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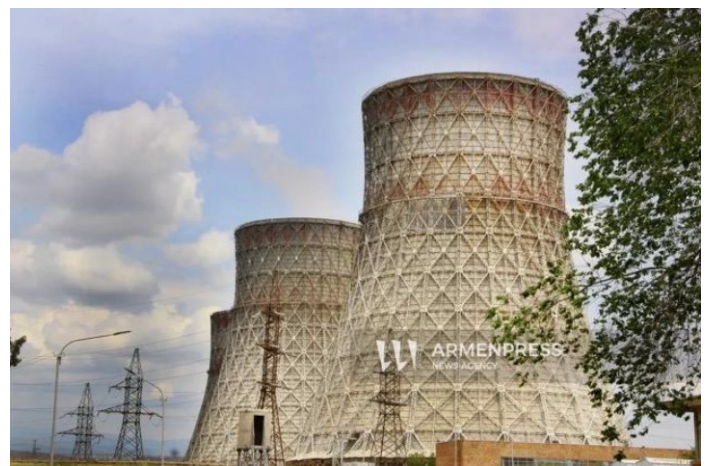
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Armenia intends to synchronize its electricity system with all four neighboring countries—Georgia, Iran, Türkiye, and Azerbaijan. This development is not only of commercial importance in terms of electricity imports and exports, but will also enhance the system's stability. There is currently no finalized work regarding timelines or technical solutions.

Last year Armenia consistently supplied electricity to Iran while receiving natural gas in return. However Armenia's energy grid is not yet synchronized with Iran's, but is merely connected to it, which nevertheless contributes to the stability of both countries energy systems. Construction of the 400 kV Armenia–Iran

nuclear reactor from Russia, the United States, France, China, and South Korea. No final decision has been made yet and that the selection will likely take place in 2026 or 2027. Depending on the choice of model, it will also be decided which country Armenia will work with, because the system of modular nuclear power plants has not previously been widely used and requires additional study.



transmission line is already about 85 percent complete. A contract with contractors will be signed in 2026, after which construction work will begin with the involvement of international companies.

Armenia is also reviewing proposed models for a modular

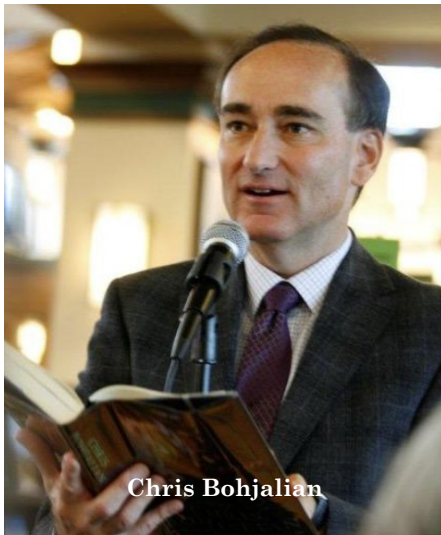
In 2023, the Armenian government decided to extend the operational lifecycle of the country's nuclear power plant, the Metsamor plant, until 2036, after which it will be replaced by a modular nuclear power plant.

Headline News



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Chris Bohjalian



L-R: Yeraz Markarian, Teni Apelian, Anaïs Tekerian

On Wednesday, April 22 from 6:00 to 8:30 a program dedicated to the Armenian Genocide, will be held at Saint Elizabeth University in Morristown New Jersey. The program will feature author Chris Bohjalian and the Zula Armenian A Cappella Trio. The program is funded by the Dadourian Foundation.

Chris Bohjalian is an award-winning, bestselling author whose work has reached millions of readers worldwide. His paternal grandparents were

survivors of the Armenian Genocide. Today Chris advocates for international recognition and moral accountability for the 1.5 million victims of the Armenian Genocide.

He is the author of 24 books which have been translated into 35 languages some made into movies

Zula Armenian A Cappella Trio carry the soul of Armenian culture forward through their unique interpretations. Their music honors the past while breathing new life into it, transforming ancient melodies into living, resonant art. The members of Zula Trio are Teni Apelian, Yeraz Markarian, and Anaïs Tekerian. The group was formed in 2002.

