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POLITICS

1. **Presidency of CIS Council of Interregional and Cross-border Cooperation passed to Armenia [Armenpress, 03/26/11]**

The second session of CIS Council of Interregional and Cross-border Cooperation was held today in Tsaghkadzor. Public Relations Department of the Armenian Territorial Ministry told Armenpress that Armenian First Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration Vache Terteryan, Russian Deputy Minister of Regional Development Maxim Travnikov participated in the works: Kazakhstan and Belarus were presented on the level of diplomats accredited in Armenia.

Issues on the draft concept on CIS interregional and cross-border cooperation were discussed at the session of the council. A decision was adopted to set up a working team with presidency of the Russian representative at the council. The draft concept will be brought up for the discussion of the next session of the council.

The council approved the draft decision of CIS Council of heads of governments on the conference of heads of CIS regional authorities submitted by CIS Executive Committee. The document will be discussed at CIS Executive Committee.

Information on draft agreements on organization issues of cross-border cooperation of CIS states was presented by the inter-parliamentary assembly. At the session the presidency was passed from Russia to Armenia.

The information on the situation of CIS inter-regional and cross-border cooperation, on gathering of statistical data on cooperation in this sphere, and on organization of drafting and analytical works were discussed.



Armenian Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Territorial Administration Armen Gevorgyan met with participants of the council. The agenda issues of the council were referred, as well as the prospects of expansion of the interregional and cross-border cooperation within the frameworks of CIS, and of establishment of ties between regions of CIS states were referred.

Issues on more efficient organization of works of the council were also discussed.

2. Sargsyan, Ahmadinejad discuss cooperation issues [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

At the invitation of the President of Iran Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan arrived in Tehran March 27 on a working visit, President's Press Office reported.

Within the framework of the visit Serzh Sargsyan met with his Iranian counterpart Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The Armenian President first congratulated his Iranian counterpart and the people of Iran on Novruz holiday and extended the good wishes of the Armenian people to the people of Iran.

During the meeting Sargsyan and Ahmadinejad discussed issues on development of bilateral mutually beneficial cooperation and rated high the partnership developing in all the spheres. They particularly pointed out the partnership in the sphere of energy, transport, culture and referred to the program on construction of Iran-Armenia railway.

After the meeting with the President of Iran Serzh Sargsyan, together with the heads of other countries, participated in the Novruz celebrations and came forth with a congratulatory speech.

3. Bako Sahakyan received chairman of the public council under the minister of defense of the RA [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

On 26 March President of the Artsakh Republic Bako Sahakyan received chairman of the public council under the minister of defense of the Republic of Armenia Gegham Haroutyunyan, a group of the council's members and lecturers of different institutes of higher educational.

Central Information Department of the Office of the Artsakh Republic President told Armenpress that issues related to cooperation between the two Armenian states as well as their domestic and foreign policies were discussed during the meeting.

Special attention was paid to deepening the army-society relations. In this context the NKR President welcomed the initiative of holding meetings in different military units considering it demanded and urgent.

Bako Sahakyan underlined that such arrangements should be organized periodically and be of a continuous nature.

Artsakh Republic defense minister Movses Hakobyan and other officials partook at the meeting.

4. Analyst: Official Baku reduces number of Azerbaijani victims and missed at Karabakh war [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

The Azerbaijani official sources try to present a reduced number of the Azerbaijani missed at the Karabakh war as their number is not clear but is unequivocally bigger than it is being presented, political analyst Hrant Melik-Shahnazaryan said speaking to Armenpress. He stressed that the studies made by Armenian experts showed that the number is twice reduced.

"The Azerbaijani propaganda machine is trying to hide the real number from its own citizens as the number of victims of war from the Azerbaijani side is huge. As of now we know few places of common graves where the Azerbaijani soldiers were buried. Part of them were not identified," the analyst said, assuring that the information of the Azerbaijani branch of the International Committee of the Red Cross – 3701 people – fully expresses the policy carried out by the official Baku.

