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POLITICS

1. ACCORDING TO LARISA ALAVERDIAN, HER COLLEAGUE IN STRASBOURG MERELY RAISED ISSUES THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SOLVED IN ARMENIA [Aravot, 06/27/09]

The anti-agitation carried out by the Armenian authorities against the National Assembly Zharangutiun (Heritage) faction calls forth a suspicion in faction member Larisa Alaverdian of whether special elections are envisaged. The deputy reported this at the June 26 meeting with journalists. She appreciated the initiative carried out by her colleague, Armenian delegation member Zaruhi Postanjian in PACE lately in Strasbourg. According to L. Alaverdian, her colleague merely raised the issues that should have been solved in Armenia.

2. A MEMORANDUM OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF ARMENIA AND INDIA [Hayastani Hanrapetutiun, 06/29/09]

The Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister of Armenia Karine Ghazinyan and outgoing Indian ambassador to Armenia Rina Pandey signed July 26 a memorandum of mutual understanding between the Armenian and Indian governments on establishing an Armenian-Indian educational center of information and telecommunication technologies, the press service of Armenian Foreign Affairs Ministry told Armenpress.

3. A CONVENTION AND A CONTRACT WERE SIGNED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF ARMENIAN REPUBLIC AND GREAT DUKEDOM OF LUXEMBURG [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

A convention on exclusion of double taxation of income and property was signed between the Government of Armenia and Government of the Great Dukedom of Luxemburg June 23.

From the Armenian side the convention was signed by Armenian ambassador Vigen Chitechian, by the Luxemburg side – Finance Minister Luke Frieden.

The document is aimed at strengthening the cooperation between the two countries in economic sphere, the press service of Armenian Foreign Affairs Ministry told Armenpress. On the same day ambassador Chitechian and the Luxemburg's State Minister on the issues of education and higher education Octavi Modegh signed a contract on cooperation in the spheres of culture, education, youth and science which will coordinate the cultural exchanges between the two countries and will be authorized to study the possibilities of the cooperation of scientific authoritative institutions.

4. OSCE ACTING CHAIRPERSON, FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER OF GREECE DORA BAKOYANNIS TO VISIT ARMENIA [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

OSCE acting chairperson, Foreign Affairs Minister of Greece Dora Bakoyannis will arrive in Armenia July 2-3 on a 2-day working visit at the invitation of Armenian Foreign Affairs Minister Edward Nalbandyan.

The press service of Armenian Foreign Affairs Ministry told Armenpress that during the visit the Greek minister will meet with Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan and Foreign Affairs Minister Edward Nalbandyan.

5. FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE USA SECRETARY OF STATE SAYS IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO WORK WITH THE KARABAKH CONFLICT SIDES OUT OF THE OFFICIAL MEETINGS [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

Former assistant to the USA Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Issues David Kremer stated that the process of Karabakh conflict regulation can be promoted by working with the conflicting sides not only during the official meetings but also out of them.

"Summits and meetings are merely discussions. The main breakthrough of the issue is in working with the sides out of these meetings," Kremer said to "Trend". He noted that the USA has and is actively participating in the ensuring of regional security including the Karabakh conflict regulation.



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But according to him not everything depends on the USA.

"In the Karabakh conflict negotiation process there are main concepts on basic principals and I don't consider that in these concepts everything depends on a third side," the former Assistant to the USA Secretary of State said.

6. THE BILL OF RECOGNITION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE HAS 110 SUPPORTERS IN THE USA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

The Armenian National Committee of America of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation continues its efforts towards the increase of the number of supporters of the Armenian Genocide recognition bill in the USA Congress.

During yesterday's press conference the responsible for political issues and of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation Kiro Manoian noted that at present 110 Congressmen are already supporting the bill but signatures of 230 supporters are necessary to put it to voting.

According to him, it is wrong that the process of recognition of the Genocide has been frozen although the fight towards it is more intensified only in the USA. He said that in any case we must not forget that it is already more than two years a document on the recognition of the Genocide is in circulation in the Israeli Knesset. We mustn't bypass this fact.

K. Manoian considers the re-approval of the Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act by the Foreign Appropriations Committee of the USA House of Representatives as positive and we must be persistent to ensure it is totally implemented.

