

ՀԱՅԿԱԿԱՆ ՇՐԵԴ ՓԱՍՏԾՈՒ ՓԱՍՏԻՆԱՅԻ ՄԵԶ



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Արդարեւ, 7րդ տարին ըլլալով Փաստինա քաղաքի համագաղութային մարմինը (Armenian Community Coalition) մեծ ձեռնաւութեամբ կը կազմակերպէ արդէն աւանդութիւն դարձած եւ հայութիւնը ի մի համախմբող այս մեծ միջոցառումը:

Ծնական մթնոլորտը կը տիրապետէր զբոսայգիի դալարագեղ ստարածքին վրայ: Տասնեակ մը կրպակներու եւ տաղաւարներու կողքին կային նաեւ առանձին յարմարութիւններ մանկա-պատանեկան խաղերու, ճատրակի, դասերու, տարեցներու ժամանցի եւ հանգիս-

ոստիկանապետ Ֆիլիք Սանչեզ եւ ԱՄՆ-ի գոնկրէսի Փաստինայի ներկայացուցիչ ձիւտի Զուն: Բոլորն ալ դրուատեցին շրջանի հայութեան բարեմասնութիւններն ու անոնց բերած օգտաշատ ներդրումը երկրի վերելքին:

Այս առթիւ գոնկրէսական ձիւտի Զուն յատուկ պատուոյ զիրերով պարզեւատրեց Վահէ Աշապահեանը, Անդրանիկ Շահնեանն ու Գէորգ Քէօշկէրեանը առ ի գնահատութիւն իրենց գաղութանուէր ծառայութիւններուն:

Ծնորհակալական խօսքով հանդէս եկաւ Փաստինայի համագաղութային մարմնի նախագահ Խաչիկ (Քրիս) Շահնեան: Ան շնորհակալութիւն յացնեց փառատօնի յաջողութեան սատարողներուն եւ կոչ ուղեց կառչած մնալ մեր ազգային աւանդութիւններուն եւ



տի այլ յարմարութիւններ:

Փառատօնի ընթացքին գործադրուեցաւ գեղարուեստական ճոխ համերգ մը, մասնակցութեամբ Գէորգեան եւ Նոր Սերունդ Մշակութային Մրութեան տարբեր տարիքի պարախումբերուն, «Փաթիլ» համութին, «Կանթեղ» երգչախումբին, ինչպէս նաեւ շնորհալի երգիրչներ Նշան Զաղացպանեանի, գէորգ Զաղացպանի, Շիրա Եղիազարեանի եւ Արմէնի, որոնք իրենց ինքնատիպ ելոյթներով տպաւորեցին ներկաները:

Այս առթիւ ողջոյնի ելոյթներով հանդէս եկան Փաստինայի Քաղաքապետ Պիլ Պոկարթ, Գալիֆորնիոյ Նահանգային Երեսիուան Քրիս Հոլտըն, Փաստինայի

ինքնութեան: Ան խօսեցաւ նաեւ 2015 թուականի Յունուարի 1ին կայանալիք տարեկան վարդերու Փառատօնին եւ առաջին անգամ տողանցելիք հայկական ծաղկապայլի (Armenian Rose Float) մասին եւ խնդրեց մեր ժողովուրդի աջակցութիւնը այս եզակի ծրագրի յաջողութեան համար:

Յայտագրի հանդիսավարութիւնը ձեռնունակասորէն կատարեցին հայերէն եւ անգլերէն լեզուներով Նայիրի Գրուգեան եւ Սերա Շահնեան:

Տեղի ունեցաւ նաեւ վիճակահանութիւն, մեծ թիւով ներկաներ ստացան շահեկան նուէրներ:

Կը շնորհաւորենք սոյն յաջող միջոցառման նախաձեռնողներն ու սատարողները:

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Ժողովուրդներու Դեմոկրատական կուսակցութեան (ՃԿ-ՀԴԲ) կողմէ Թուրքիոյ նախագահի թեկնածու առաջարուած Սելահատատին Տէմիրթաշը նախանտարական քարոզարշաւ կը կատարէ Երուպայի մէջ: Ֆրանսացի մայրաքաղաք Փարիզի հայապարակին վրայ հանրահաւաք կազմակերպած Տէմիրթաշը անդրադարձած է շարք մը խնդիրներու:

