer, the Armenian school, the Armenian! language, and we should contribute to solution of the mentioned issues through our activity," Diaspora Minister noted.

22. Armenian film figures always in the center of attention of "Golden Apricot" [Armenpress, 06/29/10]

American distinguished film directors Alen and Albert Hughes have expressed a wish of participation in "Golden Apricot" film festival. Albert Hughes will soon arrive in Armenia to present his film. Film director, member of the European Film Academy, director of "Golden Apricot" festival Harutyun Khachatryan disclosed some details about the Yerevan seventh international film festival and his activity.

H. Khachatryan noted that both Armenians and internationally recognized people who are involved in the film catalogue are kept in the center of attention of "Golden Apricot". The festival commemorates the anniversaries of Atom Egoyan, Albert Yavuryan, Henrik Malyan and Henry Verneul on that very principle. The film director also told about his initiative, within the frameworks of which 4 classes have been organized for film-loving students, relevant equipments have been provided, of which students can make use one year.

H. Khachatryan also raised issues on the lack of cinema halls. "This festival requires 8-10 cinema halls, while there are only 1.5 halls at our disposal".

RELIGION

23. The Catholicos of All Armenians received Austria's Minister of Foreign Affairs [Noyan Tapan, 06/26/10]

Supreme Patriarch, Catholicos of All Armenians Karekin II received on June 25 the delegation headed by Federal Minister for European and International Affairs of Austria, Michael Schpindelger. His Holiness mentioned that the Minister's visit is the best evidence of the warm relations between both nations and countries. The Armenian Patriarch also expressed satisfaction with the generous attitude toward the Armenian community of Austria, mentioning that the existence of the Armenian community is an important impetus for development of mutual relations.

According to a press release by the Informative System of Holy Echmiadzin, during the meeting the sides touched upon the state of the Armenian Holy Apostolic Church during the Soviet era and the independence years of Armenia, as well as current activities in the social and educational spheres.



24. The 17th annual senior assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of Orthodoxy will be held in Yerevan [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

The 17th annual senior assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of Orthodoxy will be held in Yerevan from June 28 to July 1. About 70 delegates from 16 countries will participate in the works of the assembly.

NA public relations department told Armenpress that the delegates will meet with Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan, His Holiness Catholicos of All Armenians Karekin II.

June 29 the participants of the assembly will visit memorial to the victims of the Armenian Genocide.

25. Chief Summit of Orthodoxy to be Summoned Today in Yerevan [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

"We are going to join our efforts and form an atmosphere of tolerance, for if there is no victory of intellect, the world can appear in an emergency situation," representative of the Armenian delegation in the chief summit of orthodoxy said at today's meeting with journalists. According to him, it will be impossible to save the world by inspiring hostility towards each other.

Referring to the policy assumed by Baku the speaker noted that suchlike mistake must be punished; in order they understand that people will not accept suchlike behavior. "The latest developments clearly showed that it is the Azerbaijani who are the initiators of attack," M. Minasyan said noting that the summit will afford an opportunity to discuss this issue as well.

"This meeting is necessary for meeting spiritual demands," Director of the Inter-church relations office, Archbishop Hovakim said noting ! that we have a number of common features several directions, and the Armenian Church is a branch of orthodoxy. Referring to sectarians, the archbishop said that we must do our best not to let even the small part of our people become sectarians.

The chief summit of orthodoxy will be summoned today at 17:00 pm in the gilded hall of the National Assembly.

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26. The opening ceremony of Mkhitar Heratsi' bust and square was held in Yerevan [Noyan Tapan, 06/26/10]

On June 25, an opening ceremony of the square after M. Heratsi and his bust was held within the frames of events dedicated to the 90th anniversary of Yerevan State Medical University after Mkhitar Heratsi. Attending the event was RA Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Territorial Administration and chairperson of the committee in charge of the 90th anniversary of the university Armen Gevorgyan.

By a June 23 decision by Yerevan's council of elders, the square located at the Sharimanyan and Heratsi intersection will now be named after the 12th century prominent doctor Mkhitar Heratsi.

As the Press Service of the RA Ministry of Territorial Administration informed "NT", the bust was installed and the square was renovated by the initiative of Yerevan State Medical University after Mkh. Heratsi. The bust was prepared by Yura Petrosyan and the architect was Aslan Mkhitaryan.

