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TRANSLATIONS FROM YEREVAN NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER NEWS AGENCIES

POLITICS

1. MANUK TOPUZIAN APPOINTED MEMBER OF RA CONSTITUTIONAL COURT [Hayastani Hanrapetutiun, 07/11/09]

On July 8, RA President Serzh Sargsyan signed a decree on relieving Manuk Topuzian of the post of Adviser to RA President. As Noyan Tapan was informed by the RA President's Press Office, by S. Sargsyan's another decree of the same day M. Topuzian was appointed a member of the RA Constitutional Court.

2. NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR OF ITALY TO RA HANDS HIS CREDENTIALS TO RA PRESIDENT [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/11/09]

Newly appointed Ambassador of Italy to RA Bruno Scapini handed his credentials to RA President Serzh Sargsyan on July 9.

Congratulating the diplomat on the occasion of assuming his post, S. Sargsyan expressed the hope that his activity years will be efficient from point of view of development and deepening of Armenian-Italian relations. Emphasizing Armenia's interest in expansion of cooperation with Italy in various spheres, he considered mutual wish, historic communities and the values the two countries profess as a good basis for it. In his words, the Armenian-Italian cooperation has a good prospect of development in many-sided formats, as well.

B. Scapini attaching importance to the formed tradition of Armenian-Italian mutual sympathy and warm relations, said that he will do his best to strengthen the current cooperation and to create new possibilities. As the primary directions of his activity he outlined promotion of trade and economic relations, activation of high-level mutual visits.

According to the report of the RA President's Press Office, they also discussed regional issues at the meeting. S. Sargsyan welcomed Italy's balanced position to delicate regional problems. He reiterated Armenia's resolution to solve all current problems peacefully mentioning that there is every possibility for it. B. Scapini said that Italy always expresses support to a process aimed at peace.

3. FORMER NA SPEAKER: ARMENIA NEEDS POLITICAL FORCES OF NEW QUALITY [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/11/09]

PACE new Resolution N 1677 on Armenia adopted at the June session is evidence that the home political crisis has not been overcome in the country yet. Former NA Speaker, independent deputy Tigran Torosian expressed such an opinion at the July 10 press conference. In his words, the Resolution's content makes it clear that Armenia has not fulfilled the demands made in the former resolutions. In that context, according to T. Torosian, it is not understandable how the Co-chairs used the word combination "a step forward" in their conclusion.

Speaking about Armenia's home political sphere, the former NA Speaker said that country's multi-party system is degraded. In T. Torosian's affirmation, capable political forces of new quality are needed to correct the situation and to solve the most important problems faced by the state.

Speaking about fall of Armenia's economy, T. Torosian said that its reason is not only the world financial-economic crisis, but also the economic policy carried on by the state and the imperfection of new laws.

In connection with the amnesty granted on June 19 T. Torosian said that it "was not the way society expected" and cannot weaken political tension.

4. VAZGEN MANUKIAN CONVINCED THAT PUBLIC COUNCIL TO MANAGE TO FIND WAYS OF SOLVING PROBLEMS CONCERNING WIDE SECTIONS OF POPULATION [Azg, 07/11/09]

Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan met with the members of the Public Council on July 9. Noting that this is the first meeting since the full formation of the Public Council, he congratulated the 36 members of the Council and wished them fruitful activity.

Then S. Sargsyan in particular said:



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"What has been created is an unprecedented body whose structure and regulations were developed and formed outside state bodies. Its elections were also held in a way having no precedent. What we will receive as a result depends on all the 36 members of the Public Council.

I ... know that your decisions are not subject to compulsory execution by state government bodies and will not have a direct effect on the policy. However, it is clear to all of us that this structure has been set up to have an impact on the policy. At first glance it seems to be contradictory, but it is obvious, at least to me, that there is no contradiction here. The state bodies act first of all by the force of the law, whereas respect, authority and public trust will play an essential role in your activities...

I wouldn't like the Public Council to become a structure resembling a closed club...

I want you to play a significant role in decisions to be made. The interest of the president and the state here is that while participating in important decision making, you should become the executors and, most of all, spreaders of these decisions...

