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Author of book on genocides may be next U.S. Secretary of State?

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She has been the main architect, along with Hillary Clinton, of the Libya policy and has an increasing influence in the White House inner circle. With Hillary Clinton due to step down after Obama's first term, she would be a live candidate to succeed her if Obama wins re-election.

Since she began her career working as a war correspondent in Bosnia at the tender age of 22, Power has believed that nations have a moral obligation to prevent genocide. She can bring life to these ideals from her position of the National Security Council.

“She is clearly the foremost voice for human rights within the White House,” Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch, told the New York Times “and she has Obama's ear.”

Power won a Pulitzer Prize for her 2002 book on genocide, entitled “A Problem from Hell,” which examined the U.S. foreign policy response to genocide. The book argues that the Armenia, Nazi Germany, Cambodia and Rwanda genocides occurred because of government authorities averted their eyes and individuals made the choice not to intervene. “The most common response,” Ms. Power wrote, “is, ‘We didn't know.’ This is not true.”

Obama initially headhunted Power in 2005, after reading her book. After a long meeting, Power decided to take leave from her Harvard professorship to work for the then senator.



Argentine judge rules that Turkey committed Genocide against Armenians

2011-04-02

The ruling also says Turkey should help an Armenian descendant living in Argentina learn the fate of more than 50 of his relatives who disappeared nearly a century ago.

The Turkish Embassy in Buenos Aires has not immediately responded to a request for comment. Judge Norberto Oyarbide says his ruling is “declarative” only, with no value other than the truth, The Associated Press reported.



Pedro Muradian appointed to Argentina government panel

2011-04-02

According to the Buenos Ayres-based Armenia newspaper, Argentine Justice Minister stated that the appointment will help improve the country's legislation to better combat discrimination, as Muradian has a career record in the UN committee on the elimination of racial discrimination.

Muradian, for his part, expressed willingness to serve at the post.



NKR authorities stress the importance of youth organizations' work

2011-03-31

A wide range of issues related to the activities of the youth organizations and youth life were discussed during the meeting.

As the NKR leader stressed, meetings with the youth are prompted by great interest in continuously increasing their role in developing the state and society, the Central Information Department at Artsakh President's Office reported.



Swiss President visits Armenian Genocide Memorial

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Ms. Calmy-Rey was accompanied by Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian and Mayor of Yerevan Karen Karapetyan.



Singapore's Foreign Minister expresses willingness to cooperate with Armenia

2011-03-30

Sargsyan participated in celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Church of St. Gregory the Illuminator - Singapore's oldest Christian church.

Sargsyan and Yeo discussed bilateral relations, mutual official visits and establishment of cooperation between the two countries' business circles.

Yeo expressed willingness to contribute to boosting Armenia-Singapore ties, as well as praised the role of the Armenian community in economic, public and cultural life of Singapore, the RA MFA press service reported.



New war in Karabakh will cause irreversible regional processes

2011-03-28

“Peace and stability on the South Caucasus are not mere words but a pressing problem for the entire region and the international community. These can be guaranteed only if the

countries of the region enjoy neighborly relations,” SDHP chairman Sedrak Achemian said in his remarks.

As to Azerbaijan’s aggressive behavior, he said: “Should Baku unleash a new war in Karabakh, it will cause irreversible processes not only in Azerbaijan but throughout the region.”

RA Ministry of Diaspora



RA Minister of Diaspora Hranush Hakobyan raised Armenian Genocide recognition and the NKR’s independence with Australian MPs

2011-04-02

The meetings, facilitated by the Armenian National Committee of Australia (ANC Australia), with Joe Hockey MP, Paul Fletcher MP, Gladys Berejiklian MP and Jonathan O’Dea MP, provided the RA Minister of Diaspora with a valuable opportunity to present the views of the Armenian government regarding Armenian Genocide recognition and Nagorno Karabakh independence.

Responding to the enquiries raised by the MPs, Hakobyan also shed light on the mission of the Diaspora Ministry and the reasons for its existence, paving the way for expanded discussions on the historical reality of the Armenian Genocide and the worldwide Armenian Diaspora.

“The pursuit of universal recognition and condemnation of the Armenian Genocide and advocacy for recognition of the Republic of Nagorno Karabakh as an independent state remain the two most pressing foreign policy objectives of the government of Armenia,” said Minister Hakobyan.