27. Arman Saghatelyan: 'The Armenian Side Wins in the Sphere of Information' [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

'The Armenian mass media were united in the positions they expressed,' deputy President of the Armenian Public Relations Association Arman Saghatelyan said, when commenting on the coverage of the recent events by the Armenian mass media.

He stated that the Armenian mass media managed to prove, that those processes were just provocations of the Azerbaijani side, which goes on making warlike statements. 'This incident in the information sphere ended with the victory of the Armenian side,' Mr. Saghatelyan said.

He mentioned that in this information warfare the Armenian mass media managed to respond properly. 'No matter what kind of resources is being invested by the opponent, we can achieve the victory if only we are united,' the speaker said.

The development of the recent events, Arman Saghatelyan says, was quite quick and surprising. He added that the Russian side and international mass media mainly used the information of the Armenian side, but Turkey cited biased information only of the Azerbaijani mass media. 'It was evident that the Turkish mass media supported Azerbaijan,' the speaker said. He mentioned that the Armenian



journalists should not trust in the Turkish and Azerbaijani mass media and should check any piece of information,' Arman Saghatelyan said.

'The Armenian information system is ready to meet challenges. However, we still need to improve the quality of providing information. We always need to be united,' President of the Armenian Public Relations Association Arman Saghatelyan added.

28. Arthur Baghdasaryan Says Establishment of Foreign Language Schools cannot Threaten Security of Armenia [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

The establishment of foreign language schools cannot threaten the security of Armenia, Secretary of the National Security Council of Armenia Arthur Baghdasaryan said at today's press conference.

"The existence of 2 foreign language private schools beside 1500 secondary schools in Armenia does not threaten the national security of our country. The speculations that the education of the foreign language will be at the price of the native language are naïve. The native language occupies its own place. Today we cannot find a German, who speaks only German; he/she splendidly masters English and French as well. We find that this approach must be applied in Armenia as well," A. Baghdasaryan said.

According to the Secretary of the Armenian National Security Council, there were merely artificial political speculations on these bills, "some political forces stated at first that they are against, and then voted for or the opposite.

"I find that the existence of these schools do not threaten the national security of Armenia. We have adopted a reasonable decision, especially that the education in those schools in foreign language will take place after the seventh grade," A. Baghdasaryan underscored.

29. Social House for Refugees Opens in Kasakh [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

A multi-apartment social house for refugees opened today in Kasakh community of Kotayk province on the occasion of the International Day of Refugees.

Armenian Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Territorial Administration Armen Gevorgyan highly assessed the implemented work attaching importance to the issue of ensuring permanent asylum to refugee families.

He also pointed out the necessity of the support of international donor organizations in solving the dwelling issues of refugees and expressed hope that they will have active participation in the forum to be organized in autumn in Yerevan for that purpose.

Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Armenia Bushra Halepota expressed gratification on the implemented work hoping that suchlike initiatives will be of continuous nature.

The works on establishing a social house by the funding of the Japan government started in 2009 autumn, for purpose of which the sub-building of the former factory of the administrative territory of the community was reconstructed. The 18 out of the 20 apartments of the social house will be extended to the refugee families dwelling in Kasakh community and in neighboring settlements, and the two – to poor families of Kasakh.

Head of the State Migration Service of the Armenian Ministry of Territorial Administration Gagik Yeganyan, Kotayk Governor Kovalenko Shahgaldyan, diplomats accredited in Armenia and representatives of international organizations were present at the opening ceremony of the social house.

30. Samvel Harutyunyan: 'We think Armenia will be one of the leading countries of the scientific sphere in 2020' [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

Samvel Harutyunyan, chairman of the State Committee of RA Education and Science Ministry, presented the new mechanisms of the scientific activities at today's meeting with journalists. According to him, the process of science development of Armenia, which started with the adoption of the Armenian science development strategy by RA Government, is entering a new phase, where the issues of the target points of the strategy are expected to be solved.

According to Samvel Harutyunyan, some practical mechanisms, such as the establishment of scientific centers, development of international cooperation, are already being applied. "We think Armenia will be one of the leading countries of the scientific sphere in 2020. In the near future we will become a competitive country in the European scientific sphere," the speaker said. The Chairman of the State



Committee of RA Education and Science Ministry says the promotion of fundamental researches and the development of Armenology are the most important issues in the process.

