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### POLITICS

#### **1. Armenian, Azerbaijani and Russian Presidents meeting underway [Armenpress, 06/25/11]**

The meeting of Presidents Serzh Sargsyan of Armenia, Ilham Aliyev of Azerbaijan and Dmitry Medvedev of the Russian Federation is under way in Kazan. The regulation of the Nagorno Karabakh issue is being discussed at the meeting.

Armenpress reports citing "RIA-Novosti" that the foreign ministers of the three countries partake in the meeting as well. "To achieve some result, we need to be closer to each other," Dmitry Medvedev said.

The presidents of the OSCE co-chairing states – Barack Obama of US and Nicolas Sarkozy of France – sent addresses on the occasion of today's meeting. The Kazan meeting is held upon the initiative of the president of the next co-chairing state – Russia.

"Time has come for managing the conflict and inspiring hope for good future to the peoples of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Nagorno Karabakh," President Obama said. President of France Nicolas Sarkozy mentioned that there are moments in the history, when the heads of a state have to show the way to courage, wisdom and peace to their people. The president says this is that very moment.

#### **2. Armenian National Congress: "Serzh Sargsyan made two mistakes at PACE Session" [Armenpress, 06/25/11]**

On June 22, Parliamentary Assembly for the Council of Europe (PACE) session, Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan allowed for two major mistakes, said Armenian National Congress (HAK) senior representative Levon Zurabyan at a press conference in Yerevan today.

"The first mistake was that he said that Armenia doesn't recognize Nagorno-Karabakh's independence since it respects Azerbaijan's territorial integrity. I hope that this statement was simply a slip-up on his part, and it should be quickly rectified. On this matter, [HAK leader Levon] Ter-Petrosian



very clearly said in his interview to Moskovskiye Novosti [Moscow News]... that the only reason Armenia doesn't recognize the independence of Nagorno-Karabakh today is that it doesn't want to undermine peace talks," he said.

The Armenian leader's second mistake, according to Zurabyan, was the statement that if war breaks out today, Azerbaijan will have the advantage since Armenia has not prepared its people for war as has Azerbaijan.

"First, why hasn't [Armenia] prepared [for war] if there is a situation of war and second, the chief commander of the Republic of Armenia shouldn't make such a statement. It increases the demand for aggression by Azerbaijan," he said.

### **3. "Each comma could be fatal" says Zurabyan on Sargsyan-Aliyev meeting in Kazan [Armenpress, 06/25/11]**

The Armenian National Congress' position on the presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan signing a document during their meeting in Kazan Friday is conditioned by two circumstances: first is the actual document itself, and second, the reaction of the people and authorities of Nagorno-Karabakh, said Armenian National Congress (HAK) senior representative Levon Zurabyan at a press conference in Yerevan today.

"In the [Armenian National] Congress, there are such diplomats who realize that each word, each comma can be fatal; thus, we have to see the document. The [Armenian National] Congress is an ardent advocate of Nagorno-Karabakh's self-determination and their [i.e. Nagorno-Karabakh's] response is much more important," he said.

### **4. Armenian, Russian and Azerbaijani presidents adopt joint statement [Armenpress, 06/25/11]**

The Armenian, Russian and Azerbaijani presidents adopted a joint statement at their meeting in Kazan, Russia on Friday.

The statement runs as follows:

"The state leaders confirmed mutual understanding over a range of issues which, if resolved, would create the conditions necessary for adopting the Basic Principles.

The Armenian and Azerbaijani presidents expressed their gratitude to the leaders of the OSCE Minsk Group co-chairing countries - Russia, the United States and France - for their permanent attention to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict, and highly praised the Russian president's efforts towards reaching an agreement".

### **5. Edward Nalbandian: Azerbaijan not ready to accept the final version of the Basic Principles [Armenpress, 06/25/11]**

"The President of the Republic had stated in Strasbourg that it would be possible to expect positive results, progress in Kazan if Azerbaijan did not propose new amendments.

Yet, the Kazan summit didn't achieve a breakthrough, because Azerbaijan was not ready to accept the final version of the Basic Principles proposed by the three Co-Chairs," Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian said, commenting on the results of the Kazan meeting.

"In Deauville the Co-Chair countries had urged the Presidents to come to an agreement in Kazan. President Obama in his phone conversations with the Presidents had made the same call. The President of France Sarkozy had sent messages to the Presidents, as well.

Despite it the Azerbaijani side proposed approximately a dozen of amendments, and that is the reason why the Kazan meeting did not prove to be a breakthrough," the Minister stated.

