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Շաբաթ, 20 Յունիս երեկոյ-
եան, Արժանաթինի մայրաքաղաք
Պուէնոս Այրէսի մէջ արժանավայել
շուրջով նշուեցաւ անմահն քանանե-
րու 100-ամեակը՝ տեղույն Շար-
ժում Մշակ Միութեան կազմակեր-
պած յուշատօնի ընթացքին։
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նաւորութիւնը վայելող տուն տպա-
տրիչ ձեռնարկին ներկայ գտնուե-
ցան, մէկ օր առաջ Արժանաթին
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կութեան անդամներ՝ Ատենապետ
Ընկ. Յակոր Տիգրանեան եւ Ընկ.
Վաղբէն Գալթաքճեան։ Հայ Կաթո-
ղիկէ ժողովրդապետութեան հան-

հետ կապ ունեցող որոշ երեւոյթնե-
րու. ապա, Արժանաթինի դրօշակի
օրուան առիթով (որ կը գուգադի-
պէր նոյն օրուան) թարգմանը հան-
դիսացաւ ողջ Արժանաթինահայու-
թեան, յայտնելով բոլորին երախ-
տագիտութիւնն ու հաւատարմու-
թիւնը երկրին հանդէպ։ Ընկերը իր
ելոյթի աւարտին, պաշտօնապէս ողջունեց կեդրոնական Վարչու-
թեան պատուիրակութեան զոյգ
անդամներուն ներկայութիւնը Ար-
ժանաթինի մէջ եւ մասնաւորաբար
սոյն հանդիսութեան։

**Շարժում Մշակ Միութեան
խօսքը բերաւ, Հայերէն լեզուով
արտասանուած համապարփակ ելոյ-**



դիսասրահին մէջ կայացած բազ-
մամարդ այս յուշատօնը իրենց
ներկայութեամբ կը պատուէին։ Ար-
ժանաթինի Հայոց Առաջնորդ Գերշ.
Գիսակ Արք. Մուրատեան, Հայ
Կաթողիկէ Նարեկի Տիրամօր ան-
ուան ժողովրդապետ՝ Գերյարգելի
Պողոս Շ. Վրդ. Հաքիմեան, ազգա-
յին-քաղաքական բոլոր հոսանքնե-
րու, ինչպէս նաեւ գաղութային
մարմիններու, միութեանց եւ զա-
նազան հաստատութեանց ղեկավար
դէմքերը, եւ գլխաւոր ու բանաւոր
մամուլի ներկայացուցիչները։ Յու-
շատօնը, ինքնաբերաբար, վերած-
ուեցաւ համազագին յարգանքի, ողե-
կոչման եւ պահանջատիրութեան
տօնախմբութեան մը՝ մեծապէս տպա-
տրելով բոլոր ներկաները։

Հանդիսավարուհի ծանօթ աս-
մունքող Տիկ. Մարի Մոմճեանի
հայերէն եւ սպաներէն լեզուներով
արտասանած ողջոյնի եւ բարի
գալուատի խօսքէն ետք, Արժանաթի-
նի Շրջանի Վարիչ Մարմնի Ատե-
նապետ՝ Ընկեր Տոքթ. Գարլոս
Դարբինեան սպաներէն լեզուով
անդրադարձաւ օրուան խորհուր-
դին եւ Քսաններու Յուշատօնին

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ՀԱՅԱԿԵԱՆ ՔՍԱՆ ԿԱԽԱՊԱՆՆԵՐՈՒՄ ՆՈՒԻՐՈՒԱԾ ԶԵՌՆԱՐԿԸ ՈՒՐՈՒԿՈՒԵՅԻ ՄԵԶ



**Մոնթեվիտէոյի խորհրդանիշ
համարուող «Թէաթրո Մոլիս»-ի
հանդիսութիւններու սրահին մէջ
տեղի ունեցաւ Հնչակեան Քսան
Կախաղաններու նուիրուած գլխա-
ւոր ձեռնարկը Ուրուկուէի մէջ։**

Ներկայ էին Մոնթեվիտէոյի
քաղաքապետուհի Աննա Օլիվերա,
Խորհրդարանի անդամ Փապլո Ապ-
տալա, որ Ուրուկուէի ներկայա-
ցուցիչն էր երեւանի մէջ տեղի
ունեցած Հայոց Յեղասպանութեան
100-րդ տարելիցին, Առաջնորդ
Մըբագան Յակոբ արքեպիսկոպոս
Գլընձեան, Կաթողիկէ վարդապետ-
րին մաս կազմեցին մայէսթրո Ալ-