Տէմիրթաշը դատապարտած է Պաղեստինի դէմուլլուած հսրացէլի ուազմական գործողութիւնները եւ նշած, որ Թուրքիան այդ հարցին մէջ երկերեսութիւն կը դրսեւորէ: Մէկ կողմէ կը յայտարարէ, թէ կը ցաւի կազայի համար, միւս կողմէ հսրացէլի հետ գէնք-զինամթերքի գործարքներ կը կատարէ:

«Թուրքիոյ կառավարութիւնը հսրացէլի վրայ պոռալու փոխարէն

թող չեղեալ յայտարարէ այդ պետութեան հետ եղած ուազմառեւտրային պայմանագրերն ու գորավարժութիւններու մասին համաձանագրերը», - ըստ «Թայմ թուրք» լրատուական կայքին՝ յայտնած է Տէմիրթաշը:

Վերջինս իր երգթի ընթացքին անդրադարձած է նաեւ նախագահի մէկ այլ թեկնածու՝ Ռեջեփ Թայիփ էրտողանի այն յայտարարութեան, թէ «ԺԴԿ»-ն պէտք չէ աթոռ ունենայ Թուրքիոյ խորհրդարանին մէջ: Տէմիրթաշը նշած է, որ էրտողանի համար «ԺԴԿ»-ականները համերկացիներ չեն, բացի անկէ էրտողանի համար անընդունելի զանգուած են հայերը, ալեւիները, աստրիները, եպմիները; Եւ առհասարակ էրտողանի համար թշնամի են բոլոր անոնք, որոնք իր գլխաւորած կուսակցութեան ձան չեն տար:

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Հրաւիրեց նորագիրները իրենց ծառայական օգտակար ներդրումն ունենալ, յառաջիկայ աշխատանքներուն մէջ, ի շահ հայութեան եւ Մայր Հայրենիքին:

Խանդակառ ծափերու ներքեւ նորագիրներու Հնչակեան շարքերը մուտքը շնորհաւորեցին կեղրունական վարչութեան եւ շրջանի վարիչ մարմնի ընկերներն ու բոլոր ներկաները:

Երգման հանդիսութեան մասնակիցները այնուհետեւ ուղղուեցին կառաւութիւններով մեկնեցան սրահներէն, իրենց գոհունակութիւնն ու շնորհաւորութիւնները յացտնելով կազմակերպիչներուն:

յին երգերու երեկոյ: Այստեղ երեկոն խանդակառեց շնորհալի երգիչ Արնոն եւ իր նուագախումբը: Ուրախ մթնոլորտի ներքեւ տեղի ունեցած սրտապօւխ նուիրատուութիւններ, մասնաւորաբար Քեսապի եւ սուրիահայութեան համար:

Ընկերացնական գուարթ միջավայրի մէջ խրախճանքը շարունակուեցաւ մինչեւ առաւտեան ժամերը:

Ներկաները մեծ բաւարարութեամբ եւ հայրենական ուրախ երեկոյի մը առթած լաւագույն տպաւութիւններու այնուհետեւ ուղղուեցին կառաւութիւններով մեկնեցան սրահներէն, իրենց գոհունակութիւնն ու շնորհաւորութիւնները յացտնելով կազմակերպիչներուն:

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Armenia Raises Concerns Over 'Subversive Activities' Of Azerbaijan



Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian meeting with OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs

BRUSSELS -- Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian drew the attention of international mediators to the 'intensified subversive activities' of Azerbaijan as he met with them to discuss further steps on settling the protracted Nagorno-Karabakh conflict on Tuesday.

According to the Armenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Brussels Nalbandian held a meeting with the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs Igor Popov (Russia), James Warlick (USA) and Pierre Andrieu (France), as well as Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office Andrzej Kasprzyk.

The sides reportedly proceeded with the discussions of ways "to advance the process of peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict."

"The top Armenian diplomat drew the attention of the mediators to the militarist rhetoric of Azerbaijan, the statements distorting the essence and contents of the negotiations, the gross violations by Azerbaijan of the ceasefire regime at the border with Armenia and along the Line of Contact with Nagorno-Karabakh's Armed Forces

that have caused loss of life, as well as more intensified subversive activities," the statement said.

