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Armenian Radio NJ Celebrates Onnik Dinkjian



Ara Dinkjian with Rafi Krikorian

The Armenian Radio Hour of New Jersey devoted its Sunday, October 4, program to singer Onnik Dinkjian, whose career has made him an important link between generations of Armenians and the cultural traditions of a homeland that many descendants have known only through family, music, and memory.

The program, broadcast from the studios of WSOU, featured Dinkjian's son, Ara Dinkjian, the internationally recognized oud player. The discussion focused not only on Onnik Dinkjian's long career as a singer, but also on his broader significance within the Armenian community.

Dinkjian, now 97, represents a sense of continuity for many Armenians. His voice has preserved and transmitted songs and traditions rooted in the Armenian experience of the past century. For members of the diaspora, his singing provides an emotional connection to a cultural world that was largely disrupted by the events that forced Armenians from their historic homeland more than a century ago.

Following an introduction outlining Dinkjian's life and career, Ara Dinkjian offered his personal reflections on his father. His comments brought a more intimate dimension to the discussion, portraying



Kayla Bajakejian

Onnik not only as a celebrated singer but also as a father whose influence has extended into the next generation of Armenian musicians.

"I am proud to be called the son of Onnik," Ara said.

The program also turned its attention to Armenian Culture Month and a broader question: What constitutes Armenian culture?

The discussion considered the many elements commonly associated with Armenian identity, including language, poetry, food, dance, music, and religious tradition. Participants acknowledged that there is no single definition of culture and that individuals may understand and experience it differently.

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Ara Dinkjian

One definition discussed during the program described culture as “the way a people thinks, how it expresses itself in art, what it does in its spare time, what it creates,

what it despises, what it destroys”—the elements that distinguish one group from another.

The conversation ultimately returned to the Armenian Church and its historical role in preserving Armenian identity. Its traditions, music, rituals, and spiritual life were described as a continuing force that has helped maintain a sense of community and continuity among Armenians around the world.

For the participants, the discussion raised a larger issue facing the Armenian diaspora: what remains at the center of Armenian identity as

generations become increasingly removed from the homeland?

Language remains one important answer. So does the Church, along with music and the cultural traditions carried from one generation to the next.

In that context, the significance of Onnik Dinkjian extends beyond his accomplishments as a singer. His voice has become part of that transmission—a way in which memory, language, music, and identity continue to move from one generation to another.

Benon Sevan's Passing



Benon Sevan, a prominent diplomat and former UN assistant secretary-general, died on October 5, 2026, at the age of 88.

- Sevan joined the United Nations in 1965 and held various significant positions, including: Assistant Secretary-General in the Department of Political Affairs; Head of the Oil-for-Food Program from 1996 to 2003; Advocacy for Armenian Heritage.
- He was a dedicated representative of the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU), promoting Armenian culture and heritage throughout his life.

AGBU described him as a "beacon of guidance" and a "tireless defender" of Armenian cultural heritage, highlighting his warm personality and selfless generosity.

Sevan's contributions to both the UN and the Armenian community have left a lasting impact, and he is remembered fondly by those who knew him.

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Minister of Foreign Affairs Ararat Mirzoyan met Iranian Foreign Minister, Abbas Araghchi in Iran



Armenian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Ararat Mirzoyan and Iranian Foreign Minister, Abbas Araghchi, held an expanded-format meeting with the participation of their respective delegations in Tehran.

The Armenian FM was in Iran on an official visit and met other senior officials as well.

Mirzoyan and Araghchi discussed cooperation programs in a number of areas, including energy, transport, and infrastructure development. They touched upon the construction of a second bridge on the Armenia-Iran border and the importance of the speedy completion of construction of the third power transmission line, as well as issues related to facilitating freight transportation between the two countries.

The Armenian and Iranian ministers exchanged views on the benefits

created as a result of unblocking and on regional connectivity projects. Iran's support for the "Crossroads of Peace" project was emphasized. Minister Mirzoyan presented the ongoing work toward the implementation of the TRIPP project and the new opportunities it offers to countries in the region.

The importance of continued cooperation in the field of public information was touched upon, including with regard to an appropriate response to unnecessary speculation in the media domain.



