

«ԱՆԴՐԱԺԵՇ Է ՆԵՐՈՂՈՒԹԻՒՆ ԽՆԴՐԵԼ ՀԱՅՈՑ ՑԵՂԱՍՊԱՆՈՒԹԵԱՆ ՀԱՍԱՐ, ՔԱՆԻ ԴԵՌ ԴԺՈՒԽՔԸ ՉԻ ԲԱՑՈՒԵԼ»

Ներողութիւնը հասունութեան նշան է, եւ Թուրքիայի համար եկել է ներողութեան ժամանակը: Այդ մասին յայտարարել է Թուրքիայի հրէական համայնքի յայտնի ներկայացուցիչ, գործարար եւ բաց հասարակութեան խնայիտուալի հիմնադիր Խաչակ Ալաթոնը: Նրա խօսքով, քիչ ժամանակ է մնացել մինչեւ 2015 թուականը, երբ Թուրքիան կը բախուի Հայոց ցեղասպանութեան 100-րդ տարելիցի հետ կապուած հայկական լորբեի հզօր արշաւին:

«Թուրքական հասարակութիւնը շատ արագ է փոխուում, բայց նրա մենթալիտետը դեռ հայոցի կարիք ունի», - ասել է Ալաթոնը թուրքական «Hurriyet Daily News»-ի տուած հարցազրոյցում, որից հատուածներ է ներկայացնում NEWS.am-ը:

-Դուք վերջերս կոչ արեցիք Թուրքիային ընդունել սեփական անցեալի իրողութիւնները: Ի՞նչ իրողութիւններ պետք է թուրքերն ընդունեն՝ կապուած փոքրամանութիւնների հետ:

-Ես կարծում եմ, որ հասարակութիւնում գոյութիւն ունի դոգմատիկ սառեցում, որը պէտք է հալուի: Թուրքիայի կրթութեան համակարգի հիմքում 90 տարի եղել են դոգմաներ: Ես ցանկանում եմ, որ թուրքիան մտաւոր ցեղափոխութիւն իրագործի: Մենք պէտք է հրաժարուենք մեր նախապաշտումներից եւ դառնանք հարցասէր հասարակութիւն:

-Ի՞նչ նախապաշտումներ ունենք մենք փոքրամանութիւնների վերաբերեալ:

-Գոյութիւն ունի դոգմա, թէ փոքրամանութիւնները վնասաբեր են: 1920 թուականից հասարակութեանը ներարկուել է տեսութիւն, թէ իրեն թուրք չամարողն օգտակար չէ եւ նոյնիսկ վնասաբեր չէ:

-Ոնանք ասում են, որ Թուրքիայի իշխող Արդարութիւն եւ զարգացում կուսակցութիւնը ձգտում է նիշազգային լեզուին վերաբերեան փոքրամանութիւնների անհամաններին:

-Ես կողմ չեմ այդ հայեացքներին, բայց չեմ իւ քննադատում: Նպատակն արդարացնում է միջոցները: Եթէ Թուրքիայի իշխող կուսակցութիւնը գործի պրագմատիզմի դիրքերից՝ ապագայում կը գիտակի, թէ ժողովրդավարութիւնն ինչքան օգտակար չէ:

-Բայց չէք կարծո՞ւմ, որ այս արգելակում է: Օրինակ՝ Դիմքի գործը:

-Անկասկած, կը լինեմ շեղում-



Խիսիկ Ալաթոն կը զրուցէ «Hurriyet Daily News»-ի բղթակիցին հետ

ներ, բայց մենք ճիշդ ուղու վրայ ենք: Դինքի գործում կարծես՝ դեռ գոյութիւն ունի խորքային պետութիւնը: Գործող կառավարութիւնը, կարծես՝ ի վիճակի չէ վարել ուժեղ քաղաքականութիւն այն յաղթահարելու համար: Բայց կայ նաև անող ճնշում հասարակութեան կողմից:

-Ո՞րն է ձեր վերջին ուղերձի նպատակը:

-Ես կարծում եմ, որ մենք չենք յաղթահարի որոշ հիմնախնդիրներ կարճ ժամանակահատուածում: Բայց ինձ անհամապատասխում է 2015 թուականը: 2015-ի ապրիլին դժոխքը կը բացուի: Մենք պէտք է արագ գործէնք: Ահա, թէ ինչու ես համոզեցի բաց հասարակութեան ինստիտուտին ճանապարհային քարտէն ժեղադառնութիւնը: Մենք կը ցուցադրենք տասաը ներողութիւնների դէպքերը:

-Կարծո՞ւմ եք, որ պայմաններն այնքան են հասունացել, որ ձեր կոչը կը լսեն:

-Մենք ունենք հասարակութիւն, որը կառավարութեանը չի ցուցաբերում այնքան անհրաժեշտ աջակցութիւն: Ոչ կառավարական կազմակերպութիւնները պէտք է նախապարաստեն հասարակութիւնն այնպէս, որ կառավարութիւնն իրեն յարմարաւէտ զգայ ներողութիւնների համար: Կառավարութիւնը նախկինի պէս քննադատութիւն է ստանում, թէեւ քննադատական ձախները սահմանափակում են հասարակութեան 10-15 տոկոսով: Սակայն նրանց ձախն այնքան ազրեսիւ չէ, որ

ամենից բարձր է հնչում: Պէտք է լինի հասարակութիւն, որը կը ինդրի կառավարութեանը ներողութիւն յայտնել:

-Դուք ակնարկում եք, որ 2015-ին Թուրքիայի դէմ մեծ արշա՞ւ կը լինի:

-Աշխարհի կէմ այս հարցով մէր դէմ է: Սակայն հիմնախնդրի հիմքում մեր անզգայնութիւնն է: Մենք կատարել ենք սպանութիւն, բայց ժիտում ենք: Սպանութեան զոհերը տանջում են ոչ թէ սպանութիւնից, այլ սպանութեան