The responsible for political issues and of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation considers that the Congress will allocate greater sum to Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh republic than it was proposed by the USA President's administration.

Referring to the present round of normalization of Armenian-Turkish relations K. Manoian noted that Turkey continues to speak with preconditions which can have a worse consequence. In any case, according to him, the world saw that Armenia is inclined through negotiations to achieve regulation of relations.

7. ARMENIAN PRESIDENT AND INDIAN AMBASSADOR UNDERSCORE THE EFFICIENT COOPERATION OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN DIFFERENT INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan received June 26 Indian ambassador to Armenia Rina Pandey on the occasion of ending the diplomatic mission in our country.

The presidential press office told Armenpress that the president highly assessed ambassador Pandey's personal contribution to the development of relations between the two countries. Serzh Sargsyan pointed out with satisfaction the high level of Armenian-Indian dialogue, the increasing volume of trade turnover, which has been doubled during this year. The head of the country expressed gratitude to the Indian government for the kind attitude towards Indian-Armenian community.

Ambassador Pandey said that by casting a retrospective glance at the work of the last half and three years, she feels great satisfaction, as its results are already quite notable. In that regard she attached importance to the program on establishing of IT center in Yerevan. The diplomat noted as well that her country's government has responded to the program on development of rural settlements in Armenia and is carrying out quite serious projects in one of the rural communities of Lori province, which is in accordance with President Sargsyan's strategy of province development.

The sides underscored the efficient cooperation of the two countries in different international institutions as well. Rina Pandey said that her country highly assesses Armenia's position on important issues for India. In his turn President Sargsyan welcomed India's balanced approach to the issues of our region.

The head of the country wished good luck to Rina Pandey in her further activity and expressed confidence that she will continue her friendly relations with Armenia and will always remain our country's good friend.

8. ARMENIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN UN CHARLES AZNAVOUR HANDS OVER HIS CREDENTIALS [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

Armenian Permanent Representative to UN Charles Aznavour handed over his credentials to the head of the UN Geneva headquarter Sergo Orjonikidze.



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In this circumstance providing of availability of transportation is also strictly important. N. Yeritsyan informed that the cable way which will connect the Halidzor and Tatev villages across the Vorotan canyon will be one of the longest ones not only in Europe but also in the whole world.

The project of making Tatev a tourism center also involves restoration of the Goris airport towards which steps are undertaken and studies implemented.

12. ARMENIAN GOVERNMENT WILL EXTEND 37MLN. DRAMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF JERMUK'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECT [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

At the outgoing session in Syunik province Armenian government decided to extend 37 mln. drams for the implementation of development project of Jermuk town. As much is expected to involve from the private investors, Armenian Economy Minister Nerses Yeritsyan told Armenpress that already next week the project will be presented more detailed to make it clear what kind of infrastructures should be developed in that town.

In response to the question whether the construction of Jermuk's funicular way justified itself in making the tourism season all year round, N. Yeritsyan noted that its construction was a great contribution that could become a basis for more extensive projects. According to the minister, Jermuk's funicular way functions now, and it is being discussed what new places of entertainment to build and what kind of constructional solutions give to them in order to prolong the season.

13. NEW REPRESENTATION OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT CENTER OPENS IN KAPAN [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

A new representation of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Development Support Center opened June 26 in Kapan within the framework of the Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan's visit to Syunik and the outgoing session of the government.

Director of the center Ishkhan Karapetyan told Armenpress that it is the 8-th representation of the center in the republic. The center has 10 provincial branches, the central office is in Yerevan. "As those offices are geographically far from each other, it is very important that the center be presented in all the provinces", - he said.

According to him, in recent period the government has paid great attention to the development of small and medium-sized enterprises. In that respect the center displays an essential role, it implements projects of state support for about 5 years. During that period the center has acquired great experience and skills and supports the implementation of business projects of the operative headquarters affiliated to the Prime Minister.

14. A NUMBER OF EVENTS WILL BE HELD FOR THE IT COMPANIES IN ARMENIA [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

A number of events will this year be held for the companies of IT sphere.