Ապա ներկաները դիտեցին՝
Քսաններու լուսաբացը վաւերագ-
րական ֆիլմը սպաներէն թարգմա-
նութեամբ, ձայնագրութիւն՝ Պերկ
Ռուբէնեանի եւ թարգմանութիւն՝
Տիեկո Գարամանուկեանի եւ Յովկ-
հաննէս Պոտուքեանի, ընդհանուր
յուզումի մթնոլորտի մէջ։

Խօսք առաւ Մըբագան հայրը։
Ան խօսեցաւ յուզուած ու բովան-
դակալից ձեւով սպաներէն եւ հա-
յերէն լեզուներով ու գովեց ձեռ-
նարկը եւ ֆիլմը։

Գեղարուեստական յայտագի-
րին մաս կազմեցին մայէսթրո Ալ-



ներ Անթոնիօ Քէչէճեան, Ժենարօ
Լուսարարեան, Հայաստանի Հան-
րապետութեան հիւպատոսի ներ-
կայացուցիչ Ալիսիա Աբրահամեան,
Ս.Դ. Հ. Կ. Կեդրոնական Վարչութեան
ատենապետ՝ Ընկ. Յակոբ Տիգրան-
եան, անդամներ՝ Վաղբէն Գալթաքճ-
եան եւ Սամօ Սարգիսեան։

վարօ Յակոբեան դաշնամուրի վրայ
եւ ջութակահար Մաթիաս Քրա-
սիոն։ Նուազեցին էտուարտ Պաղ-
տասարեանի եւ Խաչատուր Աւետիս-
եանի գործերէն կտորներ, արժանա-
նալով բուռն ծափողջոններու։

Խօսք առաւ Ս. Դ. Հ. Կ. Կեդրոնա-
կան վարչութեան ատենապետ՝ Ընկ.
Յակոբ Տիգրանեան։ Ան վեր առաւ
Ուրուկուէի դերը, որպէս երկիր մը,
որ առաջնուն լեզունած է հայոց
Յեղասպանութիւնը։ Ան յայտնեց թէ
Ուրուկուէր յատուկ տեղ ունի իւ-
րաքանչիւր հայու սրտին մէջ։

Այս առիթով նորահաստատ
Ս. Դ. Հ. Կ. Փարամազի մետալով պար-
զեւատրուեցան ընկերներ՝ Պողոս
Աձեմեան, Ենովլք Ասլանեան եւ
Երուանդ Կանիմեան։

Զեռնարկը իր աւարտին հա-
սաւ Ս. Դ. Հ. Կ. քայլերգով։



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Armenian Catholic Patriarch of Cilicia Nerses Bedros XIX Tarmouni Dies at 75

BEIRUT — Armenian Catholic Patriarch of Cilicia Nerses Bedros XIX passed away Thursday, June 25 after suffering a heart attack, The Daily Star reports.

Born in Cairo in 1940 and ordained to the priesthood in 1965, Nerses Bedros XIX Tarmouni was appointed the Armenian Catholic bishop of Alexandria, Egypt, in 1989 and elected patriarch in 1999.

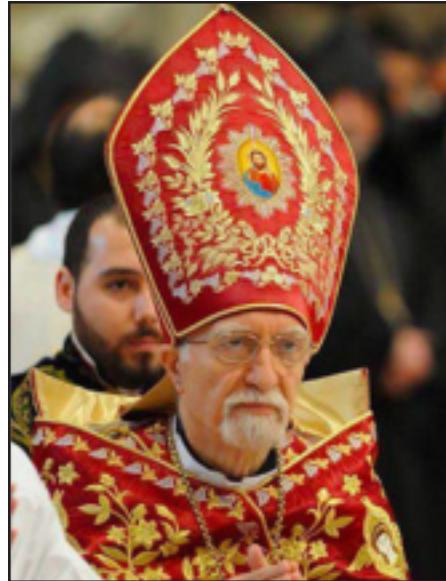
The renowned patriarch is widely known for serving the Armenian community and promoting its interests. The patriarch had visited Armenian communities in Europe, the Middle East and the U.S. to boost Armenian catholic schools.

