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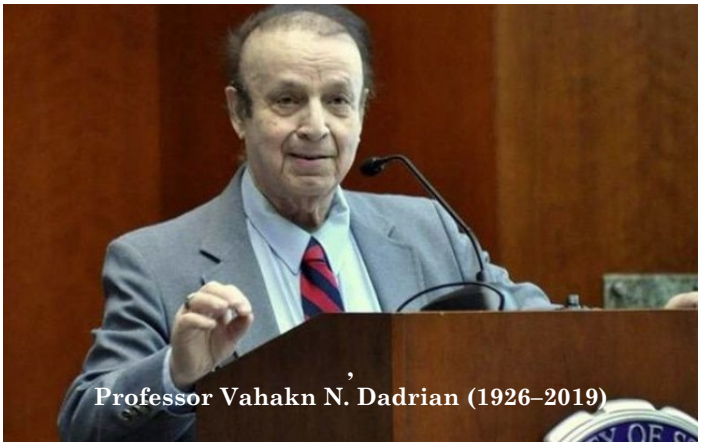
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Professor Vahakn N. Dadrian's Lifetime Of Scholarship, Now Open To The World



Professor Vahakn N. Dadrian (1926–2019)

The Ararat-Eskijian Museum and Research Center (AEMRC), in collaboration with the Armenian Genocide Research Program (AGRP) of the Promise Armenian Institute at UCLA and the Armenian Film Foundation, will launch of the Vahakn N. Dadrian Digital Archive on Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Ararat-Eskijian Museum in Mission Hills, California, with online participation via Zoom.

Professor Vahakn N. Dadrian (1926–2019) was a pioneering scholar of the Armenian Genocide and played an instrumental role in establishing the broader field of genocide studies. Throughout his distinguished career, he devoted decades to uncovering and documenting the history of the Armenian Genocide, conducting research in archives across the world. He assembled an exceptional collection of historical evidence from Ottoman, German, British, French, American, Armenian, and other sources. His archive includes official documents, correspondence, newspapers, unpublished manuscripts, research notes, and other materials of immense scholarly value.

For the first time, this extraordinary collection will be freely accessible worldwide through a pioneering AI-powered digital platform. Going far beyond conventional digitization, the platform transforms the archive into an interactive research resource, opening new possibilities for historical investigation.

At the heart of this innovation is "Ask Dadrian," an AI-powered feature that allows researchers to ask questions directly of the archive in natural language, as though consulting Professor Dadrian himself. Users can explore historical questions, locate relevant documents, and discover connections across thousands of pages through an interactive dialogue with the collection.

The digital archive represents a breakthrough in the preservation and accessibility of this historical collection. Comprising more than 100,000 pages organized in hundreds of folders and over 660 gigabytes of digitized material, it is the result of sixteen years of dedicated work. Transported from upstate New York to Los Angeles over ten cross-country trips, the collection underwent an extensive process of preservation, organization, scanning, and digitization.

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The initiative began in 2009 under the leadership of the Ararat-Eskijian Museum and Research Center, following Professor Dadrian's decision to entrust his personal archives to the Museum. Recognizing the historical importance of the collection, Museum Chairman Martin Eskijian initiated the preservation effort, with Museum Director Maggie Mangasarian Goschin overseeing the long and demanding process of transporting, organizing, and digitizing the materials.

The project subsequently developed into a major collaborative undertaking involving the Armenian Genocide Research Program at UCLA, with the dedicated efforts of scholars, technical specialists, volunteers, and partner institutions, as well as the generous support of donors and patrons. The digitization process was completed in December 2025, followed by the development of the online platform that will now make the collection accessible worldwide.

The launch program will feature remarks by Museum Director Maggie Mangasarian Goschin, Carina Goschin, and Professor Taner Akçam, Director of the Armenian Genocide Research Program, all in person, alongside Dr. Anna Alexanyan, joining by Zoom, and a recorded address by Dr. Hayg Demoyan. Garegin Chookaszian, joining by Zoom from Germany, will offer a 12-minute guided tour of the website, navigating its main features for the audience. The program will also include a 12-minute film, prepared by Dr. Carla Garabedian, celebrating the many people who contributed to the project, and a three-minute video of Dr. Wolf Gruner's recorded remarks on the USC library. Dr. Garabedian will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

The launch marks a new chapter in Armenian Genocide research, ensuring that Professor Dadrian's scholarly legacy remains accessible to future generations and that his invaluable collection can support historical research around the world.

The public is warmly invited to join us on November 15, in person or online, to celebrate this landmark achievement.

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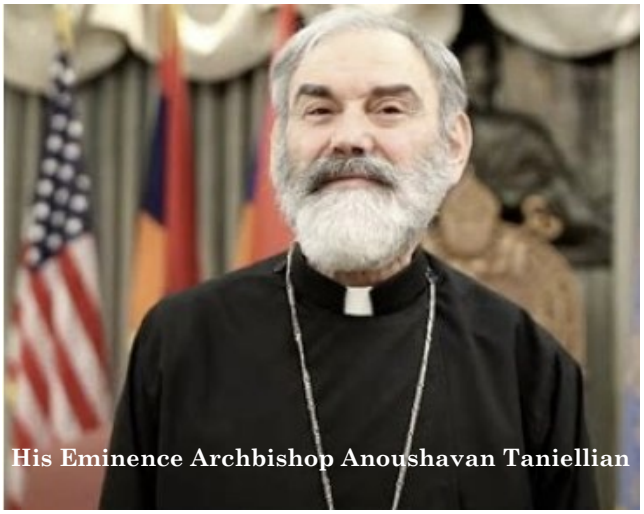
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His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Taniellian



Dr. Vartan Mateossian

On Sunday, November 8, The Armenian Radio Hour of New Jersey will conduct a live phone interview with historian/editor, Dr. Vartan Mateossian, who is currently the Executive Director of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

The topic of the interview is the upcoming celebration, on Sunday, November 15, to mark the 20th anniversary of episcopal ordination and 75th birthday of His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Taniellian.

His Eminence was born in Beirut and began his spiritual journey at the Armenian Seminary of the Holy See of Cilicia in Antelias. After being ordained a celibate priest in 1972 he was sent to the United States in 1984, to continue his service. As Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy, since 2018, his leadership and faith have earned him the respect of his flock.