31. State Supports Young Scientists [Armenpress, 06/28/10]

"I am principally not against that the Armenian scientist goes abroad to work," Chairman of the State Committee of the Armenian Ministry of Education and Science Samvel Harutyunyan told Armenpress stressing that it is another issue that a scientists periodically leaves, works abroad and then returns.

The state has undertaken and is implementing a number of programs, thanks to which an attempt is made to create a bit normal conditions for Armenian scientists, "We have planned to work out from 2012 a system of additional salaries for young people of up to 30 year old who have registered outstanding achievements in the sphere of science," S. Harutyunyan said noting that this mechanism has been applied in many states and serious results have been registered. According to him, the salaries of scientists will increase in 5-6 %.

An Armenian-American program is being implemented for young people of up to 30 year, in order a young scientist works in America with quite a high salary.

Besides that, under the sponsorship of the Armenian President dwelling construction will be implemented for the families of young scientists, Yerevan State University has constructed 2 buildings for young people.

Presenting the positive shifts of the sphere S. Harutyunyan noted, "Certain steps directed toward encouraging our young people to stay in Armenia have already been undertaken. We will continue the youth contests, and another contest is intended to conduct next year within the frameworks of the Armenian-American program, too.

About 5 thousand scientists are calculated in Armenia. According to S. Harutyunyan, nearly the 300 of them play a huge role in the sphere of science, and 1500 Armenian scientists are published in different authoritative magazines.

32. Requiem Served for the Armenian Soldiers, Who Died of the Azerbaijani Diversion [Armenpress, 06/29/10]

The Holy Liturgy was chanted June 27 at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. After the Holy Liturgy requiem was served by His Holiness Catholicos of All-Armenians Karekin II for the repose of souls of the 4 Armenian soldiers, who died June 19 during the diversion-attack of Azerbaijan in the contact line of the NKR Defense Army.

The Press service of the Mother See told Armenpress that during the requiem His Holiness Catholicos Karekin II addressed to the relatives of the soldiers with the following speech: 'With our souls-mournful and sorrowful- we served the requiem for the repose of souls of our four sons, who died of the insidious and brutal attack of Azerbaijan when serving the fatherland and defending its borders.

Encourage and console yourselves, as it is not only your sorrow and loss, but also ours, as those, who died, were not the sons of their parents, but the nation's. They devoted their lives to the peace of the homeland and defense of its borders'.

33. Cross-stone Dedicated to Adoption of Christianity by Armenian People to be Placed in Aragatsotn Province [Armenpress, 06/29/10]

In the province of Aragatsotn, at a distance of 300 m from the Letters' Park, a symbolic cross-stone will be placed, dedicated to adoption of Christianity by Armenian people. The initiative of the monument belongs to "Nig-Aparan" patriotic union. Deputy Chairman of the union Tigran Petrosyants noted that a contest has been announced and the cross-stone will be put up on the basis of the winner's project.

"The construction works are intended to bring to end in 2011, during the 1710th anniversary of the adoption of Christianity. On that very occasion we want to place the cross-stone next year in the province of Aragatsotn," T. Petrosyants said. The monument must have 33 m height, must be constructed from metal, consist of 1710 cross-stones and must have an open sacristy. According to T. Petrosyants, it will be of significance for tourism, especially that quite a good site has been chosen.

Those who wish to participate in the contest can submit the cross-stone projects till July 10, 2010. The results will be summed up in August. Monetary awards are intended for the authors of the best 3 projects.



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34. Names of Scholarship Holders of “Louys” Foundation to be Clear in August [Armenpress, 06/29/10]

The submission of applications for the scholarship of “Louys” foundation has been finished; the names of the scholarship holders will be clear in August. Public Relations Manager of the fund's education program Anahit Evoyan told Armenpress that the data of the applicant-students are in a process of elaboration. Students of bachelor's, master's degrees and aspirants have submitted applications. The duration of the education of each applicant is different, depending on the given program and university.

The students applying to “Louys” foundation must be of Armenian descent and Armenian citizens. Applicants must submit a document, which will prove the existence of their direct Armenian roots.

“Besides these two conditions, the students must have entered one of the universities of the list confirmed for the 2010-2011 academic year,” Anahit Evoyan said.

This year the list of the 25 universities of “Louys” foundation has been designed in accordance with the reputation list of the best universities of the world of the American “News Report”. At the moment the foundation is working out the program of “Let's Develop Armenia”, which will kick off in July.

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