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TRANSLATIONS FROM YEREVAN NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER NEWS AGENCIES

AGBU NEWS

1. SCOUT CAMP IS A WAY OF LINKING THE DIASPORA YOUTH TO THEIR MOTHERLAND [Azg, 07/29/09] By Marieta Makarian

The visit of Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU) President Berge Setrakian to Armenia in the fall of 2007 launched a new and very important program. With the support of the AGBU Central Board of Directors the first scout camp was organized in Armenia. For that purpose AGBU purchased campgrounds in the Lermontovo village of Lori region.

“Azg” was invited to participate in the fire ceremony and closing of the first round of camping of this year’s AGBU camp “Antranik”.

As we reached the camp the atmosphere of joy and happiness surrounded us. “Azg” talked to Mr. Vasken Yacoubian, AGBU Central Board member and chairman of the executive body of Damascus AYA. “I was in this camp from the very first moments, following the preparation and organization, planning in details the activities together with Kevork Santourian. For AYA this is not just a camp. AGBU’s goal is to bring as many youth from Diaspora to Armenia as possible through different projects and link them to their motherland. Camping is just one of the ways of doing it. After the independence the AGBU, along with various benevolent projects, started to implement programs to help and encourage the Diaspora youth to do something good for their homeland, to invest for the Armenian people. Scout camping is one of the ways to reach our goals”, Mr. Yacoubian said.

The next person I interviewed was 21-year-old Lernik Isayan from Tehran, who is participating in the camp for the second year. “I was counting days to return to camp “Antranik” after last year’s unforgettable days. The atmosphere here is very pleasant and interesting. I got acquainted with scouts from other countries, we are now friends. This is a new page in my life”.

Karin Kalantarian is from Latakia, Syria. This is her first visit to Armenia and she proudly said, “I am so lucky to be able to participate in the camp and enjoy this beautiful nature and the friendly atmosphere. What did this camp give to me? It completely changed my view of my homeland. It’s good to come and see once than to read and hear a thousand times”.

With the first signal 167 scouts hurried to the camp area and descended their country flags. Despite the rainy weather the scouts saluted and passed by the newly placed cross-stone at the entrance of the camp in memory of the victims of the crashed Tehran-Yerevan airplane, among which were AGBU scouts Shogher and Nairi Stepanian sisters. The cross-stone was placed by the initiative of Edik Manukian, Shahumian village head of Lori region.

The farewell ceremony was opened by the welcoming speech of Hovig Eordekian, AGBU Armenian Representation Deputy Director. The traditional fire ceremony was also attended by AGBU Central Board member Vasken Yacoubian, AGBU Armenian Representation Director Ashot Ghazarian, AGBU Yerevan Summer Internship Program participants and guests from Tehran. Kevork Santourian, Managing Director of AGBU-AYA Lebanon and general supervisor of the scout camp, presented the countries participating in the camping and all the meetings and activities that the scouts have had during their 14-day stay at AGBU camp “Antranik”.

“Although the Lori region is very rainy and cold, it is warm in our hearts”, said Mr. Santourian. The scouts presented different performances including dancing, singing, poetry reading and acrobatic skills.

Before departure “Azg” daily talked with Kevork Santourian, “This camp has a significant role in uniting Armenian youth from all over the world, sowing love and devotion and linking them to their homeland. It will have a great role and impact in the future”.

In several days the AGBU scout camp in the beautiful nature of Lori region will welcome the second group of Diasporan scouts.



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POLITICS

2. PRESIDENT OF ARMENIA INFORMS NSC ABOUT BILATERAL AND TRILATERAL MEETINGS ON JULY 17-18 IN MOSCOW [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/27/09]

RA President Serzh Sargsyan informed National Security Council members at the July 21 NSC meeting about the process of negotiations on the Nagorno Karabakh conflict settlement, especially about the bilateral and trilateral meetings taken place on July 17-18 in Moscow.

According to the RA President's Press Office, the draft of the RA national program on fight against drug addiction and drug trafficking was discussed and approved at the meeting.

The RA draft concept on the active impact on atmosphere and atmospheric phenomena was also presented to the Council's discussion.

S. Sargsyan attached importance to the effective implementation of anti-hail technologies, emphasizing that the government's steps in that direction must be understandable and visible for the people engaged in the agriculture.

3. PRESIDENT OF SERBIA BORIS TADIC TO ARRIVE IN ARMENIA ON JULY 28 FOR TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT [Hayastani Hanrapetutian, 07/27/09]

President of the Republic of Serbia Boris Tadic will arrive in Armenia on July 28 for two-day official visit, by RA President Serzh Sargsyan's invitation. S. Sargsyan's and B. Tadic's private conversation will take place on the same day. It will be followed by the official delegations' meeting in an enlarged staff, then by the Armenian and Serbian heads' statement for the press.

An official dinner will be given in honour of the President of Serbia on behalf of the RA President. Within the framework of the visit, Boris Tadic will have a meeting with Prime-Minister Tigran Sargsyan, will visit Karekin II Catholicos of All Armenians.

The Serbian President will visit the Great Genocide memorial complex, lay wreaths to the victims' monument, visit the Armenian Genocide Museum, plant a tree in the Memory Park.

B. Tadic will pay a tribute of respect and also lay a wreath to the monument to the South Slovakian pilots killed in the plane crash when hurrying to help the population suffered from the 1988 earthquake in Spitak.

The President of Serbia will also visit Matenadaran

According to the RA President's Press Office, the Serbian Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Services are among the delegation staff accompanying B. Tadic. They will have meetings with their Armenian colleagues.

The President of Serbia will leave Armenia on July 29.

4. ACADEMICIAN ARA SARGSIAN: INSTEAD OF MAKING CONCESSIONS IN ISSUE OF KARABAKH ARMENIANS SHOULD DEMAND WESTERN ARMENIA [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/27/09]

Solution of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict on the basis of Madrid principles is not beneficial for the Armenian side as geopolitical shocks and remarcation of borders will take place in the South Caucasus in the coming 3-5 years. Academician Ara Sargsian, a member of presidium of the Russian Academy of Geopolitical Problems, stated at the July 27 press conference. In his words, persons standing close to the President being for Madrid Principles persuade him to continue the negotiations over Madrid Principles from the considerations that allegedly Azerbaijan will become stronger and stronger by getting huge economic and military advantage over Armenia. However, as A. Sargsian stressed, we should not forget that the Azeri side also had the same possibilities in the early 1990s and nevertheless lost the war.

The academician mentioned that Armenia and Karabakh should cede no inch of land to the enemy. In his conviction, the Moslem world will perceive ceding territories as a sign of weakness. A. Sargsian stated that instead of making concessions in the issue of Karabakh the Armenians should demand Western Armenia from Azerbaijan.

Speaking about the probability of resumption of a war, he mentioned that today there is indeed such a danger. According to A. Sargsian, it is conditioned by two factors, Russian and British. As he explained it, resumption of Armenian-Azeri war is in the interests of the Gazprom Russian company and British Petroleum British company.

A. Sargsian advised the NKR authorities instead of criticizing Yerevan to organize actions of protest in London, Moscow, Washington. "Personally knowing Serzh Sargsyan I can say that by his



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intellect he is not inferior to either Levon Ter-Petrosian or Robert Kocharian," he added. According to A. Sargsian, having many hard problems and receiving the 2008 March 1 cases as a "dowry" the President tries to push forward country's national interest.

5. NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR OF SERBIA HANDS HIS CREDENTIALS TO SERZH SARGSYAN [Azg, 07/27/09]

On July 27, newly appointed Ambassador of Serbia to RA Dragan Jupanievatzi (residence Athens) handed his credentials to RA President Serzh Sargsyan. Congratulating the Ambassador on the occasion of assuming his post, S. Sargsyan expressed the hope that he will make a contribution to development of bilateral relations.

Mentioning many historic-cultural communities of Armenian and Serbian peoples and their warm attitude to each other, S. Sargsyan remembered with gratitude that at difficult moments for the Armenian people the Serbian people has always extended a helping hand. "We will never forget the Yugoslavian pilots, who were going to help those who suffered in the 1988 Spitak destructive earthquake and died in an accident," he said.

S. Sargsyan said that the two countries have much potential of cooperation in various spheres, and exact steps are needed for its efficient realization. In that respect he attached much importance to the coming official visit to Armenia by Serbian President Boris Tadic.

According to a report by the RA President's Press Office, S. Sargsyan and Dragan Jupanievatzi discussed issues regarding expansion of economic and cultural contacts, completion of the legal-contractual sphere, activation of interparliamentary contacts, and cooperation within the framework of international structures.

6. YEREVAN MAYOR VISITS YEREVAN SISTER-TOWN – MONTREAL [ARMENPRESS, 07/27/09]

Yerevan mayor Gagik Beglaryan July 22-24 paid a visit to Montreal which is Yerevan's sister-town since 2001. During the visit the mayor met with the mayor of Montreal Jerald Trambly and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Territorial Administration of Quebec province Loran Lesar.