At his request, the archbishop of Mardine Ignace Maloyan, martyr of the Armenian genocide of 1915, was proclaimed blessed by Pope John Paul II at St. Peter's Square in Rome.

The Catholicos Patriarch also sent the first parish priest to Moscow in 2002 in an attempt to begin a new mission among the Armenian Catholics in Russia, following the opening in 1991 of missions in Armenia and Georgia.

In 1999, the 75-year-old succeeded Hovhannes Bedros XVIII Kasparian as the Catholicos Patriarch of Cilicia of Armenian Catholics and took the name Nerses Bedros XIX after Bishops of the Holy Synod of the Catholic Armenian Synod elected him.

In the same year, the patriarch



was enthroned and received the Ecclesiastical Communion from Pope John Paul II.

The Armenian Catholic Church, an Eastern Catholic church in full communion with the Holy See, has 376,000 members. Headquartered in Beirut, it has eparchies (dioceses) in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, Turkey, and the United States.

The funeral service for Patriarch Tarmouni was held on June 30 in Beirut, Lebanon. The Catholicos' body laid to rest at the tomb of the patriarchs of the Armenian Catholic Patriarchate of Cilicia.

A requiem mass was offered on Sunday, whereupon the faithful were able to give their last farewell to the patriarch.

Russian Energy Firm Blames Yerevan for Armenian Subsidiary's Troubles

MOSCOW (RFE/RL) -- The Russian owner of Armenia's power distribution network has blamed Armenian state regulators for its massive financial losses, saying that electricity prices in the country should have risen faster over the past decade.

"The long-running losses incurred by the Electric Networks of Armenia (ENA) closed joint-stock company result from the existing system of [energy] tariff regulation and rules for the functioning of the energy market in the Republic of Armenia," Boris Kovalchuk, the chairman of the Inter RAO group, told the Tass news agency late on Tuesday.

Kovalchuk claimed that the ENA has paid Armenian power plants more for their electricity than it was supposed to without receiving a corresponding "compensation from consumers." He said the "insufficient increase in tariffs in the past 11 years" was compounded by last year's longer-than-anticipated stoppage of the Metsamor nuclear plant and decreased output by Armenian hydroelectric facilities.

All this has translated into an ENA



revenue shortfall of 37 billion drams (\$78 million), Kovalchuk said, adding that Inter RAO's Armenian subsidiary is no longer able to cover its losses with borrowing and is now teetering on the brink of financial collapse.

The ENA owes over \$225 million to Armenian commercial banks and power plants. Its Russian chief executive, Yevgeny Bibin, similarly blamed Armenia's Public Services Regulatory Commission (PRSC) for the company's troubles last month after asking it to raise the electricity prices

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New Leaders Take Over 'Electric Yerevan' Protests



YEREVAN -- Protesters continuing to occupy a central Yerevan avenue chose on the night from Tuesday to Wednesday new leaders who pledged to reinvigorate their campaign for the cancellation of a controversial rise in Armenian electricity prices.

The ongoing civic movement dubbed "Electric Yerevan" had been in turmoil since its initial organizer, a youth group called No To Plunder, urged the protesters to unblock Marshal Baghramian Avenue and move back to the city's pedestrian Liberty Square on Sunday.

The No To Plunder leaders warned of another violent police crackdown on the nonstop demonstration, saying the campaign should now take different forms. They also pointed to a major concession that was made by President Serzh Sargsyan on Saturday.

Most protesters rejected the appeal, leading No To Plunder to renounce responsibility for their further actions on the blocked street leading to the presidential palace. Attendance at the nonstop demonstration visibly declined on Monday and Tuesday, with only up to several thousand people participating in it before midnight.

The young protesters formed a new leadership comprising 15 mostly little-known activists.

"Our first task is to sort out this disorganized situation," activist Davit Sanasarian told RFE/RL's Armenian

service (Azatutyun.am). "There are no leaders here. There are only persons who will be doing hard work."

"We should spend more time here than other citizens, because we are responsible for what is happening here," he said.

The new leaders set about forming on Tuesday night separate teams of activists who will deal with public order on the avenue, public relations as well as economic and legal aspects of the movement's demands. "Each team will have a representative who will present proposals to the citizen's [leadership] group that will in turn work on those proposals and submit them to you," one of them, Narek Ayvazian, told the crowd remaining on Marshal Baghramian Avenue.