Nagorno-Karabakh's authorities said last week that a group of Azerbaijanis had been arrested in the region on suspicion of espionage and subversive activities. The NKR police force said the group members had killed one military serviceman and severely wounded a civilian in their sabotage activities. Another Karabakh teenager, it said, had been kidnapped and then brutally murdered by the alleged Azeri saboteurs.

Nalbandian stressed that by its provocative actions Azerbaijan exacerbates the situation, "openly ignoring the numerous calls of the leaders of the Co-Chair countries to prepare the peoples for peace."

"Despite the calls of the international community that already become targeted the government of Azerbaijan continues its destructive and dangerous policy, persecuting and imprisoning, on fabricated charges, those Azerbaijanis who speak in favor of

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Armavir Mayor Injured by Mine Explosion in Nagorno-Karabakh



Armavir Mayor Ruben Khlgatian

YEREVAN — One person was killed and at least three injured when their car hit a mine in the Kashatagh Province of Nagorno-Karabakh Republic (NKR) on July 22.

The Armenian Ministry of Emergency Situations confirmed that a Toyota Prado was blown up near the village of Vaghazin in the Kashatagh district early on Tuesday. NKR authorities say those injured include Ruben Khlgatian, the mayor of the western Armenian city of Armavir. The car's driver was killed in the explosion.

The injured were transported to a medical center in the Armenian capital, Yerevan.

The health conditions of Mayor Ruben Khlgatian and other two injured are assessed as serious, but stable. The

Press Service of Yerevan's Erebuni medical centre confirmed that all the three patients have been taken to the intensive care unit. According to the official, the injuries sustained by the survivors are not life-threatening.

OSCE Concerned About Armenian Court Decision Forcing Media to Disclose Sources

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Representative on Freedom of the Media Dunja Mijatovic has expressed concern about a court ruling in Armenia that forces media outlets to disclose their sources of information.

On June 26, the Administrative Court of the Kentron and Nork-Marash districts in Yerevan ruled that two media outlets, the Hraparak newspaper and Ilur.am news portal, should disclose their sources as part of the criminal investigation involving a high-level police official of the Shirak region.

"I am concerned that this ruling might have a chilling effect on media as it could thwart reporting on issues of public interest," Mijatovic said on Tuesday, according to an OSCE press release. "The need for journalists' professional confidentiality with public and private sources of information must be acknowledged."

She noted that the right of journalists to protect the identity of sources is a key principle of investigative journalism and has repeatedly been declared as a basic requirement for freedom of expression by the OSCE.

Earlier this month Hraparak and Ilur.am refused to comply with the court ruling ordering them to disclose

the sources of their recent reports accusing Vartan Nadarian, the chief of police of Armenia's northwestern Shirak province, of attacking two young men in a dispute outside the regional capital Gyumri. One of them turned out to be Artur Aleksanian, a prominent Armenian wrestler and three-time European champion.

Citing those reports, the Special Investigative Service (SIS) launched a criminal investigation into the alleged violence. The law-enforcement agency subordinate to state prosecutors told the two media outlets to disclose the sources of the information, saying that it was necessary for solving the case. Both publications refused to do that, leading the SIS to take them to court.

Both media outlets said they will appeal against the ruling and will not name their sources in any case. They accused the authorities of using the case to bully news organizations critical of the Armenian government.

Under Armenian law, courts can order media to disclose their sources if they deem that necessary for solving grave crimes. Editors and journalists defying such orders risk up to two months in prison. This legal provision has never been enforced before.

Priests Attacked at Armenian Church in Tbilisi



Surb Etchmiadzin Armenian Apostolic Church in Tbilisi

TBILISI — About 50 people physically attacked priests at an Armenian Church in Tbilisi on Saturday.

The Armenian Apostolic Church says the pre-planned attack was motivated by religious and ethnic prejudice, but Georgia's Ministry of Internal Affairs treats the incident as normal crime not related to discrimination.