Armenian Foreign Ministry press service told Armenpress that during the meetings prospects of activation of cooperation between Yerevan and Montreal have been discussed. Gagik Beglaryan referred to the opportunity of building Montreal or Quebec "house" in Yerevan as a center of francophone and encouragement of bilateral cultural and trade-economic ties.

The Yerevan mayor visited also Montreal "Saint Michele" nature protection complex which is majoring in garbage procession and met with the representatives of snow removal companies.

The Yerevan mayor had a separate meeting with the members of parliament of Montreal City Council of Armenian decent, visited Armenian institutions of the city.

7. ARMENIAN PM RECEIVES NEWLY APPOINTED ITALIAN AMBASSADOR [ARMENPRESS, 07/27/09]

Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan received today newly appointed Italian Ambassador to Armenia Bruno Skapini.

Governmental press service told Armenpress that congratulating the ambassador on starting diplomatic mission in Armenia, the prime minister expressed assurance that the ambassador's activity will promote the achievement of progress in Armenian-Italian relations. The prime minister pointed out that Armenia underscores the relations achieved with Italy which today are more developed particularly in economic and cultural spheres and have good prospects for consolidation.

The interlocutors pointed out that it is possible to ensure new development on the basis of existing strong bilateral relations.

Bruno Skapini noted that there is an opportunity of using potential of trade economic cooperation especially in the private sector.

8. PRESIDENT SERZH SARGSYAN SENDS MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCES TO RUSSIAN PRESIDENT AND HEAD OF ROSTOV ADMINISTRATION [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

In connection with the tragedy occurred in the Russian province of Rostov, President of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan sent messages of condolences to the President of the Russian Federation Dmitry Medvedev and head of the Rostov Administration Vladimir Churbin.



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9. VASSILI GHAZARYAN APPOINTED AMBASSADOR OF KYRGYZSTAN [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

President of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan signed decree July 27 appointing Armenian ambassador to Kazakhstan Vassili Ghazaryan ambassador of Kyrgyzstan (residence Astana) in combination, presidential press service reported.

10. A. KIRAKOSYAN RECEIVES ARMENIAN AND TURKISH YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN "TOLERANCE THROUGH CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL DIALOGUE" PROGRAM [Hayastani Hanrapetutian, 07/28/09]

Deputy Armenian Foreign Minister Arman Kirakosyan received July 27 Armenian and Turkish young people participating in the "Tolerance through Cultural and Educational Dialogue" program.

Foreign Ministry press service told Armenpress that the program is being implemented by "The Future is Yours" charity non-governmental organization with the support of the US embassy in Armenia and OSCE Yerevan Office.

The goal of the program is through mutual cultural and educational visits create an atmosphere of tolerance and good will between Armenian and Turkish young people and support the dialogue started between Armenia and Turkey.

At the meeting A. Kirakosyan presented the priorities of the Armenia's foreign policy and relations with the countries of the region.

With the request of the guests the deputy minister referred to the normalization of Armenian-Turkish relations as well as recent developments in Karabakh conflict regulation process.

11. AVET ADONTS HANDS OVER HIS CREDENTIALS TO CHAIRMAN OF EU COUNCIL [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

Head of the Armenian representation in EU, ambassador Avet Adonts handed over his credentials July 27 to the Foreign Affairs State Secretary of Sweden (EU chairing country) Frank Belfrazh.

Armenian Foreign Ministry press services told Armenpress that congratulating A. Adonts on his appointment, chairman of the EU Council said he is pleased with the present tendencies of deepening of Armenian-EU relations. The interlocutors referred to the opportunities of cooperation within the "Eastern Partnership" program, pointing out the importance of multilateral format of partnership.

Ambassador Avet Adonts presented the recent developments over the Nagorno Karabakh conflict regulation issue and present situation on the Armenian-Turkish relations.

The Swedish state secretary reconfirmed EU's support to the peaceful process going on with the mediation of the OSCE Minsk Group.

12. ARMENIAN DEFENSE MINISTER RECEIVES ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO ARMENIA [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

Armenian Defense Minister Seyran Ohanyan received today the newly appointed Italian Ambassador to Armenia Bruno Skapini.

Spokesman for the Armenian Defense Minister Seyran Shahsuvaryan told Armenpress that S. Ohanyan congratulated the diplomat on the appointment and expressed hope that Armenian-Italian cooperation will be strengthened even more during the implementation of his mission.

Underscoring the interest of Armenia in extending the cooperation with Italy as one of the key members of the European Union and NATO, the Armenian Defense Minister noted that our country encourages the undertakings on stimulating cooperation with EU, particularly, the projects on the European neighborhood and Eastern Partnership. Referring to the Armenian-Italian cooperation in defense sphere, S. Ohanyan expressed hope that it will continue to develop in the spheres of military education, peacekeeping, military medicine, etc.

13. KHOSROV HARUTYUNYAN SAYS NO FINAL DOCUMENT CAN LIVE WITHOUT AGREEMENT OF NAGORNO KARABAKH [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

The essential thing in the Nagorno Karabakh conflict negotiation process is that Nagorno Karabakh authorities trust President of Republic of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan, leader of the "Armenian Christian-Democratic Union" party Khosrov Harutyunyan said today at a press conference. According to him, Nagorno Karabakh of course has its concerns which first of all refer to their security.



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Speaking about “Madrid principles”, Khosrov Harutyunyan noted that the document as compared with the previous ones has qualitative progress for the fair settlement of the conflict. “By saying fair settlement we mean that the final decision must exclude the repetition of the conflict,” he explained. According to him, though the document has grounds for fair solution it is necessary to include more grounded points. “Neither of the final document can have life without the agreement of Nagorno Karabakh,” the leader of the party said.

Referring to the Armenian-Turkish relations, Kh. Harutyunyan said that their normalization stems from the interests of Turkey.

14. ARMENIAN PM RECEIVES NEWLY APPOINTED BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan received today newly appointed Brazilian ambassador to Armenia Marcela Maria Nikodemos.

Governmental press service told Armenpress that congratulating the ambassador on the appointment, the prime minister expressed hope that during her tenure the ambassador will have her contribution to the expansion of relations between the two countries.

The ambassador expressed readiness to support the programs of the Armenian government and noted that Brazil is a country which makes big investments abroad and is willing to discuss investment programs of mutual interest.

The interlocutors noted that Armenian-Brazilian trade-economic relations and the volume of trade turnover is not on satisfactory level saying that there is a great potential for development. For completely revealing the potential, getting acquainted with each others' market the sides underscored exchange of information and organization of meetings of businessmen.

Referring to the prospect of developing of trade-economic ties between Armenia and Brazil, Tigran Sargsyan pointed out that for efficient cooperation it is also necessary to use the opportunities of influential Armenian community of Brazil.

15. ARMENIAN AND SERBIAN PRESIDENTS DISCUSS PROSPECTS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

President of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan and President of Serbia Boris Tadic discussed in constructive atmosphere the current situation and prospects of development of Armenian-Serbian bilateral relations. Ideas were exchanged over a number of international and regional issues, cooperation within international organizations, President of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan said at a joint press conference with his Serbian counterpart followed after their meeting.

“Promotion of political dialogue, consolidation of inter-parliamentary ties and development of trade-economic ties between the two countries are important elements of our partner relations. Stemming from not very far experience of our two countries together with the Serbian president we came to the conclusion that regional conflicts must be regulated without usage of force and exclusively through peaceful way and negotiations in according with international right,” Serzh Sargsyan said.

The two presidents expressed assurance that there are no universal ways for conflict regulation as each conflict has its history, causes and peculiar process. According to Serzh Sargsyan, without taking them into consideration it is impossible to find long-lasting and stable solution.

The president also expressed assurance that the delegation headed by Boris Tadic will have effective meetings in Yerevan which will give a fresh impetus to the increase of the quality of relations between the two countries.

The Serbian president on his turn thanked his Armenian counterpart for the invitation and invited to pay a response visit to Serbia. According to him, the deep historic ties between the two people are the guarantee that they are so alike.

“We are the peoples which have undergone many trials during the whole history. During the time we must be able to find answers to many questions. All the challenges Armenia and Serbia are facing demand serious solutions and responsibility. I respect such a way of peace loving negotiations adopted by Serbia in Balkans and Armenia in Caucasus. I am sure that the policy held through negotiations may bring a long-lasting peace to our peoples,” he said.

The Serbian president also expressed hope that his visit will give an opportunity to promote bilateral cooperation in economic, educational, cultural spheres. An agreement has been reached between the presidents on creating task groups for consolidation of partnership in different spheres.



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The economic ties do not satisfy the two countries. B. Tadic said that there is a great room for cooperation in the sphere of economy.

Today President of Serbia visited also Tsitsernakaberd. Tomorrow he will visit the monument to the Yugoslavian pilots rushing to help during the 1988 earthquake and who were killed in plane crash.

On July 29 the Serbian president will depart from Armenia.

