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Զորի Բալաեան չընդունիր իր դէմ եղած Քննադատութիւնները

Ղարաբաղեան շարժումի տարիներուն մէծ աղմուկ հանած հրապարակագիր, հետագային «Կիլիկիա» նաւով աշխարհը շրջող խումբի դեկավար եւ Հայաստանի իշխանութիւններուն մտիկ նկատուող անձ Զորի Բալաեանի բաց նամակը՝ ուղղուած Ռուսաստանի նախագահ Վլատիմիր Փութինին, մէծ աղմուկ յառաջցուց Հայաստանէն ներս: Նամակին մէջ Բալաեան կը գրէ, որ Ղարաբաղը կը պատկանի Ռուսաստանին՝ 1813 թուականին Ռուսաստանի եւ Պարսկաստանի միջեւ Գիւլիստանի մէջ առորագրուած խաղաղութեան պայմանագիրով: Զորի Բալաեան Փութինին կոչ կ'ընէ այցելել Ղարաբաղ եւ վերջապէս զայն ճանչնալ որպէս Ռուսաստանի մաս: «Բոլորս պէտք է վերադառնանք այն միակ ճանապարհին, որն իր սկիզբն էր առել Ղարաբաղեան Գիւլիստանից: Պայմանագիրը, կրկնում եմ, առորագրուել է յաւերժական ժամանակների համար», - ըստած է Ռուսաստանի նախագահին ուղղուած բացն նամակին մէջ:

Զորի Բալաեան մէրժելով մէկնաբանել իր նամակի արձագանքները, NEWS.am-ի թղթակցի հետ զրոյցի ընթացքին ըստած է որ ինք անպայման հետագային ելոյթ կունենայ այս հարցի չուրջ, սակայն առաջմ ոչ մէկ հարցի չուզեր պատասխանելու:

Հարցին, թէ Բալաեան այդ



Գրող Զորի Բալաեան

նամակով կը ոտանհարէ ՀՀ Սահմանադրութեան յօդուածը ինքնիշխան երկրի մասին եւ կ'արհամարհէ Արցախի համար կրուած մարտիկները, Բալաեան ըստած է, - «Դուք չէք կարդացել, որա համար այդպէս էք ասում: Եթէ կարդացած լինէք, կ'իմանայիք այդպիսի բանք չկան այնտեղ: Կարդացէք յօդուածը եւ տեսէք այդ բանքը կայ, թէ ոչ, նամակի մէջ ամէն ինչ կայ, դուք պէտք է պատասխանէք քննադատողներին, որ յօդուածում այդպիսի բան չկայ: Ես չեմ ուզում նրանց լմել, որովհետեւ նրանք էլ չեն կարդացել: Ին յօդուածի մէջ այդպիսի բան չկայ: Եթէ դուք կարդաք այնտեղ այդպիսի բան, որ այնտեղ գրուած է Ղարաբաղը Ռուսաստանի կազմում լինի, չգիտաւածական մէջ:

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Հայաստան Հիմնադրամի Թելեթոնի Նոր Ծրագրիը Վարդենիս-Մարտակերտ Մայրուղի



Հայաստան Համահայկական Հիմնադրամի Արեւմտեան Ամերիկայի Հոգաբարձուներու Խորհուրդը իր անցեալ շաբթուան նիստին որոշեց զարկ տալ Վարդենիս-Մարտակերտ մայրուղիի շինութեան ծրագրին: Արդարեւ, 116 քիլոմետր երկարութիւն ունեցող այս նոր ճանապարհի կառուցումն ու

բարեկարգումը՝ մեծապէս պիտի նպաստ երկու հանրապետութեանց միջեւ ընկերային եւ տնտեսական կապերու առաւել զարգացումին: Նշենք նաև որ նախապէս հիմնադրամը յաջողութեամբ աւարտած էր «Գորիս-Մատեմանակերտ» և «Հիւմիս-Հարաւ» մայրուղիներու շինութիւնը:

Զարուիի Փոստանջեան ոստիկաններու հսկողութեան տակ

Հնդդիմադիր «Ժամանգութիւն» կուսակցութիւնը յայտարարութեամբ մը եկաւ պահանջելու Հայաստանի իշխանութիւններէն, դադարեցնելու պատգամաւոր Զարուիի ֆոստանջեանի դէջ ուղղուած քաղաքական հետապնդումները եւ վիրաւորանքներու եւ լուսանքներու արշաւը եւ ընդհանրապէս յարգել, ՀՀ իւրաքանչիւր քաղաքացիի ազատ արտայացութեան իրաւունքը: «Իսկ նրանք, այդ թւում՝ բարձրաստիճան պաշտօնեաները, ովքեր նրա հասցէին փիզիկական հաշուելարդարի սպառնալիքներ են հնչեցնում, պէտք է պատասխանատուութեան ենթարկուեն օրէնքի ողջ խստութեամբ:», - ըստած է Ռաֆի Ցովհանիսիեանի գլխաւորած կուսակցութեան յայտարարութեան մէջ:

