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35 Years of Armenia's Independence Celebrated at the United Nations Headquarters in NYC



H.E. Mr. Paruyr Hovhannisyan, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Armenia to the UN; Asmik Grigorian, the internationally celebrated Armenian-Lithuanian acclaimed soprano; Lithuanian Ambassador Julius Pranevicius

On Wednesday, November 11, the Armenian Mission to the United Nations hosted an evening dedicated to '35 years of Armenia's independence'. A message on social media by H.E. Ambassador Paruyr Hovhannisyan read " Celebrating 35 years of Armenia's independence— a journey of resilience, progress & determination to build a peaceful & prosperous future.





Top: H.E. Mr. Paruyr Hovhannisyan; Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the UN, Diva Asmik Gregorian; Vicki Shoghag Hovanessian, Cultural Advisor of the Embassy of Armenia

Left: Oscar Tatosian, Armenia's Honorary Consul in Chicago; Vicki Hovanessian, James Tufenkian, Diva Asmik Grigorian, Movses Abelian, Under Secretary General of the United Nations, Hratch Kaprielian



Armenia is committed to a strong UN & effective multilateralism. Grateful to our friends & partners for solidarity & continued support".

An impressive number of UN ambassadors attended the evening along with representatives of the Armenian community as well as diva Asmik Grigorian.



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Diva Asmik Grigorian on Parev-TV

On Wednesday, November 11, 2025 Parev-TV had a candid video interview with opera diva Asmik Grigorian.

Asmik Grigorian, the internationally celebrated Lithuanian soprano of Armenian heritage, is preparing for an important milestone in her operatic career: a special solo recital at New York's Metropolitan Opera on Wednesday, November 18, 2026.

The concert comes just two days after she opens in the title role of Leoš Janáček's Jenůfa at the Met.

The solo recital is not a conventional opera production. It is an intimate recital featuring Grigorian's voice accompanied by the father-and-son pianists Petras and Lukas Geniušas.

The program celebrates eight operatic works by four major composers:



The recital is especially significant because relatively few singers are invited to present solo recitals on the Metropolitan Opera stage. Grigorian joins a distinguished tradition that includes Kathleen Battle, Lise Davidsen, and Sonya Yoncheva.

The Parev-TV interview may be watched here.

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♥ ♥ ♥ *Through the Orchards of Armenian Language & Poetry* ♥ ♥ ♥ Գ. Nov/13-14/2026
Presented by: Zarminé Boghosian
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Նոյեմբեր ամիսը կը յուշէ մեզի օրացոյցա-յին տարին չփակած պահ մը կանք առնելու եւ մեր շնորհակալութիւնը յայտնելու մեզի շնորհուած օրերուն եւ բարիքներուն համար:
Գոհաբանութեան Օրը այս տարի պիտի տօնուի **Հինգշաբթի՝ Նոյեմբեր 26-ին**:
Պատմականօրէն 1621-ին առաջին անգամ ըլլալով կը նշուի օր մը փառք տալու Աստուծոյ եւ շնորհակալութիւն յայտնելու վերուստ տրուած առատ բերքահաւաքին համար:
Սակայն, աւելի քան երկու դար մասնակիօրէն, քաղաքէ-քաղաք- առանձին տօնախմբութիւններէ ետք, **վերջապէս 1863 թուականին Միաց. Նահանգներու նախա-գահ Աբրահամ Լինքըլն է,** որ պաշտօնապէս **<u>Նոյեմբերի վերջին Հինգշաբթին</u>** կը հռչակէ ազգային երախտագիտութեան օր:

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ՇՆՈՐՀԱԿԱԼ ԵՄ ԵՍ ՁԵԶԻ

Զարեհ Մելքոնեան (1923-2012)