From the very first day of voicing the idea, some people started sticking labels on this structure, not even knowing under what regulations it will function. I am convinced that both you and the mature part of our society understand very well why this discrediting process has begun..."

According to the RA presidential press service, then Chairman of the Public Council Vazgen Manukian presented the formation process of the Council's commissions and other organizational issues. He said that during the formation of the commissions, a lot of people expressed readiness to work on a voluntary basis, which allowed including highly qualified experts of various spheres in the commissions.

He expressed confidence that the body headed by him will manage to discuss the problems concerning wide sections of the population and find ways to solve them. In his words, the Public Council has already received many letters, which are classified by subjects and analyzed so as to specify problems of general importance.

V. Manukian said that bodies like the Public Council exist in all the countries proceeding along the path of democratization, and these bodies take a considerable part in solution of social problems and also act as a conciliator in case of a clash of interests in society.

5. RA MINISTER OF DIASPORA COMPLETES HER VISIT TO USA [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/11/09]

As was previously reported, RA Minister of Diaspora Hranush Hakobian participated in the International Forum of Armenian Doctors in the U.S. on July 1-4 and delivered an extensive speech there. She asked the Armenian doctors to pay special attention to the following problems:

1. To dedicate the future training and retraining programs of specialists to the creation of modern centers in Armenia in line with the latest achievements in health sector. It is necessary to introduce all innovations in Armenia and help with solution of the problem of having a healthy society and nation. The dynamics of the growth in sickness statistics should be taken into account when opening new centers and clinics.

2. Many head a medical institution: it will be quite useful and efficient if, based on the example of sister cities, links are established among hospitals in cities and villages of Armenia and Artsakh and the indicated hospitals, following the principle of mutual help and exchange of experience - "Hospital to Hospital" movement is an important initial point of Armenia-Diaspora cooperation.

3. The existing huge potential should be used to bring the quality of medical education into line with international standards, especially as the reforms in this direction have already begun at Yerevan State Medical University.

4. The Ministry of Diaspora proposes assisting the AMIC and creating, by joint efforts, AMIC units in those Diasporan communities where they are absent.

The UK Minister of Health Ara Darzi, Armenian Minister of Health Harutyun Kushkian, NKR Minister of Health Armen Khachatryan, other doctors participating in the forum showed great interest in the problems discussed in H. Hakobian's speech.

According to the Press and PR Department of the RA Ministry of Diaspora, the schedule of the minister's working meetings was quite busy.

Hranush Hakobian visited the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia to the UN and met with representatives of the ARF, Hay Dat and Hamazkayin. She went to St. Vardan Church where she met with the head of the Eastern Armenian diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church Archbishop Khazhak Parsamian and members of the diocesan council.

The next meeting of Ms. Hakobian was at the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU). She went to the primacy of the Eastern diocese of the Armenian Catholicosate of Cilicia and had a meeting with the diocesan head Archbishop Oshakan Choloyan. The Armenian ambassador to the U.S. Tatul Margarian and the Representative of Armenia to the UN Armen Martirosian took part in the meeting.



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During their meeting with Ms. Hakobian, the members of the Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) Board informed her about the work done so far in such spheres of Armenia as education, culture, social security, children's rights protection, etc. The minister handed RA Ministry of Diaspora diplomas to a number of famous Diasporan Armenian scientists and benefactors for their contribution to the Armenian health care system.

Issues related to the implementation of the programs developed by RA Ministry of Diaspora for the purpose of establishing closer relations between Armenia and the Diaspora and solving the problems of importance to all the Armenians were discussed during the meetings of Hranish Hakobian with Diasporan Armenian benefactors Annette Joulfakian, Rita Palian, Edgar Hovsepien and Aram Choubanian.

6. HOVIK ABRAHAMIAN SAYS ARMENIA HAS ALWAYS ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO THE CLOSE ALIEN RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

The NA Speaker Hovik Abrahamian received today the Ambassador of Russia to Armenia Nikolay Pavlov on finishing his diplomatic mission in Armenia.

Public relations department of the Armenian Parliament told Armenpress that during the intercourse the head of the Armenian Parliament expressed gratitude to the Ambassador Pavlov for the close cooperation during the passed years.