"Only during Karvathcar activities 5500 Azerbaijanis died including unknown victims and missed about who the official Azerbaijani sources say nothing. Of course it has its reasons as the son of the former president of Azerbaijan is trying to hide the mistakes committed by Heydar Aliyev. The reduction of numbers also has psychological, financial issues. It is done to close the eyes of Azerbaijani citizens on these facts," Hrant Melik-Shahnazaryan said.

5. Karine Atchemyan urges "Heritage" to return back to parliament [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

It would have been better for the "Heritage" party to return to natural, peaceful work, member of the Republican party's faction Karine Atchemyan said, adding that all the suggestions of the "Heritage" have always been discussed at the National Assembly. Addressing to the member of the "Heritage"



faction Anahit Bakhshyan, Atchemyan noted that they have been entrusted mandates and a platform which they must use.

Speaking about the hunger-strike of Raffi Hovhannisyan, Anahit Bakhshyan noted she is against stagnation of the society and the President of the Republic also stated about it. "At the event dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the Republican Party of Armenia the President said the extremely stable situation may bring to the weakening of dynamics," Bakhshyan said, adding that Hovhannisyan's hunger-strike is agreed with these concerns too.

"We must know our shortcomings to eliminate them in all the spheres," Atchemyan said, pointing out that reforms are being undertaken in all directions to overcome the shortcomings.

6. Bako Sahakyan receives ARF members [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

On 28 March President of the Artsakh Republic Bako Sahakyan received members of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation (Dashnaksoutyun) bureau David Lokyan and Levon Mkrtychyan.

Central Information Department of the Office of the Artsakh Republic President told Armenpress that issues related to domestic and foreign policy of Artsakh were discussed during the meeting.

Special attention was paid to the issues of developing the Kashatagh region and realizing there different programs.

Within this context the NKR president welcomed the involvement of philanthropists from the Diaspora in the development of the region considering it among the pivotal factors of strengthening the inter-Armenian ties.

7. Davit Babayan: Artsakh party has not occupied territories but liberated [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

The Artsakh party does not agree with some points of the report on assessment of the general situation in 7 regions of the neighborhood of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic prepared by the OSCE Minsk group.

Ro remind, the OSCE representatives conducted a field assessment mission in those sites November 7-12 of 2010. The brief published today in the website of the organization has referred to it too.

"The Karabakh party welcomes a report of any kind, which is objective and reflects the current true state and contributes to peaceful regulation of the conflict.

The brief report published by the co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk group includes formulations with which we do not agree," Head of Information Department of NKR Presidential Staff David Babayan said.

According to him, the Artsakh party does not look upon those regions as "occupied territories" like the OSCE representatives noted in the report.

"The terminology used by the co-chairs does not correspond to the core situation, for those territories have been liberated and not occupied.

Those territories cannot be considered occupied even in military regard, as the predetremined step can be considered occupied, while Artsakh did not have such a goal. The liberation of the mentioned territories has not been planned beforehand, it has been implemented for purposes of providing the security of Artsakh people," Mr. Babayan noted, pointing out that today the mentioned territories are considered to be the part of the NKR.

According to Mr. Babayan, there are issues, which should have been presented in the report more deeply. According to the head of the chief department of the NKR presidential staff, the situation has incomparably changed. "Infrastructures, dwelling apartments for refugees, buildings of social significance are under construction. The population is growing here more and more," he stated.

Mr. Babayan said if the co-chairs wished to make comparison with the situation of today and years ago, it would be right to compare the situation of 1994-1995 years and today, for the situation would be outlined in a more real way.

Simultaneously Mr. Babayan pointed out that they still thoroughly study the report and in future will present the viewpoint of the Artsakh party more expansively.

"We must not make out a tragedy of a conversation. What the OSCE representatives presented, is subjective. It is not a decisive basis in the processes of solution of the conflict," Mr. Babayan noted.

8. Turkish Court sentenced Orhan Pamuk for the expression "Turks have killed 1 million Armenians and 30 thousand Kurds" [Armenpress, 03/28/11]



The first instance court of Shishli region of Istanbul has issued a verdict of monetary compensation to the persons brought an action against Nobel Prize-winner in literature, Turkish writer Orhan Pamuk.