Հացին համար, որ սեղանէն,
Ամէն ճաշի Լո՛ւռ կը ժպտի
Շնորհակա՛լ եմ ես ձեզի՝
Փոապանն ե՛ր այս աշխարհի...:
Պտուղներուն համար բուրեան,
Որ քաղցրօրէն - Կը շողշողան պարտէզներէն՝
Շնորհակա՛լ եմ ես ձեզի՝
Պարտիզպանն ե՛ր այս աշխարհի...:
Տունին համար, որ ես կ՛ապրիմ
Միշտ պաշտպանուած՝
Հովերուն դէմ ու անձրեւին՝
Շնորհակա՛լ եմ ես ձեզի՝
Շինարարներ այս աշխարհի...:
Եւ հագուստին համար աղուոր,
Եւ գիրքերուն համար հազար, Եւ լուսաւոր
Ճամբաներո՛ւն համար բոլոր, Եւ անդադար
Ինծի տրուած ամէ՛ն, ամէ՛ն բանի համար՝
Շնորհակա՛լ եմ ես ձեզի՝
Աշխատողներ այս աշխարհի...:
Դո՛ւք էք տուած ինչ որ ունիմ,
Դո՛ւք էք շինած աշխարհս իմ,
Դո՛ւք անծանօթ բարերարներս իմ սիրելի՝
Շնորհակա՛լ եմ ես ձեզի...:

Ա.Բ.Գ.

ԱՐԵՒԻՆ * Միսաք Մեծարենց

Հարաւի մեղմ ու լիաշունչ հովին հետ,
որ վաղուց երազուած համբոյրի մը պէս,
իմ սիրակարօտ հոգիս հեշտանքով կը լիացնէ,
շողա՛, ո՛վ արեւ
ո՛վ արեւ, շառափներովդ ոսկեծայր,
մառախլապատ երկունքիս մէջ՝
ուր Մտածումը կը դեգերի ուղեմոլար,
շողա՛, շողա՛, բարի՛ արեւ, հիւա՛նդ եմ...:
Պատուհանիս հեղուկ ծոցին մէջ
ինկած խելահեղ,
միջօրէի հեշտադալար ու բոցակապ երազին գիրկը,
թեւատարած կը սպասե՛մ.
պլլէ՛ զիս բոցեղէն ցանցերուդ մէջ, ու օրորէ՛
ջերմագին ու կիզանուռ համբոյրիդ տակ
թող հոգւոյս մեջէն անցնին կարգաւ
մանուկներն ընդարմացած:

Մինչեւ որ կանգնիմ նորէն ու անցնի՛մ դարձեալ
տարփանքիս խանդաղատ
ճամբաներէն:
Հիւա՛նդ եմ, բարի՛ արեւ, շողա՛, շողա՛...
հոգիս թռչնիկ մըն է, օդ ու լոյսի, երգ ու ծիծաղի
կարօտ, բայց երգը, որ իր ալուցքէն կը թռչի, անտես
ու ստուերոտ սանդուխ- ներու վրայ կ'իյնայ
շնչահեղձ:
Քի՛չ մըն ալ դեռ, ա՛հ, շողա՛, շողա՛,
բարի՛ արեւ, հիւա՛նդ եմ...
Վերջին անգա՛մ մըն ալ,
դեռ իրիկո՛ւն չեղած,
ու, դեռ տամուկ գիշերին վըհուկը զիս չընդգրկած,
վերջին անգա՛մ մըն ալ
փարէ հոգւոյս խանդաբորբ ու կաթոգի՛ն,
հիւա՛նդ եմ, բարի՛ արու, շողա՛, շողա՛...:

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«Խորհում եմ, ու չեմ կարողանում հասկանալ. այս ինչպէ՞ս եղաւ, որ ազգը սեփական երկրում փոքրամասնութիւն դարձաւ..». Վազգէն Օվեան

