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TIGRAN SARGSYAN, "WE MUST PAY HIGH ATTENTION TO DEVELOPMENT OF PUPILS' THINKING"

On the occasion of Knowledge Day Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan visited today N 29 School after Andranik Margaryan. Governmental press service told Armenpress that by congratulating the pupils and teachers Tigran Sargsyan particularly noted, "Modern world is a world of competition of knowledge and intellect. The mission of the school is to pass that wisdom to children, in

order all the pupils understand that they will not be competitive without knowledge, and will not have future," Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan said in a briefing with journalist during his today's visit to N 29 School after Andranik Margaryan. According to him, times change quickly and today's requirements, issues differ from the previous ones with their quality.

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THE DELEGATION HEADED BY TIGRAN SARGSYAN PARTICIPATED IN OPENING OF A SUB-BUILDING OF STEPANAKERT SCHOOL N 11

The sub-building of N 11 senior school ceremonially opened today in Stepanakert. It has been constructed by the co-financing of Trpanjyan family and NKR government. The NKR high-ranking leadership, headed by Prime Minister Ara Harutyunyan, Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan and the governmental delegation headed by him participated in

the opening ceremony. In the opening speech Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan noted that the biggest wealth of Armenian people is the knowledge, and the construction of a new educational establishment is directed toward preservation and development of that very wealth.

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"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

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RA PRESIDENT

Upcoming Events

September 1: Armenia Marks the day of science

September 16-17: Yerevan to host Fruitfull Armenia winemaking forum

September 19-23: PM tigran Sargsyan pays an official visit to China

September 21: Armenia celebrates the Indipendence day

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SERZH SARGSYAN: KNOWLEDGE IS GREAT POWER AND OUR STATE NEEDS THIS POWER



On August 31, on the eve of Knowledge Day, Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan received gold medalists of Armenian schools, winners of international Olympiads and Math Kangaroo contest. Greeting the school students, Mr.

Sargsyan said: "As I promised, we invite children regularly to honor them and express our gratitude. Thank you for your patriotism. Yes, patriotism, as the knowledge obtained by you is also a display of patriotism." Expressing gratitude to the winners of international Olympiads, the President noted that these victories are of special importance for Armenia with its small population. Mr. Sargsyan also congratulated the school student on the occasion of Knowledge Day. "Knowledge is a great power and our state needs this power," noted Serzh Sargsyan.

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TIGRAN SARGSYAN HANDS A MEDAL TO FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE ARMENIAN CENTRAL BANK, ADVISER OF THE CB CHAIRMAN ISAHAK ISAHAKYAN

On September 1 in the Armenian government Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan handed Armenian Prime Minister's medal to former chairman of the Armenian Central Bank, advisor of the chairman of the CB Isahak Isahakyan. Governmental press service told Armenpress that on the August 10 deci-

sion of the Armenian Prime Minister, Isahak Isahakyan was awarded with Prime Minister's medal for fruitful activity of many years in state administrative system and for outstanding contribution to consolidation and development of the financial system.

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NORWAY ALLOCATES 180,000 EUROS TO FACILITATE SMALL HYDRO-POWER SECTOR OF ARMENIA

On September 7, 2010, Norsk Energi (NE) starts an innovative 4 month training program that will provide multi-stakeholder benefits within the small hydropower sector in Armenia, working in close partnership with local Partner Hydroenergetica.

The program is financed by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to develop and execute a technical capacity-building program for the small hydropower sector, Head of the Project of Norsk Energi, Eun Joo Yi, said during the new initiative's presentation in Yerevan. According to her, Norway has allocated 180,000 euros for the project implementation. The project is actively supported by Ameriabank, as a leader in financing small hydropower sector in Armenia, as well as by the RA Ministry of Energy, the RA Ministry of Environment, GAF-RE-KfW and Yerevan State University of Architecture and Construction.

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The extension of Russian military base deployment terms is important for Armenia, RA Defense Minister said. "Protocol 5 cements Armenian-Russian military and political union, what allows developing the army, strengthening security and resist challenges," Seyran Ohanyan told a news conference on September 1. "We will jointly implement all provisions of the protocol but I would like to mention that Armenia will host no more than one Russian base," the Minister emphasized.