ANC Australia Executive Director Varant Meguerditchian, who accompanied Minister Hakobyan during her visit, outlined the importance of her meetings with Australian parliamentarians.

“In discussions with Australian MPs, Minister Hakobyan and ANC Australia together emphasised that the Republic of Armenia and the Armenian-Australian community remain united on the dual issues of Armenian Genocide recognition and Nagorno Karabakh independence. Topics often raised by ANC Australia with Australian MPs were today reinforced as a result of the messages communicated by Minister Hakobyan,” he said.

The Australian parliamentarians who received Minister Hakobyan have a track record in working with ANC Australia to advocate issues of concern for the Armenian community.

Hockey has, for several years, been a staunch supporter of Armenian Genocide recognition in the Federal Parliament, while Fletcher and O’Dea have lent support to the independence of Nagorno Karabakh during public speeches. Recently re-elected, Berejiklian has served as a former board member of ANC Australia.

Minister Hakobyan was on an official visit to Australia to further promote relations between the Republic of Armenia and the Armenian-Australian community. This week Hakobyan visited multiple community establishments, including the Armenian Cultural Centre in Willoughby and the Hamazkaine Galstaun College in Ingleside.

Hakobyan also appeared at various community gatherings, including a communitywide presentation held on Tuesday, March 29 at the Austral-Armenian Centre, which attracted more than 500 attendees.

The Peak Public Affairs Committee of the Armenian-Australian Community



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Employees of the Department of Relations with the EU and EU Project Management at the RA Ministry of Economy K. Danielyan, A. Hovsepyan and D. Shindyan introduced the principles of Twinning, the major role-players, the project managers, the stages of Twinning, the standards for evaluating a Twinning project proposal, the objectives of the TAIEX project, the beneficiaries, the types of assistance from TAIEX and more.

Attending the seminar was SATTO (Support to Armenian TWINNING and TAIEX Operations) team manager Patrick Mousie-Lompré.

Diaspora News



Armenian College and Philanthropic Academy of Kolkata celebrates its 190th anniversary

2011-04-04

The occasion was solicited by members of the Church Committee, members of Armenian Community, staff and students of ACPA.

Armenian College was established in April 1821, by its benefactors Mr. Astwasatoor Mooradkhanian and Mr. Manatsakan Vartanian. It is the second oldest school in Kolkata, ACPA told PanARMENIAN.Net

The high mark of the celebration was the inauguration of the second volume of ‘Indian Armenians’ 2010 bilingual yearbook. With the blessings of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, the yearbook which was sponsored by the Church Committee, was released by its Founder Very Rev. Father Khoren Hovhannisyan, Pastor of Armenians in India and Manager of Armenian College and Philanthropic Academy.

The yearbook presents in a comprehensive way, the yearly activities, progress and achievements of the Armenian community of India. The volume includes events that have taken place in “Little Armenia” in India – Armenian College, including the academic and co-curricular achievements of its promising students.

The program ended with the valedictory address by Father Khoren, followed by benediction.



Maria Mehranian appointed to California International Genocide Commission

2011-04-02

The body was established by State Assembly Bill 1210 with the purpose of constructing a memorial at Capitol Park in Sacramento for victims and survivors who faced genocide and ethnic cleansing across the world. The commission will seek to bring together a diverse group of people and histories to accept historical facts from the Armenian Genocide to the Holocaust to the Cambodian Genocide and as recent as the slaughters in Darfur.

Maria Mehranian accepted the appointment as part of her continued efforts in furthering causes of deep importance to the greater Armenian-American community. As past chairman of the largest pan-Armenia charity organization, the Armenia Fund, Mehranian is a key community leader with excellent outreach skills and a sphere of influence. In addition, her deep experience in fundraising for various causes brings valuable resources to the newly established commission. From a professional standpoint, Mehranian will draw upon her understanding and experience of state projects and strict mandates. This brings a valuable addition to the process of successfully completing a public project in light of today’s challenges.

Cordoba Corporation is a civil engineering, construction management, program management, and planning firm specializing in education, transportation, and water. The firm delivers solutions to complex environmental and engineering challenges by applying proven engineering and management expertise from project conception to completion.