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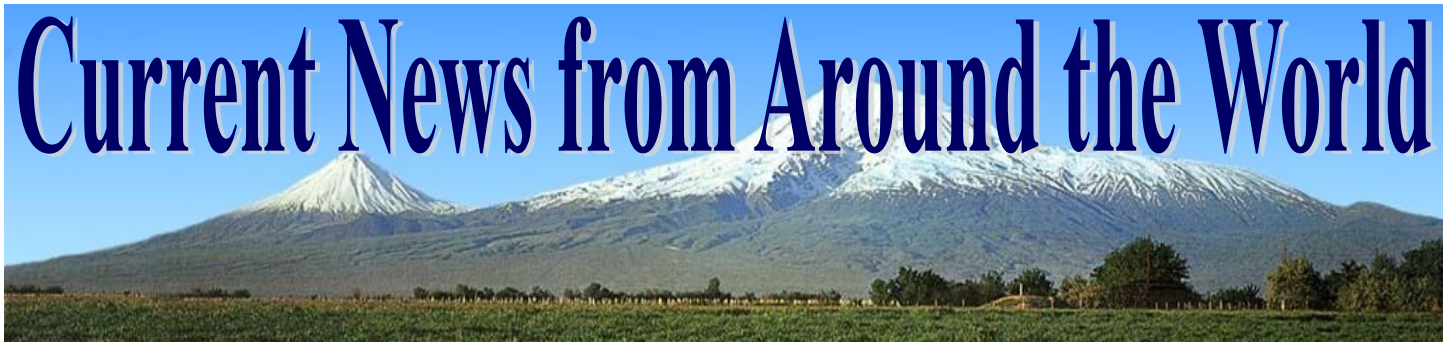

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US, Armenia and Azerbaijan establish trilateral technical group to launch TRIPP



US Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs Brendan Hanrahan, Armenia's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Vahan Kostanyan and Azerbaijan's Deputy Foreign Minister Elnur Mammadov have announced the launch of trilateral technical planning groups to advance the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP) multimodal transit route.

According to Armenia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, this format brings together policymakers and technical experts from the three countries to work collaboratively and help ensure long-term regional stability, economic viability, regional connectivity and commercial prosperity.

"With a shared commitment to turning the vision into tangible progress, the parties agreed to launch the first two trilateral technical planning groups, focusing on transport and electricity transmission. Establishing these technical planning groups is an



important step towards resolving complex technical issues and moving to the next stages of implementation, including ensuring connections with other regional infrastructure," the ministry's statement reads.

The ministry said the parties reaffirmed their respective commitments to ensuring that all components of TRIPP become operational as soon as possible.

TRIPP Opens New Commercial Opportunities for American Companies, Says U.S. Diplomat



The Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP) will create new commercial opportunities for American companies while advancing U.S. strategic interests in a stable and economically connected South Caucasus, according to U.S. Chargé d'Affaires David Allen.

Speaking at the Third Global Armenian Summit, organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs, Allen emphasized that the initiative aligns with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan's Crossroads of Peace project, which seeks to transform Armenia into a regional trade and transit hub.

"For the United States, it opens commercial opportunities for American companies and advances our strategic interest in a stable, prosperous, and interconnected South Caucasus," Allen stated.

He stressed that stronger economic ties between neighboring countries can contribute to lasting peace and regional stability.

"The United States believes that when neighboring countries have trade connections, they are less likely to go to war. When roads and railways cross borders, they carry more than just goods; they carry trust," he said.

Railway construction continues on Armenia-Turkey border



Ismail Demirtas, the governor of Akyaka District in Kars Province of Turkey, visited the railway section on the Armenia-Turkey border and got familiarized with the work being carried out on site.

Local residents are closely following the work towards reopening of the Akyaka border crossing, which has been closed for years, and the railway.

The commissioning of the aforementioned railway line is expected to significantly contribute to the development of trade, economy, and transport communications in Akyaka.

Türkiye completes preparations to open border crossings with Armenia

Türkiye has completed preparations to open its road and rail border crossings with Armenia, the APA news agency reported, citing Türkiye's Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Abdulkadir Uraloğlu.

The minister said the necessary work had been completed to open both the Margara–Alican road crossing and the railway crossing. He said he had discussed the matter with his Armenian counterpart.