The new leaders put a greater emphasis on public discussions there, offering any protester a chance to speak up and suggest concrete actions. Sanasarian insisted that any decision made by them will have to be backed by most protesters.

It is not yet clear whether the new group will seek to step up pressure on the Armenian authorities by expanding the protests or adding political demands to their agenda. Its members say only that they will only settle for a full acceptance of their key demand by the authorities. As one of them, Hmayak Mkrtchian, put it, "Even half a step back would mean a defeat for us."

Turkey's Human Rights Association Takes Kamp Armen Case to Europe's Agenda

ISTANBUL -- The Human Rights Association (IHD) in Turkey has brought the case of a partly demolished Armenian orphanage in Istanbul to the agenda of the Council of Europe and the European Parliament, the Hurriyet Daily News reports.

Demolition of the Kamp Armen orphanage started in May but was subsequently halted, when the owner of the land said he would donate it to the Armenian community in Istanbul.

Speaking at a press conference on June 29, a member of the IHD's

central executive board, lawyer Eren Keskin, along with other members of the association, said they had sent separate letters to Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Nils Mui•nieks and European Parliament rapporteur on Turkey Kati Piri to draw attention to the Kamp Armen issue.

"In the letter, we said it was a heavy human rights violation that Kamp Armen's certificate of ownership had not been returned to the Armenian

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OSCE Minsk Group Trying to Organize a Meeting of Armenian, Azerbaijani Presidents

BAKU -- Ambassador of France to Azerbaijan Pascal Monnier says when the parties take no steps, the process stops.

He made the remarks commenting on the progress of negotiations to settle the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

"It is important that both parties take steps and set up claims," the Ambassador told Trend News Agency.

"The Azerbaijani and Armenian sides should know that this point is very important and is in everyone's interests."

The ambassador said that France puts efforts for the peaceful settlement of the conflict.

Having reminded about the visits of French President Francois Hollande in September 2014 and April 2015 to Azerbaijan, Monnier said that talks were held during the visits.

He said that this issue was discussed more than once with the participation of the OSCE Minsk Group during the visit of Russian President Vladimir Putin to Baku on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the first European Games.

"Also, the Russian co-chair of



the OSCE Minsk Group traveled to France, where the discussions continued," said the ambassador. "The OSCE Minsk Group is trying to organize a meeting of presidents of Azerbaijan and Armenia in order to find a peaceful solution to the conflict."

The ambassador went on to add that France has good relations with both Armenia and Azerbaijan and intends to expand cooperation with these countries.

"France is home to half a million Armenians, who are very active," said the French ambassador. "Azerbaijan is important to France as a strategic partner. Every eight months, the French president meets with the presidents of Azerbaijan and Armenia."

Gyumri Massacre Suspect to Stand Trial in Armenian Court

GYUMRI -- A Russian soldier accused of murdering the seven members of an Armenian family in Gyumri in January will be tried by an Armenian court, state prosecutors in Yerevan officially confirmed on Tuesday.

Armenia's Office of the Prosecutor-General elaborated on President Serzh Sarkisian's announcement late last week that Russia has agreed to transfer the high-profile criminal case to Armenian jurisdiction.

The law-enforcement agency said this will be done after a "settlement of procedural issues." "We cannot speak of concrete time frames at the moment," it said in a statement. "What is clear, however, is that Armenian law-enforcers will investigate the murder case while Armenian courts will administer justice."

Permyakov has been kept under arrest at the Gyumri headquarters of the Russian military base in Armenia ever since being arrested on January 12 shortly after a local couple, their daughter, son, daughter-in-law and 2-year-old granddaughter were found dead in their home. The seventh member of the Avetisian family, a 6-month-old baby boy, died of his stab injuries a week later.

Permyakov admitted murdering them during his separate interrogations by Russian and Armenian law-enforcement officials. His motives remain unclear.

Russian authorities made clear immediately after the shock massacre that Permyakov will not be extradited to Armenia. This caused outrage among many Armenians fearing a Russian cover-up of the gruesome crime. Thou-



sands of them demonstrated in Gyumri on January 14-15 to demand Permyakov's handover to the Armenian side. Some of them clashed with riot police outside the Russian consulate in the city.