ժխտումից:

-Պէտք է մենք սպանութիւնները ճանաչենք ցեղասպանութիւն եւ ներողութիւն խնդրենք:

-Ես այդքան պարզունակ հայեացք չունեմ: Ես համարում են ժխտումը ստորով կարծում եմ, որ մենք պէտք է ներողութիւնը յայտնենք: Ես չեմ առաջարկում կատարած սպանութեան համար, այլ պապս, որին ես չեմ ճանաչում: Փիլիսոփայութեան իմ պրոֆեսորն ասում էր. «Արդարացի չէ հայրերի մեղքերի համար պատասխանաւուութիւնը դնել գաւակների եւ թուների ուսերին»:

-Ես ներադրում եմ, որ դուք ներողութիւն եք ցանկանում ոչ միայն հայերի համար:

-Անցեալում մենք անթիւ սպանութիւններ ենք գործել եւ թաքցրել ենք դիակները՝ կարծելով, թէ ոչ ոք չի տեսնի: Բայց դիակները փտել են եւ տարածում են այսպիսի ահաւոր գարշահուութիւն, որ մենք չենք կարող անզգայնութիւնն է: Մենք պէտք է բացենք գաղտնի սենեկակի դուռը եւ յուղարկաւորութիւն կատարենք: Հասարակութիւնը դրան է գնում: Բայց մենք պէտք է աւելի արագ գործենք:

ԵՐՈՒԱԿՂԵՄԻ ՀԱՅՈՑ ՊԱՏՐԻԱՐՔ ԱՄԵԼ. Տ. ԹՈՐԳՈՎ ԱՐՔ. ՄԱՆՈՒԿԵԱՆԻ ԱՌՈՂՋՈՒԹԻՒՆԸ ՎԱՏԹԱՐԱՑԱԾ

Հաւասարի պարբիւրներէ կ'իմանանք թէ երուսաղէմի Հայոց պատրիարքը՝ Ամենապատի Տ. Թորգով Արք. Մանուկեան ամսակնկալորէն անհանգստանալով հիւանդանոց փոխադրուած է: 94 ամեաց սրբազնը կը գտնուի բժշկական անմիջական հոգածութեան տակ:

Վերջին շրջանին տեղի ունեցաւ երուսաղէմի Սրբոց Յակոբեանց միաբանութեան ներքին կանոնագրի բարեկոխութիւն, որ վերջնականապէս պէտք է վաւերացուի Յորդանանի, Խորացէլի Պղղուստինեան պետութեանց կողմէ:

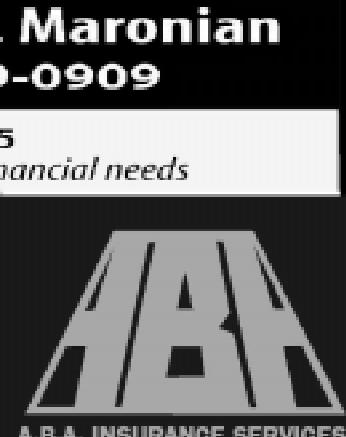
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ԱՆԻ ՄԱՐՄԷԼԵԱՆ

Հերոսները կը ծնին, բայց երբեք չեն մեռնիր: Անոնք կը ծնին բոլորի նման, կ'ապրին իրենց յատուկ խոյանքներով կը տիրեն ժամանակին, կը դառնան հերոս ու կը մնան անմահ. հերոսները չեն մեռնիր այլ կը դառնան լուսաւոր ջահեր, լուսաւորելով դէպի ազատութեան տանող ճանապարհ: Այսպէս էր նախաբանը Տ.Օ.Ե.Մ-ի վարչութեան անդամ ընկ. Սոլոմոն Եսպութեանի բացման խօսքին, Քաման Կախաղաններու ողեկոչման եւ հնչակեան մեծ տեսաբան Սապահգիւեանի ծննդեան 150ամեակին նուիրուած յիշատակելի հանդիսութեան, որ եղաւ վերջին օդակը 2011-ի կիլիկեան շրջանակի եւ հնչակեան կուսակցութեան հանդիսութիւններու ոսկեշղթային: Հալէպի Տ.Օ.Ե.Մ-եան վարչութեան կազմակերպած այս հանդիսութիւնը տեղի ունեցաւ Հալէպի ջուարթիւնոց եկեղեցւոյ «Աղաճանեան» սրահին մէջ հովանաւորութեամբ Բերիոց թեմի կաթողիկէ Առաջնորդ Արհ. Տ. Պետրոս Արք. Միրիաթեանի:

Արաբերէն լեզուով բացման խօսքով հանդէս եկաւ ընկհի. Դան-

իս Պէզմիեան, իսկ Հայերէն լեզուով՝ ընկ. Սոլոմոնն եափուծեան: Հիանալի էին 20 անմահներուն կենսագրականը ներկայացնող տեսահոլովակները՝ մեկնաբանութեամբ ընկհի. Հուրի Տօնոյեանի եւ ընկ. Կարօ Մուլպահյաձեանի: Սրտառուոչ էր ասմունք, թատրոն, թատերապարեր ու յուզումնալի պատկերներ պարունակող յաշորդ օղակը: Պրն. Յակոբ Կիւլպարդեանի եւ Անդրանիկ Արզուհաճեանի կողմէ համադրուած ու պատրաստուած, ընկհի. Զանի Նազարեանի եւ ընկ. Հրաչ Տառւեանի երգեցողութեամբ ու կարգ մը տիրունիականներու մասնակցութեամբ ներկայացուած այս պատկերը՝ ընդգրկէր 2011ներու պայքարը, դատավարութիւնը, անմահացած խօսքերն ու նահատակութիւնը: Ազգագրական պարերով վերջ գտնող այս հիանալի ծրագիրը յայտարարն էր հայ ժողովուրդի վերածունդին, զարթօնքին ու վերապրելու աննկուն կամքին: Օրուայ խորագիրը ներկայացնող Տ.Օ.Ե.Մ-ութեան վարչական ընկհի. Սեւան Քէլշեան իր խօսքին ընդգէջէն անդրադարձաւ հնչակեան կուսակցութեան յիշատակելի կեցուածքին որպէս պայքարող ոյժ իր մամուլով ու կորովի



