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According to Georgia's Armenian Community press service, the letters with a request to initiate a draft law were sent to the country's president, heads of parliamentary groups, as well as Georgian MPs of Armenian origin.

Non-governmental organizations of Georgia joined in the initiative.



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.



RA Ministry of Diaspora

**A roundtable on “The Role
of Armenian Women in the
Diaspora” was held at the**

RA Ministry of Diaspora

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The purpose of the roundtable was to describe and appreciate Armenian women’s special place and role in the lives of Armenians, touch upon their role in the preservation of Armenian identity in the Diaspora, as well as their role as the vanguard of holiness, honor and dignity of the family and the one fulfilling the obligations as the first educator of the new generation.

In her opening remarks, RA Minister of Diaspora Hranush Hakobyan congratulated all Armenian women on the occasion of Motherhood and Beauty Day, wished them health and happiness and underlined Armenian women’s invaluable role in Armenian society.

Representatives of the Institute of Archaeology and

Ethnography of the RA National Academy of Sciences
A. Stepanyan and S. Poghosyan delivered reports on
“Repatriation and Armenian Women” and “Armenian
Women in the Traditional and Modern Society in
Armenia and the Diaspora”.

During the roundtable, the sides addressed the role of
Armenian women in the formation and preservation of
Armenian national identity; the social, political and
cultural life, as well as the spheres of science and
education.

Diaspora News



Kiev hosts screening of documentary on Armenian Genocide in Azerbaijan

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Documentary evidence, portraying
the tragic fate of the Armenian nation, was demonstrated
to the Ukrainian audience.

Before the screening, Analitika information analytical
center expert Yervand Yervandyan presented the historic
facts on the Armenian Genocide, as well as Armenian
massacres in Baku, Sumgait and Maragha. The
presentation was followed by a discussion entitled

Armenian Genocide – Impunity Begets Recurrence.

Internet project <http://maragha.org>, revealing actual facts of a massacre of peaceful Armenian population of Maragha, was also presented at the event.



Turkish Minister insults Armenian Diaspora

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Egemem Bagis stressed that the bill contradicts freedom of speech, writes Turkish Aksam newspaper. He also called representatives of the Armenian Diaspora introducing such bills a “hate traders.”

According to Armenian sources close to the Socialist Party of France, the party has decided officially to use his parliamentary rostrum on May 4 (MPs can submit bills on this day) to submit the issue of ratification of the law penalizing denial of the Armenian Genocide for discussion, adopted by the National Assembly on October 12, 2006.

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“Agos” newspaper to be deposited in archives of Turkish Parliament

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The decision was made at the suggestion of Ufuk Uras, an MP from pro-Kurdish “Peace and Democracy” party, when the newspaper was going to celebrate its 15 anniversary, Milliyet newspaper reports.

“Agos” was founded in 1996 by Armenian Hrant Dink. Dink was its chief editor from the newspaper’s start until his assassination outside of the newspaper’s offices in Istanbul in January 2007.

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Armenian religious in U.S. leaders issue appeal on Genocide, Easter

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The appeal reads: “In April of this year, the Armenian people will mark two very important days in history; Easter and the 96th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. While the Armenian Genocide is one of the darkest days of modern history, Easter is one of the brightest in the history of mankind. This year, in a rare

coincidence and for the first time since the Genocide, both of these days will fall on April 24th. As Christians, on April 24th we will celebrate the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the salvation of mankind. On that same day, as Armenians, we will commemorate the rebirth of our people from the ashes of merciless genocide. We will mark our resurrection as a people from the persecution that nearly consumed us a century ago. With our survival, we, the sons and daughters of our ancient nation, behold and honor the visionary spirit and the undying legacy of our martyrs.”

“As children of the first nation to adopt Christianity as a state religion, on this Holy Day of Easter, we call upon our Christian brothers and sisters as well as people of all faiths to pray with us for the two million Armenians, Assyrians, Chaldeans, Syriacs, Pontians, and Greeks, who fell victim to the Ottoman Empire's World War I-era genocide of its Christian minorities, and for justice and peace to prevail in our world,” says the appeal signed by Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian, Very Reverend Father Krikor Chahinian, Reverend Joseph D. Matossian.