The unprecedented protests forced Armenia's Prosecutor-General Gevorg Kostanian to formally ask his Russian counterpart Yuri Chayka to ensure that the high-profile case is placed under Armenian jurisdiction. But even after Kostanian's letter to Chayka Russian officials insisted that the detained soldier will be tried by a Russian military court.

According to the Armenian prosecutors' statement, the apparent Russian U-turn was the result of "lengthy negotiations" held by Russian and Armenian officials. It said the two sides ultimately agreed that they should be guided not only by their respective national legislations but also international law.

Russia's constitution prohibits the extradition to other states of Russian

Armenia's Ministry of Defense to Establish Cybersecurity Center



YEREVAN -- The Defense Ministry of the Republic of Armenia and "YCRDI" CJSC have initiated the project of establishing a cybersecurity center "High Tech". It aims to ensure the creation and application of high technological solutions in the defense system thus using servicemen's professional competencies more fruitfully during the com-

pulsory military service.

"The Ministry takes mutually profitable steps of cooperation with high-tech companies to face the challenges in the sphere of Information security". The Information and Public Relations Department of the Defense Ministry has said in an official statement.

The center will open in 2015.

Armenian Soldier Killed by Azeri Fire on the Border with Nakhichevan



YEREVAN — An Armenian serviceman was killed on Friday by gunfire from the Azerbaijani side, the spokesman for Armenian defense ministry Artsrun Hovhannisian wrote in Facebook saying the Armenian Defense Ministry will not leave this unanswered.

"Today at 18:30 the enemy fired from the territory of Nakhichevan at Armenian positions near the village of Gorayk in Syunik region by using large caliber weapons. After the Armenian side's return fire the enemy suffered great losses, but unfortunately Armenian soldier Arman Yepremian, born in 1987 was killed," stated Hovhannisian.

In another development two Azeri soldiers were found dead near Armenian army positions on the border in northern Tavush province. The Azerbaijani Defense Ministry said on Tuesday the soldiers went missing as they accidentally crossed into Armenia's northern region border.

Armenia on Thursday allowed Azerbaijan to evacuate the bodies of their

soldiers identified as sergeants, Musa Musayev and Tural Yolchuyev. The repatriation was mediated by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The APA news agency quoted a spokeswoman for the ICRC office in Baku as confirming that the Red Cross acted as an "impartial mediator in the humanitarian operation agreed by Azerbaijan and Armenia."

According to Artsrun Hovhannisian Yerevan swiftly gave the Azerbaijani side security guarantees for the search and rescue operation shortly after being contacted by the ICRC on Tuesday.

The ICRC was rebuffed by Baku when it requested safe access to the remains of the three Armenian pilots of a combat helicopter shot down by Azerbaijani forces in no-man's land east of Nagorno-Karabakh last November. Karabakh Armenian troops recovered them in an overnight commando raid. They claimed to have neutralized an ambush set up by Azerbaijani troops near the helicopter wreckage.

Armenian observers link Permyakov's impending extradition with continuing street protests in Yerevan against electricity price hikes initiated by Armenia's Russian-owned power distribution network.

Last Armenian Families from Kobane Fleeing Syria do not Intend to Return



ISTANBUL (Hurriyet Daily) — Just like their ancestors forced from their homes in Eastern Anatolia in 1915-16, the last Armenian families living in the embattled northern Syrian town of Kobane have fled after the repeated jihadist attacks — and they do not intend to go back.

Agop Tomasyon, an Armenian from Kobane close to the Turkish border, who fled his hometown for Turkey around nine months ago when the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) launched an attack, said the last eight Armenian families had left Syria for good and would not return.

"There were only eight families left before the ISIL attack [in October 2014]. All of these families left Kobane after the attack," said Tomasyon.

Syrian Kurdish forces expelled ISIL fighters from Kobane on June 27 and retook full control after three days under siege, after a group of ISIL militants stormed into the border town. ISIL had also failed to capture Kobane at the start of 2015 after four months of deadly clashes.

Three Armenian families are currently living at the Turkish Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) refugee camp in the Suruç district of Sanliurfa province.

Tomasyon, who belongs to one of the three families in the Suruç refugee camp, said they had to leave their hometown after ISIL's attack because they knew that the jihadists would kill them once they learned that they were Christians.

"We understood that it was time for us to go. We decided to come to Turkey after a discussion between the last Armenians left. Eventually we came to Suruç," he said. From Suruç, the eight families had spread to various other places.