Armenpress reports, citing Turkish "Miliet" newspaper, the court has upheld the claim against Orhan Pamuk and decided that the writer must pay 1000 liras as compensation to "Das Magazin" magazine (Switzerland) for his words in the interview - "The Turks have killed 1 million Armenians and 30 thousand Kurds. Nobody in Turkey has the courage of saying it: I say".

Orhan Pamuk has been prosecuted in Turkey beginning from 2005 when he insisted that the Armenians' massacre of 1915 has been implemented by the Turks. His novel "Snow" has deserved a Nobel Prize in 2006.

9. Tigran Balayan: Armenia agrees with co-chairs that only peaceful regulation can provide more distinct prospects for the region [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

The report of the OSCE Minsk group co-chairs on the field assessment mission implemented in the neighboring regions of Nagorno Karabakh presents the viewpoint of the co-chairs on the situation on place, which one more time denies the disinformation spread by the Azerbaijani propaganda, spokesman for the Armenian Foreign Affairs Ministry Tigran Balayan commented on the report of the OSCE Minsk group co-chairs on the field assessment mission, press service of the Armenian Foreign Affairs Ministry told Armenpress.

"Armenia shares the viewpoint of the co-chairs that only the peaceful and negotiation regulation can provide further more distinct prospects for the region. We also expect that the co-chairs of the Minsk group will visit the northern part of Martakert region of Nagorno Karabakh, as well as Shahumyan region and will prepare a corresponding report on the situation there," Mr. Balayan said.

10. Brussels criticizes Turkey for dismantling monument symbolizing reconciliation with Armenia [Armenpress, 03/29/11]

In a conference on Turkey organized in Brussels by German Marshall Fund, in which Chief EU negotiator Egemen Bagis participated, EU representatives strictly criticized Turkey for the court procedure of "Ergenekon" terrorist organization, prolonged conflict with Israel, Cyprus issue and policy of Ankara assumed in Armenian-Turkish relations.

Armenpress reports citing Turkish "Aksham" newspaper that Chairman of the Commission on EU Enlargement Issues Michael Lei particularly noted that the latest events in Turkey rise excitement over the speech freedom in that country.

He referred to the decision on dismantling of a monument in Kars, which symbolizes humanity and peace. Lei said that there is obvious contradiction: on one hand Turkey insist that he has assumed the policy of "nil problem with neighbors", and simultaneously adopts a decision on dismantling the monument symbolizing reconciliation with Armenia.

The Turkish negotiator tried to make excuses noting that the dismantling of the monument has not connection with the regulation process of Armenian-Turkish relation, and the decision has been adopted only for architectural reasons.

11. Serzh Sargsyan attaches importance to multilateral cooperation with Ghana [Armenpress, 03/29/11]

Newly appointed Ambassador of Ghana Seth Koranteng (residence in Moscow) handed the copies of his credentials to Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan.

Presidential press service told Armenpress that the President congratulated the ambassador and expressed hope that the relations between Armenia and Ghana will develop during his tenure. Noting that there is a political dialogue between the two countries within the framework of the United Nations, Mr. Sargsyan attached importance both to bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

Ghana's ambassador considered prospective the cooperation with Armenia in the spheres of diamond making, agriculture, and industry. He noted that his country has undertaken conduction of a business conference this April, and he would be glad if Armenia's representatives participated too. According to the ambassador, it is an additional opportunity for businessmen to be competent on the opportunities of the markets of each other and finding cooperation verges.

BUSINESS



12. Mekhak Apresyan says www.armhotels.am to promote the development of tourism in Armenia [Armenpress, 03/29/11]

The www.armhotels.am first national on-line registration system that includes 90 hotels will promote the development of tourism in Armenia, head of the Tourism Development Department of the Economy Ministry Mekhak Apresyan said speaking to Armenpress. He noted that the system will give the visitors an opportunity not only to get acquainted with the tourism peculiarities of Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh but also make on-line registrations and purchasing.

“Being the first one in Armenia’s tourism market it will create an opportunity to make many tourism services available to each tourist,” Apresyan said, stressing that tourism adds the export potential of the services of our country, which is quite promising.