On November 15, His Eminence will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis Church, 38-65 234th Street, Douglaston, NY 11363. A banquet will take place following the Divine Liturgy at Terrace on the Park, 52-11 111th Street, Corona, New York

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…Գիտցէ՛ք, կը քնանան գետերն ու քամին,
Սակայն չի քնանար երբէք թշնամին…
Աւետիք Խսահակեան

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ՏԱԳՆԱՊ - Համօ Սահեան

Ա՛խ, նորից «Բարի ճամբայ»,
Ա՛խ նորից «Մնաս բարով»…
Մի տեսակ տագնապ կայ, որ
Չես ասի ոչ մի բառով:
Գնում ես, չես էլ ասում,
Թէ մէկ էլ ե՞րբ ես գալու,
Եկար էլ, ի՞նչ իմանամ
Ո՞ւմ մօտ ես մեղքդ լալու:
Ներիր ինձ, դու իմ բարի,
Իմ խելօք եւ իմ յամառ,
Հարկադիր այս ծիծաղի
Եւ թաքուն լացի համար:
Գնում ես, էլ ի՞նչ ասեմ,
Սովոր եմ, կը դիմանամ
Թող կուրծքս մի քիչ ցաւի,
Որ սրտիս տեղն իմանամ:
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ԳԷՈՐԳ ԷՄԻՆ

Մայրի՛կ, սիրի՛ր այս աղջկան
Ինչպէս ի՛նձ ես սիրում.
Այս աղջկան՝ դեւի՛ պէս չար,
Հրեշտակից սիրո՛ւն…
Յաճախ, մայրիկ, սէրը նրա
Սրտիս վի՛շտ է բերում,
Բայց դու ների՛ր, ների՛ր նրան,
Ինչպէս ես եմ ներում:
Իսկ եթէ նա (Աստուա՛ծ չանի…)
Լինի նենգ ու դաւող,
Ատիր նաեւ … իմ փոխարէն,
Ես … ատել չե՛մ կարող:

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ՀՈՆԻ ԿՈՐԻՉԸ
Ղազարոս Աղայեան

Տարեմուտի երեկոյին
Մայրս թխեց կարկանդակ,
Մէջը դրաւ հոնի կորիզ,
Իբրեւ բախտի նշանակ:

«Կորիզն,- ասաց,- ում որ ընկնի,
Դովլաթաւոր կը դառնայ,
Ո՛ւր որ գնայ, ի՛նչ գործ բռնէ,
Փառք ու պատիւ կը ստանայ»:

Կարկանդակը բաժանեցինք,
Կորիզն ընկաւ ինձ բաժին,
Եղբայրներս սրտնեղելով՝
Նախանձեցին իմ բախտին:

«Կոյր է բախտը, սուտ չէ ասած»,
Մեծ եղբայրս փնթփնթաց,
«Մի՞թէ սա է ամէնիս մէջ
Աշխատաւոր, բանիմաց…»

Մէկելներն հաւանեցին
Մեծ եղբօրս ասածին.-
«Իրա՛ւ, իրա՛ւ, չէր արժանի»,
Միաբերան ձայնեցին…

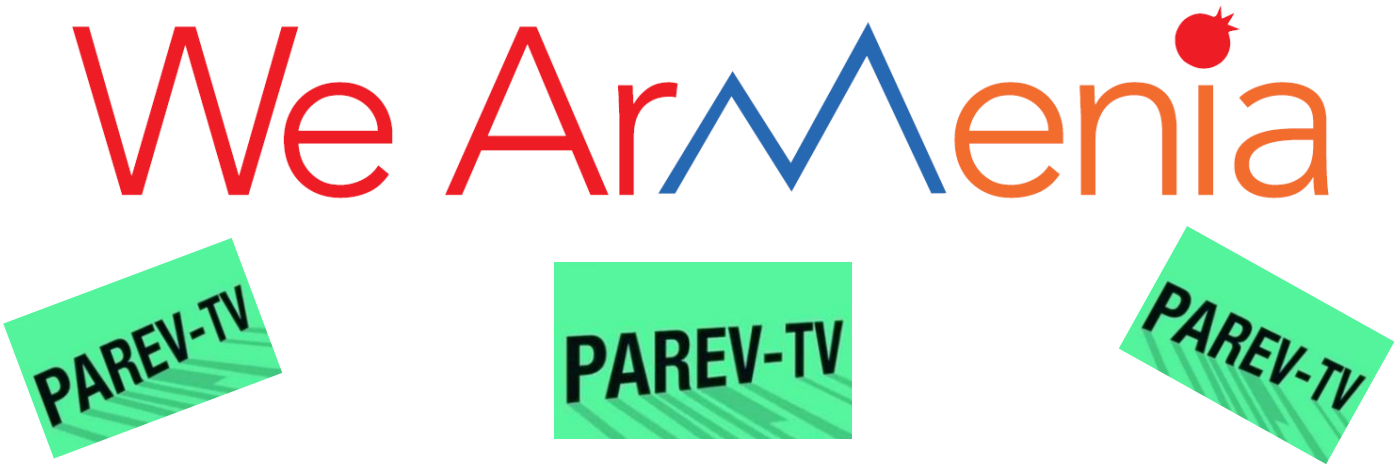
Մայրս ասաց. «Խելօք կացէ՛ք,
Ահա կը գայ Նոր տարին,
Նա որ տեսնէ ձեզ կռուելիս՝
Պարգեւ չի տայ ոչ մէկին:

Բայց որ տեսնէ դուք սիրով էք
Եւ խոով չէք իրանցից,
Այնուհետեւ ինչ որ ուզէք,
Չի խնայի ձեզանից»:

Այս ասելով՝ նա մեզ տուաւ
Տեսակ-տեսակ մրգեղէն,
Չիր ու չամիչ, տանձ ու խնձոր
Եւ զանազան քաղցրեղէն:

Քաղցր կերանք ու քաղցրացանք
Եւ խնդացինք շատ ու շատ,
Չարազ առինք նուռ, սերկեւիլ,
Ունաբ, սալոր, թուզ, փշատ:

«Հոնի կորիզն» այնուհետեւ
Բոլորովին մոռացանք,
Եւ շատ սիրով իրար գրկած,
Պառկոտեցինք, քնացանք… **Ա.Բ.Գ.**



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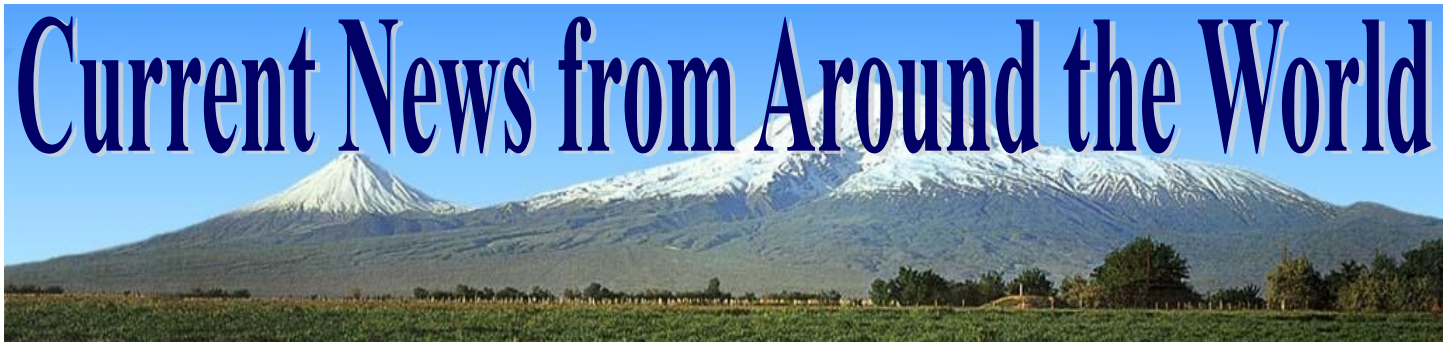
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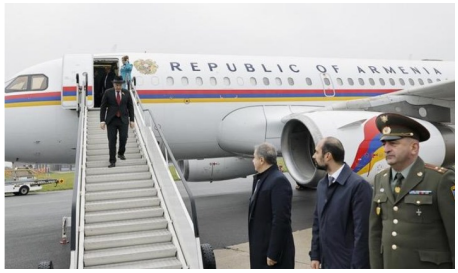
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Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan on a working visit in Brussels