բեմբասացներով ու իր խիզախ մտառական գործիչներով, որոնց մէջ էր Ստեփան Սապահ գիւլեան, որուն ծննդեան պանծալի ու փառաշուր 150 ամեակը կը տօնենք այսօր: Ընկերուածի Սեւան ներկայացուց Սապահգիւեանի կենսագրականը որպէս հնչակեան մեծ հնչակեան հետ հորիզոնական գործիչ եւ յեղափո-

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Աստղ մը եւս շիջեցաւ այսօր: Այլեւս ոչ եւս է մեր բոլորին՝ սիրելի գաղափարի ընկեր վաստակաշատ կրթական մշակ խօսքիր եւ հասարարական գործիչ ընկ. Յակոբ Թիւթիւննեանը:

Այսօր բոլորս ալ կ'ող-քանք, որովհետեւ ան՝ առցաւէտ կը բաժնուի մեզմէ մեր սրտերն ու հոգիները համակելով խոր վիշտ եւ տրտութիւն:

Կ'ըսուի մահը իր կարգով կեանքը իր ճամբով կ'ընթանայ: Եւ այսպէս պիտի շարունակուի բոլորիս կեանքը հետեւաբար մեզի կը մնայ հաշտուիլ կեանքի այս իրականութեան հետ:

Յակոբ Թիւթիւննեան եղած է անսահման նուիրումի ծառայասիրութեան եւ զոհաբերութեան տիպար մը, հանդէպ իր ընտանիքին եւ շրջանակին: Ան ծնած է 1938-ին Հալէպ: Զաւակն է տէր եւ տիկ. Յովհաննէս եւ Սառա Թիւթիւննեաններուն: Նախակրթական ուսումը ստացած է կիլիկեան վարժարանէն, ապա յահանակ հետաքանակ աշխատանքը: Կանուխէն մտած է Հ.Մ.Մ-ի շարքերէն ներս: Եղած է Սկաուտ, մարզական յանձնախումբի անդամ, պատքէթպօլի խումբի ղեկավար եւ համանուն միութեան վարչութեան ատենապետ: Անդամակցած է Արարատ Մարզական Միութեան վարչութեան: Մտանձնած է կիլիկեան շրջանակի ինամակալարութեան փոխ ատենապետի պաշտօն: Գլխաւորած է եւ աշխատանքային ներդրում ունեցած է կիլիկեան Մանկապարտէզի վերանորգման: Մասնակ-



ցած է սոյն տարուան Սեպտեմբերին երեւանի մէջ տեղի ունեցած Սիփիւռք-Հայրենիք համաժողովին, որպէս Հալէպի ներկայացուցիչ Հնչակեան կուսակցութեան: 90 ամեակի առթիւ նուիրուած յուշամատեանի խօսքին ընդգէջէն աշխատանքը, որ դժբախտաբար իր դառն հիւանդութեան պատճառաւ կիսաւարտ մնաց: Վարձքը կատար ընկ. Յակոբ երթաս բարով, թող ամէն գարուն ծիլ ու ծաղիկ ծաղիկ հողակոյտիդ վրայ, հողդ թեթեւ զայ: Յիշատակդ վառ ու անթառամ պիտի մնայ մեր բոլորին յիշողութեան մէջ: Այս տիտուր առիթով կիլիկեան շրջանակի ինամակալութեան, կիլիկեան կրթական հաստատութեան, հոգաբարձութեան, տնօրինութեան եւ ուսուցչական կազմի անունով խորին վշտակցութիւնները կը յայտնենք հանգուցեալի այրիին զաւակներուն, զաղափարի ընկերներուն, մաղթերով Աստուածային միսիթարութիւն եւ սփոփանք: Թող Աստուած երկնային լոյսերու մէջ հանգչեցնէ հոգին եւ երկնային արքայութեան արժանացնէ:

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Armenian Genocide Bill on Hold Pending Constitutional Council Decision



French-Armenians demonstrating in front of the Senate during January 23rd vote

PARIS — France's Constitutional Council said Tuesday that it would rule on the constitutionality of criminalizing the denial of the Armenian Genocide, after receiving appeals signed by dozens of lawmakers from across the political spectrum who had originally voted against the bill.

The legislation has been approved by both houses of Parliament but has not yet been signed into law by President Nicolas Sarkozy.

Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan, who branded the legislation "discriminatory and racist," thanked the lawmakers who opposed it. "On behalf of my country, I am declaring our heartfelt gratitude to the senators and deputies who gave their signatures," he said. "I believe they have done what needed to be done."

The lawmakers argued in their appeal that the event was still the sub-

ject of historical contention, and therefore the legislation infringed on the freedoms of historians, analysts and others to debate it, ultimately violating the right to free speech. They insisted their move did not aim to deny "the suffering of our compatriots of Armenian origin and of all Armenians across the world."

In their letters of appeal to the council, 77 senators and 65 members of the National Assembly said that the law might infringe on freedom of speech and argued that it was not the legislature's place to write history. Under the bill, anyone who says the killings of Armenians by Ottoman Turks is not genocide faces a \$60,000 fine and up to one year in jail.

The Constitutional Council is legally bound to rule within one month. President Sarkozy is barred from signing the legislation into law before the ruling is issued.