Ինչպէս ծանօթ է, ԵԽԽՎ-ի վերջին նիստին Հայաստանի պատուիրակութեան անդամ Զարուիի ֆոստանջեան հարց ուղղած էր Սերժ Սարգսեանին, վերջերս Եւրոպայի քաղինոներէն մէկուն մէջ, 70 միլիոն եւրո կորանցուցած ըլլալու մասին:

Այս երրորդին ետք Փոստանջեան հասցէին սկսան հնչել սպառնալիքներ: Սպորտի եւ երիտասարդութեան դեկավարի Ասրեանի դէմ եւ կալանաւորել զինք:

Հակառակ Պուլկարիոյ եւ Իտալիոյ դէմ արձանագրած յաջողութիւններուն

Հայաստան դուրս մնաց Ֆութապոլի Աշխարհի Բաժակէն



Հայաստանի հաւաքականի աստղ՝ Հենրիկ Մինիքարեան (սպիտակ շապիկ) կը պայմարի գնդակի համար

Ֆութապոլի Աշխարհի Բաժակի գտումներուն, եւրոպայի Բ. խմբակէն ներս հանդէս եկող Հայաստանի ազգային խումբը ընթացքին: Այս մրցումէն չորս օր առաջ՝ Հոկտեմբեր 11-ին, Երեւանի մէջ հիւրընկալելով Պուլկարիոյ

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Նաբուիի մէջ Հայաստան 2-2 հաւաքար դուրս եկաւ աշխարհի ֆութապոլի հականերէն՝ իտալիոյ հաւաքականին հետ խաղի ընթացքին: Այս մրցումէն չորս օր առաջ՝ Հոկտեմբեր 11-ին, Երեւանի մէջ հիւրընկալելով Պուլկարիոյ

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Zori Balayan Urges Putin to "Annex" Karabakh on Basis of Russo-Persian Peace Treaty

YEREVAN -- Karabakh-born writer and columnist, Zori Balayan, caused a storm in Yerevan this week when he publicized an extensive open letter to Russian President Vladimir Putin implicitly urging Moscow to lay claim to the territory. Balayan argued that Karabakh as well as much of modern-day Azerbaijan was incorporated into the Russian Empire in the early 19th century in accordance with a Russian-Persian treaty which he said still has a legal force.

"There is no Karabakh problem, there is a Russian problem," wrote the man who played a major role in the 1988 movement for Karabakh's unification with Armenia.

In his letter to President Putin Balayan brings numerous arguments in favor of a fact that the Karabakh conflict is not Armenia's issue, but rather Russia's, hence Russia is the one to solve it by recognizing the Republic of Nagorno Karabakh like it was done in Gulistan. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the Gulistan Agreement signed in 1813, at the end of Russian-Persian war won by Russia. According to the agreement, a great number of areas went from Persia (modern day Iran) to Russia, including the Karabakh khanate.

Balayan, who has long had warm ties with President Serzh Sarksian and his predecessor Robert Kocharian, came under fire from mostly opposition politicians, public figures and

media commentators in both Armenia and Karabakh. They accused him of favoring Karabakh's incorporation into Russia more than two decades after its de facto secession from Azerbaijan.

Some of these critics also see a connection between Balayan's long letter and Sarksian's controversial decision to join a Russian-led customs union, which they believe jeopardizes Armenia's national independence.

Ethnographer Hranush Kharatyan writes in Lragir.am that Balayan has simply been trapped.

"So here is Zori Balayan, who is 'actively' concerned with the 'future of his homeland'. Realizing that the RA authorities have irreversibly lost the future of both Armenia and Artsakh [Karabakh], for as long as they are in power, Zori Balayan, allegedly, on their behalf sent a petition to the 'Russian king' suggesting that 'Russia's borders' are restored as soon as possible. Balayan, it appears, knows something about the history of Russia that the current king of Russia doesn't, and he is rushing to remind the worthy heir of Ekaterina, Peter and Alexander I...that Armenia and Russia ... are not Armenia and Russia. They are Russia," writes Kharatyan.

Balayan disputed his critics' claims that he wants Karabakh to again become part of Russia. "Where did I write that Karabakh must be part of Russia?" he said.

FIFA World Cup Qualifying: Italy - Armenia 2-2 , Armenia- Bulgaria 2-1



Italy twice came from behind to draw 2-2 with Armenia this evening, with Mario Balotelli grabbing his side's equaliser late in the second half.