Mehranian’s commitment to the Armenia-American community coincides with Cordoba’s message of making a difference. She serves on the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality

Control Board, appointed by past California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Asbarez reported.

Lebanon to host event dated to Aintab defense 91st anniversary

2011-04-01

Besides, Kevork Kandaharian #1 school will host a concert of Kohar choir in the memory of the choirmaster and chairperson of Parsegh Ganachian Music College executive board.

Kevork Kandaharian, born in Damascus, Syria, in 1925, completed his elementary education in Gertmenian School and Armenian Evangelical College. Moving back to Aleppo, Syria, he was enrolled in the “Gertasirats” and “Ousoumnasirats” schools. In 1939, he was accepted as a student in Antilias Seminary, where he also served as a teacher after graduating. He continued teaching in the seminar until the last years of his life. Starting in 1969, he continuously taught for 35 years at the “Hamazkayin Djemaran”. He also taught at Haigazian University and Hamazkayin Armeniology Institute.



U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff names Maro Kechichian “Woman of the Year”

2011-03-30

“Maro’s tireless efforts have benefited all of our community and beyond,” Rep. Schiff said. “She is a dedicated participant in all her endeavors, bringing a dynamic energy to all of the activities in which she participates.”

Maro Kechichian was born and raised in Lebanon, where she received her early education and simultaneously became an active member of the Zavarian Student Association. She pursued a higher education, and received a Bachelor’s Degree in Armenian Literature from St. Joseph University in Beirut, Lebanon. She immigrated to the United States in 1984 and joined Homenetmen’s Los Angeles Chapter, where she is an active member. She has served as a board member of Homenetmen Western Regional Executive Committee as a secretary for six terms. As a professional, she is a trusted team member who helps organize regional and international events, including the renowned annual Navasartian Games of Southern California.

Kechichian was a reporter for Asbarez Armenian Daily Newspaper for 20 years, and covered news from Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh. In 1990, Maro was appointed to a special project aimed at establishing a Homenetmen region in Armenia. She stayed in Armenia for three months and was solely committed to this effort. Ever since then, she not only continues supporting the region she visited, but also extends a helping hand to Nagorno-Karabakh. Currently, she serves as an Executive Secretary at the Armenian Relief Society (ARS) of the Western Region, and is an advisor for Homenetmen’s Los Angeles Chapter. She is also an active volunteer, and spends numerous hours helping Armenian Relief Society’s Araz chapter and various fundraising committees.

Every March, during Women’s History Month, Rep. Schiff honors one outstanding woman from each of the communities in the 29th Congressional District. These women come from all walks of life and represent the thousands of women who make a positive impact in our region. While there are no specific criteria for nomination, Rep. Schiff looks for women who - through their work or volunteerism - have improved the quality of life for our community, Asbarez reports.



Ethnic Armenian rejects post of Turkey’s ambassador to OECD

2011-03-30

However, because the academic Davutoğlu had in mind prefers to continue his career in academia, the planned appointment did not take place, a senior diplomat told

Today’s Zaman. Had he accepted, the academic would have been appointed Turkey’s permanent representative to the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the same diplomat said.

Davutoğlu himself already disclosed his intention last week in Istanbul at a closed session of the Wilton Park conference on “Turkey’s policies of engagement in the contemporary world,” the diplomat confirmed, while noting that the minister did not, however, disclose the name of the academic he planned to appoint.

“We don’t solely want to continue our efforts for normalization with Armenia, but we also want to launch a new opening to our citizens of Armenian ancestry. Accordingly, we wanted to appoint an Armenian as envoy to the OECD. However, he did not accept the proposal because he is busy with his academic research,” the diplomat quoted Davutoğlu as saying at the conference.

Earlier, an informed source said that Daron Acemoglu, economist of Armenian descent was nominated as Turkey’s ambassador to France.



175th anniversary of Armenian church marked in Singapore

2011-03-28

The Church of St Gregory the Illuminator in Hill Street is Singapore’s oldest Christian church, and was declared as a national monument in 1973.

To mark the occasion, the trustees of the church organized a gala dinner on March 27 at the Raffles Hotel - a uniquely Singaporean landmark that was started in 1887 by Armenian brothers Tigran and Aviet Sarkies.