Executive Director of Union of IT Enterprises Karen Vardanian told Armenpress that a conference is planned to be organized July 4-5 dedicated to the discussion of issues of communication sphere, and in mid July – gathering-conference of newly established companies in the IT and high technology sphere.

The Union stresses the importance of the investment of the youth launching activity in this sphere and wishes to coordinate them especially in the conditions of the crisis. According to K. Vardanian such a conference will be held for the first time in Armenia. 40-50 companies will take part in it.

The specialist informed that in September a discussion on the education of the sphere will be launched during the without ties meeting of the IT leaders.

The competition of robots will this year be held in two rounds: first one will kick off within the frameworks of "Digitec expo" on October 2-4 and the second one – in December. K. Vardanian expressed hope that the number of participants in the "Digitec expo" exhibition which will this year be held in the Sport and Concert complex after K. Demirchian will sharply increase.

According to him the recently held "Digitec" business forum has recorded successes as the number of participating companies increased for nearly 30%.



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DIASPORA

15. WINDOWS OF ISTANBUL SURB PRKICH CHURCH NO LONGER TO FACE WINDOWS OF NEAREST BROTHEL [NOYAN TAPAN, 06/26/09]

According to the map made by the Council of Monuments of Turkey, all the brothels of Karagyugh will be closed, and instead of them, the Mayor's Office will open a public park and centers for public service.

According to the Marmara daily, articles published in the Turkish press during the last two days mention that windows of the Surb Prkich (Saint Saviour) Armenian Church of Karagyugh face windows of a brothel. French Saint-Benoit School and a synagogue are also located in that territory. And it became known that the authorities decided to stop that outrage.

It is mentioned that there are 42 brothels in Zyurafa street of Karagyugh and in the vicinity. 37 of them belong to late Matild Manukian and 5 of them belong to a person named Sumbul Yasar Garasu.

ARTS

16. WITHIN THE FRAMEWORKS OF "SHANGHAI 2010" EXHIBITION ARMENIA WILL PRESENT ITSELF UNDER "WORLD'S TOWN" SLOGAN [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

During the "Shanghai 2010" large scale exhibition Armenia will present itself under the "World's town" slogan.

Chief Director of Armenian Development Agency Robert Harutyunian told Armenpress that Armenia presents an idea according to which "in the future the world can develop in the direction of solidarity, living together and creating". According to him by the Armenia's outline people can see how must the world's city be, each district of which must be constructed according to the architectural solutions, style and peculiarities characteristic of each state.

The city is suggested to be constructed on the Ararat Mountain plain. Interactive elections of the Mayor through the electronic way are also possible. "The idea of creation of the net will be tried to be implemented and greater amount of people will be involved in the realization of the project," R. Harutyunian said urging to more actively be involved in the implementation of the project which is a most important initiative to recognize the world and show Armenia to the world.

The "Shanghai 2010" will be held under the "Welfare life, welfare town" slogan. The chief commissioner for the preparatory works of Armenian participation in the exhibition is the Economy Minister, the operator – Armenian Development Agency.

185 countries and 45 international organizations have presented applications of participation in this tremendous project. Armenia will be presented on 500 square meters of territory 320 square meters of which will be allocated to the pavilion itself. A National Day is appointed for all the participant states of the exhibition. The Armenian National Day will be celebrated on 21 September 2010 within the frameworks of which cultural events will also be organized. The exhibition which is held once in five years will this time be unprecedented with its sizes and scales.

17. THE SECOND ASSEMBLY OF ARMENIAN WRITERS COMPOSING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE TO BE HELD IN CALIFORNIA [Azg, 06/29/09]

The second assembly of Armenian writers composing in foreign language is to be summoned at the end of November of this year in California.

The chairman of the Armenian Writers' Union Levon Ananyan told Armenpress that 140 writers are invited to Los Angeles, 100 – from USA, 40 – from Europe, Near East and Armenia.

The first suchlike assembly was held in Yerevan, the second – in Yerevan, Tsakhkadzor and Artsakh.