Armenia needed a win to keep alive their slim hopes of making the play-offs, though Denmark's defeat of Malta was to make that academic, and did everything they could to secure victory against Cesare Prandelli's men

The visitors took the lead early on after Alberto Aquilani needlessly gave away possession, which allowed Yura Movsisyan to steal in and rifle the ball past the Italian goalkeeper.

Italy hit back in the 27th minute through Alessandro Florenzi, who headed home Lorenzo Insigne's cross from close range after Daniel Osvaldo

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MP Zaruhi Postanjan Seeks Police Protection After High-Profile Death Threat

YEREVAN -- Opposition lawmaker Zaruhi Postanjan has asked Chief of Armenian Police Vladimir Gasparian to ensure her and her family's security in the wake of death threats issued by a senior government member affiliated with the ruling party.

In an interview with Yerkir.am last Thursday Deputy Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs Khachik Asrian lashed out at Postanjan over the question about President Serzh Sarksian's 'gambling habit' that she posed to the Armenian head of state at the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly session in Strasbourg last week, calling the member of the opposition Heritage party a "vole-mouse from a Turkish garden". The member of the ruling Republican Party of Armenia (HHK) known for his nationalist stance further called for "burning Postanjan at the stake".

Earlier, the youth wing of the HHK had reportedly threatened to jeer Postanjan and pelt her with eggs and tomatoes on her return to Yerevan from Strasbourg last weekend. They were apparently discouraged from staging such an action after President Serzh Sarksian made clear through his spokesman that he believed his young loyalists should not do such a thing.



Instead, Postanjan received a hero's welcome from her fellow party members and supporters at the Zvartnots airport last Saturday. In her remarks to the media then Postanjan said that she had been prepared even for 'egg-pelting' as she believed she had done the right thing by challenging Sarksian on a matter that "80 percent of Armenians are concerned about".

After the statement by the senior government official, however, the oppositionist said that she was worried that Asrian or one of his loyalists could actually act upon the threat and cause harm to her or her family.

"I do not rule out that using the statement of this figure some third

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Telethon 2013 to Launch Construction of Vardenis-Martakert Highway



YEREVAN -- The Hayastan All-Armenian Fund's upcoming Telethon will be dedicated to raising financial support for the construction of the Vardenis-Martakert Highway. The third project of its kind to be carried out by the fund, the Vardenis-Martakert Highway is expected to be a boon to the further socio-economic development of Artsakh and Armenia alike.

Today it would be hard to exaggerate the crucial role which the Goris-Stepanakert and North-South highways have had in the growth and improved living standards of both republics. The

Goris-Stepanakert Highway, which links Artsakh to Armenia, and the North-South Highway, often described as the backbone of Artsakh, have enabled the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund to accelerate the development of infrastructure (including water and gas pipelines and networks) as well as the construction or renovation of schools, clinics, hospitals, and cultural institutions throughout the cities and villages of Artsakh.

The Vardenis-Martakert Highway

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Armenian Oppositionist Freed in General Amnesty

YEREVAN -- An appeals court in Yerevan has ordered the release of prominent opposition youth activist Tigran Arakelian, an activist from the opposition Armenian National Congress party, more than two years after being arrested on charges which he and his supporters consider politically motivated.

The court ruled on October 14 that some parts of the charges against Arakelian must be dropped and his six-year prison sentence reduced to three years.

The court also ruled that Arakelian must be freed under the national amnesty announced recently by the government to mark the 22nd anniversary of Armenia's independence.

The partial acquittal made Arakelian eligible for a general amnesty that was declared by the Arme-

nian authorities earlier this month. The amnesty was also applied to Artak Karapetian, one of three other HAK activists who clashed, together with Arakelian, with police officers in downtown Yerevan in August 2011 under disputed circumstances.

Arakelian's lawyers said after the ruling that they will appeal the decision -- demanding Arakelian's full exoneration.

Arakelian was arrested in August 2011 and later sentenced on charges of assaulting police. He insists the case against him is politically motivated.

"They caught me illegally and they freed me illegally," he told journalists after receiving a hero's welcome from scores of supporters that again packed the courtroom. He said he should have been acquitted altogether.

Legal Action Planned Against Armenian Entry Into Russian Bloc

YEREVAN -- Civil rights campaigners critical of the Armenian government said on Monday that they are planning to challenge in court President Serzh Sarkisian's controversial decision to join a Russian-led customs union.

They claimed that the decision is unconstitutional because it was made secretly and violates Armenia's national independence and sovereignty.

One of the activists, Artur Sakunts, said the lawsuit to be filed with the Administrative Court will emphasize that Sarkisian did not consult the public or even the parliament before unexpectedly announcing on September 3 what was a serious change in Armenian foreign policy. Sakunts said this breached the principle of government accountability and transparency enshrined in the Armenian constitution.