H. Abrahamian highly assessed the activity of the Ambassador and stressed that in Armenia the close alien relations with Russia which have a firm historical bases have always been signified.

He expressed hope that in the future the Armenian Russian cooperation in political, trade-economic, cultural and other spheres will continue to develop to the welfare of the two relating nations.

During the intercourse the sides have also highly assessed the close links and cooperation between Armenian and Russian parliaments.

Summarizing the intercourse H. Abrahamian wished the Ambassador Pavlov successes in his undertakings and expressed hope that he will continue his relative ties with our state even after the end of his diplomatic mission in Armenia.

7. YURI MERZLYAKOV SAYS THE MOSCOW MEETING OF ARMENIAN AND AZERBAIJANI PRESIDENTS WILL ALLOW TO ENTER THE FINAL ROUND OF KARABAKH CONFLICT REGULATION [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

During the press conference dedicated to the Baku visit of the co-chairs the OSCE Minsk Group Russian co-chairman Yuri Merzlyakov has stated that the Moscow meeting of the Armenian and Azerbaijani Presidents will allow to enter the final round of Karabakh conflict regulation.

"Our visit to the region was dedicated to the preparation of the meeting of the Presidents in Moscow and during arrangement of this meeting we continued to exchange thoughts round a number of key principals of the conflict troubleshooting which have not been agreed yet," the Russian diplomat said.

"We hope to overlap the negotiations with at least two issues connected with the conflict regulation and only after that start talks round an issue which was by now being discussed only in general," French co-chairman Bernard Fassier said.

The diplomat noted that if by the end of the year the mediators get the approval of the Presidents on "main principals", from the start of the next year the works will possibly continue and turn into an agreement.

8. SYRIAN PRESIDENT REFUSES TO RESPECT THE MEMORY OF AZERBAIJANIS PERISHED IN THE KARABAKH WAR [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

Yesterday the official visit of Syrian President Bashar al Asad to Azerbaijan finished. In accordance with the Azerbaijani state protocol in the Asad's visit agenda the visit to Baku "Alley of Shehids" was also involved where the Azerbaijanis perished in the Karabakh war are berried.

But the Syrian President refused to visit the cemetery with it showing solidarity to Armenia in the Karabakh conflict regulation.

The Syrian President addressing a message in Azerbaijan stressed that Syria is in good relations with Azerbaijan as well as with Armenia therefore it can make its investment in the Karabakh conflict regulation.



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9. ARMENIAN PRESIDENT RECEIVES FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE USA SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES STEINBERG AND THE DELEGATION HEADED BY HIM [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

Armenian President Serzh Sargsian received July 11 the first assistant to the USA Secretary of State James Steinberg and the delegation headed by him which included the Assistant Secretary of State Philip Gordon, Ambassador of the USA to Armenia Marie Jovanovich and other officials.

Presidential Press office told Armenpress that greeting the top-official the Armenian President said:

“Armenian stresses the importance of the further development of the relations with the USA and regards your visit from this standpoint”.

The head of the republic expressed gratitude to the USA Government for multilateral support provided to our state ever since the independence.

Discussing the prospects of development of Armenian-American relations the sides have stressed the wish and readiness to promote the cooperation in different spheres.

Serzh Sargsian highly assessed the unique attitude of the United States towards the local Armenian community. The American Armenians have been mentioned to be the bridging link between the two states.

The interlocutors have exchanged thoughts on the security issues of the region, Armenia-turkey relations as well as Nagorno Karabakh conflict regulation.

The top-official from the USA administration conveyed the address of the Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to the Armenian President Serzh Sargsian.

10. ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE FORUM TAKEN PLACE IN STEPANAKERT ARMENIA AND TURKEY ARE COMMITTED TO ESTABLISH NATURAL RELATIONS AND THE FINAL REGULATION OF THE ARTSAKH ISSUE IS THE PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION WAY [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

The “Artsakh issue” and “Armenian-Turkish relations” forum held July 10-11 in Stepanakert has adopted a joint resolution. Presenting it the member of Armenian Revolutionary Federation Bureau Aghvan Vardanian noted: “The preservation of our Armenian identity, the future of two Armenian states and our nations are dependent upon the development and troubleshooting of our two agenda issues. We are decisive through all the possible and impossible means to protect our national and state interests and rights and to ensure our self dependent and dignified place in the family of civilized nations. We demand for self-confidence, realism and political will from today’s and tomorrow’s Armenian and Nagorno Karabakh authorities in these two fatal issues to be exclusively guided by the interests of the Armenian nation and responsibility towards the generations,” he said.