Armenian Army Celebrates 20th Birthday

YEREVAN -- January the 28th marks the anniversary of the Armenian army. The national armed forces celebrate their 20th birthday.

On January 28, 1992, the Armenian government passed a historic decision on the Defense Ministry of the Republic of Armenia.

This became a landmark event laying the foundations of the Armenian army.

The newly established ministry gained control of the interior ministry's patrol police detachments, as well as anti-terrorism and civil defense forces. After a short while, the Defense Ministry formed its central administration with general headquarters, departments and divisions. In 1992, the ministry began the army enlistment procedures throughout the republic, establishing a firm tradition of replenishing the army with conscripts.

The establishment of the Armenian army is inseparably related to the history of building the Armenian statehood, as both were interrelated and



interdependent processes, dating back their origins to February 1988, a period which marked the beginning of Karabakh liberation struggle.

While coming into existence, the Armenian army had to pass a long way, full of difficulties and obstacles.

The defense ministry singles out three main stages in the context of the fundamental processes and basic tasks it had to deal with throughout this period.

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President Nicolas Sarkozy Will Present New Bill if This One is Canceled

PARIS. - French President Nicolas Sarkozy has announced that if the genocide bill is canceled by the Constitutional Council he will present a new bill immediately.

Sarkozy said appeal to the Constitutional Council regarding the genocide bill by the French Senators will be a bad turn, *Le Monde* writes.

Addressing the parliamentary majority on Tuesday, Sarkozy said if the bill is canceled, appeal against criminalization of Holocaust denial may also be introduced, one of the senators told AFP.

Turkish FM Calls for France's Withdrawal from OSCE Minsk Group

ISTANBUL -- Turkey supports exclusion of France from the co-chairmanship of the OSCE Minsk Group, since having adopted law criminalizing denial of the Armenian genocide Paris lost its objectivity, Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said with an interview to CNN Turk.

"If there are two nations in any way affected by the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflicts, these are Turkey and Russia. Turkey is not in this process, while France is in it," he said.

"Within the framework of the visit to the South Caucasus Mr. Sarkozy stayed in Armenia for two days, while in Azerbaijan he spent just few hours. It is evidence of his bias," Mr. Davutoglu said.

The minister also added if France remains co-chair of the OSCE Minsk



group Turkey also should become a co-chair of this group.

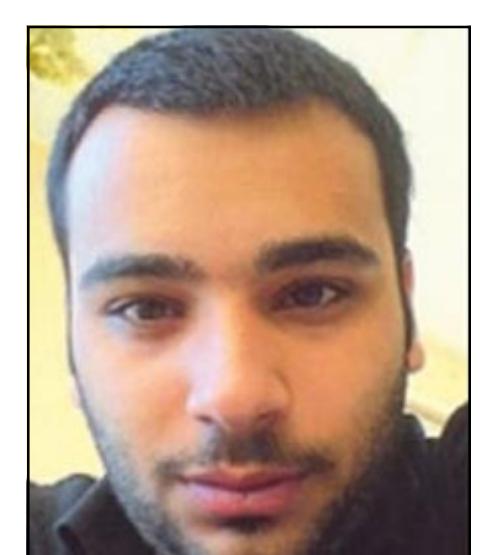
Mr. Davutoglu said the French co-chairmanship in this group is wrong as this country lost its neutrality in this issue.

Armenian Soldier Serving in the Turkish Army Killed Intentionally, New Testimony Shows

ISTANBUL -- A young man of Armenian descent who was killed while serving in the Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) as a conscripted private, which was initially believed to be an accident, is likely a hate crime committed because of the victim's ethnic background, new testimony from another private indicates, Today's Zaman reports.

Pvt. Sevag Sahin Balikçi was shot dead on April 24, 2011 - the date of commemoration of Armenian Genocide victims. The other privates in his unit, stationed in Batman province, and other officers testified that Balikçi was shot accidentally when he was "joking around" with a close friend, Kivanç Agaoglu. However, according to a report published in the Sabah daily on Friday, one of the privates who witnessed the incident changed his testimony, which will likely change the course of the trial of Agaoglu, the shooter.

The revised testimony was given in late December, according to Sabah's report. Halil Eksi, who served in the military during the same period as Sevag Balikçi, in his revised testimony said, "Kivanç pointed his rifle at Sevag and pulled the trigger. His family had asked me to testify in his favor," indicating that Agaoglu's family pressured



him into not describing what really happened.

In his latest account, Eksi told the judge hearing his testimony: "I was told by suspect Kivanç and his family, especially his uncle, to testify in his favor. On the day of the incident, we were installing chain-link fencing around the station under orders from our commanders. As we did our work, at some point, Kivanç Agaoglu unlocked his rifle's safety and directed it at our other friend Sevag Sahin. And he fired the rifle. This way, Sevag Sahin was wounded. I do not know why Kivanç fired at Sevag."

Minimalist and Incompetent Officials or The Gambler's Ruin– 1

By Haro Mherian

As a strictly Armenian Mathematician, it is not my way of writing critics to incompetent articles that often are posted in non-Armenian language media. Moreover, my last 25 years of careful sociologically oriented computations have gotten me to the prime directive to never publically write articles in languages other than Armenian (especially mathematical research work). Nevertheless, as our Armenian media is being forced to promote the assimilation and abolition of our mother tongue, by the same “globalization” juggernaut, I am being forced to write this critic in English. May our forefather Saint Mesrob Mashtoz forgive us all?