"One family settled in Sanliurfa, another in Hatay, and another in

Aleppo. Two of the families who had passports went to Armenia. The remaining three families were placed in refugee camps in Suruç," Tomasyon said.

He added that they had at one point decided to return to Kobane but changed their minds after his brother was killed by jihadists in front of his son's eyes during ISIL's latest attack.

"Before the recent ISIL assault, my brother wanted to return to Kobane to see how his house and store was. He took his 14-year-old son with him, but later he was killed by ISIL in front of his son," Tomasyon said.

"Kobane is not our homeland anymore."

The 14-year-old Aram Tomasyon, who is Agop Tomasyon's nephew, said four ISIL members wearing uniforms of the Kurdish People's Defense Units (YPG) had shot his father on the morning of June 24.

"My father was bleeding from his heart when he fell on the ground. Despite this he still raised his hand and said, 'Son, run, they are ISIL.' I ran. If I hadn't run, I would have been shot too," the boy said.

The elder Tomasyon said the ancestral roots of Kobane's Armenians could be traced back to Southern and Central Anatolia, but his ancestors were exiled during the massacre and deportation of Ottoman Armenians in 1915-16. They fled to Kobane and settled there to start a new life.

"We had said that we would never leave Kobane, no matter what," said Tomasyon, adding that they had two churches in the town and lived in harmony with everyone around them.

During the YPG's battles against ISIL last year over Kobane, tens of people died in street unrest launched in a number of Turkish cities on Oct. 6 and 7, 2014, amid calls from Turkish Kurds for Ankara to do more to prevent the town from falling to ISIL.

Russian Energy Firm Blames Yerevan

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by as much as 40 percent.

The PSRC chairman, Robert Nazarian, angrily rejected Bibin's claims, saying that the company's debts have resulted, in large measure, from poor management. The PSRC went on to raise the tariffs by more than 17 percent, a move that triggered mass

protests in Yerevan and other parts of the country.

The daytime tariff for Armenian households thus reached 49 drams (over 10 U.S. cents) per kilowatt-hour. It stood at just 25 drams per kilowatt/hours in 2009.

A senior PSRC official, Garegin Baghramian, on Wednesday dismissed Kovalchuk's "subjective opinion." He

Rare Images of Armenian Genocide Survivors on Show in Italy



BOLOGNA, ITALY -- Rare, moving images of survivors of the 1915 Armenian genocide are shown in Bologna, Italy as part of the 29th edition of the city's "Cinema Ritrovato" (Rediscovered Cinema) festival, Agence France-Presse reports.

A significant historical source that was discovered completely by chance, buried away and forgotten in the US Library of Congress, the silent film dates from 1923 and includes images of children packed onto boats in Turkey and lines of refugees trudging along roads.

The film was shown as part of a selection intended to honour Armenian cinema a century after the beginning of the slaughter of Armenians at the hands of Ottoman Turkish forces.

Also on show during the festival are "Namus" (Honour), a 1925 work by Hamo Beknazarian that is considered the first Armenian film, "Sayat Nova" (The Color of Pomegranates) a 1969 film by Sergei Parajanov and "Naapet", Henrik Malyan's 1980 film about a genocide survivor.

Other rare documentary images include a five-minute film shot by the French army of Armenian refugees in camps at Port Said in Egypt.

But the jewel in the festival's crown is the four minutes of "Armenia, Cradle of Humanity" shot in Turkey soon after the end of the killing — a time thought previously to have only been recorded in still images such as those of German photographer Armin Wegner.

Mariann Lewinsky, one of the festival's curators, came upon the film by "a miracle" as she clicked through the internet data base of the Interna-

faulted the Inter RAO boss for not acknowledging that the ENA's operational losses have been disproportionately high.

Vahagn Khachatrian, an economist representing the opposition Armenian National Congress (HAK), said both the Armenian regulators and the ENA management are responsible for the existing state of affairs in the en-

tional Federation of Film Archives (Fiaf).

Who shot the film and how it got to the Oregon Historical Society before being deposited in the Congress library is a mystery, says the Swiss researcher as she runs the recently-restored reel.

"I sent a little email to my colleagues in the library and they told me, 'Yes we have something, but we don't know what.'

"I insisted a bit and asked if I could come and see the condition of the film."