According to A. Vardanian based on these concepts, the forum has recorded that as neighboring states Armenia and Turkey are finally committed to establishment of natural relations.

“Armenian initiative to start a non-preconditioned diplomatic relations and open the borders was already a compromise, an experience of a good will towards Turkey. But by now within more than a year’s period Turkey has not equivalently reacted to the unilateral readiness of Armenia,” A. Vardanian said.

The member of ARF bureau noted that the present tendency of enforcing rapid solutions to the Artsakh issue by the power centers of the world is dangerous because with it they promote the process of Armenian-Turkish relations in a way Turkey wishes.

According to A.Vardanian the forum has also recorded that the status quo established in the region is a result of Azerbaijani policy of forceful suppression of the right to self-determination of the Nagorno Karabakh people, unleashing war and losing it.

“Artsakh not only could defend its right to live, but also established a democratic state relevant to all the norms, which consolidates and develops in its natural order. Today and tomorrow Artsakh’s self-dependency and security are directly connected with the dignity of Armenia and the Armenian community, its existence and prospects. Some tendencies of rapid regulation of the issue and the Azerbaijani warlike statements force us to permanently be watchful, keep the issue under our national agenda and in case of necessity to exclude the opportunity of unfair solution of the issue through all Armenian powers,” the resolution says.

“Thereby the forum finds that the final way of Karabakh conflict regulation is the peaceful negotiation process, where the distorted format should be changed and enable the NKR to perform as a full party. In the negotiation process the fact of the self-determination of Artsakh people should be



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adopted as a base and be guided by the results of the 1991 referendum of independence and 2006 Constitution.

The negotiations must aim at giving a primary solution to the Nagorno Karabakh independence and its security and must not bypass the conquered Shahumian, Getashen, Martakert and Martuni sectors as well as thousands of Armenians expatriated from Azerbaijan.

The forum regards the adoption of any international document without a direct participation of the Nagorno Karabakh authorities as condemnable, inadmissible and deprived of the legal force. The forum has confirmed that through all the means Armenia must guarantee the Nagorno Karabakh security and independence and achieve international recognition of this status.

The participants of the two-day forum on the Artsakh issue and Armenian-Turkish relations reconfirmed our unity and decisiveness in the national-state issues.

"Independent Armenian Republic, free Artsakh, organized Diaspora permanent rights of our nation are supreme values for us," the resolution says.

11. DMITRI MEDVEDEV APPOINTED VYACHESLAV KOVALENKO RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR TO ARMENIA [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

Russian President Dmitri Medvedev with his decree appointed Vyacheslav Kovalenko Russian Ambassador to Armenia dismissing him from the office of Russian Ambassador to Georgia.

With another decree, which was also issued today in Kremlin's web-site, the President dismissed Nikolay Pavlov from the office of the Russian Ambassador to Armenia "on the occasion of taking a new office".

12. RUSSIA SUPPORTS THE STEPS DIRECTED TOWARDS PEOPLE'S DIPLOMACY IN KHARABAKH CONFLICT REGULATION [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

Russia will go on actively supporting the progress of Karabakh conflict regulation, as well as the steps towards the people's diplomacy, the reports of Russian Foreign Affairs Ministry on the results of the meetings of the Armenian and Azerbaijani representatives of public and political circles in Yerevan, Baku, and Stepanakert says.

"It is known that the first suchlike event was held in June 2007. The current meetings are the continuation of that important initiative. The engaged exchange of opinions assured that the society and civil society institutions are aimed at greatly contributing to the recovery and strengthening of confidence between the sides involved in Karabakh conflict, as well as at creating a favorable environment for peaceful regulation of the conflict. The Russian side positively assesses the results of the events taken place", - the statement says.

In the document it is also underscored that Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan, who received the participants of the dialogue, and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliiev expressed support to those efforts.