Armenia, for its part, has completed the renovation and re-equipping of the Margara road crossing. In August 2026, State Revenue Com



Opening of COP31 Leaders' Summit in Antalya



Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan attended the opening ceremony of the COP31 Leaders' Summit in Antalya, Turkey, held as part of the 31st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The summit began with an official welcoming ceremony for heads of state, government leaders, and representatives of participating international organizations.

The leaders were received by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

The opening session featured addresses by Guterres, Erdoğan, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, and other international leaders.

The gathering brought together world leaders to discuss global climate challenges and international cooperation under the UN climate framework.

Erdoğan, Aliyev reaffirm 'unshakable' ties in Karabakh visit



President Recep Tayyip Erdoğanand his Azerbaijani counterpart, İlham Aliyev, have reaffirmed the "unshakable" ties between their countries amid recent controversies.

"Those who seek to weaken our brotherhood will never achieve their goals, just as they have failed in the past," Erdoğan said at a joint news conference in the Azerbaijani city of Shusha following talks with Aliyev.

Erdoğan described the countries' unity of purpose as an "everlasting torch drawing strength from our shared past and lighting the way toward the future."

Aliyev, in turn, described Türkiye and Azerbaijan as the closest of nations and states.

"The unity of Türkiye and Azerbaijan is eternal and unshakable. Those who want to come between us will never succeed," he added.

Erdoğan visited the Karabakh region at Aliyev's invitation as Azerbaijan marked the sixth anniversary of its victory in the 2020 war with Armenia.

The visit comes amid reported strains in relations between Ankara and Baku over their differing approaches to ties with Israel, as well as concerns in Azerbaijan over a regulatory change affecting students who wear headscarves in schools. Reports have also said Baku accused several Turkish officials of interfering in its domestic affairs.

Pashinyan receives Iranian vice president



Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan received a delegation led by Iranian Vice President Hamid Pourmohammadi, who arrived in Yerevan on Sunday evening ahead of the 19th meeting of the Armenia-Iran Joint Intergovernmental Commission.

Pashinyan noted that the two countries are successfully implementing joint programs in various areas and stressed that these contribute to the development and expansion of bilateral ties.

Vice President Hamid Pourmohammadi conveyed Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian's warm greetings to Prime Minister Pashinyan and emphasized the importance of expanding cooperation with Armenia.

The sides discussed issues related to the development of Armenia-Iran border infrastructure, joint road construction projects, as well as cooperation in energy, agriculture and other sectors.

They also exchanged views on the unblocking of regional transport routes and the opportunities arising as a result.

Pashinyan and Aliyev meet in Dublin

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev are meeting at the ninth European Political Community summit in Dublin, the capital of Ireland.



Armenia and Estonia stress importance of expanding permanent diplomatic presence in Yerevan and Tallinn



Armenia's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ararat Mirzoyan, met Estonian Foreign Minister Margus Tsahkna in Tallinn on 9 November, the Armenian ministry said in a statement.

Mirzoyan thanked Tsahkna for inviting him to the ceremony marking the 108th anniversary of the founding of Estonia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The ministers discussed next steps and the agenda for planned visits. They highlighted both countries' commitment to expanding their resident diplomatic presence in each other's capitals.

The ministers discussed further cooperation in a range of areas. They



stressed the importance of implementing the memorandum of understanding on an enhanced partnership signed by the two foreign ministries.

Mirzoyan and Tsahkna discussed ways to strengthen bilateral economic ties, increase trade and expand exports of Armenian products to Estonia and other European markets. They also discussed joint initiatives to raise the profile of Armenian products. In this context, they welcomed the "Made in Armenia" exhibition held in Tallinn in July and noted that Tsahkna had attended in person.

The ministers stressed the importance of developing cooperation between Enterprise Armenia and the Estonian Business and Innovation Agency.



They also highlighted the importance of sharing expertise and continuing to build institutional capacity in digitalisation, e-governance and innovative technologies.

Mirzoyan expressed appreciation for Estonia's support for democratic reforms in Armenia and for deepening Armenia–EU ties.

The ministers exchanged views on international developments and stressed the importance of continuing to strengthen both countries' resilience in the current circumstances.