The ministers exchanged views on regional developments. In this context, Minister Mirzoyan emphasized that Armenia is closely following the current situation, stressing the importance of efforts aimed at resolving existing issues through negotiations.

TRIPP Has Entered Implementation Phase, Groundbreaking Possible in Early 2027, Armenian Ambassador Says



The Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP) has advanced to the practical implementation stage, and a groundbreaking ceremony could take

place in early 2027, Armenia's Ambassador to the United States Narek Mkrtchyan said.

"If we look at how far the project has advanced over the course of one year and how much progress we have made, I must say that for a project of this scale, we have achieved

quite significant results," Mkrtchyan told reporters.

According to the ambassador, an ongoing study is expected to be completed within the next one or two

months, after which practical steps could begin in early 2027.

"The project has matured and has already reached the practical implementation stage. We believe that it will be possible to hold a groundbreaking ceremony early next year," Mkrtchyan said.

TRIPP is a regional transportation initiative that Armenian officials say would establish direct rail connectivity between Armenia and Azerbaijan and integrate Armenia more extensively into international transportation networks.

Pashinyan Expects Opening of Armenia-Turkey Border and Rail Links with Turkey and Azerbaijan Alongside TRIPP



Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said that alongside progress on the TRIPP project, Armenia expects the opening of the Armenia-Turkey border, followed by the restoration of railway links between Armenia and Azerbaijan and between Armenia and Turkey.

Pashinyan made the remarks while discussing the Armenian-American TRIPP project at the first Armenia-United Kingdom Business Forum held in Yerevan. The planned route through southern Armenia is intended to provide an unobstructed connection between Azerbaijan and Nakhichevan.

"Armenia and our region are undergoing a transformation associated with the peace established between Armenia and Azerbaijan and the developments resulting from it. We are now working on a daily basis to launch the implementation of the TRIPP project on the ground, which will unequivocally become a cornerstone in transforming the economic environment not only of the Republic of Armenia but of the entire region," Pashinyan said.

He added that the effects are already becoming visible.

"In fact, it already is, because even today we are seeing a certain increase in investment interest surrounding Armenia," the prime minister said.

According to Armenian officials, construction related to TRIPP in Syunik will most likely begin early next year.

Pashinyan did not specify when the Armenia-Turkey border, which has been closed for more than three decades, is expected to reopen or when railway connections with Turkey and Azerbaijan could be restored.

Armenian foreign minister and Iranian parliament speaker discuss infrastructure development and expansion of transport links



Armenian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Ararat Mirzoyan was received by Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf in Tehran on 5 October. According to the ministry, the meeting was also attended by Ara Shahverdyan, head of the Iran–Armenia Friendship Group in Iran’s

Majlis, and the group’s deputy head, Geghard Mansourian.

The meeting highlighted the importance of inter-parliamentary cooperation as a key component of Armenia–Iran political dialogue.

The two officials expressed satisfaction with the high level of relations between Armenia and Iran, founded on mutual trust and friendship. They stressed the strategic nature of relations between the two neighboring countries and the importance of sustained, open dialogue in developing them.

Ararat Mirzoyan and Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf discussed ongoing cooperation programs between the two

countries across various sectors. They emphasized the importance of active efforts to develop infrastructure connecting Armenia and Iran and ensure the smooth flow of freight.

Minister Mirzoyan highlighted the prospects for developing the railway network through the implementation of the TRIPP project, which would create new opportunities for all countries in the region.

The two officials exchanged views on further promoting cooperation and transport connectivity as an important factor in strengthening peace and the prosperity of their peoples.

Health Ministry monitoring pneumonic plague reports, Avanesyan addresses checks on arrivals in Armenia



The Health Ministry’s operational working group is monitoring reports concerning

pneumonic plague in Russia. As further information becomes available, the necessary measures will be introduced under established procedures, including enhanced checks and temperature screening for people arriving in Armenia.

Health Minister Anahit Avanesyan said this during a question-and-answer session with the government in the National Assembly, responding to a question from MP Arayik Harutyunyan.

Referring to concerning reports about

the possible spread of pneumonic plague in Russia, Harutyunyan asked what steps the government was taking.

Avanesyan said that work had been organised from the moment the news first emerged, following procedures for reports and suspected cases of infectious diseases posing a public health threat.

“I must say that the operational working group is already actively monitoring what is being published and what information is already available,” the minister said.