13. THE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF NAGORNO KARABAKH INDEPENDENCE HAS NO ALTERNATIVE FOR THE "PROSPEROUS ARMENIA" PARTY [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

The international recognition of Nagorno Karabakh independence has no alternative for the "Prosperous Armenia" Party.

At today's press conference Spokesman to the head of Prosperous Armenia party Khachik Galstyan underscored that the negotiations chaired by RA President Serzh Sargsyan are directed towards the solution of that problem. He considers the principles, around which the negotiations run, efficient for a party being the component of the political coalition. Those principles are that NK should have a land border with Armenia, international security guarantees should be provided, and the status of Nagorno Karabakh should be of primary importance.

According to the press officer of Prosperous Armenia Party, Karabakh conflict is among such issues, where there is consensus between different political powers. Moreover, it is necessary to trust the authorities in the running negotiations with confidence that no political power or an individual can prefer an anti-Armenian solution to the conflict.

According to Kh. Galstyan, NK side displays activity and gradually the core of the discussion of that issue is moved to Artsakh. The conference held there during the latest days proves that. The Secretary of the Parliamentary fraction of the Party Aram Safaryan from "Prosperous Armenia" took part in it.



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He also referred to the activity of the head of the "Prosperous Armenia" Gagik Tsarukyan noting that during G. Tsarukyan's visit to Belarus at the invitation of Belarusian President Lukashenko an agreement was reached to deepen the Armenian and Belarus business relations. The Belarusian delegation was last week in Armenia on that purpose. 7 trade-economic contracts were signed during the visit. 6-7 Armenian products will be imported to that country.

Armenian fruit, dried fruit, cognac, mineral water, jewelry are of interest for the Belarusian market. According to Kh. Galstyan, Gagik Tsarukyan's activity is directed towards balancing the low index of exports from Armenia in the Armenian-Belarusian commodity circulation. Last year the export from Armenia was \$4 million in \$ 28 million of overall turnover.

Referring to the rumors that "Prosperous Armenia" Party is a power created by RA second President Robert Kocharyan and he may return to policy by means of that power, Kh. Galstyan noted that "Prosperous Armenia" has long proved its self-dependency and doesn't have any connection with the former President.

14. NA SPEAKER RECEIVES THE AMBASSADOR OF IRAN [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

The NA Speaker Hovik Abrahamian received today the Ambassador of Iran to Armenia Seyed Ali Saghayan.

Public relations department of Armenian Parliament told Armenpress that during the intercourse the sides have discussed a wide range of issues connected with Armenian-Iranian relations, regional security, regulation of Artsakh issue and inter-political situation of Iran.

15. AMBASSADOR OF RUSSIA TO ARMENIA AWARDED WITH THE MEDAL OF HONOR OF THE ARMENIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian received today the Ambassador of Russia to Armenia Nikolay Pavlov on the end of the diplomatic mission in Armenia.

Media relations department of the Armenian Foreign Ministry told Armenpress that Edward Nalbandian has highly assessed the Armenian-Russian alien and strategic relations and noted that during Ambassador Pavlov's years in office they have further deepened and enhanced.

Armenian FM expressed gratitude to Nikolay Pavlov for the activity towards the strengthening of Armenian-Russian cooperation, everyday consistent works and his personal investment.

In his turn Ambassador Pavlov noted that he leaves Armenia with warm memories and expressed gratitude for the assistance showed by the Armenian Foreign Ministry during his mission.

Minister Nalbandian wished Nikolay Pavlov successes in his further activity and awarded him with the Medal of Honor of the Armenian Foreign Ministry.

BUSINESS

16. ACCORDING TO MINISTER OF FINANCE, BUDGETARY EXPENSES INCURRED BY 100% AND CASES OF SALARY NONPAYMENT EXCLUDED [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/11/09]

"The budgetary expenses are incurred by 100% and any cases of salary nonpayment are excluded," RA Minister of Finance Tigran Davtian stated at the July 10 press conference, adding that no bid has been rejected so far and will not be rejected in the future, while expenses on salaries, pensions, social payments, including capital expenditures will be incurred in the same way as last year.

"We have received alarm calls about nonpayment from various unknown sources, but these calls were unfounded," the minister noted. According to him, even if there have been temporary delays at some state institutions, it was a "technical shortcoming".