16. S. SARGSYAN, "I WILL VISIT TURKEY ONLY IN CASE OF HAVING AN OPEN BORDER OR BEING IN THE THRESHOLD OF LIFTING BLOCKADE OF ARMENIA" [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan will accept the Turkish President's invitation on watching the response game of Armenian and Turkish national football teams only in case of the implementation of the reached agreements and the visibility of real steps. "I will leave for Turkey in case of having an open border or being in the threshold of lifting blockade of Armenia", - Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan noted at the meeting with the President of Serbian Republic Boris Tadic who has paid a 2-day working visit to Armenia.

At their face-to face talk he presented the developments followed the undertakings directed towards the regulation of the relations.

"A little time has remained for the response game of Armenian and Turkish national football teams. In the conditions of the present realities we expect to witness constructive steps in near future, by which our partners will try to provide corresponding environment for the response visit of the Armenian President", - the Armenian President underscored.

17. ARMENIAN PRESIDENT IS SURE THAT THE SERBIAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO ARMENIA IS DIRECTED BY THE SINCERE WISH OF STRENGTHENING ARMENIAN-SERBIAN HISTORICAL, FRIENDLY TIES [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

Serbian President Boris Tadic has today arrived in Armenia on a 2-day official visit at the invitation of Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan.

Armenian Presidential press office told Armenpress that in the presidential residence the official ceremony of welcoming the top guest took place, which was followed by the face-to-face talk of Presidents Serzh Sargsyan and Boris Tadic.

"Honorable Mr. President, it is a great honor for me to welcome you in the Republic of Armenia. This is the first visit on the level of the head of the country and I am sure that it is directed by the sincere wish of strengthening Armenian-Serbian historical, friendly ties in inter-governmental relations. Unfortunately our relations have been weakly developed by now, which corresponds neither to our historical relations, nor to the current possibilities. I think the present geographic-political situation not only gives the opportunity, but also imposes to convey a new quality to our relations. It is by that wish that I have invited you to Armenia and I am confident that your visit will stimulate the development of our relations", - Serzh Sargsyan said.

The face-to-face talk of the heads of the two countries was followed by the extended meeting of official delegations with the Presidents' participation.

President Sargsyan noted that Armenia is ready to become friends with Serbia and exert efforts in that direction. Serzh Sargsyan proposed to activate spiritual-cultural relations for the beginning noting that it will be basis for reveling the possibilities of cooperation in different spheres.

Boris Tadic welcomed Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan's proposal saying that the assignments on beginning works in that direction will be given to the corresponding departments, and during the Armenian President's visit to Serbia the first results will be already visible.

The sides also referred to the development ways in the spheres of transport communication, economy, noting that the economic ingredient will greatly promote the development of Armenian-Serbian relations.

Boris Tadic said that Serbia intends to open an Embassy in Armenia in near future, which will enable the Ambassador in Athens residence to promote the development of Armenian-Serbian relations on place.

Presidents Sargsyan and Tadic exchanged ideas on the current issues in Caucasian and Balkan regions and their ways of their solution sharing the same viewpoint that they are possible and should be solved only by means of negotiations and peaceful processes.



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18. OSCE MINSK GROUP CO-CHAIRPERSONS PREPARE RENEWED VERSION OF MADRID DOCUMENT [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/28/09]

The OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairpersons prepared the renewed version of the Madrid document at the July 25-26 working meeting taken place in Krakow. According to Minsk Group American Co-Chairman Matthew Bryza, it creates basis for bringing the fundamental principles of the Karabakh settlement to the final appearance.

"The Co-Chairmen had an effective and creative discussions in Krakow during the past few days. We most carefully thought over the positions expressed by the two sides starting from November 2007, since presentation of the Madrid document. Then, based on the instructions presented by our three Presidents on July 10, 2009, we prepared the renewed version of the Madrid document," M. Bryza said on July 27 in the interview to Radio Liberty correspondent.

The OSCE Co-Chairpersons expressed gratitude to former President of Armenia Robert Kocharian and former Foreign Minister Vardan Oskanian owing to efforts of whom it was managed to lay down the foundations of the Madrid document. "We are also thankful to President Sargsyan and Foreign Minister Nalbandian for the considerable progress which was reached during difficult but constructive discussions. Owing to it, we managed to leave the Madrid document behind. We now have a possibility to bring the Fundamental Principles to the final appearance," M. Bryza mentioned. In his words, Azerbaijan also had a constructive position, though "President Aliyev and Foreign Minister Mamedyarov protect their national interest just as their Armenian counterparts do."

The CIS countries heads' regular meeting is envisaged in Chisinau in early October during which the next meeting of the Presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan is possible to take place. The OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairpersons' regional visit is expected in September during which the circle of issues to be discussed during Sargsyan-Aliyev October negotiations will be defined.

19. MINISTER OF DIASPORA RECEIVES ITALIAN AMBASSADOR BRUNO SCAPINI [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/28/09]

On July 28, RA Minister of Diaspora Hranush Hakobian received newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Italy to Armenia Bruno Scapini.

Greeting the guest the Minister expressed satisfaction for making efforts by two sides towards further activation of economic, educational and cultural relations between Italy and Republic of Armenia. The Minister presented the main directions of the activity of newly founded Ministry of Diaspora. Speaking about the peculiarities of Armenian Diaspora Mrs. Hakobian attached importance to the perennial experience of Italy which can be useful for RA Ministry of Diaspora.

B. Scapini, in his turn, noted that Armenia is very dear to him.

According to the Press and Public Relations Department of the RA Ministry of Diaspora, working for many years at the Legal Department of Rome's Foreign Ministry System, at the General Supervision Department and Presidium of Ministers Board as Deputy Chief of the Department on Issues of Italians Living Abroad, Mr. Scapini had an immediate participation in adopting a law On General Council of Italians Living Abroad. The Ambassador noted that the relations of Italians living in Diaspora with their homeland are regulated with the help of the above-mentioned law. Speaking about the peculiarities of Italian Diaspora the Minister considered as a primary task the activity, investments of Diasporan Armenians in Armenia, the adoption of laws regarding their resettlement in the homeland, organizing Homeland-Diaspora professional conferences. The Ambassador was impressed with the organization and results being already recorded in the Conference of Architects held in 2009 in Armenia.

Issues concerning the Mechitarist Congregation aid, the assistance of the Italian side in the case of reopening of Murad Rafayelian School, the activation of teaching Italian in Armenia, deepening of the relations with the Armenian community of Italy were discussed at the meeting. The interlocutors attached importance to the activation of the cooperation in the cultural, educational, scientific spheres of two countries and the necessity of involving the Italian Armenians in them.

20. SERBIAN PRESIDENT VISITS MATENADARAN [ARMENPRESS, 07/29/09]

President of Serbia Boris Tadic who is in Yerevan on an official visit, accompanied with the Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandyan visited today M. Mashtots Ancient Manuscript Institute-Matenadaran.

The top guest was presented about 170 manuscripts of 5-19 centuries. After getting acquainted with the manuscripts, he wrote down his impressions in the Matenadaran memory-book.



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Guide of Matenadaran Arpine Petrosyan said that the Serbian President expressed great interest towards each manuscript, gave various questions.

The top guest was donated an album with Armenian miniatures and on his turn presented Matenadaran a book about Serbia.

21. FAREWELL CEREMONY OF SERBIAN PRESIDENT TAKES PLACE [ARMENPRESS, 07/29/09]

Farewell ceremony of the President of Serbia Boris Tadic, who was in Armenia on an official visit, took place today in the residence of the President of Armenia.

Presidential press service told Armenpress that before saying farewell, the two presidents summed up the results of the visit.

BUSINESS

22. LOCAL TESTS CONDUCTED AT ARMENIAN-CHINESE RUBBER PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN CHINA [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/27/09]

Local tests of equipment are being conducted at the Armenian-Chinese rubber joint venture under construction in China. NT correspondent was informed by Deputy Director of Nairit-2 plant Albert Sukiasian that the local tests will be followed by an overall one, after which it is envisaged putting the plant into operation by late 2009.

The total cost of the program on construction of the plant to cover an area of nearly 100 ha is more than 150 million USD, A. Sukiasian said. Armenia is its 40% shareholder, while China - 60% shareholder. According to him, the plant is expected to produce about 30 thousand tons of rubber a year. Its production will be consumed mainly in China where there is quite a big market. "Armenia pins great hopes on the construction of the rubber plant. I think it will have a considerable impact on the development of our economy," A. Sukiasian said.

23. VIOLATIONS NOT REVEALED AT ONLY 62 OUT OF 1,001 ECONOMIC ENTITIES SUBJECTED TO CHECKS [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/27/09]

In the period of January to May 7, 2009, the State Food Safety and Veterinary Inspection of the RA Ministry of Agriculture conducted checks of 1,001 economic entities in Yerevan and marzes (provinces) of Armenia, including 673 checks in shops, 224 checks at public catering enterprises (restaurants, cafes, etc.) and 104 checks at various workshops. Head of the Legal and Information Unit of the Inspection Susanna Minasian told NT correspondent that violations were not revealed at only 62 out of the 1,001 economic entities. The other 927 economic entities were subjected to administrative responsibility. Fines of a total of 47 million drams were imposed.