"Also, membership in the customs union contradicts Article 1 of Armenia's constitution," Sakunts told RFE/RL's Armenian service (Azatutyun.am). The outspoken activist, who leads a human rights group based in the northern city of Vanadzor, pointed to the supranational powers of



the union's governing body, the Moscow-based Eurasian Economic Commission. "Russia can impose any decision on any member state at any moment," he claimed.

"The customs union is an equivalent of the Soviet Union. It's a forced union," said Artak Zeynalian, another civic activist planning the legal action.

The Armenian authorities are certain to shrug off the initiative. They have repeatedly insisted that joining the customs union will not compromise the country's sovereignty. Officials in Yerevan have also said that the National Assembly will have a chance to debate the Armenian membership at a later stage in the accession process.

FIFA World Cup Qualifying

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robbed possession high up the pitch.

However, following the break, Armenia put themselves back in front thanks to great work from Henrikh Mkhitaryan whose flick hit the bar and bounced over the line.

Substitute Balotelli collected Andrea Pirlo's ball to smash home in 77th minute and earn Italy a draw.

On Friday October 11, Armenia won a dramatic 2-1 victory over nine-man Bulgaria in Yerevan.

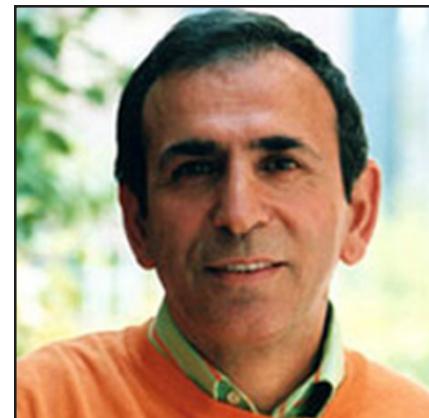
The hosts took the lead just before half-time, Aras Ozbiliz despatched

ing a free-kick into the top corner after Bulgaria defender Nikolay Bodurov had been sent off for a foul on him.

Ivelin Popov got Bulgaria back on level terms with a free-kick of his own just after the hour, but the visitors' cause was hindered by the dismissal of midfielder Svetoslav Dyakov moments later and Yura Movsisyan pressed home Armenia's numerical advantage by netting an 87th-minute winner.

In Group B, Italy have already booked their spot at Brazil 2014, with 22 points, Denmark has 16 points, Czech Republic – 15, Bulgaria – 13, Armenia – 13 and Malta – 3.

Turkish Journalist Reveals his Mother was Armenian



ISTANBUL -- The head of a journalists' association in Turkey, has revealed that his mother was an Armenian, who was left "in front of an Alevi family's door" by Armenians during the 1915 incidents in his recently published book, adding that his relatives had reacted strongly to this revelation, the Hurriyet Daily News reports.

Ahmet Abakay, a journalist and the head of the Contemporary Journalists' Association, told his mother Hosana's story in his book entitled "Hosana's last words," in which he said that he was told by his mother that she was an Armenian only weeks before she died.

Abakay said his mother Hosana told him her story, which she kept secret for her entire 82-year-long life, with one condition; that he should not tell it to anyone as long as she was alive. "My mother told me about her story 13 years ago and soon after, she died. I could write this only 10 years later, because I hesitated. I hardly wrote it, bursting into tears when writing all of the chapters and I was stuck. I did not imagine that it could get that sentimental for me to write it. My mother was left at some people's door like an innocent kitten and that idea filled me with grief," Abakay told the Hurriyet Daily News, adding that his mother was one of the Armenian babies left to the Turkish families, with fears for their lives due to the sadden-

ing 1915 incidents.

"My mother made me promise not to tell her story to my wife, daughter or her sisters, as long as she was alive. I told this issue to my inner circle after I lost my mother, to learn whether there are other secrets that we are not told. But my sister told me not to reveal this on the grounds that I am a journalist and she recalled what happened to Hrant Dink [Armenian-Turkish journalist murdered by a gunman in broad daylight in 2007 in Istanbul]. A majority of my relatives could not accept their [new] identity," Abakay said. Some relatives denied the story, while others claimed that his mother was too old to be aware of what she was saying. Abakay said he received fierce reactions from some of his family members over his revelation in his book.

"My uncle's children told me 'how dare you call our aunt Armenian and insult our family's honor. You will remove the Armenian part from your book, otherwise we will pull it off the shelves,'" said Abakay.

Abakay said his mother used to talk about one of her sisters left with Armenians in the past, but she had never talked about it in detail. Later on he learnt that she was from the southeastern province of Erzurum's Askale district. "I want to research my identity but I doubt whether I can go any further. Now, I am content that I have received my identity back."