Normally such a demand would take a bit of time to get a response but Lewinsky was quickly sent some photos and a telephone contact number. "The images were extraordinary, boats full of children, trains."

Having obtained the reel, she quickly dated it to 1923, but her first thought was the people shown could be displaced Greeks — a theory that was dropped when she recognised a well-known Istanbul palace in the background of one shot.

Colleagues confirmed that, after the end of World War One, British forces assembled Armenian orphans in the building for evacuation.

"It is a miracle," Lewinsky said.

A century on, Lewinsky believes a new Turkey is emerging in which Kurds, Greeks, Armenians and ethnic Turks are moving towards "moments of reconciliation".

Films like "Armenia, Cradle of Humanity" can only help this process, she says, invoking her hope that it could be shown at a small silent film festival in Istanbul in the near future.

ergy sector. In particular, he said, the regulators have turned a blind eye to what many in Armenia see as widespread corruption within the ENA.

The HAK's parliamentary faction said on Tuesday that it will petition Armenian prosecutors to investigate financial irregularities committed by senior ENA executives. It claimed to possess evidence of such fraud.



Armenian Trace Being Erased in Mush



Armradio.am — A 1,600-year-old Armenian cemetery in Mush has been ruined by treasure hunters and state policy, Akunq.net reports, quoting the Dicle News Agency.

According to the source, there were 299 Armenian churches, 94 monasteries, 53 pilgrimage sites and 135 schools with 5,669 students in Mush before 1915.

Hayrettin Aslan, head of an Armenian union in Mush, calls attention to the fact that the Turkish state policy deliberately pursues the aim of erasing the Armenian trace from the region, thus erasing the historic memory of the city, as well.

Noting that the cemetery has a history of 1,600 years, Aslan noted that the history of a whole nation faces the danger of obliteration.

He said the treasure hunters also cause great damage to the cemetery. He noted that "Armenians and Kurds peacefully lived in the city before the Armenian massacres."

"If we want to live in an atmosphere of peace, love and respect, we have to take care of the Armenian history," he added.

He noted that there are other Armenian monuments in the region, which also face the threat of demolition and added: "Armenians had even built infrastructures in the mountainous regions of Mush before 1915. Now the Armenian churches, monasteries and schools are on the verge of disappearance, and the government and the political-social organizations should be sensitive towards the issue. A history of millennia is jeopardized."

Hakob Paronyan's Musical Comedy State Theatre Direct from Armenia in Los Angeles

September 25 & October 1, 2015

GLENDALE -- The HYASA Center is presenting Hakob Paronyan's Musical Comedy State Theatre direct from Armenia in Los Angeles for two unparalleled theatrical performances.

The 2 distinct shows will take place at the historical Alex Theatre in Glendale on:

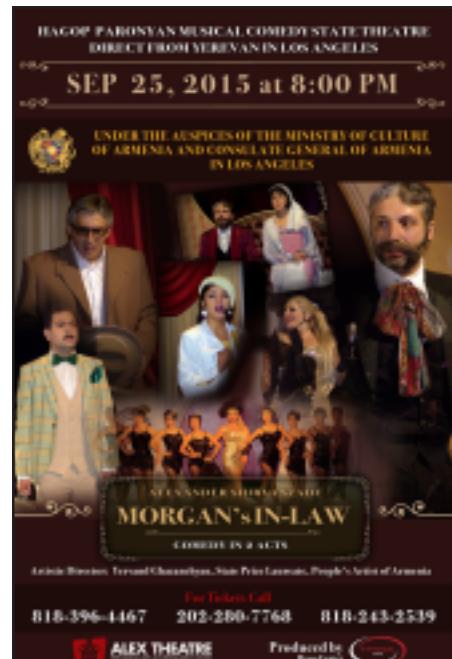
- Friday September 25, 2015 at 8:00 pm- Alexander Shrivanzadeh's "Morgan's In-Law" Comedy in 2 acts

- Friday October 1, 2015 at 8:00 pm- Jirayr Ananyan's "Lord Ddon't Forsake Us" Comedy act

Hakob Paronyan State Musical Comedy Theatre is one of the prominent and oldest Armenian theatres founded in 1941 in Yerevan. The Artistic Director Yervand Ghazanchyan is a People's Artist of Armenia & a State Prize Laureate who has directed the theater since 1993.