The Armenian Prime Minister arrived in Brussels on a working visit on 3 November to attend the EU Enlargement Summit 2026, organized by Euronews.

A meeting between the Armenian Prime Minister and European Parliament President Roberta Metsola has begun in Brussels. Armenian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Ararat Mirzoyan is also attending the meeting.

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan met Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenković during his working visit to Brussels.



They discussed the further development of Armenia–Croatia and EU–Armenia relations.

The discussions also focused on trade and economic cooperation between Armenia and Croatia and the progress of democratic reforms in Armenia.





Turkey will not open border with Armenia amid tensions with Baku

"Amid tensions between Turkey and Azerbaijan, Turkey will not move to open its border with Armenia, as this would further heighten tensions, prompt Azerbaijan to harden its stance toward Armenia and delay important regional projects," according to Barçın Yinanç, a columnist for the Turkish website T24.

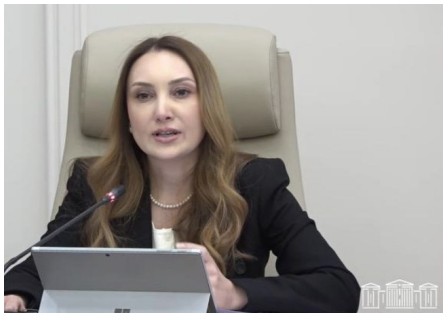


Iran proposes transboundary Peace and Friendship Park with Armenia

Iran has proposed the establishment of a transboundary joint Peace and Friendship Park with Armenia, Dr. Hamid Zohrabi, Deputy Head for Natural Environment and Biodiversity at Iran's Department of Environment and National Focal Point for the Convention on Biological Diversity, has said.



Makunts explains when Armenia will withdraw international claims against Azerbaijan



Armenia will withdraw its claims against Azerbaijan before international bodies after the final signing of a peace treaty with Azerbaijan.

Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister Lilit Makunts made the statement at a joint meeting of the National Assembly's standing committees.

"The Republic of Armenia will never renounce defending its interests before any international body. As for the existing disputes between Armenia and Azerbaijan, a decision may, of course, be taken within the logic of the peace process to withdraw claims against each other, but only if the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan definitively sign a peace treaty," Makunts said.

Article 15 of the initialled peace agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan states:

"Within one month of the entry into force of this Agreement, the Parties shall withdraw, dismiss or otherwise resolve any and all inter-State claims, complaints, protests, objections, proceedings and disputes brought before any legal forum concerning issues that existed between the Parties prior to the signing of this Agreement. They shall not initiate such claims, complaints, protests, objections or proceedings, nor shall they become involved in any way in complaints, protests, objections or proceedings brought by any third party against the other Party."

Armenia Will Retain Full Customs Authority Under TRIPP Project, Revenue Chief Says



Armenia will retain full control over all customs functions under the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP) project, State Revenue Committee Chairman Eduard Hakobyan said, emphasizing that customs inspections, risk assessments, and enforcement decisions will remain exclusively under Armenian state authority.

Responding to questions from Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's Armenian Service, Hakobyan explained that the involvement of an international private operator would be limited to certain administrative and logistical services and would not interfere with Armenia's customs administration.

He noted that such services could include basic interactions with travelers and businesses, such as processing payments or assisting with the submission of documents.

"We are talking about simple procedures that may involve human interaction, such as making a payment or submitting a document. These are basic operations that in no way affect customs administration," Hakobyan said.

The State Revenue Committee chairman emphasized that Armenia is already pursuing extensive reforms aimed at digitizing customs procedures and minimizing direct contact between customs officers and individuals crossing the border.

"We are currently creating a new digital platform for customs officers. Our goal is to establish customs checkpoints that operate with minimal direct contact," he explained.

Hakobyan stressed that these reforms are part of a broader modernization effort and are not limited to the TRIPP project.

Addressing concerns about the authority of the proposed international operator, he made clear that decisions involving security risks or cargo inspections would remain the responsibility of Armenian customs officials.

"If a risk situation arises or cargo needs to be inspected, the decision will be made by a customs officer. The office of an international operator cannot make such decisions," Hakobyan stated.

He added that the precise responsibilities of the international operator are still under discussion and will be established through a separate agreement.

"I assure you that customs functions remain entirely within the domain of state sovereignty," he emphasized.

Asked why an international operator would be necessary if customs procedures are becoming increasingly automated, Hakobyan explained that reopening long-closed borders and restoring railway connections would create additional administrative requirements.

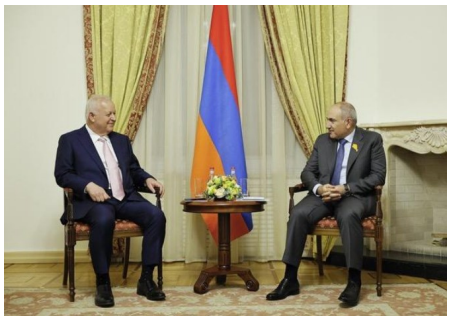
"Every border involves certain minimum procedures. Exporters, importers, and private individuals do not always have all the necessary documents when crossing a border. Sometimes something is missing from the documentation. These basic procedures remain necessary regardless of the level of digitization," he said.

Hakobyan described the proposed arrangement as an integrated operational system intended to facilitate the reopening of transportation routes that have remained closed for many years.

He also suggested that the participation of a third-party operator could help address issues of mutual confidence associated with reopening borders and railway connections.

"The need for front-office services has already been established. Since we are discussing the reopening of a railway section and borders that have been closed for many years, it is natural that certain third-party services will be necessary. This arrangement will also help address the issue of trust," Hakobyan explained.

Armenian State Award for Global Contribution to High Technologies to Kam Ghaffarian



Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan received Kam Ghaffarian, co-founder of the US companies IBX, X-energy and Quantum Space, who is the 2026 laureate of the Armenian State Award for Global Contribution to High Technologies.