She said that on May 7 the Inspection suspended checks based on the Armenian government's decision, under which the state bodies authorized to conduct checks in 2009-2010 must suspend checks at small and medium enterprises.

According to S. Minasian, since the indicated decision of the government, checks have been conducted (by written permission of the prime minister) at 3 economic entities - Mush, Byrakn and Viva Karapetians LLCs where in particular foodstuffs of animal origin which have not undergone a test were found, as well as technology instructions, regimes and certificates were absent. S. Minasian said that these economic entities were subjected to administrative responsibility. Fines of 300 thousand drams were imposed on Mush and Byrakn companies, while Viva Karapetians paid a fine of 200 thousand drams (about 650 USD).

24. NAIRIT EXPECTS TO START FUNCTIONING IN PERIOD OF AUGUST 15-TO EARLY SEPTEMBER [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

Nairit company dealing with the rubber production is expecting to start its production in the period of August 15 to early September.

Press secretary of the company Anush Harutyunyan told Armenpress that currently construction-restoration works are going on in the factory after which it will restart its activity. Currently the factory is not giving product: the production has stopped after big fire caused by the explosion May 14.

About 500 employees of the factory from the 3000 are in the obligatory stoppage, the rest are working, being mainly involved in the restoration works which costs 150,000 USD.



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The factory, according to A. Harutyunyan, had stored product which is being sold during the period of suspension of the activity of the company.

As connected with the causes of explosion in the factory, Anush Harutyunyan said that the investigation bodies are still continuing dealing with the incident but nothing is being publicized yet.

25. WORLD BANK APPROVES IRRIGATION REHABILITATION EMERGENCY PROJECT FOR ARMENIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30 MILLION [ARMENPRESS, 07/29/09]

The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors today approved the Irrigation Rehabilitation Emergency Project (IREP) for Armenia in the amount of US\$30 million. The project will be financed through a loan from the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development (IBRD). The Bank prepared this emergency operation very quickly to help support the Government's economic stimulus program and offset the negative impact of the global economic crisis.

The Project supports two objectives: improving water use efficiency in two selected irrigation schemes in Armavir and Talin subregions and fostering immediate rural employment. These are to be achieved by civil works to rehabilitate irrigation canals which will reduce water losses, and strengthening the institutions managing the irrigation infrastructure.

During today's visit to the Armenian province of Armavir head of the Armenian office of the World Bank Aristomene Varudakis said that within the frameworks of the program Armavir and Talin main water canals will be reconstructed.

"We have made assessments and found out that after the reconstruction of the water canals additional irrigation of about 7,300 ha of land will be ensured. The Project will provide funds for the rehabilitation of almost 84 km of the main canals in Armavir and Talin subregions, that will reduce losses by up to 70 thousand cubic meters of water. By the time the Project is completed, around 39,000 water users will directly benefit from the rehabilitation works. The beneficiaries are spread over 73 communities," A. Varudakis said.

The Project will contribute to the creation of almost 9,000 person months of employment. While this will be temporary in nature, it will have a significant impact on mitigating the effects of the economic downturn on underemployed farmers and return migrants in the regions where the construction activities will take place.

The WB for many years is supporting modernization of Armenia's irrigation system and according to Varudakis, the implemented work was quite effective as the irrigated lands increased and modern irrigation technology has been applied.

The IBRD Flexible Loan has 27 years of maturity with 5 years grace period.

Director of the Irrigation Systems Development Program Office of the State Water Economy Committee of the Territorial Administration Ministry Adibek Ghazaryan said that in Armenia the irrigation system development programs must be particularly implemented in Araratyan valley. "It is necessary to continue programs on reconstruction and construction of main water canals, secondary water canals, water reservoirs," he said.

DIASPORA

26. PARTICIPANTS OF "COME HOME" PROGRAM TRAVEL TO ARTASHAT [ARMENPRESS, 07/27/09]

For participants of the "Come Home" program of the Armenian Diaspora Ministry July 27 started by traditional interactive "Armenian Sciences" classes.

Public relations department of the Ministry told Armenpress that though the majority of the children are visiting the classes with interest, the next event of the program was symbolized with a particular importance – the children must have entered Khor Virap monastery complex where they got acquainted with the history of monastery-castle, traveled in the place.

In Artashat the participants met with the deputy governor of the Ararat province Samvel Minasyan, participated in the "Let's Sing and Dance in Armenian" program.

In the evening the participants watched "Khatabala" play in Yerevan Gabriel Sundukyan Theatre.



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27. DIASPORA MINISTER RECEIVES WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONS VAKHTANG DARCHINYAN AND SUZI KENTIKYAN [Hayastani Hanrapetutiun, 07/28/09]

Armenian Diaspora Minister Hranush Hakobyan received today world famous Armenian boxers, world boxing champions Vakhtang Darchinyan and Suzi Kentikyan.

Public relations department of the Armenian Diaspora Ministry told Armenpress that the Minister welcomed Armenian athletes, got interested in their upcoming programs and fights. At the end of the meeting the Minister invited the athletes to Yerevan N 168 School after all-Armenian Catholicos Vazgen A, where the Diaspora young people arrived in Armenia by the "Come Home" program, were taking part in the class of the Armenian language. Director of the school Sona Galstyan welcomed the guests and then the pupils recited and presented dancing performances to the filled hall.

The Armenian Diaspora Minister warmly welcomed the Diaspora juniors and girls wishing them always to take victories like Vakhtang and Suzi. She underscored that our athletes reached all that by putting an aim before them, as well as due to their every day diligent work. The Minister called on the Armenians to keep highly the honor of Armenia, to be devoted to the Armenians and Armenia. Afterwards Hranush Hakobyan handed the certificates of the Diaspora Ministry to Vakhtang Darchinyan and Suzi Kentikyan for honoring Armenian sport and the Armenians in international area.

The pupils of the school, as well as Diaspora pupils participating in "Come Home" program, accepted with great delight V. Darchinyan's congratulatory speech and calls of every day diligent work. Armenian and Diaspora young people present at the hall addressed questions to the champions who promised to visit Armenia more frequently hereafter, especially, that Suzi has returned to her homeland for the first time after 18 years.

28. ANOTHER ARMENIAN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN RUSSIA [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/28/09]

Another Armenian newspaper started to be published in South Osetia. Its founder is the Erebuni Armenian National Cultural Company. According to the information center of the Yerkramas newspaper of the Armenians of Russia, two issues of the newspaper has already been published at present. The publication of the newspaper is conditioned by the populous Armenian community (more than 23000 people) in South Osetia.

It is envisaged to publish in the newspaper historic materials, essays about contemporaries, information from daily life of the community, reporting about significant events as well as to give newspaper pages for publications, addresses, announcements, congratulations, advertisements, to give possibility to everybody who wants to express themselves on painful issues, taking into consideration all the sections of the population.

"We hope that the newspaper will become a full and impartial information resource about the community life, will assist re-birth of our people's Christian sole and national self-consciousness, creation of a Vladikavkaz Armenian's positive image. The God will not leave us," Erebuni Company President Vitali Litvinov said.

29. PARTICIPANTS OF COME HOME PROGRAM IN ARMENIAN ANCIENT CAPITAL ARTASHAT [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/28/09]

July 27 began for the participants of RA Ministry of Diaspora's Come Study of Native Land interactive classes which has already became a pleasant tradition. As the children attend the lessons of Study of Native Land with great pleasure the next event of the program was symbolized with special importance for them. The children were to visit Khor Virap church complex.

Following the guide the children got acquainted with the history of the church-castle, went down by the vertical stairs to the basement which is to the right of the Chapel's Holy Altar and where is the 4.4 meters in diameter and of 6 meters deep dome-shaped concave covered cellar where Saint Gregory the Illuminator was imprisoned. The Diasopran Armenian young people were impressed and took photos all the time and it seemed that the walls of the church told them about the events of the 1700-year history of the strong and graceful Khor Virap.

The lads and girls discussed what they had seen and felt in already moving buses. Without giving turn to each other they showed each other the photos they had taken as if they were competing whose photo was the most successful one. The lively atmosphere continued till reaching Ararat's regional center Artashat.

Here Ararat's deputy regional governor Samvel Mirzoyan met the participants of the Come Home program and accompanied them to the Charles Aznavour Cultural Palace to take part in the program



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Let's Sing and Dance Armenian held by the pupils of the cultural institution. The Diasporan Armenian young people enjoying the Armenian folk song and dance were taken unawares when they were invited to the stage. However it was not the first debut in Armenia and the Armenians from different sides of the world danced a proud round dance in Armenian ancient capital Artashat.

Then the event moved to the park near the regional council where Ararat's regional governor Vardges Hovakimian and the members of Serund (Generation) youth NGO, which cooperates with the RA Ministry of Diaspora within the framework of the Come Home program, joined them.