On March 27, a holy mass at the church was officiated by the Archbishop of Armenia, who flew down for the event.

Speaking to The Straits Times after the event, Foreign Minister George Yeo, who also attended the mass, said the Armenian church and community were an important part of Singapore's heritage.

There are around 80 Armenians living there. Though small in number, the community has doubled over the past five years, mostly due to immigration from Armenia. About 10 Armenians have also been born here in the last two years, The Straits Times reported.

Situation in Damascus calm, Armenian community under no threat

2011-03-28

As she told a PanARMENIAN.Net reporter, the community representatives have no intention to leave Syria. “We’re aware that governmental reforms are soon to be expected, with a better atmosphere to follow. Nothing will change for Armenians in this case, we live peaceful lives and are supporting President Bashar al-Assad,” Arisian said.

Armenians in Syria have a school, operating churches, social organization, the privileges being restricted to Armenian community only out of other national minorities in the country. Currently 100 000 Armenians reside in Syria.

Society



Turkish court rejects Dink family lawyer request to summon hitman’s father

2011-03-31

Ogün Samast’s father, Ahmet Samast, during his interrogation by police shortly after the murder and before Samast was captured, stated that “his commander would know best where Ogün might be hiding.”

Lawyers for the Dink family have requested to hear Ahmet Samast’s testimony in court to learn more information about this mysterious commander who apparently had ties with Samast. However, the court turned down the request on the grounds that Ahmet Samast’s testimony “would not contribute to the investigation.”

Lawyer Fethiye Çetin had brought up Ahmet Samast’s testimony, based on the testimony of former Trabzon Deputy Chief of Police Necati Ekinci, submitted to the court on March 24, 2010. Ekinci said Ahmet Samast had shown up at the police station on the day of the murder, saying he had identified the suspected shooter as his son.

Ekinci said: “When we asked his [Ogün’s] father where we could find him, he told me, ‘We can find him at Internet cafes.’ He showed me an Internet café that Samast frequented, but we couldn’t find him there. When we asked him if there was any other place we could look, he said, ‘The gendarmerie commander might find Ogün.’ When we asked what kind of relationship he might have to the gendarmerie commander, he told us that Ogün frequently met up with the gendarmerie commander.”

This testimony strengthens the lawyers’ long-standing assertion that the Dink murder was perpetrated by a complex network of individuals connected with the military and perhaps other state agencies. A number of gendarmerie officers have been tried for Dink’s murder, mostly on charges of negligence or ignoring intelligence that might have been used to prevent the shooting. The court said finding out more about the gendarmerie commander mentioned in Ekinci’s testimony would not “contribute to the trial at this stage.”

Meanwhile, the last scheduled hearing in a separate case where eight suspects - including Trabzon Gendarmerie Commander Col. Ali Öz, Gendarmerie Intelligence Unit Director Capt. Metin Yıldız and gendarmerie NCOs Okan Şimşek and Veysel Şahin, who stand accused of neglect of duty, was heard on Tuesday, March 29. Dink family lawyers accuse the suspects of assisting the murderers at the time the plan to assassinate Dink was being hatched. The suspects face up to two years in prison if convicted. The trial has been adjourned indefinitely for the court panel to discuss whether the case of the gendarmerie officers should be merged with the main murder trial in Istanbul.

In a related development, statements taken from former Deputy Police Chief Emin Arslan and Chief Inspector of Police Levent Yarımel concerning the Dink murder were submitted to the Trabzon Prosecutor’s Office, Today’s Zaman reported.

The Armenian Virtual College is pleased to announce the opening of its enrollment period for Spring Term 2011.

2011-03-30

The Armenian Virtual College (AVC) is the newest learning institute of the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU). Through this online education, the AVC’s focus is helping learners acquire basic knowledge in Armenian studies.

AVC is pleased to announce the opening of its enrollment period for Spring Term 2011. The following courses are offered in multiple languages (including Eastern Armenian, Western Armenian, English, French, Russian and Spanish) on multiple levels:

- Eastern Armenian;
- Western Armenian;

- History of Armenia;
- Introduction to Armenian Architecture;
- Introduction to Armenian Music.

Classes start on April 11 and end on June 14. To enroll, visit the AVC website at www.avc-agbu.org, create your log-in and complete the enrollment application.