According to the Diocese of the Georgian Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church (AAC), July 19, there was an organized attack on Surb Etchmiadzin Church in Tbilisi, describing the altercation and subsequent violence against Armenian clerics, Diocese employees and a group of Arme-

nians in the yard of the Church in the Georgian capital as a 'pre-planned attack' committed on the grounds of 'ethnic and religious hatred'.

The Church's statements says a provocation took place at about 16:00. A woman was trying to drive her car out of the area adjacent to the church, but was unsuccessful and started to express dissatisfaction towards the cleric at the Armenian Church as if his car was blocking the way for her own to car in the parking area.

At that moment, two 'aggressively disposed' men approached and helped to get the car out. The cleric

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Charles Aznavour Calls on Russian Authorities to Commute Levon Hayrapetyan's Restraining Order

Charles Aznavour has expressed concern over the arrest of Armenian businessman and philanthropist Levon Hayrapetyan in Moscow. Aznavour called upon the Russian authorities to commute Hayrapetyan's restraining order of arrest, and in consideration of his health condition.

Charles Aznavour, who has met with Levon Hayrapetyan on numerous occasions, has consistently praised his activities aimed at the

development of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic (Artsakh) and Armenia, the Artsakh Today press center informed.

Levon Hayrapetyan, 65, was detained in a Moscow airport on July 15. The Russian Federation Investigation Committee has brought two criminal charges against him; the charges are prodigality and legalization of illicit income. Hayrapetyan, however, pleads innocent.

Armenia Deems Azerbaijan's Membership In Eurasian Union Unlikely

YEREVAN -- Armenia thinks that Azerbaijan's accession to the emerging Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) would be against its interests, but does not consider such an option to be realistic, a senior lawmaker in Yerevan said on Wednesday.

In an interview with RFE/RL's Armenian Service (Azatutyun.am) Artak Zakarian, the head of the Armenian parliament's committee on foreign affairs, said: "Based on my personal analyses I find that Azerbaijan's membership in the Union is inexpedient. The EEU is an economic union, while Azerbaijan has declared itself to be a self-sufficient economy. Besides, in the case with Azerbaijan such membership would create bigger problems

in the foreign policy sphere."

As Armenia prepares to sign a treaty later this year on formally acceding to the Union now embracing Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan, a number of senior Russian officials, including Minister of Economic Development Alexey Ulyukayev, presidential advisor Sergey Glazev and others, have spoken about the expedience of Azerbaijan's joining the Moscow-initiated integration project.

"Azerbaijan is a major partner of Russia and the economic and military-political stability in the Caucasus depends on it. Therefore, full integration of the Azerbaijani Republic has a great importance for us," Glazev said in a June 10 edition of the Vestnik Kavkaz publication.

Armenian Company to Assemble New High-Speed 3D Printer

Zecotek Photonics Inc. (TSX-V: ZMS; Frankfurt: W1I.F), a developer of leading-edge photonics technologies for medical, industrial and scientific markets, has announced that its wholly owned subsidiary Zecotek Display Systems Pte. Ltd. has contracted LT-PYRKAL of Yerevan, Armenia, to assemble and test its first compact, high-speed 3D printer which will use high-performance metal alloys and offer technical and commercial advantages over other 3D printing technology, the Wall Street Journal reports.

Zecotek and LT-Pyral previously announced a partnership in February 2014. Since that time a number of key technical challenges have been solved and LT-Pyral will now proceed with the assembly of the new 3D printer, which will be used for both prototyping and distributed manufacturing with specific applications in electronics, aerospace, automotive, mechanical and healthcare industries.

"With our partner LT-PYRKAL, we are assembling and testing our first 3D printer which will have the ability to use an extended and varied list of alloys to "print" metal components for targeted industries," said Dr. A.F. Zerrouk, Chairman, President, and CEO of Zecotek Photonics Inc.

LT-PYRKAL is a long time contract partner of Zecotek which developed a number of key electro-mechanical elements for Zecotek's patented 3D display technology. The company is known for its experience in automation systems, component design and product development across many indus-



tries. It has working relations with both small and large organizations and has completed large projects for local government agencies.

3D printing is the process of making three dimensional solid objects from a digital model by laying down successive layers of material in different shapes.

Total annual sales and service of 3D printers has reached \$2 billion. Leading industry analysts predict continued significant growth with annual sales of 3D printing reaching \$4 billion by 2015, and over \$10 billion by 2021.