According to the Press and Public Relations Department of the RA Ministry of Diaspora, at the end of the day the participants of the program took part in one more cultural event. They went to Yerevan to Gabriel Sundukian National Academic Theatre where they watched G. Sundukian's "Khatabala" play by performance of the actors of Tbilisi Petros Adamian State Armenian Theatre.

It seemed that the eventful day would tire the children but they were in a good mood and had inexhaustible energy. Perhaps that energy passes to them by their homeland's high mountains or cold and pure water.

ARTS

30. EXHIBITION OF YURI BAGHDASAROV'S WORKS OPENS IN PYATIGORSK [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/27/09]

The exhibition of our compatriot from Kislovodsk Yuri Baghdasarov's works opened at the Central City Library of Pyatigorsk (the region of Stavropol). He is a famous master of printing graphics. Besides, Yuri Baghdasarov is known in Mineral Waters region of Caucasus as the author of the project for formation of the Armenian Church of Kislovodsk and the Memory Bell monument dedicated to the memory of the Armenian Genocide victims.

Ethnographic collections of books, Armenian people's and author's tales, Fasic Iskander's works, foreign writers' novels, from Swift to Haxel, are among the books illustrated by Yuri Baghdasarov. According to the Yerkramas newspaper of the Armenians of Russia, during opening of the exhibition which involves illustrations and portraits, Yuri Baghdasarov represented the guests his favourite Armenian modern writer Aghasi Aivazian's book entitled "Senior Martiros' travelling" which was also illustrated by him.

31. "EMPYRAY" IS TO CONDUCT ITS UPCOMING CONCERT IN THE CLUB OF "32 PRODUCTION" COMPANY [Azg, 07/28/09]

"EmpyRay" rock-group is to conduct its upcoming concert in the club of "32 Production" Company, during which the group's songs of the disc issued in September last year will be presented.

The solo performer of the group Sargis Manukyan said at today's press conference that the established group operating for 15 years doesn't encourage concerts in clubs, but when the concert organizers take care for all the technical and arrangement issues themselves, the creative group has only to come forward with good performance.

According to art director of "32 Club" Vahagn Grigoryan, in the implementation of any undertaking a great attention is paid to its arrangement with high quality and proficiency. Here a great importance is attached to the direct atmosphere between a singer and a performer as well, which is surely provided by "32 Club". Besides that, the audience has a greater opportunity of listening and enjoying live music.

S. Manukyan doesn't admit performances with phonogram and "EmpyRay" doesn't take part in collective concerts, as various incomprehensible songs sound there by different performers.

To the question why they sing only Armenian rock songs, S. Manukyan said that their song list consisted only from English ones till 2002, but thereafter a goal was put to sing Armenian, which are being composed by Gisane Palyan giving a new style to the group.

The solo singer of "EmpyRay" doesn't admit songs containing artificial national identity, which are mainly uneducated works with no quality.

The next concert of "EmpyRay" is to take place in September in USA.

32. A TRAVELING EXHIBITION PRESENTING ARMENIAN ARCHITECTURE IN GAVAR [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

An exhibition presenting Armenian architecture was organized today in Gavar Cultural House by the Urban Ministry. Doctor, Professor of Architecture, Director of RA National Architecture Museum Ashot



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Grigoryan told Armenpress that traveling exhibitions organized by the Ministry will be conducted in all the small and large towns of Armenia presenting Armenian rich architectural heritage. The following thematic exhibitions have been prepared by the Institute of National Urban Museum – “Architecture of Medieval Armenia”, “12 Capitals of Armenia”, “Ani’s Architecture”, “Cross-stones of Armenia”, “Modern Architecture”, “The Works of the Armenian Architects Abroad”.

According to the director, this is already the 5th exhibition being presented in Gavar. 36 exhibitions of Armenian architectural monuments picturing Medieval Armenia and Ani – the city of thousands of churches were presented. The works belong to the employees of the National Architecture Museum of the Urban Ministry, the authors of some of them are the Japan partners of Armenian architects.

33. FESTIVAL OF ARMENIAN FILMS TO BE HELD IN HAGUE IN OCTOBER [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/28/09]

The Abovian Armenian Cultural Association functioning in the Hague (Netherlands) planned to organize a festival of Armenian films in coming October, on the occasion of its 25th foundation anniversary. It will be implemented by the cooperation of Filmhuis den Haag festival in Hague and Golden Apricot festival in Yerevan. Azg states it, quoting the Armenian Mirror Spectator weekly.

Taking into consideration that great Armenian illuminator Khachatur Abovian's 200th anniversary is this year, the association envisages to properly mark that anniversary at the end of the year.

The Armenian Mirror Spectator message also reads that in May the association marked with great magnificence William Saroyan's 100th anniversary at the American Book Center where those present got acquainted with the writer's life and works with the help of lectures and video films. German translations of 7 of his books were represented.

34. VOICE OF MASS COLLECTION'S LAUNCHING TO TAKE PLACE IN CALIFORNIA [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/28/09]

The launching of Voice of Mass collection will take place at the hall of Glendale Public Library on August 6. According to the Armenian Writers' Union of California, professor Oshin Keshishian and prose-writer Sargis Vahagn will give reports.

The collection was published in 2009. Works by fifty one authors are included in the volume. The patron of arts of the volume is the Primate of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church of North America Hovnan Derderian.

35. PREMIERE OF ATOM EGOYAN'S NEW FILM TO TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/28/09]

Armenian Canadian movie director Atom Egoyan has finished shooting his new film “Chloe”.

According to the Marmara daily, hard psychological interrelations of a couple are the basis of the film. Famous actors Liam Neeson and Julianne Moore play the leading parts. The premiere of the film will take place in September at the festival of Toronto after which it will be shown in America and Europe.

SOCIAL

36. BIOGRAPHIES OF 200 FAMOUS ARMENIANS OF CENTURY IN ONE BOOK [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/27/09]

The Armenian Biographical Center cultural company (it is an NGO) founded in 2003, in the city of Marseilles, France, published the book entitled "Outstanding Armenians of the 21st Century, Contribution in Modern Civilization." Robert Bakhtchadjian is the initiator of the Armenian Biographical Center and the author of the mentioned book.

In his words, the goal for creation of the center and publication of the book was to represent famous individuals, scientific and cultural figures of the Armenian origin to the world. The book involving about 200 biographies is bilateral (in Armenian and English) and was published with a print run of 400 copies.

"I often felt necessity of such a volume before starting this work. I often felt regret that both compatriots and foreigners both in Homeland and Diaspora are not aware of famous Armenians' activity," R. Bakhtchadjian mentioned in the interview to Noyan Tapan correspondent.



He explained that the biographies were formed based on the answers given to the forms presented by the Armenian Biographical Center. In the case, when the form was not filled, data of open information sources were used. The source which has been used is specially notified at the end of each biographic article.

The book entitled "Outstanding Armenians of the 21st Century, Contribution in Modern Civilization" is the first volume of the series of books. The book will be spread in Armenia, Diaspora, given to foreign libraries according to the demand and interest.

Robert Bakhtchadjian was born in 1957, in Gyumri. He graduated from the Chemistry Faculty of Yerevan State University in 1979, then he was engaged in scientific activity at the RA NAS Institute for Chemical Physics. He continued the scientific activity in 1996, at the National Center for Scientific Researches of France and University Aix-Marseilles III. The Ph. Doctor's degree got by R. Bakhtchadjian in 1986 in the Soviet Armenia considered in France equivalent to the Doctor's degree (1997). Results of his scientific workings out were used by foreign authoritative companies of chemical industry.

Different spheres of Armenian reality are in the circle of R. Bakhtchadjian's interest. R. Bakhtchadjian touched them upon in different periodicals of Diaspora.

37. ARMENIANS' RICH CULTURE TO BE THEIR FIRST PRIDE, FOREIGN GUEST SAYS [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/27/09]

American Armenian Bruce Bogosian who is in Yerevan these days, visits Armenia for the second time, and this visit proved his positive expectations from Armenia.

"Before coming here, I gathered enough information about Armenia from my friends, books, internet sites. The expectations were more than justified, and my opinion formed about Armenia that it was a modern European country was proved," American Armenian Bruce Bogosian said in the interview to Noyan Tapan correspondent. "Everything is wonderful, except the traffic in Yerevan. It is merely terrible: one do not orient when he can pass his way," he said with indignation. At the same time, in B. Bogosian's words, Yerevan evenings are wonderful: "One may always enjoy a cup of beer with your friends and also enjoy the calmness of evening Yerevan"

B. Bogosian was present at the Golden Apricot film festival which he greatly enjoyed though he has had no possibility to watch all the films preferred by him.

Dutch Jeremy Bernascondi arrived in Armenia within the framework of Golden Apricot also liked Armenia and Armenians, but, however, he would not agree to dwell here, if only for the reason, that living in Armenia, he would have to refuse cycling. "The traffic here is terrible. It has a very negative influence on us, new comers," the Dutch guest said, adding: "Instead, one will never be bored: I especially liked the evenings in Yerevan, when the life seems to newly start."