Armenian PM describes meeting with Erdogan as 'very positive'



Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan has described his latest meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as "very positive".

Pashinyan met with Erdogan on the sidelines of COP31 in Antalya on November 11.

"We had a very positive meeting with President Erdogan, and we have very positive dialogue. We are looking forward to further development in our relations," Pashinyan told TRT World.

Asked whether he values partnership with Türkiye regarding regional connectivity, Pashinyan said: "Yes, of course, now we need to repair the railway between our countries and open, we are working on that."

The two leaders discussed the process of normalizing Armenia-Türkiye relations and emphasized the importance of advancing this process toward a logical conclusion. In this regard, the parties highlighted the significance of the measures taken and agreements reached thus far, as well as the further promotion of trade and economic relations. The sides also exchanged views regarding regional processes.

Nikol Pashinyan and Recep Tayyip Erdoğan highlighted the establishment of peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan, noting that it has provided a new impetus for the development of regional cooperation. The unblocking of transport and communication links was also discussed, including steps toward implementing the TRIPP project.

United Kingdom Introduces Zero-Tariff Trade Measures for Armenian Products



The United Kingdom has introduced autonomous trade measures for products originating in Armenia, providing preferential zero-tariff access for a range of Armenian agricultural products and alcoholic beverages.

According to Armenia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the decision is consistent with the strategic partnership between Armenia and the United Kingdom and is intended to expand export opportunities for Armenian producers while strengthening bilateral economic cooperation.

Under the new measures, eligible Armenian products will benefit from duty-free access to the British market.

The list of products covered by the preferential arrangements includes fresh fruits such as apricots, grapes, peaches, nectarines, apples, and pears, as well as dried fruits, including raisins.

The measures also cover a variety of herbs and spices, including basil, mint, oregano, rosemary, sage, thyme, bay leaves, saffron, ginger, and other seasonings.

Alcoholic beverages, including beer, cognac, and brandy, are also included among the products eligible for zero-tariff treatment.

The preferential trade arrangements are expected to improve the competitiveness of Armenian products in the British market by reducing import costs and creating additional opportunities for Armenian exporters.

The initiative marks another step toward strengthening economic ties between Armenia and the United Kingdom, particularly in the agricultural, food-processing, and beverage industries.

By facilitating access to the British market, the measures aim to encourage Armenian exports, support domestic producers, and promote the continued development of bilateral trade relations.

Akhtamar Island draws 250,000 visitors in eastern Türkiye



Akhtamar Island in Türkiye's eastern province of Van drew nearly 250,000 visitors in nine months, attracting domestic and foreign tourists to its historic church and Lake Van scenery.

Visitors reach the island in Gevaş district by boat, touring the church and photographing the lake. The site draws tourists from Iran, Iraq and Armenia.

Ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) Van Deputy Kayhan Türkmenoğlu said the island held religious significance and was a candidate for world heritage status.

He said global tourism was vulnerable to disruption, but sites such as Akhtamar retained special significance because of their religious value to different faith communities.

"Nearly 250,000 visits were made to our island this year," he said.

Türkmenoğlu said visitors came to see the blue waters and carved figures on the church, each with a meaning. The island has inspired legends and stories, he said.

Visitor numbers rise when almond trees blossom in April and May, while summer also brings crowds. Türkmenoğlu said he expected visits to increase in the coming years.

The Culture and Tourism Ministry began restoring Akhtamar Church in 2005 and opened it as a monument museum in 2007.

France – GAÏDZ–Nor Serount Cultural Association Celebrates 40th Anniversary with Spectacular "HADJIN, If We Forget You" Performance









The GAÏDZ–Nor Serount Cultural Association celebrated its 40th anniversary with a memorable and emotionally moving evening at the POC Cultural Center in Alfortville, France. The celebration was highlighted by the exceptional performance of "HADJIN, If We Forget You," which captivated the audience and made the anniversary event a resounding success.

The Hachn Dance Ensemble from Armenia, featuring 40 dancers and eight musicians, delivered an outstanding performance accompanied by live music, offering the audience an unforgettable celebration of Armenian culture, heritage, and traditions.