LT-PYRKAL is a Greek-Armenian research, development and production company, specializing in crystal growth, laser accessories and components, lasers and systems. LT-PYRKAL was established in 1999 and today employs over 250 highly qualified specialists and occupies over 30,000 square meters of industrial facilities for synthetic crystal growth, opto-mechanics and laser electronics manufacturing, and laser and EO Systems development.

Zaven Khanjian Appointed New Executive Director/CEO of AMAA

PARAMUS, NJ — Dr. Joseph Zeronian, President of the Board of Directors of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA), announced the appointment of Zaven Khanjian as the new Executive Director/CEO of the Association effective September 1, 2014.

Mr. Khanjian was born and raised in Aleppo, Syria. He grew up in the Armenian Evangelical Emmanuel Church and was an active member of its youth group.

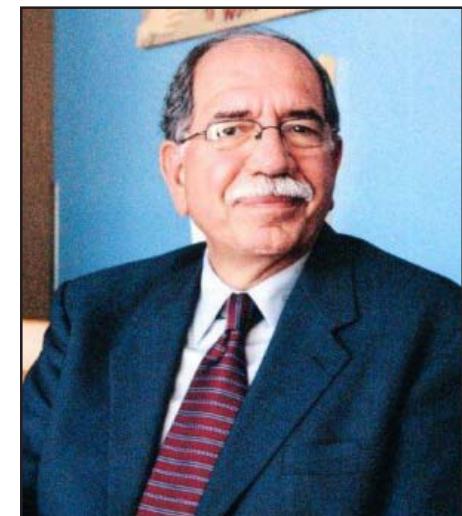
After his graduation from Aleppo College, Mr. Khanjian attended the American University of Beirut, Lebanon and in 1967 earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Soon after his graduation he moved to the Persian Gulf and for 13 years worked in his profession assuming top positions in prestigious companies, while creating "Little Armenias" together with like-minded Armenians in the area.

In 1979, Mr. Khanjian moved with his family to California and after working for a few years in his profession, went into the real estate business starting his own successful company, Kanjyan Realty in Glendale, CA, in 1987.

Over the years, Mr. Khanjian has been an active member of the Greater Los Angeles Community serving in leadership capacities at the Armenia Fund, The Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, The Meridian Armenian Evangelical School, The United Armenian Congregational Church, Haigazian University of Beirut, the Glendale Family YMCA, The Salvation Army-Glendale Corps, Americans for Artsakh, The Armenian American Real Estate Association and lately as the Chairman of the Syrian Armenian Relief Fund, raising over \$1,000,000.

Mr. Khanjian has contributed volumes of bilingual articles to American Armenian media and is the author of three Armenian books.

Mr. Khanjian is married to Sona Kelligian and is the father of three children, Vasken, Hrag and Vana, and grandfather of five boys.



Zaven Khanjian

Rev. Mgrdich Melkonian, will continue in his current role as Interim Executive Director/CEO of the AMAA through October, 2014 to facilitate a smooth transition. Rev. Melkonian will resume his responsibility as Pastor to Pastors in Armenia, giving leadership and assistance to AMAA ministers in Armenia for half of the year and on assignments as Field Director in the United States and Canada for the remaining half year.

"The Board of Directors of the AMAA is pleased to appoint Mr. Zaven Khanjian, as he has demonstrated his devotion and worked tirelessly to enhance the well-being of our Armenian people," said Dr. Zeronian. "We know that his management experience will help advance the work of the AMAA in the 24 countries we serve around the world."

Founded in 1918, the AMAA is a non-profit charitable organization whose purpose is to serve the physical and spiritual needs of people everywhere, both at home and overseas. The AMAA is a nonsectarian Christian organization that renders its services to those in need without discrimination. To fulfill this worldwide mission, the AMAA maintains a range of educational, evangelistic, relief, social services, church, and child care ministries in twenty-four countries around the world and often partners with other relief agencies to aid disaster stricken areas throughout the world. For additional information, visit www.amaa.org.