"Before coming to Armenia I knew about your country what every foreigner knows: the genocide is spoken about. I got to know here about the Nagorno Karabakh problem as well and understood why my Armenian friends feel hurt when I compare Armenians and Azeris and say that they are like each other in some senses," Bernaskondi said. And another observation: in Dutch Bernaskondi's words, "it is clear that it is a honor for Armenians to have a compatriot like Charles Aznavour but I do not think, either, that there is need to mention his name so often. There are also many talks about Ararat. While Armenia has a rich history and that is what one must be proud of."

38. RA MINISTRY OF DIASPORA TO HOLD DISTANCE COURSES OF ARMENIAN LANGUAGE AND HISTORY ALONG WITH SAO PAULO'S DANIEL VARUZHAN SCHOOL [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/27/09]

RA Minister of Diaspora Hranush Hakobian received the newly appointed Brazilian Ambassador to Armenia Marsela Nicodemos on July 22.

The Ambassador presented the Minister with the history and reasons of formation of Brazilian Diaspora which has a history of about 30 years and 4 mln population. Marsela Nicodemos noted that the Brazilian Diaspora is mainly concentrated in USA and Japan. Taking into account the great experience of Armenia the Ambassador stressed that she expects the assistance of RA Ministry of Diaspora in the work carried out with the communities and in the formation of relations. She also stressed that she is well-informed about the Armenian community in Brazil among which there are also talented and famous people who take positions in official and diplomatic structures.

Minister Hranush Hakobian greeted the guest on the occasion of holding diplomatic post in Armenia and expressed willingness to assist as far as possible in smoothing over the problems emerging in the work with Diaspora.



The Minister speaking about the formation and peculiarities of Armenian Diaspora stressed that Armenian Diaspora has an ancient history but became bigger at the end of the last century by the Armenian survivors of Armenian Genocide. During those years the Armenian Diaspora managed to become fully-established and promote a stormy activity in educational, cultural and spiritual spheres. The Minister especially attached importance to the role of Armenian traditional parties, churches and benefactors in the formation of Armenian Diaspora and in preservation of Armenian identity.

Hranush Hakobian speaking about the policy adopted by the Ministry of Diaspora presented the guest with the primary problems which refer to the preservation of Armenian identity, revelation of Armenian potential and repatriation. In the revelation of Armenian potential the Minister attached importance to the holding of professional conferences as a result of which the newly created companies and unions give an opportunity to the people having the same profession to unite and communicate around new pro-Armenian ideas and programs. The Minister also noted that the use of high technologies greatly contributes to the establishment of relations with Diasporan structures especially stressing the holding of video conferences and the creation of Hayernaysor newspaper.

According to the Press and Public Relations Department of the RA Ministry of Diaspora, Hranush Hakobian also presented the guest with the RA Ministry of Diaspora's program of Latin America's Armenian community's educational-cultural assistance. An agreement was reached to implement joint programs in this sphere particularly to hold distance courses of Armenian Language and History along with Sao Paulo's Daniel Varuzhan school. In cooperation of joint programs the Minister attached importance to the involvement of Brazilian Armenian cultural groups within the framework of the One Nation One Culture festival and the assistance of the Embassy in that issue.

39. BLOG WITH INFORMATION ABOUT ARMENIAN CHURCHES OF IRAN OPERATES [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/27/09]

A blog which belongs to the UNESCO's Dias del Futuro Pasado website took rare photos and news about several monuments which are favorite historic places for Armenians and are included in the list of buildings having special significance, in the World Heritage center, the Azg daily wrote.

These Armenian medieval churches, Saint Thaddeus (Tadei), Saint Stepanos and the chapel of Dzordzor are situated near the northern mountain chain of Iran and now they are in uninhabited and deserted valleys. Kurd and Azeri villagers live in the vicinity. There are no Armenians. "At first sight it will seem surprising for many people that such Armenian churches were built on the foreign Mahometan places far away from Armenia, however after getting acquainted with the history it becomes clear that they were not built far away from Armenia but it was Armenia that moved away from them", the commentary of the blog mentioned.

The map next to the pictures shows that the churches were built in the center of historical Armenia in the cradle of the Armenian people, in Vaspurakan. Tavriz, which was the trade gate in Marko Polo's period, was in its Eastern part and in the upper part, on the side of Araks was Julfa, the way of Persian silk.

According to the legend, St Thaddeus church was founded in the place of the former pagan temple in 66 by one of the first preachers of Christianity, apostle St Thadeus. According to Father of Armenian history Movses Khorenatsi, the preacher is buried there. After the earthquake of 1324 the monastery was repaired and for its black and white stones the natives called it Kara Kilise (a black church).

St. Stepanos church dates back to the 7th century but it was built much earlier by apostle Bardughimeos. The natives called it Kizil Kilisa (a golden church) for the bright light auburn flashes of its stones. In several kilometres from the church you can still see the ruins of the last Armenian village Darashamb. Darashamb was an Armenian-populated village in Iran's Maku province. It had 280 inhabitants in 1916 who were engaged in agriculture and cattle-breeding. The most part of them immigrated in the Soviet Armenia in 1928 and the rest in 1946.

The chapel of Dzordzor is the one known least of all, it was built in the 10th century and was repaired after the earthquake of 1324.



40. ARMENIAN ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY DENIES NEWS ON POSSIBLE SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FROM IRAN TO ARMENIA [ARMENPRESS, 07/27/09]

Armenia has not received any official proposal from Iran on supply of nuclear energy, an official from the Armenian Energy and Natural Resources Ministry told Armenpress, referring to the report of the "Iran-Times" newspaper which citing an Iranian official stated that Iran has expressed readiness to supply nuclear energy to Armenia.

41. RESULTS OF ENTRANCE EXAMS TO BE PUBLICIZED AUGUST 1 [ARMENPRESS, 07/27/09]

The centralized exams ended July 26 in the republic. On the last day of the exams 114 applicants took an exam on oral English.

Press officer of the Republican Entrance Commission Lilit Galstyan told Armenpress that more than 2400 applicants participated in the centralized exams on Creative competition, mother tongue and foreign language oral. About 323 of the applicants got unsatisfactory and dropped out of the entrance process. 159 applicants received the highest 18-20 points and 292 the lowest 8 points.

The results of the entrance exams will be publicized August 1.

42. APPLICATIONS GOT FROM THE SCHOOLS OF THE ARMENIAN PROVINCES FOR THE VACANCIES OF TEACHERS REDUCE [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

The number of applications got from the Armenian provinces for the vacancies of the teachers has reduced during the latest years.

Head of the staff management department of the Armenian Education and Science Ministry Ruzanna Grigoryan told Armenpress that usually the vacancies existing in the villages of the farthest regions of the country remain vacant, because few lesson hours are intended in these schools for the teachers.

The Ministry has got an official letter from Yerevan that there are no vacancies for the teachers. There are vacancies in 16 villages of Aragatsotn province mainly for teachers of foreign language. August 20 is the deadline for applications for vacancies.

According to R. Grigoryan, last year 120 teachers have been sent to the provinces by the Ministry.

The pedagogues who have been sent to the provinces get additional payment from the given educational establishment. 15,000 drams are provided for the transportation of the estate, 4 times in a year compensation of the transportation fee is ensured, 10 000 drams monthly for the apartment rent, 5 000 drams monthly for other expenditures. The headmaster of the school signs a working agreement with the teachers for at least two years' period.

R. Grigoryan stressed that there are teachers who prolonged their working agreement.

43. THERE ARE 563 LICENSED TAXI COMPANIES AND 605 INDIVIDUAL DRIVERS OPERATING IN THE REPUBLIC [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

There are 563 licensed taxi services with 6792 cars and 605 individual drivers operating in the republic. Press secretary of the Ministry of Transport and Communication Susanna Tonoyan told Armenpress that from November 2008 – July 2009 the Department of communication inspection and licensing of the Ministry has licensed 151 taxi services with 2,309 transportation means.

During the mentioned period 605 individual taxi drivers have got licenses. According to S. Tonoyan, the number of applications got from taxi services and individual drivers has considerably decreased.

Changes have been made in the Armenian law on "The state tax" according to which all the individuals providing taxi services must enter a tax field and pay 25 000 drams of tax annually instead of former 200 000 drams.

Since 6 November 2008 the Ministry has intensified the control over prevention of the illegal passenger transportations in the republic and regulation of the works of licensing of the taxi services. The oversight procedures continue.



44. RIVER TANDZUR OVERFLOWED AS A RESULT OF NON-STOP HEAVY RAINS IN LORI
[ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

As a result of non-stop heavy rains in the Armenian province of Lori, Tandzut River overflowed July 27 threatening the building of the Vanadzor branch of the European regional educational academy and the nearby road. An official from the press service of the rescue service of the Emergency Situations Ministry told Armenpress that Lori Governor's office has been informed about the incident.

45. THE MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS OF SYUNIK PROVINCE BEING RECONSTRUCTED
[ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

Within the frameworks of the USAID funded Primary Healthcare Reform Project (PHCR) the medical centers of 26 rural communities of Syunik province are being reconstructed. The project also intends furnishing of these medical centers with corresponding furniture and medical equipments.