On the day of the decision by the French Senate to criminalize Genocide denialism, the article “Ten Suggestions For Turkey To Face Its Own History” by Hayk Demoyan, was posted online in the English section of Asbarez media [see HD or HD-0]. It would not have prompted my attention so much, if the article was written by someone other than Hayk Demoyan. Moreover, the fact that the author is the director of the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute at Dzidzernagabert did not surprise me either, since I have grown accustomed to the incompetence that spreads among the Republic’s current officials. What is indeed ironic, or perhaps funny, is that the author of this article had previously and officially stated that Kemal Atatürk rescued Armenian women and children during the Armenian Genocide [see HD-1]. Furthermore, this author approved the Turkish-Armenian Protocols, and during the Turkish President Abdullah Gul’s visit to Yerevan, he was directly or indirectly involved in turning the lights off in Dzidzernagabert Genocide monument in order not to displease Gul’s Turkish-ness feelings during the football match game [See Yergir Media archives for the prove: YM-1 and YM-2].

As a direct descendant of Genocide survivors, I am furious. Who is this author fooling now? Does he think we can simply forget what historically he has chosen to stand for? What monstrosity is implied by “not to displease” our arch-foe, denialist and

criminal nation’s president’s feelings by desecrating the sanctuary and memorial of our martyred forefathers?

Also, can any Armenian agree on whether this simplistic and naïve article’s 10 minimalist and loser-m mentality oriented steps are enough until 2023? And how dare he spit such a date in our face? The centennial of Turkish Republic? Who is he working for?

Now that we, the Armenian Nation, want to wake up from the 95-year sleep and are heading towards demanding the return of Western Armenian land (based on US President, Wilson Woodrow’s Arbitration, see [AB-1]), this author wants us to get back to sleep for another 11 years.

Mr. Demoyan, it is best for you, first of all, to apologize to the Armenian Nation for the mistakes that you have committed. And then respectfully resign your post, since you have failed to fulfill your duties.

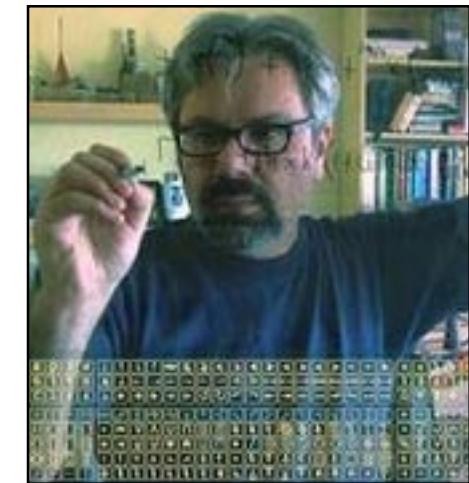
On another note, does Asbarez actually proof-read its posted articles? Or they simply use the Dr. Copy-Paste’s algorithm (see [GY-1])? Because there are several misspellings in this author’s article. Also, some of the sentences in his article do not make sense in English. In particular, the anomalous statements do not form coherent English paragraphs (e.g. is the document a legal document or an outline of his To-Do list, in which case: why is Asbarez publishing Hayk Demoyan’s To-Do list?). Unfortunately, there are basic historic and geographic mistakes as well. For example, where is Anatolia? Does the author mean the infamous “Eastern Anatolia”, a terminology that Turkish revisionist historians invented, or the actual historic Anatolia? In the latter case, the referred location would be way off the indigenous Assyrian population area (no disrespect to Assyrians, in fact, I lived among them, and grieve for their similar fate under the same Turkish genocidal hands. But the geography is flawed in this author’s article).

I have been following the military activities of Turkey and Azerbaijan very closely; it is quite unclear where the author got the fact about the Azeri military activity in Northern Cyprus? What is he talking about? Why would

Turkey train Azerbaijani officers on the territory of occupied Northern Cyprus? In order to occupy Cyprus or Artsakh, and for the latter case, would not that be a little foolish? Why does one train military troops in a marine environment to be deployed in a mountainous environment? Again, it’s not that the Turks are not training Azerbaijanies, but simply the geography is flawed in his article. It may also be the case that the Azerbaijanies have better on-the-fields military experience than the current Turkish gendarmeries, and therefore in essence, be able to train the Turkish mountainous troops in the top of the art mountainous warfare. In this respect, it is quite interesting that historically, no important battle was victoriously fought by the Turks. Their victories were always either guaranteed or granted to them by Kurds, Janissaries, Germans, Bolsheviks or NATO. Our great General Antranik knew this fact very well: “Ottoman might is a bluff”.

My point here is that the article is putting bluffs in the Armenian people’s mind. And such bluffs in most cases have boomerang effects. No doubt, the author seems to be poorly trained in military affairs. Or maybe, he is actually trying to redress our adversaries, putting irrelevant and loser-m mentality oriented words in our mouths.

My advice to the author (as well as the current incompetent government of Republic of Armenia) is to enforce the same judiciary rule that was passed in French Senate, on the



territory of the Republic of Armenia. Finally, I want to remind the author with his own sarcastic metaphor (which he shamelessly used in other articles of his, labeling some of our true intellectuals): “A barking dog never bites.”

So now, Mr. Demoyan, stop barking and start biting.

Author: Haro Mherian, Mathematician/Software Architect/Film Maker

Note: This critique’s title of “Gambler’s Ruin” may be subsequently continued, targeting the incompetence of the current officials of the Republic. The gamblers in ruin are the Armenian people, who are unknowingly engaged in a life threatening gambling game with their oligarchic masters and incompetent leaders, not reckoning the well-known axiom of Probability Theory called “The Gambler’s Ruin.” The danger of the antinational virus has now penetrated through the bones of our Motherland, and therefore it is my duty to speak up and protest.

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Armenian Army Celebrates 20th Birthday

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First Stage : February 1988 - May 1992 – This period marked an active stage in Karabakh movement, exacerbating the Armenian-Azerbaijani relations. It was a time when ensuring civilians' security in Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh became an urgent issue.

Second stage: June 1992 - June 1994 – Waging a de facto war with Azerbaijan, the independent republics of Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh committed themselves to the task of creating an army.