She said the full range of tools needed to implement the necessary measures was ready. The ministry was also working with the World Health Organization and partners to obtain a comprehensive picture of the situation.

Avanesyan said pneumonic plague was a severe disease transmitted through respiratory droplets during close contact. She said the risk of death was high without timely treatment with appropriate antibiotics.

“We are very attentive and vigilant on this issue. We are carrying out all the work in a coordinated manner,” Avanesyan stressed.

The minister added that the operational working group was also monitoring Ebola outbreaks in some African countries. She emphasised the importance of implementing the necessary measures in this area as tourism and passenger transport expanded.

Strategic, Mutually Beneficial Relations with Multiple Countries Could Be Armenia's Strongest Security Guarantee, Hambik Sarafian Says



Hambik Sarafian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Social Democrat Hunchakian Party (SDHP), has described the Armenian government's current foreign policy as pragmatic and multipolar, arguing that Armenia's security can best be strengthened by developing strategic and mutually beneficial relations with a range of countries.

In an interview with Armenpress, Sarafian addressed several issues currently prominent on Armenia's foreign policy agenda.

"What Armenia's political leadership is doing today is entirely correct and practical, and it is also multipolar. We cannot envision another way of resolving our problems and achieving our objectives under the present circumstances," Sarafian said.

He welcomed the international community's growing interest in Armenia, noting that the country now has opportunities that were not

available in the past.

"Previously, the international community did not demonstrate sufficient economic interest in Armenia. The continued development of relations with the United States and European countries is particularly encouraging," he said.

Sarafian said Armenia is regarded as a friendly country in the United States by both Republicans and Democrats. He added that bilateral relations have changed significantly and favorably during U.S. President Donald Trump's administration.

According to Sarafian, considerable progress has been made toward regional peace and, particularly, in expanding economic opportunities.

"Trump's interest in the 'Crossroads of Peace' initiative is evident, based on the understanding that peace serves the interests of the countries of the region as well as international partners. There are, of course, great expectations associated with TRIPP. It is encouraging that concrete steps have already been taken and that previously reached agreements have not remained merely on paper. TRIPP is also a guarantee of our security," Sarafian said.

Considering the principles shaping contemporary international relations,

Sarafian argued that Armenia's strongest security guarantee could be the development of strategic and mutually beneficial relationships with several countries.

"First and foremost, we must find common ground with our immediate neighbors, regardless of the nature of our relations with them. At the same time, we must pursue a proactive policy, because only in this way can we demonstrate to our partners that mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation serves their interests as well," he said.

Sarafian also expressed optimism about Armenia's future.

"Today, our homeland is on an upward trajectory. Armenia, like every country, has many problems, but our homeland is unquestionably moving forward. We are encouraged by Armenia, and we hope the day will come when there will be significant repatriation and when we will no longer have to worry that Diaspora Armenians may assimilate and lose their identity," he said.

The interview also addressed the recently held 23rd Congress of the Social Democrat Hunchakian Party, including the major issues discussed and resolutions adopted during the gathering.

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70 paintings confiscated from former tax chief displayed at National Gallery



Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia Artur Poghosyan, Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports Zhanna Andreasyan, and Prosecutor General Anna Vardapetyan visited the National Gallery of



Armenia to view a collection of paintings confiscated from a former high-ranking official as part of criminal proceedings.

The Investigative Committee said in a press release that the officials viewed an exhibition of paintings confiscated

from former State Revenue Committee Chairman and former Minister of Finance Gagik Khachatryan as part of the criminal proceedings. Following investigative actions, the paintings were placed in the custody of the National Gallery of Armenia. These cultural treasures will now be open to the public.

A total of 70 paintings confiscated and examined as part of the criminal proceedings concerning Gagik Khachatryan were recognized as material evidence by a decision dated September 11, 2026, and placed in the custody of the National Gallery.

Armenia Introduces New School Buses to Transport Students to Newly Built Regional Schools



Armenia has acquired new school buses to transport students to newly

constructed schools in the country's regions.

"As part of the program to ensure access to quality educational services, the necessary road infrastructure and school transportation services will be provided to transport students to newly constructed educational institutions," an official statement said.