Within the framework of the RA government’s anti-crisis events business program on creation of www.armhotels.am on-line registration system was created and from March 4 of the running year the project was brought to life.

DIASPORA

13. Conference on South Caucasus in French parliament [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

“Peace, Security and Stability in the South Caucasus” conference was conducted March 25 in French parliament organized by the Social-Democrat Hnchakyan party’s France region and Armenian-European Council. A number of authoritative political and public figures from France, Armenia, the USA, Germany and other countries participated in the event.

Press office of the party reported that the main reporter at the event was the member of the Central Administration of the party Vahan Shirkhanyan. The latter referred in his speech to the Armenian-Azerbaijani and Armenian-Turkish relations, Nagorno Karabakh conflict settlement, drew attention of the French parliamentarians to the regular war threats of Baku, pointed out the unconstructive and dangerous position of Turkey in relations with Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh.

Vahan Shirkhanyan also drew parallels between the budgets of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia and noted that during the recent years Baku is gradually increasing its military potential with it presenting danger for the security and stability of the South Caucasus.

ARTS

14. March 27 – international day of theatre [Armenpress, 03/26/11]

March 27 is the international day of theatre. Alexander Grigoryan, art director of state dramatic theatre after K. Stanislavski, noted that every year day of theatre is being marked on the international level.

“On that day the actors seem more beautiful, directors more talented and the audience more ceremonial,” Grigoryan said, adding that on the occasion of the holiday a beautiful tradition was formed – “Artavazd” prize giving ceremony.

Last year was the year of creative uprising for the Stanislavski theatre: a number of beautiful and successive performances were presented.

Armenian People’s Artist Rafael Kotanjyan said during the recent years he is playing a benefice performance that has various characters. “It also has a character of an intellectual person and you must see with what warmth the audience accepts him,” the actor pointed out, saying that there is a mass in our society that waits for a good thing and is ready to pass the kind thing that he/she sees to others.

15. 20 Armenian artists to visit Ani [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

On the initiative of the Araratyan Diocese and World Union of Armenian Artists twenty outstanding Armenian artists will depart for the historic capital of Armenia Ani. Ghazar Mirzoyan, co-chairman of the Union, told Armenpress that the event is being implemented within the framework of events of the RA government dedicated to the 1050th anniversary of establishment of Ani capital.

“The artists will get an opportunity to paint on site the nature of Ani after which they will return to Yerevan. We are planning to organize exhibitions where not only works created in Ani but also works of



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the artists prepared in their studios will be presented,” Mirzoyan said, adding that the exhibition will be in May.

The exhibited works will be presented in a separate book.

16. International Book Exhibition in Yerevan [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

International book exhibition will be conducted in Yerevan April 21-23 organized by the National Association of Publishers in collaboration with Ministry of Culture, Yerevan City Hall, Knko-Aper library.

Chairman of the Association Mkrtych Karapetyan told Armenpress that the preparatory works have already launched. About 50 publishers will participate in the exhibition. Publishing houses from other countries will also take part in the event. Arrangements have been reached with Georgia, Iran and Lebanon.

Karapetyan noted that representatives of diplomatic offices in Armenia are also intended to participate in the event. They will present their writers, publications.

April 23 is the international day of copyright and several events are intended to be held – book presentation, meeting with writers.

17. Armenian film directors' films at 30th international film festival of Istanbul [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

The 5 films received grants during the Armenian-Turkish film platform conducted within the framework of “Golden Apricot” 7th film festival will participate in the 30th International Istanbul Film Festival. It will be held April 12. Press service of “Golden Apricot” international Yerevan film festival told Armenpress that the showings will be held in Pera museum. Diana Kardumyan’s “Galata”, Kanay Ozden’s “Theatrical Theater”, Gulengule Altintas’ “Do not be lost, children”, Arthur Suqiasyan’s “The Master of the Pigeons”, and Gor Baghdasaryan’s “Neighbors” films are involved in the program.

Immediately after showing of the film, Anadolu Kültür Association will organize in Sezaira a soiree dedicated to the films of the Armenian-Turkish film platform.