Further Proof Emerges of the Armenian Genocide

The Turks are preparing to smother the 100th anniversary of their Genocide against the Christian Armenians of the Ottoman Empire in 1915 with commemorations of their victory over the Allies at Canakkale (Gallipoli) the same year. But each month brings yet further proof – in the testimony of Westerners – of what Turkey still officially denies: that the genocide of the Armenians was a fact of history, Robert Fisk writes in The Independent.

Now come the memoirs of Alec Glen, a British army doctor of the 1914-18 war – written privately for his sons, but published by his family – which record the further agony of the Armenians.

Entitled In the Front Line: A Doctor in War and Peace, Dr Glen's account includes the fate of the Armenians of Caucasia as the Turks tried to spread their pan-Turkic rule to the east in 1918 – after the original massacre of one-and-a-half million Armenians three years earlier. Marching through northwestern Iran towards Baku, Dr Glen



writes of how his British-Indian force began to pass several thousand Armenian refugees in a day.

"It was an amazing and tragic sight ... now and then we passed at a roadside a dying person, or one already dead and half-eaten by dogs and jackals... we lifted some of the younger ones who might recover on to the mules and carried them forward to the next village."

"Salisbury Craig [a fellow British doctor] told me later that he attended an old refugee in the road who, before he died, gave him a leather belt full of sovereigns, which he asked him to spend to help the refugees."

Academic Conference Dedicated to the 1650th Anniversary of Mesrob Mashtots

GLENDALE -- A new world order is in the making and history dictates that those nations, who do not rise to the challenge, will be sidelined from the world stage.

The spread of Christianity in the 4th century led to the establishment of a new world order. The Armenian nation rose to the challenge, thanks to Gregory the Illuminator and specially Mesrob Mashtots. The invention of the Armenian alphabet reshaped our national identity and contributed to the creation of our Golden Age.

The invention of printing and the Renaissance in the 15th century and onward reshaped the world once again. The Armenian nation was able to keep pace, thanks to Mekhitar of Sebastia. His movement became the catalyst for the reawakening and rediscovering of the Armenian Identity.

For the past several decades, the internet has been revolutionizing our lives and changing the world. Globalization is threatening the sovereignty of small nations. Can the Armenian nation rise to the challenge once again? What role will our past play in shaping our future?

To explore the above mentioned issues, an academic conference will be held at the Fletcher Jones Auditorium of Woodbury University, 7500 N. Glenoaks Blvd. Burbank, CA 91504 on Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 9 am to 5 pm.

The conference is jointly organized by the Armenian General Benevolent Union, Ararat Eskijian Museum, Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society, Nor Serount Cultural Association and the Organization of Istanbul Armenians.

The organizing committee is honored that the following distinguished academics have accepted its invitation and agreed to take part in the conference.

The program will consist of the following presentations:

Prof. Father Levon Zekyan - The



Symbolism of Mesrob Mashtots: A Retrospect into the Past Sixteen Centuries

Prof. Abraham Terian - The Structure and Purpose of Koriwn's "Life of Mashtots"

Dr. Srbuhi Hayrapetian - The Conceptualization and Rooting of National Identity

Rev. Dr. Abel Manoukian - The Plan to Create a Spiritual Statehood and Preserve National Identity in the 5th Century and Today

Dr. Yervant Zorian - The Mission of the Armenian Virtual College and its Contribution to Preserving Armenian Identity

Prof. Hagop Gulludjian - Place, Role, and Prospects of Language Facing Globalization

Prof. Robert Hewsen - Mesrob Mashtots and Mekhitar of Sebastia: the Second and Third Illuminators of the Armenian People

We are glad to inform that the conference will be live streamed in its entirety. You can follow the program by visiting NorSerount.com.

Admission is free, but seating is limited. Seats could be reserved by contacting 818.357.1606 or maggiegoschin@gmail.com or Nor Serount on Facebook.

Vahan Zanoyan Highlights Important Human Rights Issue in New Book

By Taleen Babayan

When energy consultant Vahan Zanoyan traveled to Dubai for work, he couldn't shake off a conversation he had with a young woman from Armenia, who told her how she had arrived in the city: as a victim of sex trafficking.

That encounter and the chilling story he heard prompted him to take action through literature. The author of the newly published crime novel, "A Place Far Away," Zanoyan underscores the sinister motives of human traffickers and their helpless victims, many of whom are from the former Soviet bloc.

One of the many perils the newly independent republic of Armenia faced after 80 years of Soviet rule, was the rise of corruption and power-hungry oligarchs who had free reign on Armenian soil. According to Zanoyan, they have had a hand in taking young Armenian women and selling them into the sex trade.

The Southern California-based

Zanoyan, who's currently on a book tour through the U.S. and Canada to discuss "A Place Far Away," visited the Upper Saddle River Library in Upper Saddle River, NJ on Tuesday evening, September 24, where a sizeable group of people had gathered to hear him talk about his motivations for writing the book and the challenges he faced during the process.