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HEADLINES OF THE WEEK

- **SEPTEMBER 2:** Artsakh President attends events dedicated to Independence Day **AH**
- **SEPTEMBER 2:** Greater volumes of wheat imported to Armenia **AH**
- **SEPTEMBER 2:** Armenian Genocide novel released by award-winning American author Steven E. Wilson **AH**
- **SEPTEMBER 2:** Armenia preparing for Khanty Mansiysk Olympiad **AH**
- **SEPTEMBER 3:** ArmRosgazprom not ready to comment on Gazprom statement **AH**
- **SEPTEMBER 3:** Pavel Avetisyan: excavations in Nergin Gotedzor present major interest to both Armenia and Western Asia **AH**
- **SEPTEMBER 4:** Aronyan ties his game with Alexey Shirov in 2nd round of Grand Slam Chess Masters **AH**
- **SEPTEMBER 6:** Armenian Genocide Memorial to be inaugurated in Boston **AH**
- **SEPTEMBER 7:** Armenian Prime Minister participates in Cultural center opening in Artik **AH**
- **SEPTEMBER 7:** Vladimir Putin: Nabucco has little chance for success **AH**
- **SEPTEMBER 8:** Armenian Minister of Education hopes for increased number of Iranian students in Armenian universities **AH**

PRICES FOR PETROL DROP 7.6% IN ARMENIA IN JUNE-AUGUST 2010

1.0% and 0.9% drop was recorded in prices for petrol and diesel fuel respectively in August 2010 as compared with July. According to the data provided by the RA National Statistical Service, prices for petrol and diesel fuel decreased by 7.6% and 6% respectively in June-August 2010. Meanwhile, prices for petrol and diesel fuel grew by 7.8% and 16.3% respectively in August 2010 as compared with the same period in 2009.

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RA GOVERNMENT TO REHABILITATE HANDBALL TRADITIONS IN ARMENIA



Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan met with President of the International Handball Federation, Dr Hassan Mustafa, who arrived in Armenia to watch RA Prime Minister's Cup held in Vanadzor on September 2-4. PM Sargsyan noted that the tournament will serve as a new stimulus for handball development in Armenia and the RA government will do its utmost to rehabilitate its traditions in the country. Dr Mustafa hailed cooperation with the RA Handball Federation and briefed the Prime Minister on the outlooks, the RA governmental press service reported.

The international tournament brought together Armenian, Belarusian, Georgian and Iranian teams. In the first two matches, the Armenian team suffered a 20:37 defeat by Belarus and celebrated a 28:27 victory over Iran. On September 4, Armenia will play the last match v Georgia. A Byelorussian handball team won Armenian Prime Minister's Cup in a tournament held September 2-4 in Vanadzor. On September 4, Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan and International Handball Federation President Hassan Moustafa presented the cup to the Byelorussian team. Armenian team became the runner up in the tournament, followed by Iranian and Georgian teams. On closing day, the Prime Minister congratulated the winners, expressing hope that the tournament will stimulate further development of the handball in Armenia, governmental press service reported.

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GERARD DEPARDIEU MAY BE AWARDED WITH KAROT PRIZE



In about 3 hours, Famous French actor Gerard Depardieu will arrive in Yerevan to participate in Karot festival, festival president Metso Igityan reported.

As he said in a conversation with PanARMENIAN.Net reporter, this will be the actor's first visit to Armenia, where on September 4 he'll meet with the parliamentary speaker Hovik Abrahamyan and Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan.