17. MEASURES PROMOTING TO ARTSAKH SOCIAL-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSED AT THE OUTGOING SESSION OF THE ARMENIAN BANKS' UNION IN STEPANAKERT [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

Members of the Armenian Banks' Union summoned its outgoing session July 11 in Stepanakert. Chairman of the Central Bank Arthur Javadyan told Armenpress that at the outgoing session the possible measures promoting to the main issue of the agenda – Artsakh social-economic development have been discussed.



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Speaking about the reduction of loan investments by trade banks in the whole world as well as in Armenian in the result of the global financial crisis, A. Javadyan particularly noted that for purpose of improving the established situation RA Central Bank in collaboration with the Armenian government conducts such events, which enable trade banks to acquire some financial means for providing loans.

A. Javadyan assured that during the discussions the banks expressed readiness by those means to finance the small and medium-sized business in Artsakh, to promote the tourism infrastructures, and establishment of enterprises processing agro products and supporting the export.

At present 28 branches of RA banks operate in Artsakh. A. Javadyan said, that number is inclined to increase, and it has been referred to within the frames of the outgoing session.

According to director of the "ArmSwiss" bank Gevorg Mazmanyanyan, who was in Stepanakert within the framework of the visit, during the last several months \$2, 5 million investments have been made by "ArmSwiss" bank in the energetic sphere of Artsakh.

Within the framework of that visit two contracts are intended to be signed. The first one will be with "Artsakh Hydro Electric Station" LLC, by which the "ArmSwiss" bank will provide the company with a consultation on the issues of the investment of corporative management principles, working out policy towards the protection of small-sized banks' profits and on providing a publicity.

The second contract, according to G. Mazmanyanyan, will be signed with NKR government, the chief shareholder of "Artsakh Hydro Energetic Station" Company, by which "ArmSwiss" bank assumes certain obligations in the market on the proposals of buying and selling of the shares, which will provide the sufficient realization of the "Artsakh Hydro Energetic Station" Company shares.

ARTS

18. IN THE CHILDREN'S "EUROVISION 2009" ARMENIA WILL BE REPRESENTED BY L. HAYRAPETIAN WITH "BARCELONA" SONG [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

In the children's "Eurovision 2009" song contest Armenia will be represented by Laura Hayrapetian with her "Barcelona" song.

During the July 11 final of the Armenian selection round 7 singers performed their songs.

Among them most scores got Laura Hayrapetian through SMS and jury voting. She will represent Armenia in the Children's "Eurovision 2009" international song contest scheduled for November 21 in Kiev.

19. THE "GOLDEN APRICOT" 6TH INTERNATIONAL FILM-FESTIVAL KICKED OFF BY L. TYUEL'S "NEIGHBORING SURROUNDING" FILM [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

The "Golden Apricot" 6th international film-festival kicked off July 12 in Yerevan by the "Le Premier Cercle" film of French director Laurent Tuel and its French-Armenian producer, one of the heads of Cannes film-festival Alain Terzian.

The film is the story about the Malakyans' family, who live in France, where one of the chief roles of the father - Milo Malakyan is plays renowned French actor Jan Reno.

Before the opening of the festival film's producer Alain Terzian told the journalists that the "Malakyan" surname was chosen in honor to renowned French-Armenian director Anry Vernoy (Ashot Maghakyan).

"Armenians preserve their identity everywhere, are faithful to their roots, traditions, visit church, speak Armenian in the family. The film presents suchlike interesting moments", - A. Terzian said.

The works at the film "Le Premier Cercle" lasted about 2 years. This film lasting 95 minutes is about emigration and tells how the Armenian family was established in France, lived and became rich, reached a great position and turned into a clan. It represents the problems and issues of the Armenian family by means of the lives of several people", - Al. Terzian said.

Al. Terzian visited Armenia for the first time. "6 years ago there was an intention of visiting Armenia with the French President, but I didn't manage because of some reasons. My Mother always said that it is necessary to see Armenia, to visit it frequently. Today I realized my mother's, as well as my wish and I am very glad that the film festival gave me the opportunity of coming to Yerevan", - he noted. The film figure expressed hope that he will have many reasons for visiting Armenia hereafter.