"In any case, I think the meeting was useful in the sense that the detailed discussions continued. And the important point is that President Medvedev, who made a great input in this process during the last three years, expressed willingness to continue his efforts towards according the principles and achieving a final agreement over them.

This was already the 12th meeting between the parties during the last three years. But during this last year Azerbaijan has, in fact, repeated this scenario of coming up with new amendments and proposals at least four times. This is the reality.

Nonetheless, we will continue the negotiations, because there is no other way for the settlement. It is possible to solve the conflict only through peaceful means and negotiations," Minister Nalbandian concluded.



## **6. Tigran Balayan: Armenia has not negotiated with Turkey over the Nagorno-Karabakh issue [Armenpress, 06/25/11]**

"Armenia has not negotiated with Turkey over the Nagorno-Karabakh issue, and therefore never on the return of either five, or three, or one region", spokesman of the MFA Tigran Balayan said commenting on the remarks of Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, as if there is an agreement between Armenia and Turkey on the return of five, three or one region.

"The reference is a manipulation by some ministers, a trickery, which is like those rumors, as if Çavuşoğlu was not a supporter of the revival of the subcommittee on Nagorno-Karabakh in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, about which some of the members of the PACE had publicly stated, including the representatives of Azerbaijan", the spokesman said.

## **7. Garegin Azaryan: Coming elections to essentially differ from previous ones [Armenpress, 06/27/11]**

The coming elections will essentially differ from previous ones both from the point of view of organization and conduction. Chairman of the Central Electoral Commission Garegin Azaryan said at the press conference today that there will also be differences in respect of ensuring publicity and making the results more available.

"The commission has been actively engaged into the reforms of the Armenian Electoral Code. Our engagement is highlighted as if we had made each proposal taking into consideration the experience we had, the suggestions presented by the international observing missions as well as remarks of the parliamentarians.

Referring to the proposal of the extra parliamentary opposition on having 2 thousand international experts, the chairman of the CEC said the more is the number of international experts the better but the 2000 is unreal. "I do not understand if we have 2 thousand international experts what will the entrusted people of parties do? We must not forget that they have greater rights than the observers do", Azaryan said.

## **8. Analyst says ARP and Prosperous Armenia claim for parliamentary mandates [Armenpress, 06/27/11]**

The Republican Party of Armenia and Prosperous Armenia Party are the chief claimants for reaching victory at the 2012 parliamentary elections in Armenia. The fight will take place mainly between them, head of the Globalization and Regional Cooperation Analytical Center Stepan Grigoryan said at a news conference today.

The latter does not expect serious fight between the Armenian National Congress and the authorities. "Of course some fight will take place but the normal fight will be between the ARP and the Prosperous Armenia as they two have greater electorate", he said.

According to him, "Heritage" and ARF also have a chance to win places. The analyst expressed doubt that Rule of Law party will appear in the parliament.

## **9. Azerbaijan not ready for peace [Armenpress, 06/27/11]**

The time has come to directly include Nagorno Karabakh in the negotiations. Any resolution to the conflict as mediated by the OSCE Co-Chairs must be acceptable to the people of Nagorno Karabakh, and its right to self-determination must be taken into account. Armenpress reports that this was mentioned in a statement by the Armenian Assembly of America (Assembly) on the Kazan meeting of the Armenian, Azerbaijani and Russian presidents.

The Armenian Assembly of America (Assembly) commends Armenia's President Serzh Sargsyan for his diplomatic efforts to secure a peaceful and just resolution to the Nagorno Karabakh, as well as extends its appreciation to U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for her support of efforts to secure a lasting peace in the region.

Taking note of U.S. President Barack Obama's phone call to President Sargsyan and Azerbaijani President İlham Aliyev in advance of the Kazan summit in which "President Obama told both leaders that now is the time to resolve this conflict and to offer the people of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Nagorno-Karabakh a better future for themselves and for their children", ANCA expresses regret that it appears once again Azerbaijan is not ready for peace.



"Armenia has consistently demonstrated its willingness to resolve all outstanding issues with its neighbors, while Azerbaijan, instead, has rapidly expanded its military budget and escalated tension by repeatedly threatening the resumption of military action," the statement says.

## **10. Candidates of Central Electoral Committee Members to be presented to RA President till July 24 [Noyan Tapan, 06/27/11]**

The bodies that form the RA Central Electoral Committee shall present the candidates of the CEC members to the RA president till June 10. The RA President shall establish the staff of the CEC till July 13, 2011.

The bodies forming the CEC are the Court of Cassation, the Chairperson of the Chamber of Advocates and the RA Ombudsman.