Under the program, the transportation arrangements are expected to become operational for five communities. Children from Getap in Aragatsotn Province will attend Aragatsavan Secondary School No. 1; students from Tsapatagh in Gegharkunik Province will attend Jil Secondary School;

children from Acharkut in Tavush Province will attend the school in Kirants; students from Aknaghbyur in Tavush Province will attend the school in Lusadzor; and children from Tigranashen in Ararat Province will attend the Paruyr Sevak Educational Complex.

According to the statement, Getap currently has 13 schoolchildren. Aragatsavan is 9.5 kilometers away, with an estimated travel time of 11 minutes. Tsapatagh has 27 schoolchildren, while Jil is 10.6 kilometers away, with a travel time of approximately nine minutes.

Tigranashen currently has no students attending its local school, while 11 children from the community attend the Paruyr Sevak Educational Complex. The school is four kilometers away, with an estimated travel time of 10 minutes.

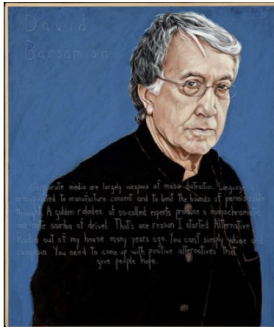
Acharkut has 10 schoolchildren.

Kirants is 2.8 kilometers away, with a travel time of approximately four minutes. Aknaghbyur has 42 children enrolled in its school, including six preschool students. Lusadzor is five kilometers away, with an estimated travel time of 10 minutes.

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan, accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister Tigran Khachatryan and the ministers responsible for education, science, culture and sports, as well as territorial administration and infrastructure, inspected the new buses and reviewed their safety standards.

Pashinyan emphasized the importance of ensuring road safety and appropriate qualifications for drivers responsible for transporting children. He also stressed that drivers should maintain a professional appearance, including appropriate attire.

David Barsamian: A Voice for Truth and the Unheard



David Barsamian is an Armenian American journalist, broadcaster, writer, and public intellectual whose life and work have been devoted

to one fundamental principle: the importance of listening to voices that too often go unheard.

Born in New York in 1945 to Armenian refugee parents who had survived the genocide of the Armenians, Barsamian grew up in a family shaped by displacement, hardship, resilience, and the determination to build a new life in America. His parents, despite having limited formal education, established a grocery store in New York, where the family lived above the shop. From an early age, Barsamian was therefore familiar with both the immigrant experience and the painful history his parents carried with them.

That Armenian inheritance would remain an important part of his life, even as his work took him far beyond the boundaries of the Armenian community.

Barsamian became particularly interested in the stories of people whose experiences were absent or marginalized in mainstream public discourse. His own family history gave him a deep appreciation for the power of memory and testimony. Among the most difficult interviews of his career were conversations with survivors of the Armenian Genocide, including his own mother, Araxie. Asking a mother to revisit memories of death, destruction, and displacement was profoundly painful. Yet Barsamian came to understand that listening to these stories was not merely an act of journalism. It was also a way of preserving memory, confronting history, and allowing difficult experiences to be spoken and heard.

This commitment to listening became the foundation of his professional life.

In 1986, frustrated by the limitations of

corporate and mainstream media, Barsamian founded Alternative Radio, a syndicated public-affairs program based in Boulder, Colorado. His purpose was not simply to criticize the existing media but to create an alternative forum where serious voices, challenging ideas, and perspectives frequently excluded from mainstream broadcasting could be heard.

For decades, Alternative Radio has provided listeners with discussions of war and peace, American foreign policy, social and economic inequality, environmental issues, corporate power, media, propaganda, and the many challenges facing democratic societies. The program has reached audiences through hundreds of radio stations and has established Barsamian as an influential figure in independent radio journalism.

His work as an interviewer is perhaps best known through his extensive conversations with the distinguished scholar and public intellectual Noam Chomsky. Their interviews have resulted in a series of widely read books, translated into numerous languages, examining American foreign and domestic policy and some of the most consequential political and social questions of our time.

Among these works is *Imperial Ambitions*, in which Barsamian's conversations with Chomsky explore American foreign policy, the Iraq War, the doctrine of preemptive war, global warming, Social Security, the media, and America's role in the world. Their collaboration reflects Barsamian's distinctive approach: asking serious questions, giving space to sustained discussion, and encouraging listeners and readers to examine issues beyond the simplified narratives often presented in the mass media.