Al. Terzian is the chairman of "Alter Films" Production Company and "Cesar" Academy, chairs the Association of French Producers. Great actors like Allen Delon, Annie Girardot, Catrin Dnjov, Gerard Depardieu, Juliette Binoche, Sofie Marso and others have been shot in his films.



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20. HOLLYWOOD FILM DIRECTOR A. KRAKOVSKI INTENDS TO SCREEN A FILM IN ARMENIA [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

Andrzej Krakovski, the representative of the Polish National "Lodzi" Film School "Lodzi", and renowned film director working in Hollywood, intends to screen a film in Armenia, which will be devoted to the history of his fathers and uncle's lives.

"It is going to be a film about the last years of the lives of two people, who support each other having no other relatives. The reason why I want to shot it in Armenia is one – I want to move away the Polish specification typical of the heroes of my films, and an idea arose that Armenia would be the most suitable place", - during today's press conference the director said.

The well known director takes part in the contest program of the "Golden Apricot" 6th international film festival with the "Looking for Palladin" film which is about double Oscar winner Jack Palladin who has his rest in Guatemala.

"At first the film seems to be rather complicated and difficult to understand, but then it makes its spectator to ponder and gives interesting scientific moments to him/her. By leaving Poland 41 years ago and settling in Hollywood, my world outlook, nevertheless, didn't become American. I am often called a "serious director", as I refer to such themes in my films, which American directors will never touch", - he said.

The Polish film director expressed hope that the film will have a great number of spectators in the Yerevan festival.

The Hollywood director knows only Atom Egoyan among the Armenian film figures.

21. MULTILANGUAGE INFORMATION PANELS INSTALLED ON THE TERRITORY OF HAGHPAT MONASTERY [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

On July 11 within the frameworks of "Recognize Armenian Monuments" 2009 project the VivaCell-MTS OJSC and the Armenian Monuments Awareness Project (AMAP) open air multilanguage information panels have been installed.

Haghpat Monastery is the sixth historic site involved this year in the project which was placed on UNESCO's World Heritage List in 1996.

Press service of VivaCell-MTS told Armenpress that the presentation of the multilanguage information panels began with presentation of choral music on the monastery grounds. It also included works of favored composer, Sayat Nova. It was followed by tree planting by sponsors.

The goal of installation of panels and guidelines is to promote tourism, education and preservation of such sites by providing well-researched information with professional language translation.

ANAP's project of 2009 includes another 14 cultural-historical and natural monuments such as Karahundj, Amberd, Geghard, Tetev, Sevanavank, Goshavank and others. The Silk Road from Georgia to Iran will be marked.

Since its pilot project launch last year, AMAP has installed information panels at nine sites that include such locations of religious, cultural and environmental significance as Giumri, Zvartnots, Khor Virap, Noravank and Garni.

The project is being implemented by the Armenian Culture Ministry, VivaCell-MTS, Honorary Consul of Italy and by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through its Competitive Armenia Private Sector (CAPS) program.

SOCIAL

22. CENSUS OF POPULATION TO BE HELD IN 2011 IN ARMENIA [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/11/09]

A decision to hold census of the population in 2011 in Armenia was made at the RA government July 9 session. According to Stepan Mnatsakanian, the Chairman of the National Statistical Service, a special committee has been created, which has already held its first meeting and established the schedule of actions. He said that test census of the population will be held before that, in 2010.

23. NATIONAL HOLIDAY OF FRANCE MARKED IN ARMENIA [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

The Armenian Association of relationship and cultural relations with foreign states celebrated today the National Holiday of France. Ambassador of France Serj Smesov also took part in the event.



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Head of the Armenian French Association Tsovinar Chaloian presented the history of French Bourgeois Revolution noting that it is one of the glorious events of the French history.

According to the Ambassador of France to Armenia Serj Smesov the French revolution changed much in the world. "Freedom, Brotherhood, Equality" words made a great revolution leading the whole world to the solidarity.

24. CONSTRUCTION WORKS OF THE STEPANAKERT AIRPORT KICK OFF [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

Construction works of the Stepanakert airport kicked off.