In parallel to the festival – April 10-13, a class on support of production of films of the Armenian-Turkish film platform will be held for Armenian and Turkish film figures in Istanbul with the support of “Eurasia” and Anadolu Kültür Association.

The program is implemented with the support of the US Embassy in Armenia.

18. A week of literature for children and juniors in Armenia [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

March 28-April 4 has been proclaimed a week of literature for children and juniors. Chairman of the Armenian Writers' Union Levon Ananyan said today at a meeting with journalists that Armenia had that tradition still in the soviet years. A conduction of a number of events is intended within the framework of the festive week, the goal of which is to convey the literary merits to schools. A number of meetings both in the capital and in provinces will be held.

The opening of the week is traditionally held in some province. The official opening of the literature for children and juniors will be held March 31 in Artashat. On the closing day of the festive week an exhibition of child book will open in the National Library of Armenia.

An award-giving ceremony of literature for children and juniors will be held the same day. According to Mr. Ananyan, at the moment we have an introducible literature for children and juniors. And though the literature does not become “commodity”, and does not manage to cover the expenses, the interest in literature for children does not decrease.

The Chairman of the Writers' Union said on the occasion of proclaiming Yerevan a book capital 2012 there is a goal to set up a book-stall in every community of the capital. The idea of setting up a center of culture and book has developed in the capital.

According to the speakers, corresponding measures should be taken for proper presentation and appraisal of the book. Director of Khnko Aper Library Ruzan Tonoyan said that as a result of the book fair the library has had 6 thousand visitors in 2 days, which is a result of right work of mass media.

“No law can make the child read. The child should learn reading from an early childhood,” Mr. Ananyan said.

19. 500 documentary films digitalized at the National Archive [Armenpress, 03/29/11]



Armenia's National Archive will obtain a new device for digitalization of documents. Director of the archive Amatuni Virabyan told Armenpress that for this very purpose negotiations are currently running with several foreign companies. All the issues connected with purchase process will be specified in near future.

The National Archive attaches importance to digitalization of the stored documents, for it is a process, which facilitates their search and use.

The studier, instead of bringing the document from the archive reserve, can search it on place thanks to the computer and find it. In case of digitalization of documents they will not be touched by people often and will not be harmed.

The National Archive has undertaken the digitalization process of films still in 2009. Two thousand documentary films are kept in the archive on the whole: about the 500 have been digitalized in 2009-2010. According to Mr. Virabyan, the digitalization process of the films will be accomplished within nearly 6 years. About one thousand photos and records kept in the National Archive have been digitalized during the year.

SOCIAL

20. Meeting with teachers at Writers Union [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

A meeting with teachers of the mother language and literature of secondary schools was organized today at Writers' Union of Armenia. The theme of the meeting was "children and juniors" literature-writer-textbook connection". Children stories writer Suren Muradyan, head of the juniors department of the Armenian Writers' Union, editor of "Tsitsernak" magazine Anush Vardanyan and literary critic Ludwig Karapetyan shared their concerns with the teachers.

Chairman of the Writers Union of Armenia Levon Ananyan noted that such meetings have a goal to raise the issues the teachers face. He also said that another meeting will be conducted before the commemoration day of the Great Genocide.

Levon Ananyan noted that he has applied to Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan in order for encouragement of children storey writers the literature for children and juniors is separated from feature literature in the awards extended by the president.

21. Rich Goldman and Ralph Yirikian became members of the Armenian Engineering Academy [Noyan Tapan, 03/26/11]

On March 25, 2011, the Committee Meeting of the Annual Award of the President of Republic of Armenia for Outstanding Contribution to Humanity through IT'2010 (Global IT Award'2010) was held at Synopsys Armenia. During the meeting the candidacies of the Global IT Award'2010 were discussed.

At the beginning of the meeting Sergey Minasyan, the President of the Armenian Engineering Academy awarded a Diploma of Member to the General Manager of VivaCell-MTS Ralph Yirikian and a Diploma of Foreign Member to Rich Goldman, vice president for Corporate Marketing and Strategic Alliances at Synopsys.