"Our authorities will expire till July 14. The reason I mention this is that candidacies will be nominated soon, and, accordingly, the presidential decree will be soon. If I am not elected Chair of the Central Electoral Committee, I think I will assume another office," says Garegin Azaryan, CEC chairperson.

## **11. US Department of State disappointed with the results of the Kazan meeting [Armenpress, 06/28/11]**

The US State Department is disappointed with the results of the meeting between the Armenian, Azerbaijani, and Russian Presidents in Kazan, State Department spokesperson, Victoria Nuland said, according to the State Department official website.

V. Nuland noted that "the Presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan did not manage to agree on the basic principles when they met in Kazan. Nevertheless, in their joint statement with President Medvedev, they stressed they had improved their understanding on a number of issues, agreed to keep working on the basic principles, and to meet again in the future, but I must say it is disappointing."

The tripartite meeting between the Presidents of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Russia in Kazan finished without reaching an agreement on the basic principles of the Nagorno Karabakh settlement, but the sides have made progress towards this goal, as they noted in a joint statement after the Kazan meeting.

## **12. Stepan Safaryan: unification of Heritage with ANC excluded [Armenpress, 06/28/11]**

The unification of the "Heritage" party with the Armenian National Congress is excluded, head of the party's faction Stepan Safaryan said at a news conference today, noting that the time showed that "Heritage" was right in its decision not to unite with the ANC.

The "Heritage" and the ANC have absolutely different approaches both connected with the NK conflict and normalization of the Armenian-Turkish relations. In the coming elections the ideological alliance with the ANC is excluded.

He accused the Congress in "destroying" and "separating" the opposition field which though is expressed not with the unification of opposition figures but with the coming forth of disappointed of the public.

## **13. Artak Shakaryan Says Geopolitical Interests Primary for Turkey [Armenpress, 06/28/11]**

It is not the first time Turkey endeavors to take advantage of the inner unstable situation of neighbor countries to establish there Turkey-oriented figures' power, Turkologist Artak Shakaryan said today at a news conference.

Artak Shakaryan says regardless the interests Turkey has in a country, Turkey will never miss any opportunity to launch military intervention there and extend its borders. Several years ago Turkey and Syria signed an agreement and established visa-free regime. Syria is considered the first importer of Turkish goods. "Nonetheless, Turkey's geopolitical interests are higher than the economic ones," Artak Shakaryan said.

The Turkologist says NATO's attack on Syria is almost excluded, as Russia and China support Syria, at the same time, the states attempting to encroach on Syria, will have to deal with Iran. "Taking into account all these circumstances, Turkey remains the region's only country, which instigates tending to conceal its own nimble policy with democratic ideas," Artak Shakaryan said.



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As to the Armenian community to Syria and its stance on the inner-political crisis, Arabologist Arayik Harutyunyan said Armenians have always supported the authorities.

## DIASPORA

### **14. Western Armenians demand Turkey to recognize the Armenian Genocide and to compensate for losses [Noyan Tapan, 06/27/11]**

On June 25, the Congress of the representatives of the Western Armenians took place in Moscow, attended by about 100 delegates from Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Rostov, Vladikavkaz, Sochi, Adler, Krasnodar, Omsk, Petrozavodsk, as well as from Crimea and Abkhazia: The Congress was chaired by Committee Chairman, Lieutenant General Norat Ter-Grigoryants.

According to the Moscow "Hyusisapayl" the main objective of the congress was the election of delegates from Russian Federation in the Third Congress.

The Congress elected 39 delegates for the third Congress of the representatives of the Western Armenians, which will take place in Paris, in December, 2011.

A statement was also adopted, according to which: "In international organizations the National Council of Western Armenians will have the opportunity to protect the legitimate rights of the heirs of the Western Armenians, to negotiate with the Turkish authorities and other interested parties on the recognition, condemnation, compensation of moral, material and territorial damage of the Armenian Genocide by Turkey."

The Western Armenians demand Turkey to recognize the Armenian Genocide and compensate for the territorial damage.

### **15. Opening ceremony of the School for Young Journalists of Diaspora Armenian Mass Media is held [Noyan Tapan, 06/27/11]**

On June 27, the solemn opening ceremony of the School for Young Journalists of Diaspora Armenian Mass Media was held at the Yeghishe Charents Hall of Yerevan State University. The School for Young Journalists of Diaspora Armenian Mass Media is set up by the RA Ministry of Diaspora with the participation of Yerevan State University.

Attending the event were RA Minister of Diaspora Hranush Hakobyan, YSU Rector Aram Simonyan, Head of the Education Department at Yerevan Municipality Gayane Soghomonyan, students, professors and others.