The organizers expressed their heartfelt gratitude to everyone whose support and participation contributed to the success of the event.

Special appreciation was extended to the Municipality of Alfortville and Mayor Luc Carvounas, represented by Victoria Simonian and France Bernichi, for their continued support.

The association also thanked His Excellency Arman Khachatryan, Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to France, represented by Nazeli Khachatryan, as well as Sergey Voskanyan, for their valued presence.

Among the distinguished guests were Liliane Manoukian, President of the Parish Council of the Armenian Apostolic Church; Pastor Gilbert Léonian of the Armenian Protestant Church; Jean Cordelle, Honorary President of the France–Musa Dagh Association; and Kevork Satchlian, member of the Central Committee of the Social Democrat Hunchakian Party.

The organizers also expressed their sincere appreciation to the volunteers, artists, and partners whose dedication and efforts helped make the celebration possible.

Above all, the association extended its deepest gratitude to the large audience whose enthusiastic participation, warmth, and applause filled the POC Cultural Center with excitement and emotion.

The anniversary celebration reaffirmed the association's enduring commitment to preserving Armenian cultural heritage and passing it on to future generations, reflecting the spirit of its guiding messages:

"Our Culture Lives Through Our Roots" and "Armenia Is Forever in Our Hearts."

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Armenian Caucus Enters 120th Congress with Strong Bipartisan Foundation



WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues is set to enter the 120th Congress with a broad base of returning lawmakers and substantial institutional continuity following the November 3, 2026 midterm elections.

More than 75 Caucus members secured reelection, including longtime bipartisan leaders Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), and Brad Sherman (D-CA). While the Caucus experienced several retirements and electoral departures, including Co-Chair David Valadao (R-CA), its expansive membership ensures that Armenian-American priorities will continue to have a strong and bipartisan presence in the House of Representatives.

The election results also significantly expanded congressional relationships on Armenian issues in the U.S. Senate. Representatives Chris Pappas (D-NH) and Kevin Hern (R-OK), both members of the Armenian Caucus in the House, won election to the Senate, bringing their experience with Armenian-American issues and South Caucasus policy to the upper chamber.

In Michigan, Abdul El-Sayed (D-MI) was elected to the U.S. Senate, succeeding retiring Senator Gary Peters. During the campaign, El-Sayed publicly criticized open-ended U.S. military assistance to Azerbaijan and pledged to support the peace, security, and self-determination of the Armenian people.

Several senators with established records on Armenian issues will also return to the 120th Congress. Senator Ed Markey (D-MA), who has repeatedly raised the plight of Armenian prisoners held in Baku, including on the Senate floor and during the COP29 climate summit in Baku in 2024, secured reelection. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), a longtime supporter of Armenian-American issues, was also reelected. In Ohio, Sherrod Brown (D-OH), who supported Armenian issues throughout his previous Senate tenure, won the special election and will return to the U.S. Senate.

This strong bipartisan foundation comes at an important juncture for U.S. policy in the South Caucasus. The 120th Congress is expected to address priorities that include strengthening Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act, expanding economic and security assistance to Armenia, and scrutinizing U.S. military assistance to Azerbaijan. Lawmakers will also continue to address the release of Armenian prisoners held in Baku, targeted sanctions and accountability measures, protection of Armenian cultural heritage, Armenian Genocide education and recognition, and congressional oversight of regional initiatives such as TRIPP and developments surrounding a final peace agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

As congressional leadership and committee assignments are finalized, early outreach to incoming lawmakers, together with sustained engagement with veteran Caucus members and supportive senators, will be important to maintaining congressional attention on Armenia, Armenian-American priorities, and U.S. policy in the South Caucasus.

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Harvey Sarajian to represent Armenia national football team



21-year-old Harvey Sarajian, who plays for MLS club Orlando City, has decided to represent the Armenia national team, the Football Federation of Armenia (FFA) said in a press release.