The fiction story focuses on Lara, a 16-year-old girl from a poor village in Armenia who is forced into prostitution after a corrupt oligarch murders her father. Soon after, Lara finds herself in Moscow and then Dubai as part of a human trafficking ring. Along with the help of a Swiss investigative journalist, she fights to free herself and to be reunited with her family in Armenia.

While discussing the plight of sex trafficking in Armenia, Zanoyan stressed the importance of prevention and cited two organizations in particular that help in this realm, including ORRAN, an Armenia-based NGO that helps at-risk children and elderly, and

Taner Akçam's Receives MESA's Albert Hourani Book Award



NEW ORLEANS -- The Middle East Studies Association (MESA) has recognized Taner Akçam's book titled "The Young Turks' Crime Against Humanity: The Armenian Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing in the Ottoman Empire" the best book of 2013.

During the award ceremony MESA commission announced: "This is the strongest historical thesis dedicated to the Armenian Genocide ever and this is a very influential scientific work."

The Middle East Studies Association is a private, non-profit, non-political learned society that brings together scholars, educators and those interested in the study of the region from all over the world.

As part of its goal to advance learning, facilitate communication and promote cooperation, MESA sponsors an annual meeting that is a leading international forum for scholarship, intellectual exchange and pedagogical innovation. It is responsible for the International Journal of Middle East Studies.

Taner Akçam was born in Ardahan, Turkey, October 23, 1953. He is a German historian and sociolo-

gist. He is one of the first Turkish academics to acknowledge and openly discuss the Armenian Genocide, and is recognized as a "leading international authority" on the subject.

In August 1988 Akçam began work as a research scientist at the Hamburg Foundation for the Advancement of Research and Culture. He received his PhD from the University of Hanover with a dissertation titled, Turkish Nationalism and the Armenian Genocide: On the Background of the Military Tribunals in Istanbul between 1919 and 1922. Akçam is a former student of fellow genocide scholar, Vahakn Dadrian. In 1997, a Dutch documentary titled "Een Muur van Stilte" (A Wall of Silence), written and directed by Dorothée Forma of the Humanist Broadcasting Foundation (Dutch: Humanistische Omroep Stichting), was made about their "academic relationship."

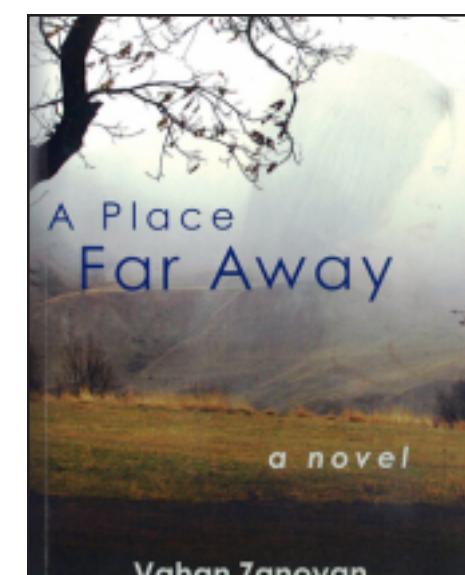
Akçam was Visiting Associate Professor of History at the University of Minnesota, United States before joining Clark University's Strassler Family Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.



the United Methodist Committee on Relief, (UMCOR), whose mission is to alleviate human suffering around the world.

These organizations help vulnerable people in Armenia who are struggling so they do not seek assistance from those who will exploit them. Zanoyan noted that the girls who are forced into prostitution believe the deceptive men who approach them with fraudulent promises of turning them into a famous actress or model.

Touched by personal stories he



heard from innocent young women whose lives took an unimaginable turn, Zanoyan stressed he wrote this book to shed light on an important issue that needs to be discussed and brought into the public eye.

Following a stirring reading from "A Place Far Away," Zanoyan took questions from the audience and signed copies of his book.

"A Place Far Away" can be purchased in both print and electronic versions at www.amazon.com. All proceeds will go to ORRAN and UMCOR.

New Publication Presents British Media Reports on the Armenian Genocide

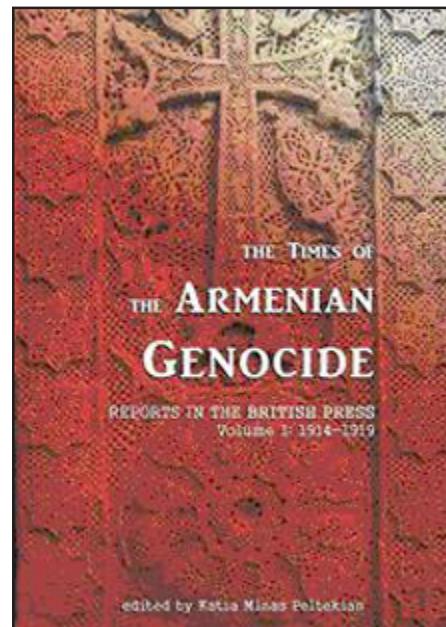
A two-volume book entitled "The Times of the Armenian Genocide: Reports in the British Press, 1914-1923" by Katia Minas Peltekian has been released.