Welcoming the participants of the School for Young Journalists of Diaspora Armenian Mass Media and wishing them success, RA Minister of Diaspora Hranush Hakobyan underlined Armenia's achievements and victories throughout the past 20 years of independence and attached importance to the need for giving adequate counter-attacks to the opponent in the information war. The minister also touched upon the 5th Pan-Armenian Forum of Journalists organized by the RA Ministry of Diaspora on 12-16 October 2010 in Stepanakert, Nagorno-Karabakh Republic, saying that one of the decisions of that forum was to set up a School for Young Journalists of Diaspora Armenian Mass Media in order to train young, talented journalists and ensure Diaspora Armenian media with qualified experts. Hakobyan also called on the participants to combine efforts in order to help shape a strong homeland by contributing to the solution to issues of national concern.

There to greet the participants were YSU Rector A. Simonyan and Dean of the YSU Faculty of Journalism N. Martirosyan.

During the opening ceremony, RA Minister of Diaspora H. Hakobyan, YSU Rector A. Simonyan and the participants of the School for Young Journalists of Diaspora Armenian Mass Media handed diplomas to this year's graduates of the Faculty of Journalism. The ceremony also included beautiful performances by the YSU Student Chorus.

### **16. AAA: "There will be a progress in Karabakh issue if the United States recognizes the Armenian Genocide after Moscow and Paris" [Noyan Tapan, 06/27/11]**

Armenian Assembly of America welcomed the diplomatic efforts made by Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan in the peaceful and fair settlement of Karabakh conflict.

"The fact that Azerbaijan is not ready for peace yet, causes regret. Armenia always demonstrate its willingness to solve the unresolved problems, and Azerbaijan, on the contrary, only adds its military budget, and creates tension threatening with a military action," said the conference statement.



"Taking the results of the meeting held in Kazan into consideration, the process has entered a deadlock concerning the Armenian-Turkish relations. The Assembly believes that the U.S. will achieve a great progress in peace negotiations if Washington recognizes the Armenian genocide, as it the other co-chairs of the OSCE: France and Russia did."

"Besides, the time has come for the inclusion of Nagorno-Karabakh in the negotiation process. Any settlement of the conflict by the mediation of the OSCE Minsk Group should be acceptable to the people of Nagorno-Karabakh and take its right for self-determination into account," the statement reads.

## **ARTS**

### **17. Golden Apricot festival's "Koriz" nomination good opportunity for young directors [Armenpress, 06/25/11]**

The 8th Golden Apricot Film Festival of Yerevan has a nomination. 135 applications were presented for the new "Koriz (Stone)" competition of short films. 25 participants from 18 countries were selected. The chair of the jury is Thierry Lenouvel (France).

Vardan Hakobyan, organizer of the cultural program, said today at a news conference that the festival gives the young an opportunity to realize their ideas and be free to choose their films. He noted that this is a very good opportunity for young film directors to create interesting films with a small budget. "In all the presented films there are some shortcomings, but there is an interesting film language, through which actions are told," Vardan Hakobyan said.

As to the selection of the nomination's title, Gagik Ghazare, organizer of the competition program, says every apricot has a stone, so the Golden Apricot should have its "Stone".

### **18. Spring concert session of Armenian Composition Art festival over [Armenpress, 06/25/11]**

The 4th final concert of the Armenian Composition Art Festival's spring session was held today at the Komitas Chamber Music Hall.

Ruben Altunyan's "Antuni", Ruben Sargsyan's "Hrajesht (farewell)", Geghuni Chtchyan's "Romans (love song)", Khachatur Martirosyan's "3 Chorals", Vard Manukyan's "Luseghen Yeraz (dream from light)", Armenuhi Karapetyan's "Lusnak" and Ashot Ghazaryan's "Halelua" creations were in the program.

Robert Amirkhanyan, chair of the RA Union of Composers and Musicologists, told Armenpress that the Armenian art lovers' society becomes closer to classical conceptions of music.

The festival is held by the Armenian State Youth Orchestra and the RA Union of Composers and Musicologists under the auspices of the RA president.

### **19. Dali exhibit to open in Armenia [Noyan Tapan, 06/25/11]**

Daughter of legendary publisher Pierre Argillet to present launch of exhibition at the National Gallery of Armenia

The National Gallery of Armenia presents "Salvador Dali and the Surrealists" the Argillet collection – an extraordinary exhibition which will open on July 6, in Armenia's capital Yerevan and will last through the end of October 2011. Unprecedented in its scope and importance in the recent history of the National Gallery of Armenia, this exhibit became possible through the cooperation between the Ministry of Culture of Armenia, the Consulate General of Armenia in Los Angeles and the United Armenian Fund. Airlifted to Yerevan from its permanent base in Los Angeles the Argillet collection is expected to become a true attraction for Armenia's residents as well as tourists as the country celebrates the 20th anniversary of its independence.