Former Armenia national team striker and FFA Ambassador in North America Yura Movsisyan played a direct role in Sarajian's decision to represent Armenia:

"I have been following Harvey for quite some time. His performances have been very impressive. Playing in MLS, he has been highly effective, scoring numerous goals and also putting up impressive numbers for the second team. He is a very promising player. Following his recent strong performances, I personally contacted both Armen Melikbekyan and Yeghishe Melikyan to share my observations and assessment. I was convinced that he absolutely deserved a call-up to the national team. They also reviewed Harvey's performances and agreed with my assessment. I then got in touch with Harvey. I spent Saturday and Sunday in Orlando, where I met Harvey. He agreed to play for our national team and was very happy about the opportunity. Harvey's father and grandfather are Armenian, so the whole family was very excited to hear the news," Movsisyan said.

Sarajian, who is eager to contribute to the development of the national team, also spoke about his decision in an interview with the FFA:

"Choosing the Armenia national team meant a great deal to me. I was born and raised in the United States, but my Armenian heritage has always been an inseparable part of my identity. When this opportunity arose, I saw it as a chance to reconnect with my roots, represent my family and give the Armenian people something to be proud of. It was an incredible feeling when Yura Movsisyan came to meet me. Considering the remarkable achievements Yura has made in Armenian football, meeting him was an exceptionally special moment. Our conversation was truly inspiring, and it strengthened my belief and enthusiasm for the future of Armenian football. I know how much football means to the Armenian people. I want to contribute to the development of the national team, help it become more competitive and hopefully achieve something great and memorable together."

Armenia Fund USA Announces 29th Annual Thanksgiving Telethon: "Building Tomorrow, Hand in Hand"



Armenia Fund USA will host its 29th Annual Thanksgiving Telethon on Thursday, November 26, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time, bringing together Armenians worldwide and friends of Armenia in a collective effort to support community development and build a stronger future for the homeland.

Under the theme "Building Tomorrow, Hand in Hand," this year's Telethon will emphasize unity, cooperation, and long-term investment in Armenia, with a special focus on the revitalization of Gyumri.

A centerpiece of the fundraising campaign is the Gyumri Urban Development Center, an initiative encompassing three major projects: the construction of two residential buildings providing 48 housing units, a preschool accommodating up to 75 children, and a planned cultural center dedicated to education, community engagement, and the preservation of Armenian heritage.

In addition to these initiatives, the Telethon will showcase more than two dozen development programs aimed at strengthening communities, improving living conditions, and creating sustainable opportunities throughout Armenia.

For nearly three decades, Armenia Fund has mobilized the generosity of Armenians around the world to support vital humanitarian and development projects. This year's Telethon seeks to continue that tradition by encouraging supporters to invest in Armenia's future and help create lasting opportunities for generations to come.

The Telethon will air live on Thursday, November 26, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. PST, through Armenia Fund USA's official YouTube and Facebook channels, as well as AABC TV, ARTN TV, Horizon Armenian TV, and USArmenia TV.

Armenia Fund USA invites the public to watch, share, and contribute to this year's campaign, reaffirming the spirit of solidarity embodied in its message: "One Vision. One Community. One Future. Building Tomorrow, Hand in Hand."

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Calendar of Events



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- **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 5, 2026 - Constantinople ARS lecture and performance by Ara Dinkjian at St. Leon Armenian Church**
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- **December 15, 2026 - AGBU presents Armenians in Film at Lincoln Center -** Event Page Link: https://agbu.org/armenians-film-lincoln-center-2026-2026
- December 19, 2026 - Armenian Cultural Network Foundation presents an evening of fellowship gathering at St. Mary Armenian Church