The actor's 2-day visit to Armenia will be completed on September 5. Depardieu will participate in the award ceremony of Karot festival as an honorable guest. "Whether he'll be the one to award or receive the prize, will remain a surprise to be revealed at the ceremony," festival president concluded.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF MOTHER SEE OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN LITURGY IN HOLY CROSS CHURCH ON AKHTAMAR ISLAND

Participation in the liturgy in Holy Cross Church on Akhtamar Island due September 19 is unacceptable for the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

"The Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin regretted to learn that a consecrated cross will not be set atop Holy Cross Church on Akhtamar, as was promised by the Turkish government. The government promised that the cross will be set and consecrated a week prior to the liturgy. But it has not happened. To meet the wish of Constantinople Patriarchate of the Armenian Apostolic Church, we were going to send two priests for participation in the liturgy. However, it is impossible given the current situation. Representatives of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin will not participate in the liturgy in Holy Cross Church on Akhtamar," reads the September 4 statement of the press service of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

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MANOUCHEHR MOTTAKI: ARMENIA HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN IRAN'S FOREIGN POLICY



Armenian-Iranian relations are rapidly developing, specifically in energy and economy. How would you assess the political dialogue between the two countries?

Iran attaches importance to development of relations with neighbor states and Armenia has a special place in Tehran's foreign policy. Significant progress has been registered in relations between the two countries. Mutual visits of high ranking officials as well as the document signed testify to the will to strengthen bilateral ties. Achievement of a final agreement to build transmission facilities with capacity of 400 kilowatt, a reservoir on River Araks and a hydropower plant in Meghri will help develop cooperation. I am also hopeful to witness conclusion of an agreement on construction of oil pipeline and oil terminal soon. Iran is willing to join technical projects implemented in Armenia, including the North-South transport corridor. I believe that our countries have potential to expand cooperation, specifically to develop a free trade agreement. Political and cultural relations between Tehran and Yerevan are advancing as well. During their meeting on the sidelines of various international conferences, leaders of our states do not miss the opportunity to exchange views on political issues.

Recently, media referred to Tehran's initiatives on Karabakh conflict settlement, specifically organization of a meeting between the President of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Iran. Does it mean that Iran wants to join the process as a mediator?

Contribution to regional peace and security as well as resolution of conflicts in accordance with the international law is Iran's position in principle. We stand for resolution of disputes taking into account the interests of conflicting sides. Iran's initiatives regarding the Karabakh conflict settlement can only supplement the other endeavors to that end. We believe that all conflicts should be resolved through efforts of the countries of the region.

What is Iran's official position on the Karabakh issue?

Iran's official position is as follows: Iran calls on all parties to conflict to show restraint and resolve the problem peacefully. On our part, we are ready to contribute to the process.

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ARMENIAN RESTAURANT HAS UNIQUE DISHES IN QUIET SURROUNDINGS



There is a sad romance in Mt. Ararat, unrelated to its place in the Bible as Noah's landing. Its peak overlooks Armenia's capital, Yerevan, its white-capped outline is on the country's coat of arms, and the mountain is the very emblem of the Armenians' national identity. Mt. Ararat is not in Armenia. Today, the peak stands a little more than 30 km over the closed Turkish border, in one of the only two countries Armenia does not have diplomatic relations with, for reasons so complicated it makes the Israel-Palestine conflict look cut and dry. The ending to that story, for now, is that the Armenians can only gaze at Ararat from afar, copy its crags onto currency and paint sentimental renderings, like the small mural on the wall of Prague's only Armenian restaurant, Noy. Geopolitical considerations and bloody histories are in most ways absent from a culture's cuisine. Food offers comfort above all else, and traditional dishes are born of celebrations and happy events - the good things in life. Noy's dishes are made with this sentiment, simply and capably. In an age where countries' national cuisines take turns in the spotlight as the latest trend, it's exciting to taste dishes that are truly new to the uninitiated. At the very last stop of the No. 9 tram in Jijkov, Noy's location is as obscure as Armenian cuisine is for many of us. The restaurant is a small, humbly appointed room with only a few tables tucked in the basement below a large herna bar. There are small touches that don't necessarily add up to a whole: pomegranate clay salt and pepper shakers, the Mt. Ararat mural, plastic vines and menu covers enhanced with plastic rhinestones.

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WILL ARMENIA AND TURKEY SHAKE HANDS EVER?