Third stage: June 1994 - present – This stage can be characterized as period of sustainable development when



army building gained a new momentum raising the efficiency of its forces and achieving the step-by-step elimination of barriers between the army and the society. The ceasefire accord signed with Azerbaijan enabled the Armenian authorities and the army to direct all their efforts to the final formation of the country's armed forces.

Turkish Analyst

Armenian Genocide to Dominate Turkey’s Foreign Policy Agenda in 2012

The Armenian Genocide and the Cyprus issue will dominate Turkey’s foreign policy agenda in 2012, according to Mehmet Ali Birand, a Turkish publicist.

In his forecasts on the upcoming political processes in Turkey, Birand said the French Senate will follow the National Assembly’s example by passing the bill that criminalizes the denial of the Armenian Genocide.

According to him, the issue will receive other world countries’ support by 2015.

REGNUM News Agency has quoted the expert as saying that nei-

ther the Turks nor the Cypriot Armenians are ready to take bold steps to resolve the problem (Turkey won’t recognize the Southern Cyprus. After clashes between the Cypriot Greeks and Turks in 1974, the country occupied one thirds of the island and created a powerful Turkish-Cypriot government in its northern part, recognizing it as an independent republic).

Birand noted that Turkey will have to change its position in the region, acting as a friend that shares its own experience rather than an exemplary country or a leader.

**USC Institute of Armenian Studies
Gala Event to Salute
USC Shoah Foundation Institute
for Armenian Genocide Digitization Project**



Steven Spielberg with filmmaker Carla Garapelian

LOS ANGELES --The USC Institute of Armenian Studies' Leadership Council will honor the USC Shoah Foundation Institute, established by legendary filmmaker Steven Spielberg, for championing the Armenian Genocide Digitization Project, at a gala banquet to be held on April 15, 2012, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

The Shoah Foundation Institute, established by Steven Spielberg in 1994, has been part of the USC Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences since 2006. Its Visual History Archive contains nearly 52,000 video testimonies of survivors and other witnesses of the Holocaust; it is one of the largest archives of its kind in the world.

The goal of the USC Institute of Armenian Studies' Leadership Council is to bring together digital copies of all of the collections of interviews with Armenian Genocide survivors and eyewitnesses, essentially creating what may become the largest archive of Genocide eyewitness interviews. With the USC Shoah Foundation Institute's support of the Armenian Genocide Digitization Project, the interviews will be indexed, preserved and made available to scholars, students and researchers via the institute's Visual History Archive. The J. Michael Hagopian/Armenian Film Foundation archive of nearly 400 filmed eyewitness testimonies will be the first collection in the Armenian Genocide Digitization Project.

In addition to honoring the USC Shoah Foundation Institute on April 15, the USC Institute of Armenian Stud-

ies' Leadership Council also will salute the late humanitarian Armin T. Wegner and the late Armenian Film Foundation founder and documentary filmmaker J. Michael Hagopian.

A German with a doctorate in law, Wegner served as a volunteer medic during World War I. Witnessing the massacre of Armenians in 1915, he took the haunting photographs that today stand as a reminder of the heinous crimes of the Ottoman Turks. His work documenting the horrors of the Armenian Genocide and, subsequently, his open letter to Adolf Hitler denouncing the persecution of the Jews has made him a human rights hero. Hagopian's first filmed interview with a witness to the Armenian Genocide was with Wegner, in 1966.

With the attempted annihilation of the Armenian people being the first major genocide of the 20th century, the Armenian survivor and eyewitness interviews are significant to the scope of the USC Shoah Foundation Institute's Visual History Archive. The USC Shoah Foundation Institute is beginning to work with partners around the world to expand its archive with existing and new testimony collections from survivors and witnesses of other genocides, including the genocides in Rwanda and Cambodia.

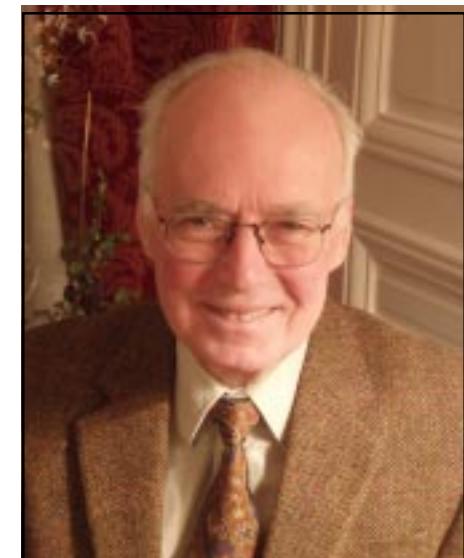
The USC Institute of Armenian Studies' Leadership Council continues to play a primary role in bringing together and enhancing the Armenian community. There will be further announcements about the upcoming April 15 gala, to be held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, in the Armenian press.

Renowned Art Historian Unlocks Secrets of Unique Armenian Manuscript

LOS ANGELES — The Friends of the UCLA Armenian Language and Culture Studies is presenting an illustrated lecture by acclaimed art historian Thomas Mathews on a lavish Gospel book commissioned by King Gagik of Kars now in the possession of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem. The event to be held on Sunday, February 19 at the Glendale Public Library and will commence at 3:30 p.m.

Twice the size of Byzantine luxury works, this exquisite manuscript with an unparalleled set of 227 illuminations of the Life of Christ, arguably the most ambitious illuminated Gospel book of the entire Middle Ages, was commissioned by Gagik, the last Bagratuni king of Kars in the years before the Seljuk forces overran the state. In his lecture entitled "The Mystery of the Gospel of the King Gagik of Kars" Prof. Mathews will share the fruits of his new research project, clarifying some of the many uncertainties surrounding this fascinating work. When was it created? How do we interpret the profound spiritual meaning of the illuminated scenes? What is the meaning of unique portrait of King Gagik's daughter Marem? What was the manuscript's impact on later Cilician illumination? How did the manuscript migrate to Jerusalem and what has been its more recent history there?