Head of the Health Care and Social Security department of the Governor's office Ashot Tsatrian told Armenpress the medical equipments have already been imported to the province. The project costs 73 million drams.

The construction works are intended to be wrapped up by September of the running year.

With another project of the Government the Tatev medical center is intended to be renovated and a new ambulatory constructed in the Tegh village. With that aim 220,000 USD will be invested. The Goris hospital is also being reconstructed on the same project for which \$2,5 million will be allocated; a new hospital building will also be constructed.

In Syunik such works are also being conducted on the state budget means. Particularly 200 million drams are intended for reconstruction of Meghri hospital. This year works of only 64 million drams will be implemented.

46. THE SEVAN POLICLINICS BEING RECONSTRUCTED [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

The Sevan Polyclinics is being reconstructed. Head of the "Sevan Polyclinics" state CJSC Rita Zhamharian told Armenpress that the building which has been exploited since 1946 has been partly reconstructed from time to time, but it could not satisfy the present demands and service quality.

During the visit of the Governor of Gegharkunik to the polyclinics the issue of the reconstruction was indicated to. As a result of the cooperation between the Governor Nver Poghosian, RA Health Minister Harutyun Kushkian and the Armenian Social Investment foundation at present the "Reconstruction of the polyclinics" project is being implemented in Sevan. It costs 106 million 17.000 drams, 10% of which has been donated by the Health Ministry.

According to R. Zhamharian, best must be done to ensure the medical institution having its unique role in the Sevan region work in the best conditions. In a few months the polyclinics will work with new facilities.

47. WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS BEING RENOVATED [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

The "Armwatersewerage" CJSC conducts renovation of inter-community water supply systems in the Talin town of Aragatsotn province. As a result of investment of nearly 52 million drams the water pipeline of 6.2 km length and 150 mm diagonal has been replaced.

Head of the Urban Development department of the Governor's office A. Davayan told Armenpress that reconstruction works are also being conducted on the means of the state budget and international organizations.

Particularly reconstruction of the 20km sector of "Ghzlakan" water supply system is being conducted by the Office of implementation of projects of the Agriculture Ministry. And the water supply system of Suser and N. Artik communities will be constructed by the "World Vision International" benevolent organization. 18.8 million drams have been provided for that aim.

At the same time works are conducted towards the improvement of the water quality. As of June 1 this year water supply services of 90.15 million drams have been conducted in 40 communities and three towns of the province for which 64.9 million payments have been gathered reaching 72% of the overall sum.



48. ARMENIAN RED CROSS AND “VIVACELL-MTS” TO FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS TOGETHER [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

Armenian Red Cross Company and VivaCell-MTS” will sign July 31 a memorandum of mutual understanding on the prevention of HIV/AIDS.

An official from the Armenian Red Cross Company told Armenpress that the cooperation is going to be multi-round and is to include multi-content measures – delivery of informational materials, organization of public events, etc. Posters containing brief information on HIV/AIDS will be placed in all the Armenian provinces.

After signing the memorandum the heads of the two organizations together with the representatives and volunteers of their working staff will take a blood test on purpose of being examined for HIV/AIDS.

49. STRENGTHENED CONTROL TO BE SET OVER THE QUALITY AND TIMES OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS IMPLEMENTED IN YEREVAN [ARMENPRESS, 07/28/09]

Strengthened control must be set over the quality and times of the construction works implemented in Yerevan.

During today’s working consultation conducted in the Yerevan municipality the first Assistant to the Mayor of Yerevan Taron Margarian tasked to be strict towards the companies which are provided with permission to conduct construction works by the municipality.

According to the deputy Mayor, the “Yerevan Jur”, “ArmenTel”, “Yerevangas” and “Armelectricnets” companies during the renovation of the nets destroy the streets of the capital and do not restore them in time and properly. The control in this direction has been tasked to deepen.

An official from the Yerevan municipality told Armenpress that during the consultation it has been mentioned that the Yerevan yards are already provided by night lightening.

The “Yerkaghluys” company and the Yerevan administrative regions have been assigned to properly exploit the external lightening net.

During the consultation issues connected with the underground pass ways being constructed in Yerevan and budget taxations have also been discussed.

50. PHOTOGRAPHER VAHAN KOCHAR AWARDED PRIZE OF YEREVAN PRESS CLUB [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/28/09] By H. Asatrian

During the awarding taken place on the occasion of the 14th foundation anniversary of Yerevan Press Club Photographer Vahan Kochar was rewarded for the Armenian Photographers book-album with the prize after famous photo-reporter, YPC founding member Ruben Mangasarian who untimely died.

Tatul Hakobian for the Green and Black: Artsakh Dairy book, Shant TV company commentator Artyom Yerkanian for the Armenians, Forgive Us film, Internews organization for From Belfast to Balkans series of films and Yerkir Media TV company for the effective cooperation with the YPC.

It is necessary to mention that the presentation of Vahan Kochar's book was organized this April 20 at the Academy gallery in Yerevan, under the sponsorship of the RA Ministry of Diaspora. 15 Armenian photographers' exhibition was also opened on the same day. Vahan Kochar's Armenian Photographers book-album was represented during it.

RA Minister of Diaspora Hranush Hakobian appreciated at the opening of the exhibition the work done by Vahan Kochar, mentioning that the book-album has a great encyclopedic and information meaning. The Minister also mentioned that Vahan Kochar laid foundations with this book-album for creation of a net among Armenian photographers and congratulated the artist on the occasion of his 60th anniversary.

Continuing the work started by his father, famous photographer Andranik Kochar, Kochar finished the work started by the later, publishing the book-album dedicated to world-spread Armenian photographers. The edited English two-volume version of the book is being prepared now.

The Armenian Photographers dictionary book-album was published in late 2007, with 488 pages, with the print run of 1000 copies, under the sponsorship of former Prime Minister of Armenia Andranik Margarian.

The book is a complete encyclopedia of the photographic heritage of Diaspora and Homeland. About 480 Armenian photographers' names are mentioned in the book. 300 of them are represented with their biographies and photos, and names of 180 of them were found out and placed on different photographic stamps and envelopes.



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It is enough to list names of those photographers whose art got a world fame: Canadian Armenian Yousuf Karsh, Arto Kavuk, Constantinople Armenian Ara Guller, American Armenian Harry Koundakjian and many others.

Vahan Kochar made the first attempt With implemented voluminous work to complete the Armenian photographic art's history.

Vahan Kochar was born on January 25, 1949, in Yerevan. His father, famous photographer Andranik Kochar is an Egyptian Armenian who repatriated to Armenia in 1947. Vahan Kochar left Kojoyan Art School and graduated from Abovian Pedagogical Institute. He is a member of the USSR Journalists' Union. He was awarded a UNESCO prize for the Museum book at the 1998 Frankfurt International Exhibition. He was awarded Armenian publishers'prize in 2002, for Razmik Davoyan's "Bread of Soul" book. He is the artistic editor and artist of numerous Armenian painters' book-albums published in Armenia during the last decades.

51. BOOK DEVELOPMENT OF IDEA OF STATEHOOD IN IMPERIAL RUSSIA: PERIODIC PRESS AND FORMATION OF MODERN ARMENIAN IDENTITY BY LIZA KHACHATURIAN PUBLISHED [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/28/09]

A book by Armenian historian Liza Khachaturian under the title Development of the Idea of Statehood in Imperial Russia: Periodic Press and Formation of Modern Armenian Identity has been published in the U.S. New Jersey state lately. Book's launching took place in Washington the other day, with the participation of representatives of the local Armenian community and American specialists interested in the subject. Liza Khachaturian said that in the 19th century the publicism of Armenian intelligentsia, in particular, Stepanos Nazarian, Grigor Artsruni, Haroutiun Svachian called forth new fermentations in Armenian public consciousness.

"Huge materials over Armenian Cause have been accumulated in the U.S. Congress library. I have worked there, spent 7 months in Yerevan studying the archives of the National Library and the National Academy of Sciences. I have also left for Moscow and Saint Petersburg on business to study the archives documents on the spot," Liza Khachaturian mentioned in her interview to a correspondent of the Public Television of Armenia in Washington. The book presents the subject of rise of the Eastern Armenian national consciousness, contains rich documents on national and political developments taking place in Eastern Armenia in that period.

52. RANK OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF VANADZOR MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE CONFERRED ON CHAIRMAN OF VOLGOGRAD REGIONAL UNIT OF UNION OF ARMENIANS IN RUSSIA [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/28/09]

The ceremony of conferring the rank of Professor Emeritus of Vanadzor's Sanahin Management Institute on the Chairman of the Volgograd regional unit of the Union of Armenians in Russia Arman Mkrtchian took place in Volgograd (Russia) on July 15. The A. Mkrtchian received this rank for his public and charitable activities.