The award reflects Ghaffarian's outstanding achievements and significant contribution to transforming the space and energy sectors. Pashinyan expressed his appreciation for Ghaffarian's contribution and voiced hope for cooperation.

Ghaffarian thanked the prime minister and expressed his readiness to work closely with Armenian partners to support the implementation of space projects and the development of capabilities in the sector.

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan has presented the Armenian State Award for Global Contribution to High Technologies to Kam Ghaffarian, an internationally recognized entrepreneur and visionary in space exploration and advanced technologies.

Pashinyan presented the award at the 17th Armenian State Award for Global Contribution to High Technologies ceremony, held at the presidential residence.

"With this award, we recognize not only technological achievements, but also the people whose ideas, courage and sustained work change humanity's understanding of the limits of what is possible. Mr Ghaffarian, your journey is one of the finest examples of this. In 1969, when you were still a child, you watched the first human steps on the Moon. That event inspired you to pursue science and space technologies.

"In 2024, the Odysseus spacecraft, built by Intuitive Machines, the company you co-founded, landed on the Moon, becoming the first space system to reach it in 52 years. This is a very



impressive story of how a childhood dream can become a scientific and technological achievement of global significance," Pashinyan said in his address at the ceremony.

Speaking after receiving the award, Ghaffarian expressed regret that he had not visited Armenia sooner. He said he had grown very fond of Armenia and would certainly return.

"I have always made sure that my vision becomes a goal. My goal is to deepen humanity's knowledge.

"I believe that humanity's ultimate destination is other stars. If we do not destroy ourselves, perhaps one day we will reach those other stars. I think that, initially, there could be a city beyond space where people can live and work," Ghaffarian said.

Searches under way at homes of Samvel and Narek Karapetyan and other addresses linked to them

Simultaneous searches are being carried out at 65 addresses as part of criminal proceedings being investigated by the Armenian Investigative Committee's Main Department for the Investigation of Economic Crimes and Smuggling.

The Investigative Committee reported this in response to media reports of searches at the homes of Samvel Karapetyan, leader of the Strong Armenia party, and Narek Karapetyan, head of the Strong Armenia parliamentary group.

Media outlets report that Investigative Committee investigators have been searching the homes of the two, since early morning. Searches are also taking place at other addresses linked to the Karapetyan family.



"I hope to send an Armenian into space one day": Kam Ghaffarian on the future of space exploration



The nearest star to us beyond the Solar System lies more than four light-years away from Earth. At the speeds achieved by today's spacecraft, it would take thousands of years to reach it. Yet Kam Ghaffarian, an Iranian-born American engineer and entrepreneur who has devoted much of his career to turning ambitious ideas into technological ventures, envisions a very different timeframe for such a journey: just six months. Such a claim contradicts our current understanding of physics. The assertion that humans could reach Proxima Centauri in just six months should be treated as a proposition that still needs to be substantiated through scientific calculations, independent scientific review and, ultimately, experimentation. Nevertheless, it reflects the scale of Ghaffarian's ambitions and his determination to push the boundaries of what we consider possible.

Kam Ghaffarian will arrive in Yerevan in the coming days to receive Armenia's 2026 State Award for Global Contribution to Humanity through High-Tech. His decades-long career spans a wide range of fields, from developing innovative nuclear energy solutions to advancing commercial space exploration.

As the co-founder and executive chairman of X-energy, he is working to advance nuclear technologies that could provide power both on Earth, particularly for the new artificial intelligence data centers under construction, and for spacecraft involved in space exploration.

Another company he co-founded, Axiom Space, aims to build a commercial space station by the end of this decade, ahead of the planned retirement of the International Space Station. Through yet another company he co-founded, Intuitive Machines, Ghaffarian has helped bring commercial lunar exploration into a new era. In February 2024, the company's Odysseus lunar lander became the first commercial spacecraft to achieve a soft landing on the Moon and the first U.S. spacecraft to reach the lunar surface since Apollo 17 in 1972.

Ghaffarian's fascination with space began much earlier, during his childhood, when he witnessed the Apollo 11 Moon landing. The event had a profound influence on his choice of career. Decades later, that childhood inspiration has evolved into a far-reaching ambition: to make space more accessible, develop new sources of energy and ultimately take humanity beyond the boundaries of the Solar System.

In an interview with Armenpress on the sidelines of the STARMUS VIII festival, held on the Spanish island of Tenerife, Ghaffarian also spoke about the possibility of sending an Armenian astronaut into space, saying he could help make this ambitious undertaking a reality. In his view, such an achievement would represent not only a significant technological milestone for Armenia but also a source of inspiration for an entire generation.

Armenpress: I couldn't help noticing your surname, so I have to ask: do you have any Armenian ancestry?

Kam Ghaffarian: I believe that. I was born in Iran, I'm Iranian, of course, but yeah, some of the family members, I believe, have Armenian [roots]. That's where my name is, Ghaffarian. That's why I am looking forward to visiting Armenia.

You're investing in a future where people can live and work in space. From where we stand today, how realistic is that vision, and how soon could it become a reality?

It's very realistic that we're going to create an environment where people will be working and living in space sooner than you believe. I mean, people have been living onboard the space station for the last 26 years, right? I was one of the people who was involved in developing the space station. When the astronauts from space talked to Houston, they would say, "Houston, we have a problem," or whatever, they were my company employees that responded.

This is growing really, really fast, and I think that there are going to be more people living and working in space on a regular basis.

You mentioned the space station. We know that the International Space Station will end its operations by the end of 2030, and Axiom Space is working on a commercial space station. Who do you envision using this new station? Will it primarily serve governments and researchers, or will there also be room for private individuals who want to experience life in orbit?

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Kam Ghaffarian
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All of the above. You know, we're going to be working with a lot of governments. So today the International Space Station belongs to, of course, NASA, which is the United States, Russia, European countries, Japan, and Canada, right? So in the future, it's going to belong to the private industry, like Axiom Space. And then we will have people who will buy services from us. The United States will be one of our anchor tenants, but European countries — hopefully Armenia, many other countries. Hopefully one day I take an Armenian astronaut. I took a Turkish astronaut to space. And, you know, taking the astronaut to space inspires the whole population.

So when I go there, I'm hoping that I will persuade the Armenian government to say 'we're going to send an Armenian to space,' sponsored by the government, and I can help with that.

In the future, all the governments will buy services from us, but also commercial, because we're going to do manufacturing in space of things that it's not possible to do on Earth. And then you're going to have private astronauts that go to space and it's a platform to go to other places in the solar system.

When do you think commercial space exploration will be able to operate independently of governments? At the moment, most companies in the sector rely on government contracts or partnerships. Do you see a future in which private companies can operate entirely on their own?

I believe so. It's okay to have government as a customer. I mean, Apple, for example, or Google, they're commercial companies. Government is just one of their customers. Airlines are commercial airlines, but government can come buy services. So in the future, it will be like that. It's a commercial entity. One of our customers is going to be government, but it's not the only one.