Gladys Berejiklian **appointed as Transport**

Minister of Willoughby, Australia

2011-04-06

According to armenia.com.au, the Liberal and National Coalition won the recent New South Wales State Election under the guidance of leader Barry O'Farrell, who considers Berejiklian a key component of his team. Her high standing is exemplified by her gaining the Transport portfolio, which is considered the toughest of all portfolios in NSW.

The loveable former board member of the Armenian National Committee of Australia (ANC Australia) will also henceforth be prefaced with the title 'The Honourable' when being referred to in official circles.

ANC Australia Executive Director Varant Meguerditchian said: "Gladys' most recent achievement is a source of pride for our community. We wish her the very best in her new role and look forward to continuing to work with her to advance the issues that concern Armenian-Australians."



Hayastan All Armenian Fund subsidiary opens in Romania

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As he noted during the meeting with Armenian community representatives, “the opening of a subsidiary will enhance the ties between our compatriots in Romania and Armenia, also allowing their participation in the strengthening of the country.”

Turkey urges prosecution of Armenian groups foiling Turkish promotion events

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"Attacks on events promoting Turkey abroad by some Armenian groups have recently increased. We are expecting related countries to prosecute those attacks and take measures to prevent recurrence of such incidents," Turkish Foreign Ministry Spokesman Selcuk Unal said.

Unal said the latest instants of such attacks came during a Beirut fair of Turkish ready-wear manufacturers and at the International Books Fair in Paris.

"This hostile attitude and the radical nationalist mind set it is founded on have shown its face in the form of terrorist attacks in the past," Unal said, AA reported.



Secret organization within Turkey's police was assigned to combat Anatolia Armenians

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The cable, titled “A rare look at Turkish Military Intelligence: Iraq, PKK worries, paranoia, anti-NATO campaign,” was dispatched on Dec. 21, 2004, by Robert Deutsch, then-defense attache at the US Embassy in Ankara, reported the Hurriyet Daily News, quoting Taraf.

Deutsch spoke to an unnamed Turkish source described as someone “who has experience on intelligence and security analysis” and “someone who worked for 12 years at military intelligence and has given lectures at the police academy in the past.” The source offered a report based on talks with 40 operatives of the secret organization, known as JITEM, as well as fieldwork in southeastern Anatolia.

The state reportedly assigned JITEM to combat “Armenian separatism” in Southeast Anatolia, according to the cable. The order surprised many JITEM officers, according to the unnamed source speaking to Deutsch, given that only “a handful of Armenians [were known] to remain in southeastern Anatolia.”

It was explained, however, that many Armenians changed their names and hid their identities both willingly and by force during the events of 1915,

meaning that there was a continuing, though hidden, Armenian presence throughout Southeast Anatolia that was worrying the state.



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

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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

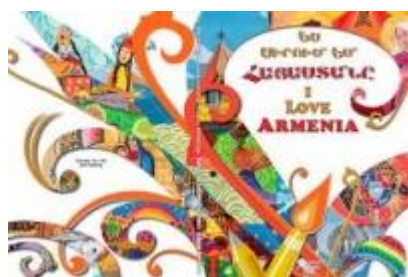
The high mark of the celebration was the inauguration of the second volume of 'Indian Armenians' 2010 bilingual yearbook. With the blessings of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, the yearbook which was sponsored by the Church Committee, was released by its Founder 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.

Culture



Yerevan to host Atanian Art Center exhibition

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It is a joint project of Glendale based Atanian Art Center and Yerevan National Center of Aesthetics, which was in preparation since September 2010. The same exhibition will take place this summer in Los Angeles. On this occasion, Atanian Art Center has published a colorful album containing the works of all participants.

For Atanian Art Center the current year was once again marked with new achievements and highest awards of its

students received in various contests. The composition of Stephanie Grigorian was selected from hundreds of youth artworks and posted on the cover of “Sax Art” catalog with multi-thousands circulation. The composition “I Love Monkeys” of Stephanie has previously won the “Sacura of America” oil pastel art contest prize, after which the “Sax Art” has selected her work for posting on the cover of its catalog.

In 2011 students of the Center Tania Rostami and Arnella Kalantarian became finalists of the City of Glendale “Clean and Beautiful Glendale” Committee Annual “I Love My Neighborhood” contest competition and the Atanian Art Center was also recognized with a Robert Newcomb Outstanding Private School Participation Award.



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

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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.