As a direct representative of the Armenian Culture and Education in your assigned country, we would appreciate your assistance in disseminating this information through your mailing list in order to inform candidates the opportunity to enroll.

For details and questions, please contact: enrollment@avc-agbu.org.

AVC enables Armenian education anytime anywhere!



Orhan Pamuk to pay \$4000 for his words about Armenian Genocide

2011-03-28

Pamuk has 15 days to appeal the court decision levying the fine, according to the legal procedures, Hurriyet Daily News reported quoting Milliyet newspaper.

The prominent Turkish writer was sued in 2005 by five people, including lawyer Kemal Keriņsiz, the head of the Lawyers' Association at the time and currently under arrest in the Ergenekon court case, as well as four other people who are relatives of soldiers killed in action. They accused Pamuk of "having accused all Turkish people." The Şişli court in Istanbul initially rejected to hear the case, arguing that "the complainants are simply individuals of the Turkish nation" and thus it was impossible to accept that individual rights had been violated.

Keriņsiz then appealed the case to the Supreme Court of Appeal, which decided to reject the court decision and thus asked the Şişli court to consider the case once more. After the latter's resistance, the file was sent to the Supreme Court of Appeal's General Committee. The committee decided in 2009 that the case concerned individuals and had to be considered by the court, "taking into account people's honor and self-respect, as well as the feelings of belonging to a nation, in the framework of constitutional provisions."

The Şişli court then re-assessed the file and decided Pamuk should pay compensation to the complainants.

"The right of individuals to open compensation cases was finalized. This decision is a

precedent [for other cases],” legal expert Ersan Şen said, adding that the lapse of time for filing a complaint on this and other related cases had extended from one to eight years through this decision.

Culture

Tight schedule awaits Emmy on Eurovision 2011 promo-tour: 5 countries in a week

2011-04-04



As Gohar Gasparyan told a news conference in Yerevan, on April 5-6, Emmy will perform in Kiev, April 7-8 in Kishinev, April 9-10 in Holland, April 11 in Athens, to finish her tour in Warsaw. Upon completion of the promo-tour Emmy will return to Armenia, and later, leave for Georgia.

Armenian singer Emmy will present Armenia at the Eurovision 2011 with her song Boom-Boom. The song was selected on March 5 on Public Television of Armenia through SMS voting and professional jury decision.

Armenia’s Emmy will participate in the first semi-final of the Eurovision 2011 on May 10, according to the Semi-Final Allocation Draw for the song contest.

Representatives of Russia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Finland, Norway, Lithuania, Portugal, Serbia, San Marino and other countries will perform on the same day.

The Eurovision Song Contest 2011 will be the 56th annual Eurovision Song Contest. It will take place in Dusseldorf, Germany, following Germany's win in the 2010 Contest. The contest will be held in Dusseldorf's Esprit Arena, which beat out three challenging venue locations across Germany in a bidding phase in late 2010.



Holland to host concert to mark 96th anniversary of Armenian Genocide

2011-04-03

The commemorative concert will be held in the presence of Dziunik Aghajanian, the Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to the Netherlands, at the initiative of the Federation of Armenian Organizations in The Netherlands (FAON).

Several Armenian musicians will lend their assistance to this concert. The program will consist of the works of Komitas, Babadjanian, Bach and others, FAON told PanARMENIAN.Net

Hrach Titizian to take stage alongside Robin Williams



2011-04-03

“Robin Williams is one of the sweetest, most generous actors I’ve ever had the privilege to work with. And I’m not just saying that; I mean that 100 percent. It’s the honest truth. I had no idea what to expect when I first met him and I have to admit, it was a bit intimidating. But once I started talking to him and we got to know each other, there was no need for me to be intimidated. He’s a great actor and a great guy,” Titizian said.

The play is based on a true incident where two American soldiers shot and killed a tiger at the Baghdad zoo in 2003. The tiger then haunts the streets of Baghdad seeking the meaning of life. The lives of the two American soldiers are forever changed, along with an Iraqi translator who encounters the soldiers and is being haunted by Uday Hussein’s ghost.

“There is no set story line for the play, but it’s about life, death, existentialism, religion, philosophy and greed. It poses many questions that leave the audience thinking. It’s nothing like anything you’ve seen before,” Asbarez quoted Titizian as saying.