The 10 Member Company and artists will be travelling to Los Angeles by an invitation from HYASA Center - a California nonprofit organization promoting arts and cultural enrichment through lectures, concerts, art exhibitions, television/radio broadcasts, literary publications, theatrical productions and movie productions.

The Los Angeles performances are under Auspices of the Ministry of



Culture of Armenia and the Consulate General of the Republic of Armenia in Los Angeles.

*Theatrical performance: "Morgan's In-Law" musical comedy in 2 acts: Date & time: Friday September 25, 2015 at 8:00 pm

*Theatrical performance: "Lord Ddon't Forsake Us" - comedy: Date & time: Friday October 1, 2015 at 8:00 pm

Venue: Alex Theatre- 216 N Brand Blvd, Glendale CA 91203

USC Bedrosian Center to Help Improve Armenian Public Administration

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LOS ANGELES – The University of Southern California Bedrosian Center on Governance and the Public Enterprise has formed a unique relationship with Armenian educators and leaders seeking a deeper understanding of democratic and decentralized governance in the post-Soviet era of their young republic.

The effort is spearheaded by Frank Vram Zerunyan, a professor of the practice of governance at USC Sol Price School of Public Policy and director of the Executive Education Forum for Policy at the Bedrosian Center, which offers an array of specialized non-degree certificate programs designed to deepen public-sector leaders' understanding of substantive policy issues. Zerunyan has adapted the program's curricula into a series of workshops and lectures for current and future Armenian leaders seeking to lead the young democracy forward and away from its long history of centralized Soviet government influence.

"Armenia has not yet completely shed its oligarchic past despite a great desire to do so by the Armenian people, particularly the younger generation," Zerunyan said. "This process is slowed by the fact that most Armenian institutions of higher education don't quite match the quality of American universities in the areas of public administration, public policy, governance and leadership."

Zerunyan, himself a two-term mayor and current city council member in Rolling Hills Estates, Calif., is an expert in local governments, public-private partnerships, land use and regulation. His local government experience – along with his own Armenian heritage and command of the language – uniquely qualifies him to guide emerging leaders in Armenia.

Over the last month, Zerunyan has taught the specialized curricula to students, public officials and educators at the American University in Armenia, the Public Administration Academy of the Republic of Armenia and the Ministry of the Diaspora.

The lessons and workshops focused on helping current and future leaders in the 24-year-old former Soviet Republic develop a unique roadmap

toward a more transparent and accountable system with better local oversight of policymaking and delivery of services.

"I always believed that government should do for people what they cannot do for themselves," Zerunyan said. "As one of the best public affairs school in the nation and the world, our goal is to bring our humble expertise and to help Armenia's current and future leaders better understand how to create a system of governance that exists closer to the people it serves."

The effort was so well received that at the recommendation of high-level government officials, Zerunyan was appointed by the Academic Board of the Public Administration Academy of the Republic of Armenia to the editorial council of the country's prestigious Public Administration Scientific Journal, which is chaired by Vigen Sargsyan, head of the Armenian president's staff.

Zerunyan joins a lustrous group of government leaders, including the president and justices of the republic's Constitutional Court, government ministers, and recognized scholars from within and outside of Armenia.

Zerunyan's efforts complement the broader mission of the USC Bedrosian Center, an applied research center at the Price School that is dedicated to understanding and fostering effective democratic governance as an essential component in ensuring the betterment of local, national and global communities.

Under Zerunyan's leadership, the center will seek to expand its relationship with Armenia and identify resources and programs – both overseas and on the USC campus – that support a sustainable system of public administration in Armenia.

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The Judith and John Bedrosian Center on Governance and the Public Enterprise is an applied research center with the goal promoting effective government by building the professional capacity of public and nonprofit institutions; shaping public dialogue across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors on governance and institutional reform.

Turkey's Human Rights Association

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community and that Turkey was not fulfilling the European Union criteria it had vowed to reach," said Keskin.

Efforts to demolish the orphanage – where thousands of Armenian orphans, including slain journalist Hrant Dink, had grown up – began on May 6, drawing widespread attention once news

broke on social media. Later in the day, the demolition was stopped when groups including activists and leading figures from the Armenian community rushed to the area to protest the destruction.

The protesters, who had held a vigil for 19 days, vowed on May 27 that they would continue camping in the area until the license for the buildings is given to the foundation.