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- **January 16, 2027 - Armenian Heritage Cruise**
- **January 30, 2027 - Tekeyan Cultural Association dinner dance celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Baikar Weekly**
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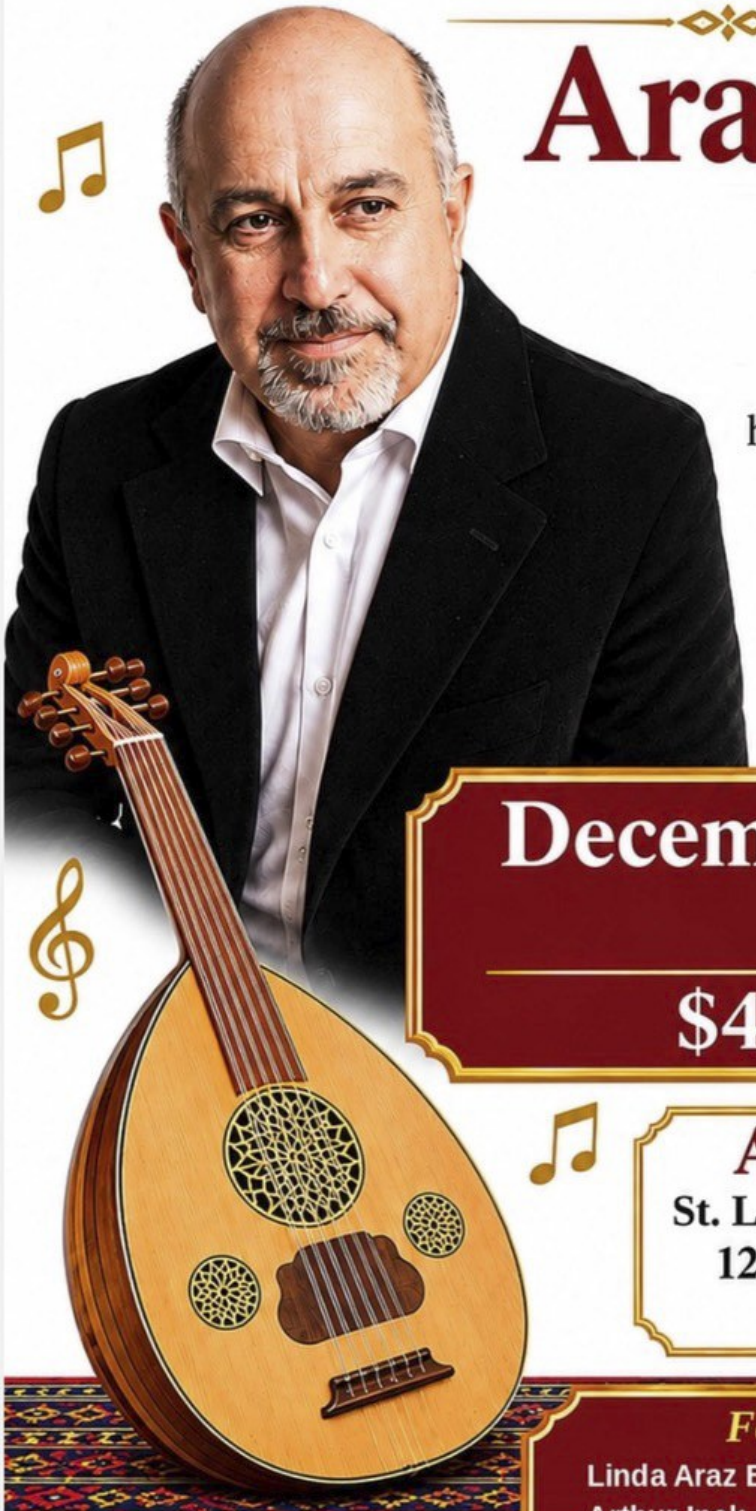

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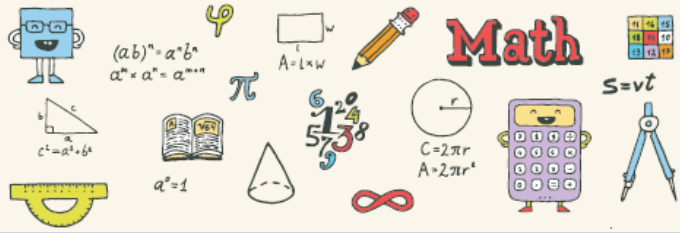

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