Armenia Inaugurates AREAL Linear Accelerator

YEREVAN — The Yerevan-based synchrotron research center CANDLE (Center for the Advancement of Natural Discoveries using Light Emission) has launched a linear accelerator, the first ever in Armenia and the South Caucasus region.

The invention, AREAL (Advanced Research Electron Accelerator Laboratory), is an applied device which also has a scientific significance in the areas of physics, chemistry, biology and material technologies.

The accelerator center has equipped their institute with ultra-modern devices that helped create a modern accelerator.

AREAL will thus help obtain ultra-short impulses of an electron bunch, which is now a priority trend in most leading centers across the globe.

Chairman of the State Committee



on Science Samvel Harutyunyan called the CANDLE-created accelerator an "act of heroism."

"Armenia is going to join Europe's Accelerator Assembly, which means that we are joining the European scientific area and some of European projects will be implemented in Armenia. Experts estimate this program at €20m, with Armenia's expenditures totaling AMD 320-350m (\$785,000-\$255,000)," he said.

Ani Garmiryan joins the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

LISBON—The Armenian Communities Department is very pleased to announce the appointment of Ani Garmiryan as Senior Programme Officer. She will be responsible for the promotion of Western Armenian, a priority for the Department as highlighted in its recent Five-Year Programming Plan.

Ms. Garmiryan will be in charge of managing diasporan school grants, the teacher preparation programme and other projects aimed at strengthening the Western Armenian language.

She will join the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation on 1st September, bringing with her years of experience working in multilingual education and developing innovative pedagogical approaches.

Ms. Garmiryan has written and lectured extensively on the subject of language preservation through education, with particular focus on Western Armenian.

“We are very privileged to have Ms. Garmiryan join us,” said Razmik Panossian, Director of the Armenian Communities Department. “Her superb knowledge and experience set her apart from a strong field of candidates and she will undoubtedly be an asset to the Department as it continues to support students, teachers, schools and other organisations to help safeguard a strong Armenian language and culture.”

Martin Essayan, Trustee responsible for the Armenian Communities Department added: “The appointment is an important step forward for the Department in securing the expertise to carry out its mission: to create a viable future for the Armenian people in which its culture and language are preserved and valued.”



Full profile

Ani Garmiryan was born and raised in Istanbul and has lived in Italy, Germany, England, France, and most recently in the United States. She received a Master of Arts in Linguistics and Pedagogy from the University of Heidelberg, Germany, where she also worked as a research assistant in second language acquisition. Subsequently, she earned a Master of Education in the field of Educational Leadership from the Bank Street College, New York, known for its progressive educational approach.

She is the founder of MGNIG, an educational bilingual (Armenian-French) workshop in Paris, and has been a lecturer in Methodology of Second Language Acquisition at the University of Paris III since 1994. She officiated at the Hovnanian School in New Jersey since 1997, first as a Curriculum Coordinator for the Armenian language, and later as the Principal of the school since 2000. She has published numerous articles on bilingual education.

Priests Attacked at Armenian Church in Tbilisi

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entered the administrative building of the Armenian Church. The altercation was followed by a larger fight two hours later after one of the men called about 50 others.

Some of the men were reportedly armed with cold weapons as they approached the church and got into a scuffle with the clerics and employees of the diocese, all the time verbally insulting Armenians. People attending a Christening ceremony inside the church came out into the yard and the men attacked them, too.

“Women and children, shocked by what they had seen, hid in the church,” the statement reads. “We must note that a group of nicely dressed people were watching the incident.”

As a result of the attack, clerics and employees of the Armenian Diocese got physical injuries. One of the men tore a cross off one priest and took it with him.

The Armenian Church called on law-enforcement bodies to thoroughly investigate what happened on Saturday as a crime committed on ethnic and religious grounds.

“To a certain degree, this incident is a result of anti-Armenian campaign pursued by some of the Media sources, and sadly, by some of the

representatives of the Georgian Orthodox Church. We call on the Media to refrain from spreading the anti-Armenian sentiments in society. We call on the Supreme Hierarchs of the Georgian Orthodox Church to publicly condemn any actions motivated by the ethnic and religious hatred and to preach the Christian kindness and love”. The statement read.