Barsamian's work has earned him significant recognition. He is a recipient of the American Civil Liberties Union's Upton Sinclair Award for independent journalism, among other honors. His articles, interviews, and lectures have addressed U.S. foreign policy, corporate influence, media ownership, propaganda, and the responsibilities of journalism.

But perhaps the most meaningful way to understand David Barsamian is not

through his awards or publications, but through the principle that has guided his career.

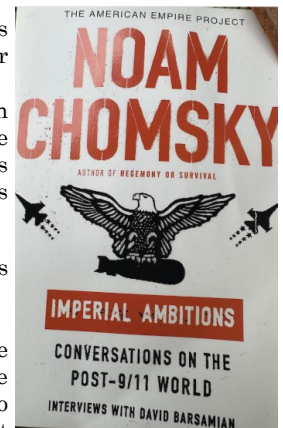
He believes that democracy requires more than the freedom to speak. It

requires the willingness to listen—to those who disagree with us, to those whose histories have been forgotten, and especially to those who have little access to the powerful institutions that shape public opinion.

In that respect, Barsamian's Armenian background is more than a biographical detail. The experience of growing up as the child of genocide survivors gave him an intimate understanding of what happens when the suffering and testimony of a people are ignored, suppressed, or forgotten. His lifelong effort to bring marginalized voices into public conversation can therefore be seen as an extension of a deeply personal lesson: **those who have been silenced must be given the opportunity to speak, and those who hear them have a responsibility to remember.**

Although David Barsamian has not always been at the center of organized Armenian community life, his Armenian identity has remained an important part of who he is. He has carried the memory of his parents and their generation into a much larger arena, dedicating his career to questioning power, challenging conventional narratives, and creating space for voices that might otherwise remain unheard.

For the Armenian community, his story is worth knowing and celebrating!



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3. AGBU 94th General Assembly
 1. Thursday, October 15th – Saturday, October 17th in Montreal, Canada
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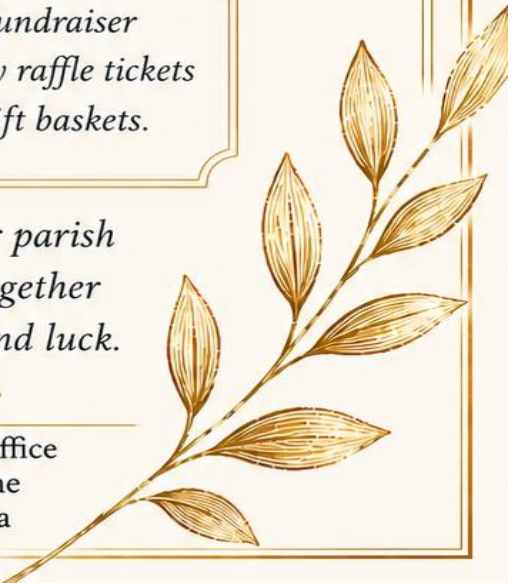
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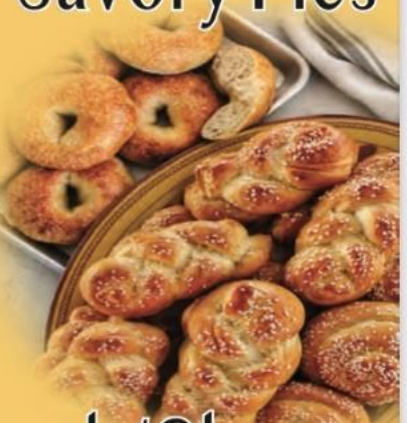
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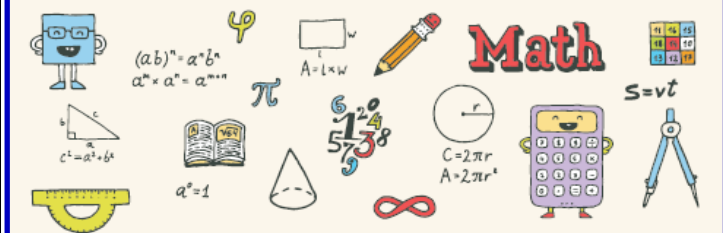
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