Head of the "Horizon trade" Ltd. Construction company Gagik Galstian told Armenpress that a modern construction will be constructed with a focus on the color design and facing construction materials.

"The airport will become one of the visiting-cards of Artsakh and from the very first glance it must have a pleasant impression on the visitors," he said.

According to G. Galstian the works are under the limelight of Nagorno Karabakh authorities as the institution not only has a vital importance for Artsakh but also of political.

G. Galstian also added that everything is done to hand the Stepanakert airport for exploitation in October 2010.

25. AS OF JULY 12 265 IMPRISONED SET FREE FROM THE CRIMINAL EXECUTIVE ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC WITHIN THE FRAMES OF THE AMNESTY [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

On the "Declaring Amnesty" decision of the Armenian Parliament as of July 12 265 imprisoned have been set free from the criminal executive establishments of the republic.

Head of the Public relations department of the Criminal Executive department of the Ministry Armen Babaian told Armenpress that 49 people have been set free from the "Nubarashen" Criminal-Executive establishment, 24 – from "Artik", 17 – from "Vanadzor", 6 - from "Goris", 60 – from "Erebuni", 25 – from "Sevan", 1 – from "Yerevan - Center", 30 – from "Kosh", 25 – from "Vardashen", 7 from the hospital of the imprisoned, 5 from the women's department of "Abovian" criminal executive establishment, from the teenager's department – 3, from the criminal executive establishment of the open type – 2, 3 – from "Hrazdan" and 8 imprisoned have been set free from the "Meghri" criminal executive establishment.

26. "MVV GERMAN-ARMENIAN CONSORTIUM" COMPANY - THE NEW MANAGEMENT OPERATOR OF "LORY WATER-SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE", "SHIRAK WATER-SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE" AND "NOR AKUNQ" [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

"MVV German-Armenian Consortium" Company has been recognized a winner in the tender announced for the new management operator of the "Lori Water-Supply and sewerage", Shirak Water-Supply and sewerage" and "Nor Akunq" CJSC.

Public relations department of "Water Economy State Committee" of the Armenian Ministry of Territorial Administration told Armenpress that tomorrow a contract is to be signed between the winner Company and "Water Economy State Committee".

Within the contract terms the winner company will provide management, exploitation and preservation services and assume full obligations and responsibility for the efficient management of the mentioned three water companies.

"Lori Water Supply Sewerage" Company supplies 1 town and 16 rural communities, "Shirak Water-Supply Sewerage" – 2 towns, 35 rural communities and "Nor Akunq" Company – 2 towns, 9 rural communities.

27. NAGORNO KARABAKH HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER EXPECTS COOPERATION WITH SUCHLIKE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS [ARMENPRESS, 07/13/09]

On July 11 the representatives of Nagorno Karabakh judiciary-legal bodies and NGOs met the Executive director of the European Ombudsman Institute Nicolaus Schwarzler, former Commissioner for Human Rights of Russia Oleg Mironov and the head of the Russian Association of Political Scientists Vladimir Petrovski in Stepanakert.



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At the beginning of the meeting the Nagorno Karabakh Ombudsman Yuri Hayrapetian particularly said that the meeting aims to get the European human rights protection institutions acquainted with the activity of Artsakh judiciary legal bodies and the legal field as well as to establish mutual ties for efficient cooperation.

The executive director of European Ombudsman Institute Nicolaus Schwarzler reported on "Security requirements of the existence of the humanity" theme in which he particularly analyzed the main leading ideas on the norms of ensuring the human rights and the security issues of the citizens of combating states.

Former Russian Commissioner for the Human Rights Oleg Mironov said the Ombudsman is a non-political institution and its activity should not be politicized.

Referring to the Karabakh issue O. Mironov noted that the experience has shown when a party loses control over a certain territory, the territory becomes self dependent, and brought Kosovo, Abkhazia and South Osia's as examples.

Stressing the importance of the existence of Ombudsman's institute in Artsakh the head of Russian Association of political scientists Vladimir Mironov has noted that it speaks about the fact that as a yet non consolidated state the Nagorno Karabakh Republic has adopted democratic principals in the base of its consolidation.

At the end of the meeting the guests answered the questions of the participants.

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