Coming back to Axiom Space, are you planning to build a completely new space station from scratch, or will you use existing infrastructure already in orbit?

No, we're going to start brand new. We are doing it right now.

Have you already started?

Oh, yeah. We're building everything, but we'll be launching our space station in 2028 to 2029 timeframe.

And how big is it going to be?

The current space station, the way it was built, it was not modular. The way we're designing ours is going to be very modular, so that each module is on its own. We can have 50 modules, 60 modules, 100 modules that are connected like Legos together. They're interconnected. But once one module goes bad, we can deorbit that module and send another one out.

Will you be relying on companies like SpaceX to support your missions?

Yes, of course. We are currently using SpaceX, but we're going to be working with many other companies.

In your view, what should be humanity's ultimate destination in space?

The ultimate destiny for humanity I believe it's to go to other stars. Not our solar system, but beyond our solar. Humanity's destiny is to become interstellar. The ultimate destiny.

But with current technologies, it is impossible.

It is possible, but we need more time to develop more engineering, more science.

But it's a one-way direction, right?

No, not necessarily, if we develop technology. Because you see, like, for example, if you want to go to our closest star Proxima Centauri, Proxima Centauri is 4 and a quarter light years. The distance from one part of our galaxy to another is 100,000 light years. So just go 4 and a quarter. If we go with the nuclear technology, it takes 2,000 years? And if you go with the nuclear fusion technology, it might take 100 years. We want to do it such a way you can go in 6 months.

Is it even possible?

Yes. We're working on it.

What excites you most about space exploration?

What excites me is how it unifies humanity, how it brings us together. I believe that we become so divisive, and tribal. Everything is a separation from religion or country or national birth or political party. What excites me is to bring the whole humanity together, and we realize that we all really are one.

Don't you think that even in that case politics could still get in the way…

Yeah, but I think if we want to be interstellar, I want you to imagine this. We go outside our solar system, and in our galaxy called Milky Way, there are 400 billion stars. We're just one star. And there are so many other planets, and it's 100,000 years across. Let's say we leave our galaxy behind. There are 2 trillion other galaxies. 2 trillion. Just — just think about this.

When my son was 8 years old, he asked me, "Dad, how vast is the universe?" So I gave him what Carl Sagan said, which is, if you look at all the oceans on Earth, all the deserts everywhere, right, and look at all the grains of sand everywhere, our solar system is just one grain.

Just think how vast the universe is. And I think our destiny is to go and explore that, and go there.

Armenian and Georgian border delimitation and demarcation commissions meet



A meeting between the Republic of Armenia's Commission on State Border Demarcation and Delimitation and Georgia's Government Commission on State Border Delimitation and Demarcation took place on November 6, co-chaired by Armenia's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Vahan Kostanyan and Georgia's Deputy Foreign Minister Lasha Darsalia.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade said the sides welcomed the resumption of the commissions' work and stressed the importance of the state border delimitation process in further strengthening good-neighbourly relations between Armenia and Georgia.

"Both sides expressed an interest in bringing the process to completion through continued dialogue and in a constructive spirit. During the meeting, the sides also exchanged views on the legal framework, including previously agreed protocols and possible additional steps to further facilitate the smooth progress of the process.

Statement by Veronika Zonabend on the Humanitarian Visit to Baku Penitentiary Complex



The international women's humanitarian delegation will be ready to travel to Baku as soon as access to the Armenian hostages and security arrangements for its members can be agreed. We bear responsibility for each of them and therefore consider it necessary to reach these agreements first.

The delegation includes women from different countries known for their civic and professional work. They intended to visit all the Armenian hostages at the Umbaki penitentiary complex and to deliver letters, photographs and parcels from their loved ones.

Since June 2026, I have appealed several times to the Commissioner for Human Rights of Azerbaijan. I proposed different formats: a visit by the full delegation, by a smaller group, or a visit accompanied by a representative of her Office. I also asked for the security arrangements to be agreed. Unfortunately, we have not yet received a reply.

In the meantime, publications appeared in Azerbaijani media suggesting that I could be arrested if I came to the country. We are also concerned that, since 25 August, Ruben's local lawyer has been denied access to him. We hope this issue will be resolved.

I also turned to the Government of Armenia for diplomatic assistance. Since Siranush Sahakyan and I met at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 17 August, a responsible official has still not been named, and our written request has so far gone unanswered.

Economic contacts between Armenia and Azerbaijan are developing, and Armenian delegations visit Azerbaijan. This demonstrates that all the prerequisites for organizing a humanitarian visit are in place. A visit to the Armenian hostages should be included on the agenda of one of these trips.

We decided not to hold back the letters that the delegation was to deliver in person. On 1 October, 1,254 letters collected for all the Armenian hostages were handed to the Government of Armenia with a request to help deliver them to Baku. We hope that every letter will reach its recipient. Each hostage must receive these words of support and know that they are remembered.

I am grateful to every member of the delegation and to everyone who wrote a letter of support.

Our goal remains the same: to see our loved ones and to restore the hostages' contact with their families. We will continue this work until all of them return home. We understand that this path may be long, but we believe it will lead to a just resolution.

Veronika Zonabend

Armenia-Diaspora relations should be based on mutual trust and practical cooperation: Zareh Sinanyan



The Third Global Armenian Summit has officially opened in Armenia, bringing together participants to discuss the present and future of Armenia-Diaspora relations, Armenia's development priorities, and opportunities for joint cooperation.

Speaking at the opening of the summit, Zareh Sinanyan, Armenia's Chief Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs, emphasized that Armenia-Diaspora relations should be built not only on a shared history and national identity, but also on common goals, mutual trust, and practical cooperation.

"We have gathered in Armenia from different parts of the world to discuss the present and future of Armenia-Diaspora relations, share our assessments of the current situation, and plan what we can do together in the future.

Through the daily work of the Office of the High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs, our visits to Armenian communities, and our direct interactions with fellow Armenians, we are constantly reminded that Armenia-Diaspora relations should be built not only on a shared history and national identity, but also on a realistic understanding of current circumstances, common goals, mutual trust, and practical cooperation," Sinanyan said.

He noted that the Diaspora is diverse, and Armenians around the world have different experiences and perspectives, and sometimes significantly different perceptions and approaches. The goal, however, is not to agree on every issue, but to turn this diversity into constructive dialogue and effective cooperation.

"Our approach is as follows: the Republic of Armenia-with its sovereignty, statehood, democratic institutions, and priorities-must remain at the center of Armenia-Diaspora relations. We can and must unite around the goal of building and preserving a sovereign, peaceful, and prosperous Republic of Armenia, while also strengthening our communities," the Chief Commissioner stressed.

Sinanyan also addressed the importance of reciprocity in Armenia-Diaspora relations, noting that for many years the discussion had focused primarily on what the Diaspora could give to Armenia. In his view, the reverse question is equally important: what can Armenia offer Armenians around the world?