Meanwhile, the Mother See of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Echmiadzin issued a separate statement on Monday, insisting that the actions of the men who attacked the Armenian church in Tbilisi “incited ethnic hatred and religious intolerance”.

“This provocative infringement is a regrettable consequence of anti-Armenian sentiments being spread by different organizations and individuals in Georgia, including by certain Georgian clerics,” the AAC said, stressing that such ‘manifestations of extremism’ contradict “the spirit of friendly relations” between the Armenian and Georgian peoples.

“The Mother See of Holy Echmiadzin expects the Georgian authorities to bring all those who committed the infringement upon the Armenian Church to responsibility and to ensure the security and normal life for the Armenian Church and Armenian community in Georgia,” it emphasized.

Displaced Armenian Syrian Students Focus of Haigazian University Fundraiser



Haigazian University Alumni Board with Joyce Nalchayan Boghosian

An afternoon luncheon fundraiser for displaced Armenian Syrian students at Haigazian University, became a reunion of sorts with alumni, philanthropists, clergy, government officials, and friends. They had one goal—to raise much needed scholarship funds for the displaced Armenian Syrian students studying at Haigazian. Their goal was realized. All attending were painfully aware of the need—and were generous. A current, informative report was given by Dr. Ani Darakjian, Chairwoman of the Haigazian University Board of Trustees. A video chat of these students with University President Paul Haydostian, was viewed.

Joyce Nalchayan Boghosian, daughter of the late White House Photographer Harry Nalchayan, was the event’s highlight. Her PowerPoint photos gave an exclusive glimpse into her

world of the privilege and pressures as a White House photographer. She shared how each president, in his own way, treated her warmly and with respect as she entered his personal life. Joyce Boghosian’s calm demeanor belies the pressures that were present in her White House position. With only seconds to shoot an historic photo, implement proper protocol in a foreign setting, or traveling on Air Force One—all are evidence of her expertise and professionalism.

The Haigazian Alumni Association and the Women’s Auxiliary appreciated the guests who spent a beautiful Sunday afternoon on June 22 at the Lakeside Golf Club in Toluca Lake, providing support for grateful students in Beirut. Lord knows they need some encouragement—having forcefully left home and family, and then arriving at the oasis of Haigazian.

Armenia Raises Concerns

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peace and reconciliation, which is not conducive to the formation of a positive atmosphere in the negotiations,” Nalbandian underscored.

The Armenian foreign minister said that the Azerbaijani authorities are trying to shift their “experience of corruption accumulated inside the country onto the level of interstate relations in order to continue to mis-

lead their own society”. Azerbaijan’s authorities, he continued, are making efforts to get statements from some countries that, “turning the contents of the negotiation process upside down, impede its progress.”

Nalbandian confirmed that Armenia will continue joint efforts with the OSCE Minsk Group “aimed exclusively at achieving a peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.”

Armenian, Russian and U.S. Scientists Share

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take place in Yerevan, on September 18.

Prof. Felix Aharonian (Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, Ireland and Max Planck Institute for Nuclear Physics, Heidelberg, Germany) was awarded for “outstanding contributions to the field of high energy astrophysics and to the physics of cosmic accelerators, and leading role in the development of the stereoscopic system of Cherenkov telescopes”. He was nominated by Academia Nazionale Dei Lincei (Italy).

Prof. Igor Karachentsev (Special Astrophysical Observatory, Russia) and Prof. Brent Tully (Institute of Astronomy, University of Hawaii, USA) were awarded for “their fundamental contribution in the cosmology of the Local Universe”. They were nominated

by the Special Astrophysical Observatory (Russia).

“Felix Aharonian is an eminent scientist in the whole world. Second prize-winner Igor Karachentsev received his “scientific blessing” in Byurakan Observatory; Brent Tully is also a very renowned scientist”, pointed out Radik Martirosyan.

Viktor Ambartsumian International Prize was established by the Armenian President in 2009 and is considered one of the most significant prizes in astronomy, astrophysics and other adjacent sciences. The winners of Viktor Ambartsumian International Prize 2010 were Michel Mayor (Switzerland), Garik Israelian (Spain) and Nuno Santos (Portugal), and winners of Viktor Ambartsumian International Prize 2012 were Jaan Einasto (Estonia) and Igor Novikov (Russia).