Yerkramas paper of Russian Armenians reported that since 1992 - the year of the institute's foundation, the rank of honorary doctor and professor emeritus of Vanadzor's Sanahin Management Institute has been conferred on 33 prominent public and political figures, as well as businessmen from various countries. Among them were Charles Aznavour, U.S. Senator Robert Dole, Bill Gates, Rem Vyakhirev, Vladimir Resin and others.

53. INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH YEREVAN TOWN TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM [ARMENPRESS, 07/29/09]

International experts will arrive in Armenia in September to get acquainted with the Yerevan town transport infrastructure development program, project-calculation works. During nine months the consultants will give relevant assessment to the program.

Aide to the Yerevan Mayor Ashot Mnatsakanian told Armenpress that a final decision for the implementation of the project will be made after their studies. Specialists from the World Bank were here recently to get acquainted with the draft project.

The program is intended to be implemented by a credit means provided by the Asian Development Bank. A relevant agreement has been signed in June.

Within the frameworks of the program the second entrance of the "Yeritasardakan" metro station is expected to be built in the crossroad of Sayat-Nova-Abovyan streets. In the sidelines of the program a



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big road construction project will be implemented and a number of Yerevan streets will be tied with Ashtarak and Artashat highways.

54. 61 APPLICANTS ENTERED NEWLY APPOINTED STEPANAKERT BRANCH OF ARMENIAN STATE AGRARIAN UNIVERSITY [ARMENPRESS, 07/29/09]

Out of 73 applicants 61 entered the newly appointed branch of Armenian State Agrarian University in Stepanakert.

Deputy director of the branch Seyran Shahnazaryan told Armenpress that 85 state-funded places have been ensured in the branch but there were only 73 applicants. The deputy director explained such a small number of applicants with the circumstance of being newly opened and with the current state of agriculture in Artsakh.

The deputy director said that the successive policy of the NKR authorities in the sphere inspires hope that the number of applicants will increase from year to year.

According to Shahnazaryan, taking into consideration the circumstance that agriculture is considered the prior branch of the Artsakh's economy, Karabakh government has put an issue on preparing qualified specialists. With that aim besides local specialists high-quality professors from Armenian State Agrarian University are periodically invited to read lectures.

55. COURSES TO BE HELD IN ARMENIA FOR TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS OF PHARMACY PRODUCTION [ARMENPRESS, 07/29/09]

The training center operating on the initiative of "The Union of Armenian Medicine Producers and Importers" will conduct courses on the Proper Production Activity (PPA) with the participation of specialists of medicine production. The PPA is an internationally adopted quality standard providing a qualitative medicine production.

Executive director of the Union Armen Aghayants told Armenpress that specialists from Australia arrived in June to Armenia as a training staff of the center. 30 pharmacists took part in the courses 12 of which got certificates and a right to train other specialists.

According to the head of the training center Aram Ghazarian today many states import and export medicine corresponding to PPA standards, and so that Armenia becomes compatible the medicine produced in the state is necessary to be brought in line with the PPA standards.

A. Ghazarian said that the first training course will be held in the nearest future which will involve all those who wish, and in the future, when changes are made in the Armenian law and PPA requirements become compulsory, the training of the pharmacists will be a must.

The key objectives of the course are to develop the abilities of each pharmaceutical organization giving an opportunity to bring them in line with the PPA requirements.

The center will continue to cooperate with the international experts who will visit Armenia from time to time. A cooperation agreement is intended to be signed with a similar Australian center.

56. 83 NEW HIV INFECTION CASES DISCOVERED IN ARMENIA DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR [ARMENPRESS, 07/29/09]

83 new HIV infection cases have been discovered in Armenia during the first half of this year, in 50 of which the AIDS phase has been diagnosed. 136 of the HIV infection cases were registered in 2008.

An official from the Republican center of AIDS prevention of the Armenian Health Ministry told Armenpress that from 1988 up to July 1 this year 757 HIV infected have been discovered in the republic in 343 of which AIDS has been diagnosed. 556 of the infected are men, the others – women. 16 cases of the HIV infected (2.1%) are children. Nearly 59% of HIV infected is in the 25-39 age category.

The main ways of transfer of the disease in Armenia are the heterosexual way (49.8%) and the inter-vein usage of drugs. Besides these cases of transfer of the disease from mother to the child, blood and homosexual ways have also been discovered.

All the people infected through the inter-vein usage of drugs are men, majority of which have temporarily lived and probably were infected with HIV in Russia and Ukraine. Besides that the majority of HIV infected (57.6%) are also inter-vein drug users and nearly all the women have been infected through the sexual way.

The majority of HIV cases were registered in the capital, then come Shirak and Lori provinces.

Assessment of HIV/AIDS condition proves that according to the data 2300 HIV infected live in the republic.



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57. FRENCH VOLUNTEERS CONDUCT RECONSTRUCTION WORKS IN THE LCHAP SCHOOL AND KINDER GARDEN [ARMENPRESS, 07/29/09]

22 French volunteers conduct reconstruction works in the secondary school and the kinder garden of Lchap community of Gegharkunik province.

Head of the Lchap village Hayk Simonian told Armenpress that 11 of the volunteers are Armenian young men living in Paris. The volunteers represent the Paris "CSOE" benevolent organization the name of which means "Committee of support to the parentless and students".

Head of the Armenian office of the charity organization Davit Khachatrian told Armenpress that during the previous two years they have assisted 19 kinder gardens of Yerevan and Gyumri schools.

This is the third year the volunteers come to Lchap in July each year and conduct reconstruction works.

Head of the Paris office of the Committee Sevan Karian informed that besides the construction works the volunteers have also organized a camp for the children of the village where they are taught Armenian people's dances, songs, to construct scale models from the paper, as well as French.

According to S. Karian nearly 10 000 Euro has been invested for this year's works.

SPORTS

58. SARGIS KOCHARIAN TAKES THIRD PLACE IN GRECO-ROMAN WRESTLING EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/27/09]

Sargis Kocharian (50 kg, Yerevan) took the third place in the Greco-Roman Wrestling European Youth Championship that ended on July 26 in Serbia and won a bronze medal. In the team competition Armenia's national team took the 5th place.

59. ZAVEN ANDRIASIAN TAKES 2ND PLACE IN NAYDORF COMMEMORATIVE TOURNAMENT [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/27/09]

98 chess players took part in the Naydorf International Commemoration Tournament held between July 18 to 26 in the capital city of Poland, Warsaw. Maxim Matlyakov gained 7 out of 9 possible points and won the tournament. Chess player from Armenia Zaven Andriasian shared the 2-7th place with 6.5 points (he was the second with his coefficients) and Hrant Melkumian shared the 8-12th places with 6 points.

60. GRAND MASTER GABRIEL SARGSIAN SHARES 3-7TH PLACES IN COPENHAGEN INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/27/09]

An International Chess Tournament under the title Politiken Cup was held between July 18 to 26 in Copenhagen. 307 participants performed by the Swiss contest order. Grand master from Armenia Gabriel Sargsian gained 8 out of 10 possible points and shared the 3-7th places. Negin Parmeria (India) and Boris Abruks (Israel) shared the 1st and 2nd places with 8.5 points each.

61. LEVON ARONIAN, VLADIMIR HAKOBIAN AND GABRIEL SARGSIAN TO TAKE PART IN THE MAINZ CHESS FESTIVAL [ARMENPRESS, 07/27/09]

Within the frameworks of the international chess festival held in August in the German Mainz town the Armenian Grand master Levon Aronian will take part in the "960 Chess" world Chess Tournament together with Sergey Movsisian, Viorel Bologan and other grand masters. With grand master Vishvanatan Anand, Arkadi Naydich and other German grand masters L. Aronian will also take part in the fast chess world cup.

An official from the Armenian Chess Federation told Armenpress that the Armenian grand masters Vladimir Hakobian and Gabriel Sargsian within the frameworks of the same festival will take part in the Ordix tournament together with Etien Bacro, Alexander Grishchuk and other grand masters.



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62. ARMENIAN PHYSICAL CULTURE GENERAL UNION SPORTS GAMES TO BE HELD FOR FIRST TIME IN ARMENIA [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/28/09]

The sports games of the Armenian Physical Culture General Union will be held between August 1 to 8 in Yerevan. It is the 8th games during the 90-year history of the Union, which will be held in Armenia for the first time. Over 600 sportsmen will arrive in Armenia and will perform in 5 kinds of sports (table tennis, basketball, football, chess, swimming).

63. ROMAN BEREZOVSKI BECOMES MEMBER OF LEV YASHIN CLUB [NOYAN TAPAN, 07/28/09]

Roman Berezovski, the goal keeper of the Armenian football national team and the Khimki Russian team, became a member of Lev Yashin Club. Only the goal keepers who keep unapproachable their goal in 100 official games become members of the club. R. Berezovski remained invulnerable for the 100th time in the Khimki-Amkar game of the Russian Championship, which ended with the score of 2 to 0.

We will mention that among Armenian football players, only legendary Ararat's renowned goal-keeper Alyosha Abrahamian is included in Lev Yashin Club.

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