"We want our compatriots to see Armenia not only as a place where they can preserve their roots and identity, but also as a country where they can live with dignity, work, receive an education, create, invest, and build their future. We want Armenia to become a home for our compatriots in the Diaspora in particular, and a place where they can find genuine opportunities to shape their future.

The day-to-day work of the Government of the Republic of Armenia is directed toward the country's stable and secure development. Our goal is to build a state, an Armenia, that not only its residents will not want to leave, but where our compatriots from the Diaspora will also want to live," he said.

According to Sinanyan, the ongoing reforms are already yielding results, reflected not only in figures and indicators but also in changes taking place in people's everyday lives. At the same time, he stressed that the road to achieving this goal is long and difficult, and the Diaspora has a distinctive role to play in this effort.

"How will we travel this road together, and what role is envisioned for each of us? The Global Armenian Summit is an important platform for dialogue and cooperation aimed precisely at finding answers to these questions.

In the coming days, we will discuss together Armenia's development priorities, regional developments, the economy, innovation, education, culture, science, and many other topics in which the Diaspora's knowledge, experience, and potential can play an important role," the Chief Commissioner said.

He particularly emphasized that the summit's purpose was not merely to organize discussions. According to Sinanyan, the success of the event should not be measured by the number of participants, events held, or speeches delivered. What matters more is the outcome of the meetings.

"What matters far more to us is what happens after these meetings: which ideas turn into initiatives, what new partnerships are formed, and what practical results they deliver. Strengthening Armenia-Diaspora relations certainly cannot be confined to a single event or the discussions held there. It requires daily, consistent, and long-term work," he said.

Concluding his remarks, Sinanyan called on summit participants to engage actively in the discussions, raise the issues that concern them, share their experience, and put forward proposals.

"We are open to frank dialogue and are confident that it must lead to concrete steps and joint work. I wish us all productive work, meaningful discussions, and, above all, practical results," he said.

Global Armenian Summit 2026

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05 November 2026 , 08:00
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08 November 2026 , 23:30
LOCATION
Yerevan

The Office of the High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs of the Republic of Armenia is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the Global Armenian Summit 2026.

This year, the Global Armenian Summit will bring together 800 participants from the Diaspora and Armenia to discuss the priorities, current challenges, and new opportunities for Armenia-Diaspora cooperation.

Armenians from both the Diaspora and Armenia, including those who are actively involved in their communities, interested in connecting with Armenians from around the world, sharing their professional expertise, and developing joint initiatives are encouraged to submit their applications today.

The Global Armenian Summit is a dynamic Pan-Armenian forum dedicated to strengthening Armenia-Diaspora cooperation, fostering dialogue around shared priorities, and advancing strategic directions for long-term national development.



This year's Summit will convene Diaspora professional networks, distinguished Armenians from diverse fields, government officials, and representatives of community and civil society organizations.

Over the course of four days, attendees will engage in multidisciplinary discussions and a diverse program featuring panel discussions, roundtables, workshops, seminars, expos, expert meetings, cooperation-oriented initiatives, and cultural events.

The agenda will address a broad range of topics, including economic development and investment opportunities, innovation in the fields of science, education, and culture, the strengthening of Armenian communities worldwide, and the promotion of repatriation and integration initiatives.

The inaugural Summit, held in 2022, brought together approximately 600 participants, while the second Summit in 2024 welcomed nearly 1,000 participants representing more than five dozen countries worldwide.

Maiko Ichihara: The South Caucasus is a region of critical importance to the entire world

Professor Maiko Ichihara, a Japanese expert on East Asian security and information issues, believes that the South Caucasus is a region of critical importance to the entire world, owing to its geographical position, as well as various other factors present at both the domestic and international levels. According to her, factors related to the energy sector, as well as those involving external influence, play a significant role in the South Caucasus.





EU Commissioner Marta Kos Says New Biometric Passports Will Make Travel Easier for Armenians



European Commissioner for Enlargement Marta Kos has welcomed Armenia's introduction of new biometric passports, describing the initiative as another important step toward visa-free travel to the European Union.

"Armenian citizens are one step closer to the possibility of traveling to the European Union without a visa," Kos wrote on social media.

According to the commissioner, the new biometric passports will accelerate border checks and make international travel easier for Armenian citizens.

"Armenia is choosing the path of closer relations with Europe, and we are working to ensure that this choice delivers tangible benefits for Armenian citizens," Kos stated.

Armenia began accepting advance registrations for new biometric passports and identification cards on October 31 as part of a broader effort to modernize its identity documentation system.

The modernization initiative, launched in 2023, aims to upgrade the country's identity document issuance infrastructure, strengthen document security and personal data protection, and improve the quality of public services.

In April 2025, the Armenian government signed an agreement with HayPass, a company established by the consortium that won the international tender to implement the new system.

The introduction of secure biometric documents is also a key requirement of the visa liberalization process between Armenia and the European Union.



The process officially began on September 9, 2024, and Armenia received its Visa Liberalization Action Plan in November 2025. The plan outlines a series of reforms, including the introduction of secure biometric identity documents that meet international standards.

Successful implementation of all the required reforms is expected to pave the way for the EU to consider granting Armenian citizens visa-free travel for short-term visits.

Although the introduction of biometric passports represents significant progress, visa-free travel will depend on Armenia's fulfillment of the remaining requirements and the European Union's final approval.

Nikol Pashinyan says he plans to visit Türkiye for COP31

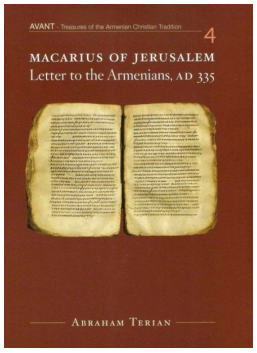
Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan plans to travel to Antalya, Türkiye, to attend the 31st UN Climate Change Conference (COP31). He announced this during a briefing with journalists.

"Yes, I have plans to travel to Antalya to attend COP," Pashinyan said.

The 31st UN Climate Change Conference (COP31) will take place from 9 to 20 November in Antalya, Türkiye.



Discovery Of Ancient Document Reaffirms Long Armenian Connection To Jerusalem



By Arthur Hagopian

Although the Armenian connection with Jerusalem began some two centuries before the advent of Christianity, when the victorious armies of King Tigranes II swept across the land, extending an empire that encompassed much of the known world then, documentary evidence from that period is scant and fragmentary. The armies had left behind colonies of Armenians whose numbers were constantly replenished and augmented over the years, but few, if any, of the records they must have kept over the years, have survived.

One such exception is a letter from a Byzantine bishop, unearthed recently by leading Armenian scholar, Prof Abraham Terian.

The letter was written in Greek, but it is its Armenian translation that has survived, making it one of the most important discoveries concerning Armenian Jerusalem ever made.

According to Terian, this is "the earliest complete writing from Jerusalem this side of the New Testament."