Complex and tense relations between Turkey and Armenia are a well known fact. Since 1993, Turkey has been maintaining a closed border with Armenia. How long will this continue? Will the two countries make peace? For several years their diplomacies have been trying to find a way to normalize their relations, first in a closed niche, and then publicly. On April 23, 2009, Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the two countries announced their plans to design a "road map" for the negotiation process, and after a few months the parties were able to reach very specific arrangements with the help of Switzerland. On October 10 of the last year in Zurich, Foreign Ministers of Armenia and Turkey Ahmet Davutoglu and Edward Nalbandian signed two documents, the importance of which is obvious from their titles alone: the "Protocol on establishing diplomatic relations" and "Protocol for the development of bilateral relations." The value of these documents was also emphasized by the presence at the signing of the Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, U.S. Secretary of State, French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner and EU High Representative Javier Solana. Public opinion in most countries is optimistic about the prospects of Armenian-Turkish settlement. Nearly a year has passed since then. Felix Stanevsky, department head of the Caucasus Institute of the CIS and Russia's Ambassador, talked about current situation with these prospects in an interview with Pravda.ru.

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IRAN, ARMENIA TO DISCUSS MUTUAL ROLE IN THEIR FOREIGN POLICY

Iran and Armenia are to discuss their role in the other side's foreign policy in a meeting in Tehran mid September. The meeting is to be attended by officials of Armenian embassy in Tehran, former Iranian ambassadors to Armenia as well as some experts in different fields. "Expansion of bilateral ties in scientific, economic and cultural domains can help improvement of Iran-Armenia ties due to strategic relations between the two neighboring countries," the Managing Director of Iran-Armenia Friendship Association Mir Qasem Momeini told ISNA

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IRANIAN FIRMS TAKE PART IN ARMENIA EXPO 2010



TEHRAN -- ARMENIA EXPO 2010 10th regional universal trade-industrial exhibition kicked off on Friday at Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex in the Armenian capital of Yerevan. A number of Iranian companies have participated in the event, the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting reported. Over 180 companies from Armenia, Artsakh, Russia, Belarus, Iran, UAE, Germany, Georgia, Turkey, China, Poland, and Italy have taken part in the exhibition. The exhibition was opened by the Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan. "The exhibition is an exclusive opportunity to establish contacts between businessmen. Foreign businessmen's participation is very important for us to create business environment in Armenia," the premier said. ARMENIA EXPO is organized by the LOGOS EXPO Center and the Union of Manufacturers and Businessmen (Employers) of Armenia. The event will close on 5th of

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ARMENIA 0-1 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Robbie Keane missed a great early chance and Sean St Ledger also went close for the Irish before the break. Yura Movsisyan and Keane squandered glorious chances at either end before Fahey finally broke the deadlock. Armenia pressed frantically for an equaliser and the impressive Liam Lawrence made a vital late clearance. Keane should have put the Irish ahead on eight minutes against the world's 96th ranked side but he sliced the glorious chance wide after Kevin Doyle had nodded on a Shay Given clearance. Derby's Paul Green, making his competitive debut for the Republic, put his defence in trouble by losing possession in the 12th minute but Levon Pachajyan fired wide.

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HRANT DINK'S FAMILY REFUSES "AMICABLE SETTLEMENT" WITH TURKISH GOVERNMENT

It is too late for "amicable settlement" of Hrant Dink's case in the European Court of Human Rights, said Dink's lawyer Fethiye Cetin, commenting on Turkish FM Ahmet Davutoglu's statement that Turkey wants to solve Dink's issue peacefully. It is too late to reach a compromise deal and Dink's family has rejected such proposal, she added. As NEWS.am reported earlier, several days ago Turkish press reported that the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg has found Turkey guilty of failing to prevent the murder of Editor of the Agos daily Hrant Dink and properly conduct an investigation to disclose the crime. It was noted that the Court verdict will be published in the press this September. Hrant Dink

was accused of violating notorious Article 301 of the Turkish criminal code, "insulting Turkishness," which set the scene for the murder. As it turned out later, both police and gendarmerie were well informed of the planned crime. During his visit to Baku the Turkish President stated the Government had not taken necessary measures to prevent the crime. A few days later he invited Dink's brother to his residence. Turkish FM Ahmet Davutoglu tried to justify himself by stating he had not been informed of or signed the speech for the defense the Turkish Government sent to the European Court. In that document Dink was described as a neonazi.