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SOCIAL

18. NEW SCHOOL BEING BUILT FOR ARTSAKH'S VAGHUHAS AND KHNKAVAN COMMUNITIES [NOYAN TAPAN, 06/26/09]

The Hayastan All Armenian Fund has launched a school construction program in the Vaghuhas village in Nagorno Karabakh's Martakert Region. The two-storey school building for 240 students is being built in Vaghuhas, which has about 670 residents, and the pupils of the neighboring Village of Khnkavan will also study there. The project is implemented by the joint sponsorship of government of Nagorno Karabakh and a number of individual donors.

According to the report of the Hayastan All Armenian Fund, with funds raised through the Telethon 2005 for the regional development of Martakert region and contributions by various donors, new and modern schools have been built in the villages of Drmbon, Kochoghut, Verin Horatagh, and Mataghis, and today they work. And the water main in Martakert and newly built water pipelines in Vaghuhas and Vank solved a lot of everyday problems of the region's residents.

19. 309 CITIZENS ALREADY RECEIVE MONEY THEY WON AS A RESULT OF JUNE LOTTERY OF CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS [NOYAN TAPAN, 06/26/09]

As a result of the lottery of cash register receipts held on June 5 by the State Revenue Committee (SRC), 309 winners have already received sums of a total of 2.2 million drams.

According to the SRC press service, 277 citizens won 5 thousand drams, 27 - 20 thousand drams and 5 citizens - 50 thousand drams each.

20. ARMENIAN EMIGRANTS DO NOT HURRY TO RETURN FROM RUSSIA TO ARMENIA: THEY SEEK NEW WAYS OF EARNING MONEY [NOYAN TAPAN, 06/26/09]

The Armenian emigrants do not hurry to return from Russia to Armenia: no inflow of emigrants from Russia into Armenia has been recorded, Head of the Migration Agency of RA Ministry of Territorial Administration Gagik Yeghanyan said at the June 25 press conference.

Whereas, according to him, they expected more emigrants to come back to Armenia due the impact of the global economic crisis on Russia. "We expected an inflow of such people into Armenia. We even signed an agreement with Russian migration services to facilitate their return to Armenia, but the number of those returning home is not especially large," G. Yeghanyan noted. In his words, although many Armenian emigrants lost their jobs because of the crisis in Russia, they do not hurry to return and seek new ways of earning money.

21. ARMENIAN AMERICAN STUDENTS ARRIVE IN ARMENIA UNDER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM OF AAA [NOYAN TAPAN, 06/26/09]

Armenian American young people have been spending their holidays in Armenia under the Armenian Assembly of America (AAA) Summer Internship program for 10 years running. Within the framework of the program they get acquainted with their homeland and at the same time foster their skills. This program provides Armenian American youth an opportunity to interact both professionally and socially with their counterparts in Armenia. The interns of the program also have an opportunity to meet with government officials and other prominent individuals.

According to AAA report, the Class of 2009 arrived in Yerevan last week. On June 23, they were welcomed by Assembly Country Director for Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh Arpi Vartanian and Intern Coordinator Vram Karakeshishyants. Vartanian hoped that the interns will have an unforgettable summer that will change their lives.

22. YERKRAMAS EDITOR TIGRAN TAVADIAN: ARMENIAN COMMUNITIES OF KRASNODAR TERRITORY NOT WELL-ORGANIZED [NOYAN TAPAN, 06/26/09]

According to official data, 275 thousand Armenians lived in the Krasnodar territory in 2002, and according to unofficial data, their number was within the range of 400-600 thousand. As Tigran Tavadian, the Yerkramas newspaper editor informed at the June 25 press conference, newspapers are published, dancing groups, Sunday schools act in order to support preservation of Armenian identity in Armenian



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populated areas of the territory. He mentioned at the same time that the local Armenian communities are not well-organized and do not cooperate with each other.

T. Tavadian considered the cooperation with the state structures of Armenia to be unproductive, as well. According to him, it is necessary that the RA Ministries of Diaspora and Culture work out a joint program to present the Armenian culture in the region. In his words, performers of the "rabis" music (town folklore) mainly come to the territory, and as a result, a low taste is built up especially among the youth. Besides, in his words, there are problems of getting text-books from the RA Ministry of Education and Science. T. Tavadian mentioned that Sunday schools of the region get those text-books by overcoming many difficulties, particularly, those connected with tax clearance. In T. Tavadian's opinion, the RA government can raise that issue before the RF government.

