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## Armenia Commemorates Second Anniversary of March 1st Killings

"Serzh Sarkisian Will Sooner or Later Resign and Call Fresh National Elections"



YEREVAN -- Opposition leader Levon Ter-Petrosian reverted to harsh criticism of Armenia's leadership but stood by his cautious strategy of trying to topple it on Tuesday as thousands of his supporters marked the second anniversary of the 2008 post-election violence in Yerevan.

Speaking at the first major rally held by his Armenian National Congress (HAK) in over five months, Ter-Petrosian assured them that the admin-

istration of President Serzh Sarkisian will sooner or later resign and call fresh national elections. Frequent anti-government demonstrations would be counterproductive in this situation, he said.

"However safe the kleptocracy feels and however self-confident it pretends to be, it will crumble in one day under the burden of a growing

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## U.S. Aerospace and Defense Industry Companies Warn Against Passage of Armenia Genocide Resolution

WASHINGTON, DC -- The U.S. aerospace and defense industry is urging House of Representatives lawmakers to reject Armenian Genocide resolution, warning it could jeopardize U.S. exports to Turkey.

The chief executives of Lockheed Martin Corp, Boeing Co, Raytheon Co, United Technologies Corp and Northrop Grumman Corp issued a rare joint letter, warning that passage of the measure by the House Foreign Affairs Committee could lead to "a rupture in U.S.-Turkey relations" and put American jobs at risk.

"Alienating a significant NATO ally and trading partner would have negative repercussions for U.S. geopolitical interests and efforts to boost both exports and employments," the CEOs warned in a February 26 letter to the committee's Democratic chairman, Representative Howard Berman.

They said U.S. defense and aerospace exports to Turkey exceeded \$7 billion in 2009 and were seen reaching a similar level in 2010, supporting tens of thousands of U.S. jobs. Industry

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## ACA Praises Congressman Adam Schiff for Sumgait Pogrom Commemoration

GLENDALE -- Earlier today, Rep. Schiff released a statement into the Congressional Record commemorating the 22nd anniversary of the three day massacre of Armenians in Sumgait, Azerbaijan in February 1988.

"The brutal Sumgait pogrom was the continuation of the Azeri policy that begun during the 1905-1907 massacre of Armenians in Baku, Nakhichevan and Shushi. Armenians were killed just for being Armenian," said Peter Darakjian, Executive Direc-

tor of the ACA. "We commend Congressman Schiff for confronting the Azeri misinformation campaign through this statement commemorating the twenty second anniversary of this massacre," added Darakjian. "Rep. Schiff has not only been an advocate of Armenian American issues but he has taken a firm stand against man's inhumanity to man."

Segments of Congressman

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## CBS News Program Airs Segment on Armenian Genocide

By Christine Aghakhanian

A twelve minute segment, "A Battle Over History" featuring reporter Bob Simon aired on CBS' "60 Minutes" news program on Sunday Feb. 28 which included interviews with Armenian American author Peter Balakian as well as former Turkish Ambassador to the U.S., Nayib Sensoy.

The segment featured proponents of the Genocide as well as active denialists and then presented an unbiased approach to the issue while ending the segment with the reasons why the American government is unable to officially acknowledge the Genocide and adding information regarding the new historical commission that is to take place.

Simon and Balakian were shown excavating bones in the Der El Zor desert of Syria where millions of Armenians in the Ottoman Empire were marched to their death during the Armenian Genocide. In one scene, local children who were familiar with the mass graves handed Balakian and

Simon fragments of bones that were found in the same areas where Armenians were killed in masses by the Turks. Balakian stated that the mass graves were caves which were used as predated gas chambers where Arme-

nians were burned alive or died from the fumes of the fires with nowhere to escape.

Images of Armenians crammed in the small box carts of the trains were displayed as Balakian talked about how they were forced to buy roundtrip tickets only to be sent off to their deaths. He compared the Holocaust to the Genocide adding that Hitler would

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## ACA-PAC Endorses Danny Tarkanian for US Senate



Arsen Ter-Petrosyan, Danny Tarkanian and Jirair Guederian

LAS VEGA NV -- The Armenian Council of America - Political Action Committee (ACA-PAC) officially endorsed businessman Mr. Danny Tarkanian in the Republican Party primary for U.S. Senate that is slated to be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010. The announcement was made during a meeting between ACA-PAC Nevada representatives and Mr. Tarkanian on February 24, 2010 at the candidate's campaign headquarters in Las Vegas,

Nevada.

"As a long-time Armenian American resident in Nevada, I feel very fortunate and proud to have the opportunity to not only vote for Danny Tarkanian but to also bestow ACA-PAC's official endorsement on to him," said Jirair Guederian, Chairman of ACA-PAC Nevada. "It's February, less than 4 months until the Republican

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