Salvador Dali's publisher, Pierre Argillet (1910-2001) and Dali enjoyed a collaboration and friendship that spanned five decades; and produced what art historians have coined as "the finest bodies of the Master's Art".

Pierre Argillet's body of Dali's etchings, original works and books appear in museums throughout the world and enjoy a permanent home at the Museum of Surrealism in Melun, France (Pierre Argillet's former home "Chateau Vaux-le-Penil" and museum) as well as in the Dali Museum in Figueras, Spain. Together, Argillet & Dali created remarkable editions of original prints, lived the true "Surrealists" life, and developed images that are prized by collectors today. This exhibition and collection offers works from Dali's Suites, including Mythologie, Les Hippies, Goethe's Faust, and the incomparable Poemes Secrets d'Appollinaire. Madame Argillet has also graciously included the rare titles as well as the magnificent



Aubusson Tapestries created during the period 1930 to the late 1960's. Housed in this collection is "Femmes dans les Vagues, 1972, a hand-woven Aubusson that leaves one breathless.

Madame Christine Argillet, daughter of Dali's legendary publisher is scheduled to be present at the launch of the exhibition at the National Gallery of Armenia. "The Argillet Collection is a tribute to the work of my father, Pierre Argillet, as an extraordinary publisher of the Dada and Surrealist group," said Madame Argillet. "This collection reflects a constant endeavor, a very personal archive of not only Dali's finest etchings and tapestries, but an intimate glimpse into my family's personal and cherished photos, films, anecdotes and memories of life with Dali and Gala."

Art connoisseurs and aficionados are encouraged to visit Armenia from July to October to enjoy the splendor of Armenia and visit the Dali Exhibit. For more information about Armenia, visit [www.armeniainfo.am](http://www.armeniainfo.am).

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## **20. Arthur Poghosyan: At UNESCO Azerbaijan's next vandalism was for the benefit of Armenia [Armenpress, 06/25/11]**

"The art of Khachkars" exhibition will be summarized at the UNESCO headquarter of Paris. The next outburst of the Azerbaijani and Turkish aggression was recorded at the exhibition.

Arthur Poghosyan, the RA deputy culture minister, reported Armenpress that the conflict situation at UNESCO once again made the international community to focus on the Armenian khachkars and intangible cultural heritage values. He says once again the international community was informed about the vandalism, committed by the Turkish and Azerbaijani sides. According to him, the created conflict situation worked for the benefit of the Armenian side.

The deputy minister said during all the international events the Armenian side faces the Azerbaijani and Turkish sides' aggression. "However this will not frighten us: we will move forward more dynamically," he stated.

During "The art of Khachkars - Armenian cross-stones" exhibition, held June 15 at UNSECO Paris Office, the notes on the origin of the Armenian khachkars were not available. Only the date of the khachkars was written under the photos. The reason was that some of the khachkars are located in the territory of not only Armenia, but also neighbor countries – Turkey and Azerbaijan.

## **SOCIAL**

## **21. The 2011 action plan for the implementation of CANDLE project was approved [Armenpress, 06/25/11]**

On June 22, during the session of the CANDLE project coordination council, chaired by the head of the council, the Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan, the council took note the reports on the work directed to the progress of the CANDLE project, the first-stage of the implementation of the project, including the project of laser-operated high-power linear accelerator (LINAC), delivered by the head of the Education and Science Ministry's State Research Committee Samvel Harutyunyan and the director of Synchrotron Radiation-Based Scientific Research Center by the Yerevan State University Vasili Tsakanov.

The 2011 action plan for the implementation of CANDLE project was presented and approved during the session. The status of CANDLE Scientific Research Center was also discussed.

## **22. Andranik Nikoghosyan elected head of the Pan-Armenian International Youth Center [Armenpress, 06/28/11]**

The CIS Youth Union met in Moscow on June 27, electing head of the Pan-Armenian International Youth Center, Andranik Nikoghosyan Governing Board Chairman of the organization.

The CIS Youth Union aims to unite CIS youth organizations.

The new Chairman of the organization, A. Nikoghosyan noted that unification of the CIS youth is an important condition for fighting the common challenges.

In 2010 with the decree of the President of Russia Dmitry Medvedev Andranik Nikoghosyan was awarded with Friendship Order for great contribution to spreading of Russian language and culture abroad.

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