23. ARMENIAN CHURCH HISTORY INVOLVED IN UNESCO NEW EDITION [NOYAN TAPAN, 06/26/09]

The UNESCO published a valuable edition recently, entitled "Cultural Aspects of Christian and Islamic Religions."

According to the information from the Antelias Patriarchate, the History of the Armenian Church is given an important place in the book published in the Arabic language. The Commission on International Relations of the Catholicosate of Cilicia, particularly, Commission member Jean Salmanian assisted publication of the book.

24. ARMENIAN RELIEF SOCIETY TO AWARD FIVE JAVAKHK ARMENIAN STUDENTS [NOYAN TAPAN, 06/26/09]

It is already four years that the Javakhk Chapter of the Armenian Relief Society has been organizing The Best Student award, giving monetary prizes to the best five Javakhk Armenian students of the academic year who are parentless or are from needy families. The program within the framework of which each of the best 5 students gets 100 US dollars each, is sponsored by the ARS Central Office.

The 2009 Best Student prize winners are Andranik Poghosian (3rd year student of Yerevan State Medical University, resident of the region of Ninotsminda), Astghik Melkonian (3rd year student of Yerevan State Pedagogical University, resident of the region of Akhalkalak), Ara Minasian (1st year student of a higher educational institution of Akhalkalak, resident of Akhalkalak), Nune Omposian (2nd year student of Yerevan State Pedagogical University, resident of Akhalkalak) and Vladimir Kirakosian (2nd year student of Tbilisi State University, resident of Akhaltskha).

25. THE REPAIR OF SYUNIK'S PROVINCIAL LIBRARY IS ACCOMPLISHED [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

The repair works of Syunik's provincial library are finished by financing of the state budget of Republic of Armenia. It was implemented by "Ashot and Zaven from Vardenis" winner company of the competition. The 40mln. drams extended by the last year's state budget were not sufficient to accomplish the construction; the repair of 3 departments of the library was unfinished. 7mln. Drams was necessary to bring the works to an end, which was provided by the company. The director of the provincial library Susanna Minasyan told Armenpress that the library hadn't been repaired more than 20 years. The floor, the doors and the windows have been basically changed, a heating system has been applied, interior furnishing works have been carried out as well. According to the director, now the library lacks furniture. The library was equipped with modern technologies in the last years with the support of Culture Ministry.

26. THE MEDICINE STORE OF THE CENTER OF AIDS PREVENTION BURNT [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

On June 25 fire broke out on the third floor of the Center of AIDS Prevention in the Acharian 2 street, Yerevan. At 19:19 an urgent call was got informing about this. Two fire brigades from Yerevan left for the place of the accident. The fire was localized at 19:35 and put off at 19:43.

The medicine store of 20 square meters was entirely burnt.

Public relations department of the Armenian Rescue Service of the Emergency Situations Ministry told Armenpress that the same day at 19:45 an anonym phone call was registered informing that fire broke out in #1 resort of the Arzni village of the Kotayk province. 2 fire brigades from Abovian and 1 brigade from Yerevan and Yeghvard as well as the operative group of rescue department of the Kotayk



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province left for the place of the accident. The fire was localized at 21:04 and put off at 21:18. The roof of #3 not functioning building of 360 square meters territory which belonged to “Armenian resorts” fund burnt.

On the same day information was got from the Vayots Dzor province informing that at about 19:15 o'clock the chief irrigation pipeline which passes through the Shatin village was damaged and water outflow took place as a result of which nearly 30 meter sector of the road ruined, 3-4 000 square meters of hay was flowed with water and two nut trees were stubbed up.

“Yeghegnadzor irrigation” company and the governor’s office were informed about the case. The water flow in the pipeline was stopped and reconstruction works have been conducted. There is not threat for a new danger.

27. THE INFORMATION SECURITY EXPERTS SAY ARMENIA EXPERIENCES A DEFENSIVE POSITION AGAINST AZERBAIJAN IN THE INFORMATION WAR [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

Armenia experiences a defensive position against Azerbaijan in the information war, during June 26 press conference head of the “ArmenianHous.org” electronic library Karen Vrtanesian and the information security expert Samvel Martirosian said.