The internationally acclaimed Terian, a former "Kaghakatzi" (native of the Old City of Jerusalem), dates the document to the year AD 335, a little over 30 years after Armenia became the first nation in history to accept Christianity as a state religion.

The letter was penned by Macarius, bishop of Jerusalem, who had been commissioned by Emperor Constantine to oversee the construction of the church of the Holy Sepulcher. And it is in answer to queries by the nascent Armenian Church regarding baptism and the Eucharist.

Terian worked for some years on studying and researching the letter, the fruits of his labors resulting in a book, "Macarius of Jerusalem, Letter to the Armenians, AD 335" (2008, 184pp, published jointly by St Vladimir's Seminary Press and St Nersess Armenian Seminary in New York). In the book, Terian goes beyond establishing the authorship and date of this earliest full-length document bearing on Armenian history, not just Armenian church history.

The book has been enthusiastically received in academia, having acquired a prominent place in the history of liturgical development originating in Jerusalem.

"This is the earliest complete writing from Jerusalem this side of the New Testament, the earliest witness to the liturgy of Baptism and the Eucharist (the two basic sacraments of the Church) whose author and date and the provenience of both sender and recipient(s) are known," Terian says.

The importance of the letter is attested to by the fact that the Armenian text was also translated into Latin and English in the 19th Century, but it was from a defective text, resulting in either misdating or misattributing the document.

Terian's "elegant study" of the letter is accentuated by a verse-by-verse commentary, and helps place the Armenian church "in its earliest relations with Jerusalem, the 'Great Church' and the religious traditions that exercised so dominant an influence on Armenia's development," according to one reviewer.

(Prior to the invention of the Armenian alphabet in 406 AD the entire literature of Armenia was written in either Greek or Syriac).

The Armenian translation is in the Classical tradition. Terian includes the full text alongside an English version.

Macarius, who identifies himself twice in the document, is acutely aware of the noble credentials of the formative Armenian church and acknowledges it with these words: "Indeed you, on your own, have manifested such longing for spiritual rewards, for the very enriching, divine and spiritual treasures, having sent a letter from a distant land, from your regions of the east to the holy city of Jerusalem."

The letter reveals intriguing insights into the practices and rituals of the churches of the East at the time. Apparently, these churches did not have any regular fonts, but carried out baptisms in any handy vessel, which seems to have amazed Macarius.

Another practice that amazes the bishop is that the priests did not seem to have sufficient "oil of sealing" with which to anoint an infant's entire organs of sense.

Macarius minces no words in censuring strays, those who hold opposite opinions, or who crave glory, citing an unknown bishop called Torg, for his "insolence" and for conferring on himself the "honor for an archbishop which he is not worthy to receive."

He will not tolerate shortcomings and pronounces an anathema on those who are contrary minded.

The letter not only provides some insight into the nature of pre-Nicene Armenian Christianity, but attests as well to the early presence of Armenians in Christian Jerusalem.

"Its intention was to bring the nascent Armenian Church's ritual practices in baptism and Eucharist into line with those practised elsewhere," another reviewer notes.

The letter survives only in Armenian in two documentary collections, one compiled in the early seventh century and re-arranged in 1298; and another in the eighth century and given its current shape in the eleventh when it appears to have undergone some changes, ranging from abridgement to alteration but not to the detriment of the overall structure of the document, the reviewer adds.

For his role in promoting early Armenian literature, Terian has been honored by his Motherland with his election as Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia. This follows international recognition when five years ago he became the first recipient of the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in the Humanities award by the Fulbright Foundation, the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) of the US Department of State, and the US-Israel Educational Foundation (US-IEF).

Armenia to apply for EU membership in 2027 or 2028 'realistic', PM tells Euronews



Armenia could formally apply to join the EU in 2027 or 2028, PM Nikol Pashinyan told Euronews. He called EU membership a strategic choice to protect democracy, said Armenians must choose between Brussels and Russia's Eurasian bloc, and rejected warnings that Armenia could become the next Ukraine.

Armenia formally applying to join the EU in 2027 or 2028 is "realistic", Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan told the Euronews EU Enlargement Summit, adding that his government intends to let Armenians choose their own path.

"Next year we can be realistic. 2028 can be realistic," he said. "We started the process which will bring us to the final decision to submit application for formal membership of European Union."

In August, Pashinyan announced before the national parliament that his government intends to apply for EU membership "in the near future". The move would pull the South Caucasus country out of Russia's orbit and towards Brussels.

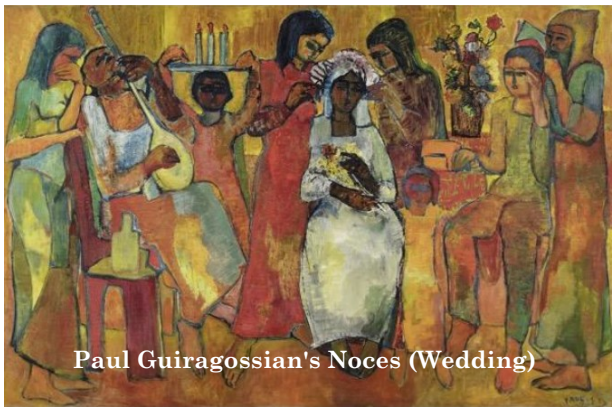
Yerevan has yet to submit a formal application. It is in a visa liberalization dialogue with the European Commission, aiming to complete the process by 2029.

US$8.94M: Christie's First Abu Dhabi Fine-Art Sale Sets Nine Records as Young Bidders Flood In



Christie's first dedicated fine-art auction in Abu Dhabi, MAWASIM, realised US$8.94 million on 1 November- Paul Guiragossian's Noces (Wedding) of 1958-1959 sold for US$486,400.

Christie's staged its first dedicated fine-art auction in Abu Dhabi on 1 November, and the evening sale, titled MAWASIM: 20 Years of Modern and Contemporary Middle Eastern Art, realised US$8,940,800. Held at The Abu Dhabi EDITION, the sale marked twenty years since the house held its first auction in the United Arab Emirates, in Dubai in 2006. The total was the highest Christie's has achieved for a Modern and Contemporary Middle Eastern Art evening sale in more than a decade, across seventy works spanning nine decades of art from the Middle East and North Africa.


Paul Guiragossian's Noces (Wedding)

The night's leading lot was Monir Shahroudy Farmanfarmaian's Variations on the Hexagon, made in 2006, which sold for US$844,800 after almost seven minutes of competitive bidding, far above its US$150,000-250,000 estimate. Fahrelnissa Zeid's Composition of 1948-1949 reached US$524,800, while Faisel Laibi Sahi's Baghdad Cafe (The Coffee Shop) from 2016 and Ali Banisadr's Homo Deus of 2018 each made US$512,000. Paul Guiragossian's Noces (Wedding) of 1958-1959 sold for US$486,400.