22. Ashot Kocharyan – honorable president of Lebanon-Armenian friendship association [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

Meeting of the founder members of the Lebanon-Armenian friendship association took place at the Armenian embassy to Lebanon. Armenian ambassador to Lebanon Ashot Kocharyan congratulated the present on ending all the official registration procedure. He expressed conviction that thanks to the big potential of the members and their active work the newly created association will deepen and expand bilateral relations between the two friendly countries.

MFA press office reported that Pier Fattush, well-known businessmen, and big friend of Armenian people, was unanimously elected the president of the Association. Members of the Board of Directors of the Association were also elected at the event. Armenian ambassador was offered the office of the honorable president of the Association.

During the meeting the participants outlined the further activity of the Association. A task group has been set up which will coordinate the works of an official event scheduled for early May.

The chief goal of the Association is to expand trade-economic, cultural, educational, tourism relations between Lebanon and Armenia.



23. Armenian, Ukrainian universities sign cooperation agreement [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

Cooperation agreement was signed today between the Khachatur Abovian State Pedagogical University and two universities of Ukraine – Ukrainian State Pedagogical University and P.L. Shupkin Medical Academy of Post-Diploma Education. With the agreement the three universities will cooperate in exchange of scientific information, exchange of experience of the organization of study process, etc.

The Armenian Pedagogical University stressed the work of the Ukrainian specialists in dolphin-therapy sphere which is being conducted in Yerevan Dolphinarium. Rector of the university Ruben Mirzakhanyan noted that the participation of Armenian professors and students in the dolphin-therapy works will help to acquire professional experience.

Anatoli Chuprikov, head of the forensic-medical chair of the Ukrainian Shupkin Medical Academy, noted that this agreement restores the relations between the educational systems of the two countries. “For many years we had a joint educational system, exchanged experience. Now this agreement will restore the relations and will open new ways for their further expansion,” Chuprikov added.

24. 290 loans refunded within the framework of “Available Apartment for Young Family” program [Armenpress, 03/29/11]

As of 2011 March 9, 290 loans have been refunded within the framework of the program “Available Apartment for Young Family”. An official from “Available Apartment” universal loan organization told Armenpress that 187 loans in the amount of 1, 7 billion have been provided in Yerevan, and 103 loans with 551 million in provinces.

To remind, a number of changes have taken place lately in the program. One of the changes is that the state will subsidize the 4% for hypothec loans provided in RA provinces instead of the former 2%.

“Available Apartment for Young Family” is a program undertaken by the state, its goal is to display support to young families who need improvement of dwelling conditions.

SPORTS

25. Police undertakes serious measures to organize Armenia-Russia match properly [Armenpress, 03/26/11]

The RA Police undertakes serious measures to keep law and order on a high level before and after the March 21 Armenia-Russia match, according to Nerses Nazaryan, head of the Police Yerevan City Department.

Nerses Nazaryan said today at a press conference that over 1500 Russian fans, which are famous for their actions, have already arrived in Yerevan. He said a Republican Stadium tribune will be separated for the Russian fans to eliminate their contact with Armenian fans.

“The actions of Russian fans are well-known and their every step will be in the limelight in order to exclude negative phenomena,” Nerses Nazaryan said.

He says they also cooperate with Russian law enforcement bodies, which presented to their Armenian counterparts the level and type of the Russian fans’ possible actions. He advised the society to host Russian fans hospitably and not to react to their negative actions.

“We will exert every effort for the best organization of the football feast. Any fan, which will appear to have used alcohol, will not be allowed to enter the stadium,” Nerses Nazaryan said.

He added that a big screen will be placed at the Charles Aznavour Square and over 10 000 fans will have an opportunity to follow the match due to the screen.

26. Armenia-Russia – 0:0 [Armenpress, 03/28/11]

The so long waited Armenia-Russia Euro 2012 qualifying match was held March 26 in Yerevan ending in draw 0-0.

Armenia’s team earned 8 points and Russia 10 points.

Other Group B contenders Ireland and Slovakia played later Saturday, against Macedonia and last-place Andorra respectively.

President Serzh Sargsyan, Defense Minister Seyran Ohanyan, chairman of the football federation Ruben Hayrapetyan and chairman of the National Olympic Committee Gagik Tsarukyan were present at the match.



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