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AZERIS BREACH CEASE FIRE AGAIN



One Armenian soldier was wounded late Tuesday after what the Nagorno-Karabakh Army press office described as an attack by Azeri units in an attempt to overrun Karabakh positions, reported ArmRadio. The cease fire breach took place at 6:30 a.m. local time on Tuesday near the village of Chailu in northeastern Karabakh, at the same place where on June 18 Azeri forces launched an attack, killing four Armenian soldiers. According to Nagorno-Karabakh Republic army spokesman, Senor Hasratian, told RFE/RL that the Karabakh soldier who was wounded was 19-year-old Rudik Manaserian. Doctors at a military hospital in Stepanakert told RFE/RL on Wednesday that Manaserian underwent surgery and is now in "satisfactory" condition. "The Armenian servicemen on duty noticed the movement of an enemy special task force on time and took appropriate measures," said the Karabakh army report, adding that following the Armenian response

the Azeri forces retreated, suffering losses. According to Azeri Defense Ministry sources, seven Azeri soldiers died during the attack. "The incident that occurred in the northeastern direction of the line of contact between the armed forces of Nagorno Karabakh and Azerbaijan (in the vicinity of Chailu village) once again proves that official Baku intends to perpetuate the instability in the region not only through periodic war rhetoric, but also frequent acts of sabotage at different parts of the contact line," the Karabakh Defense Army said. "The Azerbaijani side is quick to blame the Karabakh forces at every turn. The official and non-official Azeri propaganda machine remains committed to this version of the story," added the statement. "Once again Azerbaijan showed its true face. However, the enemy retreated, suffering losses as a result of the appropriate measures taken by the Armenian side. As usual, they are spreading false information," said Armenian Defense Minister Seyran Ohanian in response to Azeri reports that blamed the Karabakh army for the cease fire violation and claims that the Karabakh side suffered three losses. The attacks come on the eve of a scheduled visit by Russian President Dmitry Medvedev to Baku. It remains to be seen how this latest violation of the cease fire by Baku will play out during Medvedev's visit.

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AZERBAIJANI-ARMENIANS IN THE US

Hundreds of thousands of Armenians fled Azerbaijan in the early 1990s. The collapse of the Soviet Union, the Karabagh conflict and violence against Armenians in Azerbaijan culminated in pogroms in Sumgait in February 1988, in Kirovabad (Ganja) in November 1988 and Baku in January 1990. It has been roughly 20 years now that members of this unique group of immigrants have lived in the United States. The purpose of this article is to examine how they have fared in the United States. This is admittedly an unscientific survey based on interviews of only a handful of individuals either involved professionally with this community, or active members of this community.

Most Armenians from Azerbaijan came to the US from roughly 1989 to 1996. The first wave came after the US agreed to give them refugee status. Before this time, it was very hard for Soviet Armenians except for repatriates (who came to settle in Armenia from outside the USSR in earlier years) and political dissidents to emigrate from the Soviet Union.

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MEDIATORS VOW 'INTENSE ACTIVITY' ON KARABAKH

International mediators pledged to step up their efforts to broker a solution to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict as they began a new round of regional shuttle diplomacy on Monday. In a joint statement issued in Baku, the U.S., Russian and French diplomats co-chairing the OSCE Minsk Group said they will discuss with Armenian and Azerbaijani leaders "additional actions necessary to strengthen the cease-fire" and "promote a spirit of compromise by all parties." They also strongly condemned last week's truce violations in northeastern Nagorno-Karabakh that left at least four Azerbaijani soldiers dead and highlighted the persisting danger of renewed war for the disputed territory. News reports from Baku said the three co-chairs plan to monitor on Wednesday the ceasefire regime in that area together with OSCE field officers. According to the APA news agency, they will then cross into Karabakh through the heavily militarized "line of contact."

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