Nine artist records were set during the evening, for Jellal Ben Abdallah, Paul Guiragossian, Faisel Laibi Sahi, Juliana Seraphim, Nabil Kanso, Samia Halaby, Rami Farook, Fatma Lootah and Afra Al Dhaheri. Several of those artists were appearing at auction for the first time. Important consignments came from the Dalloul Collection in Beirut and the Barjeel Art Foundation in Sharjah, two collections that have done much to shape how modern and contemporary Arab art is understood.

Armenia's tax revenues rise 14.5% in January-October 2026



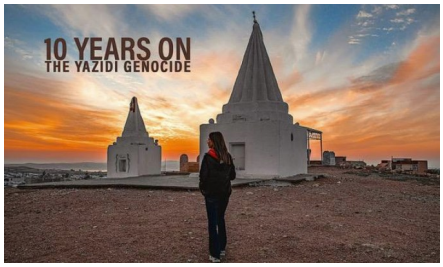
Armenia's state budget received 2 trillion 566.1 billion drams in tax revenues and state duties in January-October 2026, up 14.5%, or 325.6 billion drams, compared to the same period last year, Chairman of the State Revenue Committee (SRC) Eduard Hakobyan has said.

"We are consistently recording strong growth in tax revenues together with taxpayers. In particular, the state budget received 2 trillion 566.1 billion drams in tax revenues and state duties in January-October 2026, up 14.5%, or 325.6 billion drams, compared to the same period last year. In October alone, the budget received 257.9 billion drams in taxes and duties, up 30.3 billion drams, or around 13.3%, compared to October last year," Hakobyan wrote in a Facebook post.

The SRC chairman also noted that 286.9 billion drams had been refunded to taxpayers in the first 10 months of 2026, up 32.1 billion drams, or 12.6%, compared to the same period in 2025.

"We will continue our consistent efforts and, alongside sustained growth in tax revenues, strengthen voluntary tax compliance, creating a tax environment that is more predictable, transparent and provides equal competitive conditions," he added.

Film: 10 Years on: The Yazidi Genocide



In observance of the 10th anniversary of the 2014 Yazidi Genocide, a recently released documentary episode reveals a visual journey of the ISIS atrocities with compelling stories by formerly enslaved Yazidi women as well as historians and religious experts.

Faces of Persecution: Exploring Global Religious Oppressions documentary series, by the award-winning, non-profit Armenoid Productions team–with Director/Producer Bared Maronian and Writer/Producer Jackie Abramian–aims to increase public awareness of freedom of religion, belief, and multi-faith co-existence. With partner organizations and an all-female Advisory Board of globally recognized figures, the teams' previous documentaries have earned millions of global views and secured up to 8.4 IMDB ratings.

Organizations committed to the pursuit of justice and religious freedom to end religious hate crimes can join as financial partners to support upcoming episodes of Faces of Persecution: Genocide 2.0: Artsakh Ethnic Cleansing Artsakh and Kaduna Massacres: Nigeria's Christians Under Siege.

Organizations interested in screening the 10 YEARS ON: The Yazidi Genocide documentary can contact Jackie Abramian at jackie@globalcadence.org

FlyOne Armenia launches new direct flights from Yerevan to Berlin

FlyOne Armenia is expanding its international network by launching new direct Yerevan–Berlin–Yerevan flights.

The new route will start on 3 June 2027. Flights will operate twice a week, on Thursdays and Sundays.



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Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016
212-686-0710

Prelacy of the Armenian Church
138 East 39th Street,
New York, NY 10016
212-689-7810

Saint Illuminator Armenian Cathedral
221 East 27th. Street,
New York, NY 10016
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Armenian Presbyterian Church
140 Forest Avenue,
Paramus, NJ 07652
201-265-8585

St. Leon Armenian Church
12-61 Saddle River Rd
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
201-791-2862

Sts Vartanantz Armenian Church
461 Bergen Boulevard
Ridgefield, NJ 07657
201-943-2950

St Stepanos Armenian Apostolic Church
1184 Ocean Avenue
Elberon, New Jersey 07740
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Holy Cross Armenian Church
318 27th Street,
Union City, NJ 07087
201-864-2480

Hovnanian School
817 River Road
New Milford, NJ 07646
201-967-5940
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155 Long Hill Road
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St. Mary Armenian Church
200 W. Mt. Pleasant Avenue
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St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral
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New York, NY 10016
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St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church
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Calendar of Events



Armenian Interests

**To be included in our Calendar of Events,
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- **Prior to the 3 month limit, your event will be listed in the "Save the Date" section of our events page with a link to your website/email for 6 months (9 months total)**
- **The only exception to this policy are cruises and travel (we will post those in our "Save the Date" section up to 12 months in advance, with flyers posted 6 months prior to departure & announcements made 6 months prior to departure)**

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- **November 2 - November 30, 2026 - Shushi Dance Ensemble Adult Dance Classes**
- **November 7, 2026 - Knights of Vartan Musical Gala at St. Leon Armenian Church**
- **November 7, 2026 - Constantinople Rmenian Relief Society presents "The Fools Dinner"**
- **November 12, 2026 - A conversation with HETQ about independent journalism in Armenia at St. Leon Armenian Church**
- **November 13, 2026 - AMAA evening supporting the Khoren & Shooshanig Avedisian School**
- **November 14, 2026 - Constantinople Armenian Relief Society presents Hovhannes Tumanian's play Paregentan at St. Thomas Church**
- **November 22, 2026 - Lilit Pipoyan live in concert at St. Mary Armenian Church**
- **November 22, 2026 - AAHPO Medical Forum on Dementia and Alzheimer's**
- **December 5, 2026 - Christmas Candlelight Advent Tea at St. Mary Armenian Church**
- **December 12, 2026 - 23rd annual COAF event**
- **December 15, 2026 - AGBU presents Armenians in Film at Lincoln Center -** Event Page Link: https://agbu.org/armenians-film-lincoln-center-2026-2026

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- **January 16, 2027 - Armenian Heritage Cruise**
- **April 10, 2027 - Hovnanian School's 50th anniversary gala**
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- **Summer 2027 - AGBU Global Leadership Program**
- **November 6, 2027 - Shushi Dance Ensemble's 35th anniversary celebration. Details to follow**

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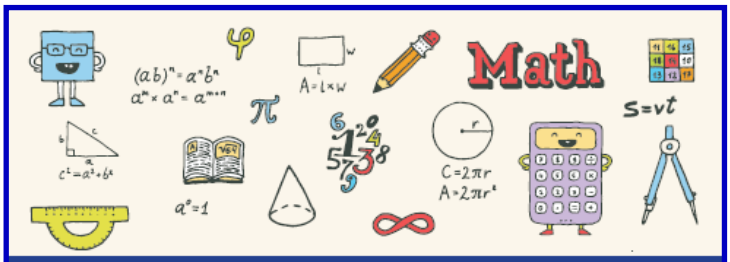
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