Thomas F. Mathews is John Langlois Loeb Professor of History of Art Emeritus at New York University's Institute of Fine Arts and is currently visiting California as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. This is a sort of homecoming for the scholar, who served as a professor in the UCLA Art History department earlier in his career before continuing at NYU for three decades with great renown. An acknowledged expert in his field of Early Christian and Medieval religious art with a specialty in Armenian church architecture and manuscript illumination,



Historian Thomas Mathews

Mathews has held many prestigious fellowships and honors (e.g. Guggenheim, National Endowment for the Humanities, Kress, Paul Getty Museum). Most recently he was invited to deliver the plenary lecture on medieval Armenian culture at the triennial meeting of the International Association of Armenian Studies at Budapest in October, 2011. The prolific author of thirteen monographs and numerous articles, he continues to be actively engaged in groundbreaking research. Together with the late Professor Avedis Sanjian, he published an innovative study of UCLA's Gladzor Gospel of the early 13th century and acted as guest curator of the manuscript's exhibition at the Getty Museum in 2001. Earlier he curated a magnificent exhibition spanning the whole medieval Armenian tradition of manuscript illumination under the title "Treasures in Heaven" at the Pierpoint Morgan Library, New York, with accompanying catalogue and collected essays.

The lecture will be illustrated by a powerpoint presentation. Glendale Public Library (222 E. Harvard St., Glendale CA 91205). For further information, contact us at (310) 275-2767 or (818) 952-1058.

AESA and ATP to Host a Panel Discussion on Armenia's Environmental Challenges in the 21st Century

PASADENA -- The Armenian Engineers and Scientists of America (AES) and Armenia Tree Project (ATP) in association with AGBU Young Professionals and Armenian Environmental Network (AEN) have organized a panel discussion on Wednesday evening, February 8th, to discuss "Armenia's Environmental Challenges in the 21st Century."

Panelists include Varouj Abkian, Assistant Director with the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, Robert Kurkjian, Principal Scientist, Tetratech, Anne Shirinian Orlando, MSEE, PhD, Environmental Studies, and Zack Parisa, RF, MFS ATP Director of Forestry, Co-founder and President, Silvia Terra. The event will be held at Parsons Corporation, 100 W. Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91124 from 7:00 to 9:30 pm.

ATP conducts vitally important environmental projects in Armenia's impoverished and deforested zones. Since 1994, ATP has made enormous strides in combating desertification in the biologically diverse but threatened Caucasus

region. Millions of trees have been planted and restored, and hundreds of jobs have been created for Armenians in seasonal tree-related programs. ATP works to further Armenia's economic and social development by mobilizing resources to fund reforestation. These new trees provide food, wood, environmental benefits, and opportunities for economic growth.

AES also establishes technical and social interaction and promotes technological exchange between experts in science, engineering, industry, and architecture from Armenia and the Diaspora. AES has organized conferences and workshops for addressing different issues related to Armenia and has completed project in the fields of computer, environment, technical book publications, buildings, and others.

Event is complimentary and open to the public but reservations are required to attend. Please RSVP to Hermine Mahmouzian at hermine@armeniatrie.org or call (310) 990-4371.

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AMAA Child and Orphan Care Luncheon and Fashion Show on March 17, 2012



AMAA Child and Orphan Care Luncheon and Fashion Show (some committee members not present in the photo)

All preparations are underway for the AMAA Child and Orphan Care Luncheon and Fashion Show, scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the Beverly Hills Hotel! For over two decades, the AMAA has provided countless families and children with much needed care and financial support, from establishing over 20 kindergartens to facilitating over 4,000 scholarships in both Armenia and Karabagh, to creating summer and day camps for more than 6,000 children and teenagers, as well as launching many art and sports programs. The annual luncheon and fashion show is your opportunity to be a part of this wonderful organization, while spending time with friends and family with fabulous fashion and a delicious luncheon in a venue fit for the stars!

This year's fashion show and luncheon, produced by Nordstrom and spearheaded by co-chairs Nicole Nishanian, Leslie Shahinian and Marilyn Bezdkian is sure to be a sell-out! The fashion show itself is being organized by Marilyn Bezdkian and Ani Zakari. "So many young models have already signed up because they had such an amazing experience last year and for some of them, in the years before... We still have room for more children so please contact myself or Ani if you would like to have your child participate on March 17th.." said Marilyn, who along with Ani, has been working long hours, coordinating the models for fittings and practices and working one on one with the Nordstrom representatives in the selection of the beautiful fashions to be displayed on March 17th. "The atmosphere this year is so vibrant.... The theme, which is Children helping Children, has created so much participation from children of various ages.. The energy is overwhelming and I know the show is going to be absolutely fabulous" said Ani, while at the same time taking a call from yet another young lady who wanted to be a part of the show...

The Silent Auction this year will also be spectacular, with many priceless items such as authentic works of art, original works of craftsmanship from Armenia, stays

in beautiful venues such as San Francisco, breathtaking crystal and porcelain pieces, from Lalique to Baccarat, stunning jewelry pieces, gift baskets galore, sports' events, spa packages, not to mention tickets to sold out venues! As always, the Silent Auction is expected to bring the ladies in to the Beverly Hills Hotel earlier than usual just so that they can take a peek at all these wonderful items and place their bid in the hopes of winning their coveted item of choice. Sandy Bedrosian and Christina Jabarian, this year's Silent Auction co-chairs, are so very excited with the absolutely astounding items coming in from donors. "The auction items are just beautiful and I am so very thankful to all of our donors for their generosity. They know that the funds raised from this event reach a child in his or her hour of need in a land that is far away from Los Angeles but never too far from our hearts and minds. We have been doing this consistently for over twenty years now and I am so touched by our donors' responsiveness..." said Christina, while categorizing a beautiful strand of pearls she just received for the auction.