The two-volumes compile over one thousand items collected from British newspapers between 1914 and 1923. Through articles, reports, editorials, correspondence, letters to the editor, announcements, as well as the proceedings of the British parliament, the reader will be exposed to the extent of the official and unofficial British interest in the Armenian people and in the on-going massacres in the Armenian provinces in what is now called east Turkey & Cilicia. History unfolds itself on the pages of British newspapers.

Simple, yet agonizing, the one thousand and some articles in these volumes tell the story of a persecuted people whom the Ottoman government massacred and deported in a systematic way to wipe out the Armenian nation. These reports not only tell the story of a genocide, but also give details of the peace negotiations at Sevres & Lausanne, and how the Armenian Question was finally swept under the rug when the West regarded its interests to be more important than granting the persecuted people their basic human rights.

The events are unfolded to the reader who is transported to those times, re-living the events on an almost daily basis.

Katia Peltekian is an independent researcher who collects newspaper articles. She has degrees in English Literature and Education from the American University of Beirut (AUB, Lebanon) and Dalhousie University (Canada). She taught English at AUB



(1988-2005) and Haigazian University (2005-2012). As a hobby, she compiles daily news items for the Armenian News Network www.Groong.org and translates to English many articles about Armenia and Armenians that appear in the Arab press.

Her love of reading newspapers led to the publication of her first book in 2000, "Heralding of the Armenian Genocide: Reports in 'The Halifax Herald' (1894-1922)", which compiles one Canadian newspaper's articles and reports on the on-going massacres and deportations of the Armenian population. At the time, the book was distributed free to Canadian members of parliament, a few officials and public libraries, in addition to university libraries around the world and Genocide research centers. Currently, she is preparing another book that compiles the thousands of articles about Armenians, printed in the British press between 1875 and 1913.

Armenian Bar Association to Honor Justice Chuck Poochigian in Fresno

Fresno was the beginning of the new world for the early generations of Armenians who came to the United States. The Central Valley continues to bear its bountiful fruit and produce the best examples of Armenian-American contributions to the rich fabric of America. One such outstanding example is California Court of Appeal Justice Charles "Chuck" Poochigian.

The Armenian Bar Association will be returning to its roots on October 26, 2013, for the very special occasion of honoring Justice Poochigian for his service to the legal profession, his appointment to the appellate bench, and his contributions to the Armenian-American community. The "gnkahayr" or godfather of the tribute dinner and program will be California Supreme Court Justice Marvin Baxter. Justice Baxter and Justice Poochigian are both original and now honorary members of the Armenian Bar Association and remain very active in its conferences, programs, and workshops.

Many of Fresno's pioneering Armenian families, including the Poochigians and the Baxters, found their first scratches of earth and handfuls of destiny in the vineyard acres and fruit

orchards reminiscent of their ancestral homesteads in Kharpert, Van, Bitlis, and Erzeroum. Like so many others of that resolute first generation—oftentimes with heroic grandmothers leading the way—they turned the unremarkable into the unmistakable.

Unmistakable pride, unmistakable humility, unmistakable industry, and unmistakable charity. The legacy of service and commitment left by them to us is what propelled the founding of the Armenian Bar Association nearly 25 years ago by a native son of Tule fog and Fresno figs, Raffi K. Hovannissian. Today, the Armenian Bar Association is an organization of hundreds of judges, lawyers, and law students, united as much by their common heritage as they are by their shared profession.

The Armenian community is encouraged to attend the Judges' Night Reception and Dinner which will be held at the Holy Trinity Armenian Church Hall on Saturday, October 26th, with the reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$25 for students. For further information and reservations, please contact Sevag at (559) 824-0955 or Armen at (818) 645-2811.

AGBU Western District Committee Annual Gala



PASADENA -- As the date approaches, excitement continues to rise in anticipation of this year's Annual Gala, presented by the AGBU Western District Committee. The elegant event is scheduled to take place Saturday, November 16th at the Beverly Hilton, in Beverly Hills, CA. Organized by the AGBU Special Events Committee under the leadership of AGBU advocate, Mrs. Hermine Janoyan, the care and enthusiasm of all members involved in the planning process make the annual event yet another projected success.