According to K. Vrtanesian during the 1988-94 information war Armenia was able to confront Azerbaijan with rather limited resources. “At the given moment I do not assess the situation as satisfactory, we are in more defensive positions and the Armenian side makes no initiatives. For instance destroy of thousands of cross stones of the Jugha cemetery in Nakhijevan has not had any political or even image consequences for Azerbaijan” K. Vrtanesian noted.

In this issue he greatly signifies the role of the state. “Sometimes the state is fairly criticized for the passiveness exerted in the information-psychological conflict. Only recently positive steps are noted in this direction,” said K. Vrtanesian reciting the actions of Armenian Foreign Ministry, as a result of which the Polish Foreign Ministry addressed a message of complaint to Azerbaijan for ascription of false statements to the Polish official delegation.

According to S. Martirosian Azerbaijan has several targets in the information war – the Armenian society, Armenian Diaspora, Azerbaijani society, etc.

“Of course in many cases the Azerbaijani propaganda does not reach its target because of being illiterately served. In spite of it, Azerbaijan picks up the western experience and makes great investments in this sphere,” he noted.

28. NATIONAL MUSEUM-INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE ORGANIZES TRAVELING ARCHITECTURE EXHIBITIONS IN THE ARMENIAN PROVINCES [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

Traveling architecture exhibitions will by October be organized in the Armenian provinces by the National museum-institute of architecture and the Ministry of Urban Development.

Head of the museum, Doctor of architectural sciences. Professor Ashot Grigorian told Armenpress that Rafael Israelian’s works, middle age and modern Armenian, Ani architecture as well as works of Diaspora Armenian architectures have been singled out for presentation of the achievements of the Armenian architecture in the provinces.

A. Grigorian noted that 5 thematic different exhibitions will be organized in 22 towns of the republic as well as in Stepanakert. In Stepanakert works of modern Armenian architects will be presented. On these days the tender on the outline of Shushi male school will also be summed up. The building is intended to be turned into Artsakh national museum.

“Presenting the achievements of Armenian architects in the Armenian counties will result in a new quality of approaches towards the Armenian architecture. Exhibitions are so seldom organized in the provinces that people have forgot what means to go to an exhibition, express thought and learn. Not everyone can come to Yerevan and be aware of the cultural events, news,” the head of the museum said.

According to him initiative also aims at discovering the local powers and studying the local materials. There is already a proposal that within the frameworks of the exhibition to be organized in October in Vanadzor the works of local architects will be presented in separate.

The head of the museum informed that the “Rafael Israelian” and “Modern Armenian Architects” exhibitions have also been organized in Goris after the opening ceremony of which days of Bakunts have been celebrated.

Besides the exhibition materials referring to the historical and modern architecture of the region were also brought to Goris.



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29. AS OF JUNE 25, 215 CONVICTED HAVE BEEN SET FREE FROM THE CRIMINAL-EXECUTIVE ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

As of June 25, according to the NA June 19 decision on “Declaring amnesty” 215 imprisoned people have been set free from the criminal-executive establishments of the republic.

Head of the Public relations department of the Criminal-Executive department of Armenian Justice Ministry Arsen Babayan told Armenpress that 38 convicted have been set free from “Noubarashen” criminal-executive establishments, 11 – from “Artik”, 15 – from “Vanadzor”, 5 – from “Goris”, 53 – from “Erebuni”, 19 – from “Sevan”, 1 – from “Yerevan Center”, 23 – from “Kosh”, 24 – from “Vardashen”, 7 – from “Hospital of imprisoned”, 5 women have been set free from the women’s department of “Abovian” criminal-executive establishment, from the teenagers’ department – 3, 1 – from “Hrazdan” and 8 people have been set free from “Meghri”.

30. DEPARTMENTS INTENDED FOR MALES AND CHILDREN TO OPEN IN THE ARMENIAN-AMERICAN HEALTH CENTER [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

From 170 000 women applied from 1997 by now to the Armenian-American Health Center 85 000 had a breast examination. As a result in 5 000 of these women already complicated variant of breast cancer has been discovered.