And a sneak preview has revealed that the gift bag each attending guest will take home will be amazing. Some of the great items included are donated by Jessica Vartoughian from her personal cosmetic line.

The child sponsorship donations are already being received as well and we look forward to receiving your sponsorship at the luncheon if not before. We all must realize that although we live in difficult economic times, a new era.. and are at times frightened by what may be around the corner, the children in Armenia are also frightened. We as a community must reassure them that we are here for them and we will not forget them. Do not miss out on this opportunity to be a part of a child's life in a home far away from us but always in our hearts.

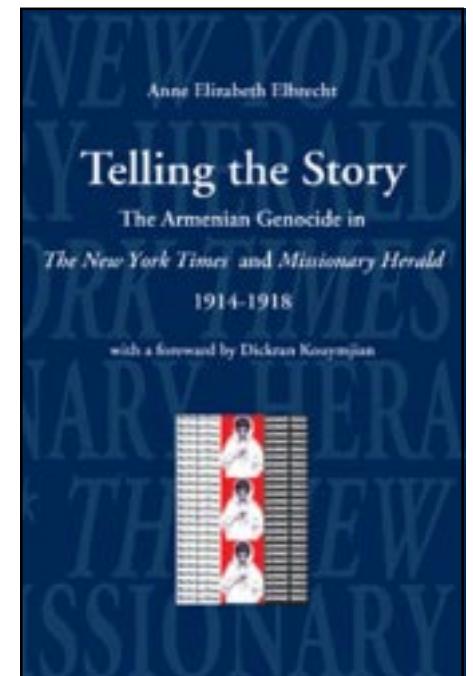
The support that the AMAA Child and Orphan Care Committee has continuously received is astounding but not surprising, according to Joyce Stein, the National co-chair of

The Armenian Genocide in The New York Times and Missionary Herald 1914-1918
by Anne Elizabeth Elbrecht
with a foreword by Dickran Kouymjian

Telling the Story focuses on two leading journals, The New York Times and Missionary Herald, to see how news of the Armenian Genocide filtered through to the United States between 1914-18. It also looks at how the American public reacted to such news with a humanitarian intervention program. There were undoubtedly differences between the two journals, as The New York Times was a leading news organization while Missionary Herald was part of an institution with vested interests in Turkey. However, the flow of information to the outside world was clear and compelling, especially as many reports were actually written by United States officials in Turkey and leaked to the press by the State Department in Washington DC.

Telling the Story is an invaluable addition to our understanding of the Armenian Genocide and United States

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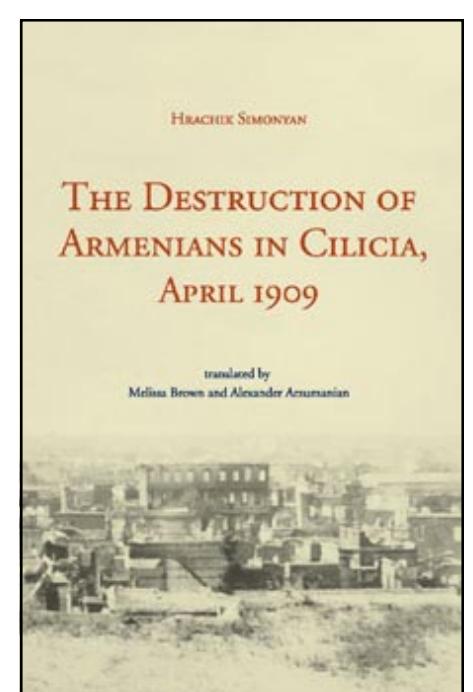
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New Translation from Armenian The Destruction of Armenians in Cilicia, April 1909 by Hratchik Simonyan

One of the greatest massacres in late Ottoman history took place in April 1909, when Armenians were the target of two massive waves of violence organized by Ottoman authorities. These massacres took place in Cilicia (i.e. Adana province and surrounding areas) with an estimated 30,000 victims plus huge material losses. Most Armenian historians consider these massacres to have been a prelude to the Armenian Genocide of 1915.

Hrachik Simonyan's *The Destruction of Armenians in Cilicia, April 1909* is a detailed account of the 1909 massacres based mainly on a range of Armenian primary and secondary sources. His work helps us to better understand the victimization of Armenians and the polarization of Ottoman society along ethno-religious lines barely a year after the Ottoman constitutional revolution of 1908.

Hrachik Simonyan, *The Destruction of Armenians in Cilicia, April 1909*, translated by Melissa Brown and Alexander Arzumanian



Alexander Arzumanian, London: Gomidas Institute, 2012. 280 pages, maps, photos., pb., US\$30.00 / UK£20.00. To order please contact info@gomidas.org

the Committee - "All of the funds raised go directly to the benefit of needy children – nothing is spared, nothing is set aside. With such a simple formula, and with all efforts made to reach out to all children and their families who are in need, the AMAA Child and Orphan Care Committee has gained the trust of all its donors – and then some... When heartfelt donations come in, and most have such emotional messages attached to them, it brings tears to my eyes, because I know that after such hard work, such dedication, our committee has built such a strong foundation that with God's blessing,

it will always be there to help all who are in need".

The AMAA Child and Orphan Care Committee is one luncheon that you should not miss. Your presence and support will be appreciated by the children of Armenia, but more importantly, at the end of the event, YOU will feel gratified by what you have accomplished by attending and feel so much more thankful for what God has blessed each one of us with.

For reservations or further information, please contact Elizabeth Agbabian at (310) 476-5306 or Savye Tufenkian at (818) 956-8455. Ticket donations are \$85.00.