A prudent selection of highly esteemed artists will provide entertainment for the night. Internationally recognized Armenian pop star and honored graduate of Yerevan Komitas State Conservatory, as well as Emma Tsaturyan's Vocal Centre, Ani Christy's talent can be experienced live with her performances at this year's Gala. Her skills will be complemented with performances by Harut Hakopyan, better known as Mister X and DJ Therapist.

Amongst excellent musical performances, and a lively social environment, this year's gala will highlight the

profound accomplishments of the AGBU Western District Committee, which oversees all AGBU chapters in the western part of the United States.

All donations and proceeds will be benefit the Armenian youth, as the main focus of the committee is to develop the programs and opportunities offered to the new and blossoming generation of the Armenian community.

This year's Gala will focus on the highlights and accomplishments of the AGBU Western District Committee which oversees all AGBU chapters in the western part of the United States. "Our focus has always been our youth. Now more than ever, in line with the AGBU Central Board guiding principles, our efforts are being devoted to creating, developing and securing local programs to benefit the next generation of Armenian Americans, stated Krekor Karageuzian, Chair of the AGBU WDC. "The Gala will underline the many accomplishments of our chapters and special programs while helping to empower all future endeavors" Karageuzian continued. For details and additional information please contact the AGBU WDC offices at (626) 794 7942.

Zaruhi Postanjian Seeks Police Protection

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party may try to attack me or members of my family," the mother of four wrote in her request to the police.

Asrian, meanwhile, made a clarifying statement on Friday, saying that his call for burning Postanjian at the stake was just a figure of speech.

"I did not mean burning Zaruhi Postanjian's physical body, I meant it

for her actions, for this phenomenon," Asrian suggested.

Leading human rights activists in Armenia, however, did not appear to be satisfied with this explanation. One of them, former ombudswoman Larisa Alaverdian, stressed that no one, especially a high-ranking state official, has the right to make such threats. She said that under Armenian laws such statements can easily be qualified as a crime.

Construction of Vardenis-Martakert Highway

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likewise will be of key economic and humanitarian importance. By functioning as a direct road link, the highway will become a second lifeline between northern Armenia and northern Artsakh, significantly cutting down travel times, boosting the economies of scores of Artsakh communities along its path, stimulating inter-community ties, and vastly improving geographic access for implementing local development initiatives. Currently the only land-travel link between Artsakh and Armenia is the Berdzor community, through

which passes the Goris-Stepanakert Highway.

The highway's construction will include, in addition to paving and the painting of pavement markings, the installation of water-removal and snow-drift-control systems as well as protective barriers and road signs. Design tweaks and special safety measures will be applied in highway sections prone to landslides. These measures will comprise the construction of support walls and rockfall-attenuation structures, and the removal of rocks. In addition, the project entails the renovation or refitting of 16 bridges along the route.

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րելով, թէ Մեծարենցի ապրած դարաշրջանին այս հիւանդութիւնը ինչո՞ւ եւ ինչքա՞ն տարածուած ու քանդիչ հիւանդութիւն մըն էր: Ապա ան աշակերտներուն ներկայացուց թոքախտին պատճառ եղող մանրէն, անոր կենդանութիւն տուող յարձարաւէտ միջավայրերը, հիւանդութեան ախտանշաններն ու զարգացման շրջանները, ինչպէս նաեւ՝ այսօր թոքախտին դէմ գործածուող մանրէսապան դեղերուն անուններն ու տեսակները:

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Ոոտ Այլըն-աի Սուրբ Սահակ-Սուրբ Մեսրոպ Հայաստանեայց Առաքելական Եկեղեցին պիտի նշէ իր հիմնադրութեան 100-ամեակը: Հոկտեմբերի 20ին կայանալիք տուն միջոցառումին պիտի մասնակցի նաեւ «Շուշի» պարագին համոյթը: Ոոտ Այլընտի եւ ԱՄՆ-ի ամենահայութիւն եկեղեցիներէն մին նկատող այս եկեղեցին ունի 450 հոգինոց խորհուրդ եւ մօտաւորապէս 4000 անդամ, որոնց մէջ կան հայեր ոչ միայն Հայաստանէն, այլև Սուրբիացին, Լիբանանէն,



Թուրքիայէն, Եգիպտոսէն, Գանատայէն, Պաքուէն եւ Ռուսաստանէն: Հանդիսութեանց պիտի նախագահէ ԱՄՆ-ի Արեւելեան թեմի առաջնորդ Գերշ. Խաժակ Արք. Պարսամնանը:

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Performance by:

HAROUT HAGOPIAN

Տեղի կ'ունենայ

Շաբաթ

9 Նոյեմբեր, 2013

Ժամը 8-էն սկսեալ՝

Saturday November

9, 2013

Starting at 8:00 p.m.

At the Arbat Banquet Hall
711 S. San Fernando Rd. Burbank, CA 91502

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