Executive Director of Armenian-American Health Center Khachanoush Hakobian told Armenpress that among 1500-1600 women applied for prophylactic medical examination cancer has been discovered in the earliest phase of development which gave an opportunity to prescribe a corresponding treatment.

“Majority of these women are living for more than five years which testifies that these diseases no more threaten them,” the specialist noted.

According to her the number of early diagnoses would be greater if the Armenian women had a tradition of applying for examination at least once in a year.

“The 54 women applied to us are by 29 years old. But these diseases are more spread among 40-59 year-old women,” she noted.

Males are also advised at least once in a year to be examined. According to Kh. Hakobian a separate division intended for males will in the nearest future open in the Center for discovery of the prostate cancer. A division intended for children, surgery and extended services of family medicine will also function. An educational center is also intended to be established here to enhance the educational projects.

31. YOUTH “LABOR AND REST CAMP-2009” KICKS OFF IN THE VANK VILLAGE OF MARTAKERT REGION [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

Youth “Labor and rest camp-2009” kicked off in the Vank village of Martakert region, NKR.

Deputy Nagorno Karabakh Culture and Youth Affairs Minister Gayane Grigorian told Armenpress that by mid September the camp participants will take part in the construction works of the hippodrome which is being constructed on the means of philanthropist Levon Hayrapetian and the renovation of the road which takes from the village to the Gandzasar complex. According to G. Grigorian the initiative is unprecedented in the Nagorno Karabakh Republic since the independence.

Once in each ten days the 30 camp participants will be substituted with new ones which will out of security aims pass a compulsory medical examination in the Stepanakert town polyclinics in accordance with the previously reached agreement with the Nagorno Karabakh Health Ministry.

According to the Deputy Minister the camp participants will take part in the mentioned works by the first half of the day after which a pleasant rest is intended which will be accompanied with different youth events. The project is entirely financed by the “Ata Vank les” holding.

32. THE 8-TH SESSION OF THE ARMENIAN ASTRONOMIC COMPANY TO BE HELD IN BYURAKAN OBSERVATORY [ARMENPRESS, 06/29/09]

The 8-th session of the Armenian Astronomic Company will be held July 6-8 in the Observatory after V. Hambardzumyan. Areg Mikayelyan, the co-chairman of the company, the coordinator of the International Astronomy Year in Armenia, told Armenpress that at the forum many general issues will be discussed, particularly the connection of the astronomy and astrophysicists with science and different classes of society. On July 6 the results for astrophysics will be presented, and the next two days issues



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on astrobiology will be discussed. It is intended to invite representatives of the spheres of Armenian Government, NA, Culture Ministry, science, journalism, etc.

SPORTS

33. ARMENIAN PLAYERS WIN FIRST MATCH OF FRANCE-ARMENIA CHESS TOURNAMENT WITH SCORE OF 9.5-6.5 [NOYAN TAPAN, 06/26/09]

A tournament of the men's teams of France and Armenia started in Paris on June 24 on the initiative of the chess federations of two countries. 15 minutes plus 10 seconds after each move was given for each game. The Armenian team composed of Levon Aronian, Vladimir Hakobian, Gabriel Sargsyan and Tigran Petrosian won (9.5-6.5). The members of the French team are: Maxim-Vachier Lagrave, Laurent Fressinet, Joel Lautier and Christian Bauer.

The teams will play against each other again on June 25.

34. SERGEY PEVNEV FROM ARMENIA TO TAKE PART IN EUROPEAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP [NOYAN TAPAN, 06/26/09]

European Swimming Championship will take place on July 8-12 in Prague, where Sergey Pevnev will represent Armenia. He will perform in the free-style swimming competition in 50, 100 and 200 metre spaces.

35. ALEXANDER BEREZOVSKI ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF CYCLING FEDERATION OF ARMENIA [NOYAN TAPAN, 06/26/09]

A conference of the Republican Cycling Federation took place in Yerevan on June 25.

Alexander Berezovski, the USSR Sport's Master, former member of the national team of Armenia was elected the new Chairman of the Armenian Cycling Federation. By the way, his brother, Roman has been Armenian football national team's goal-keeper for almost 2 years.

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