“The Armenian Genocide” documentary to be screened at FAU

2011-04-02

The film and panel discussion will take place on April 12 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm on the 5th floor of the FAU Wimberly Library and is free and open to the public, reported the Armenian Assembly of America.

Marta Batmasian, a member of the Florida Department of Education Commissioner's Task Force on Holocaust Education, will share her family's experience in Turkey and the effects of the Armenian Genocide on her family. Armenian Assembly of America Grassroots Director Taniel Koushakjian, an FAU alumnus, will discuss the Armenian-American identity and the post-genocidal effects on the Armenian community in the United States.

"We live in a community in which there are thousands of survivors of modern genocides and their descendants. Our community has played an active role in attempts to intervene against genocide in Darfur. St. David's Armenian Church, Congregation B'Nai Israel and the FAU Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education have been at the forefront of the these community efforts. It is important for our community to learn about and memorialize the Armenian victims just as we memorialize and educate about the Shoah. Remembering both strengthens our commitment to prevent and intervene against genocide," said Dr. Rose Gatens, Director of the FAU Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education (CHHRE).

"The Armenian Genocide" film and panel discussion is being sponsored by the Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education at Florida Atlantic University in conjunction with "The Greatest Crime of the War: Armenian Genocide During World War I," an exhibition on

display through Wednesday, April 27, at the Wimberly Library.

The exhibit will close with a special guest lecture by Dr. Mary Johnson, Senior Historian with Facing History and Ourselves and curator of the Armenian Genocide exhibit, on April 25 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Following the lecture will be the Armenian Genocide Commemoration and Memorial service to the victims conducted by clergy from St. David's Armenian Church of Boca Raton and St. Mary's Armenian Church in Cooper City.



Jivan Gasparyan will participate in the Armenian Genocide victims commemorating concert in Moscow

2011-04-02

The Concert's "Kremlin three legends" program will be consisted of Armenian and Russian national songs, Aram Khachaturyan's and Tomazo Albinoni's classic works. Deep Purple group's works, music from "Gladiator", "Nights Patrol", "Christ's Afflictions" will be sounded during the concert.

Hayernaysor.am reported that the concert is dedicated to the 96th anniversary of Armenian Genocide in Ottoman Empire in 1915-1923.



Aznavour to be honored by Fund for Armenian Relief

2011-04-01

The gala tribute will take place at New York's elegant Cipriani Wall Street venue, with a reception starting at 7 p.m., and dinner with a special program at 8 p.m. Introducing Aznavour will be singer Liza Minnelli, and master of ceremonies will be actor Eric Bogosian, both of whom are on the "Honorary Committee of Tribute to Aznavour." Other known personalities on the committee include Sir Elton John, Celine Dion, Atom Egoyan and the ambassadors of France and Armenia to the United States and the United Nations.

The evening's proceeds will benefit the disadvantaged elderly people of Armenia, including the Vanadzor Old Age Home in Armenia, a loving, nurturing refuge for older Armenians who have no other means of support. The Vanadzor home was started by Aznavour, who personally requested FAR to assume responsibility for its upkeep and operation.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the collaboration between Aznavour Pour L'Armenie fund and FAR. "FAR and Aznavour share the same mission of working to have Armenia become a prosperous, democratic country insuring a comfortable life for its people," said FAR Executive Director Garnik Nanagoulian, The Mirror-Spectator reported.



Arthur Abraham to star in Boom-Boom song clip at Eurovision 2011

2011-03-29

The singer refused to divulge the details of a music video, just noting that the filming of the video, set in Armenia and Germany, will be completed within a week.

As Emmy stated, her promo-tour over Europe will launch in the nearest future. The singer will dedicate her Eurovision performance to the memory of her late father, sculptor David Bejanyan.

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Sport



Roman Amoyan wins gold at European Greco-Roman Wrestling Championship

2011-04-03

Roman Amoyan, silver medalist of the World and European Championship won the tournament in under 55 kg category, having scored victories over all of his rivals, including Azerbaijani sportsman Vugar Akimov, representing Ukraine.

Artur Shahinyan and Yuri Patrikeev won bronze in 84 and 120 kg weigh classes respectively.