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Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

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Language & Poetry

February- 6-7- 2026

Presented by: Zarmine Boghosian

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Ահաւասիկ հասանք տարուան երկրորդ եւ ամենէն կարճ ամսուան՝ **Փետրուարին**, որ թէեւ միայն 28 օր ունի, սակայն խտացուած են հոն շարք մը աւանդական-բովանդակա-լից կրօնական տօներ: Այս տարի Փետր. 11-ին՝ Երեքշ. **Ս. Ղեւոնդեանց Տօն** է, **Հինգշ.՝ 12-ին Վարդանանց Տօն, Ճարթ՝ 14-ին Տեառնընդառաջ** է Կիրակի՝ **Փետր, 15-ին ԲՈՒՆ ԲԱՐԵԿԵՆՎԱՆ ՄԵՃ Պահքի:** Փետրուարի 3-րդ Երկուշաբթին՝ **16-ը Միացեալ Նահանգերու Նախագահներ-բուն** նուիրուած տօնն է:

Ս. Վարդանանց Տօնը մեր ժողովուրդին հերոսական նկարագիրը ամփոփող տօնն է, որ կը մարմնաւորուի **Սպա-բապետ Վարդան Մամիկոնեանի** կերպարով, երբ ան իր բանակին գլուխն անցած անտեսեց իր ու պարսից զօրքերուն թիւի անհաւասարութիւնը **«ՄԱՀ ԿԱՄ ԱՉԱՏՈՒԹԻՒՆ ՎԱՍՆ ՀԱՅՐԵՆԵԱՑ ԵՒ ՀԱԲԱՏՈՅ»** ըսելով պայքարեցաւ: (Մայիս 26, Բ.Ե. 451 թուականին):



Մարօ Մարգարեան, 1915-1999

Լուսամփոփը յանկարծ շողաց,
Եւ ես յանկարծ քեզ յիշեցի,

Ծառը խշշաց, ճիւղը դողաց,

Եւ ես յանկարծ քեզ յիշեցի,

Առուն փախաւ խոխոջալով,

Եւ ես յանկարծ քեզ յիշեցի,

Ծածկուեց լուսնակն ամպի շալով,

Եւ ես յանկարծ քեզ յիշեցի:

Դու ինչո՞ւ ես լցուել այդպէս

Աշխարհով մէկ,

Դու ինչո՞ւ ես այդպէս անհուն

Ու անեզերք:



ԱՆԱՆՈՒՆ- Միաք Մեծարենց

Վայրի ծաղիկ, անունդ ի՞նչ է,
Ըսէ, մասուր ու կանանչ է
Ցանկապատին շուքին նստած

Վայրի ծաղիկ անունդ ի՞նչ է:

Ըսալիտակ, կաթ ու մագաղաթ
Բուրող ծաղիկ անունդ ի՞նչ է,
Ըսէ, քիչ մը գէթ չե՞ս դողար,
Հովիկն անուշ երբոր փչէ...
Հպարտ ծաղիկ անունն ի՞նչ
Պարիկին, որ անցաւ քովդ,
Հեղուկ ու սեւ սաթի վէտ վէտ
Ցայտք մը ձգած իր քամակէն:

Գիտե՞ս ծաղիկ, անունն ի՞նչ է

Դողին, գոր քեզ տուաւ հովիկ
Ու ձայնին որ զիս կը կանչէ...



ՄՏՔԻ ՇԻԹԵՐ-- Եզնիկ Բալիկ

Ազգ մը կը հիւժի անզգալաբար,

Երբ մղէ անվերջ ներքին սուր պայքար:

Ինչպէս որ չկայ առանց փուշի վարդ,

Նոյնպէս ալ չկայ առանց ցաւի մարդ:

Պատին վաճառքի երբ ապրանք դառնայ,

Ծպտուած մարդիկ կը փութան շուկայ:

Անբասիր խղճով երբ բարիք ցանես,

Հոգւոյդ ձեռքերով հունձը կը քաղես:

Յուսահատ մարդու էս ցաւտ փերքը,

Կորսնցնելն է իր յոյսի երգը:

Օոյլի մը գործերն եթէ ընես դուն,

Բարիք մը գործած չես ըլլար մարդուն:

Հաստատ կը հասնիս քու երագածին,

Երբ կամքով առնես քայլդ առաջին:

Ո՛չ արհամարհէ քեզ նախատողին,

Եւ ո՛չ ալ պաշտէ քեզ միշտ գովողին

Դրամը կ'ըլլայ շատ լաւ բարեկամ,

Եթէ դուն տէրն ես եւ ո՛չ թէ ծառան:

Ամէն անգամ որ բարձունք նուաճես,

Յիշէ այն մարդը, որ քեզ վե՛ր հրեց:



ԱՇՈՒՂԻ ՉՐՈՅՑ

Յովհ. Թումանեան

Գործն անմահ է լաւ իմացէր,

Որ խօսուում է դարձ դար,

Երնէկ նրան որ իր գործով

Կ'ապրի անվերջ, անդադար:

Չարն էլ է միշտ ապրում անմեռ,

Անէ՛ծք նրա չար գործին,

Որդիդ լինի, թէ հերն ու մեր,

Թէ մուրագով սիրած կին:

Ես լաւութեան խօսք եմ ասում,

Որ ժպտում է մեր սրտին,

Ո՛վ չի սիրում, թէկուզ դուրձան,



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Azerbaijani sentences former Nagorno-Karabakh officials to life imprisonment



Minister Ruben Vardanyan, decried by him as a “farce,” is proceeding separately.

Other captives received sentences ranging from 15 to 19 years.

Madat Babayan and Melikset Pashayan were sentenced to 19 years; Davit Alahverdyan was sentenced to 16 years; Erik Ghazaryan, Gurgen Stepanyan, and Vasily Beglaryan were sentenced to 15 years; and Garik Martirosyan was sentenced to 18 years.

After Azerbaijan’s takeover of Karabakh during its 2023 offensive, the Armenian population—over 100,000 people—fled to Armenia seeking refuge. The former politicians and others were detained during the exodus.

An Azerbaijani military court sentenced former Nagorno-Karabakh President Arayik Harutyunyan, former Defense Army commander Levon Mnatsakanyan and his deputy Davit Manukyan, former Foreign Minister Davit Babayan, and former Speaker of Parliament Davit Ishkanyan, to life imprisonment on war crime-related charges widely seen as fabricated.

Former Presidents Bako Sahakyan and Arkady Ghukasyan received 20-year prison sentences, as they are over the age of 65 and Azerbaijani law prohibits life imprisonment for individuals of that age.

They are all among the 19 Armenian captives and detainees held unlawfully in Azerbaijan.

The trial of another prominent former Karabakh politician, former State



Pashinyan, Aliyev receive congratulations from international partners on Zayed Award



At the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity ceremony held in Abu Dhabi, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev received congratulatory video messages from a number of international partners.

In his message, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan praised the “courageous steps and decisive will” demonstrated by the Armenian Prime Minister and the Azerbaijani President in advancing lasting peace,



expressing hope that the award would yield positive outcomes for all humanity.

Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev also expressed gratitude to Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan for his continued commitment to promoting the values of human fraternity.

Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said the peace agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan is a testament to genuine human



brotherhood.

King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein, in his message, underscored the importance of the Armenia-Azerbaijan peace agreement, calling it an honor to recognize the efforts and individuals who made the process possible.

Congratulatory video messages were also sent by Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov, and Lebanese President Joseph Aoun, who praised the significance of the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity and its mission.

Pashinyan’s band holds debut concert in Yerevan



Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan’s band Varchaband has played their debut concert in Yerevan. The sold-out event, which required pre-registration, was held on 30 January and featured Pashinyan playing drums. Parliamentary speaker Alen Simonyan also participated in the event, giving some introductory remarks before the show.

Varchaband takes its name from the Armenian word Varchapet, which means prime minister — the name then becomes a play on words, where the -pet ending is swapped for -band.

A poster for the event showed Pashinyan playing drums along with the tagline ‘We play, you dance’.

Individual clips of the concert are available online, which include the band playing both original songs and covers, but a full recording of the event has not yet been made public.

The show opened with several DJ sets before Varchaband took the stage.

One of the main songs featured in the promotional material was ‘Real

Armenia, the Republic of Armenia’, a song that Pashinyan himself penned. The song references the concept of ‘Real Armenia’, developed by Pashinyan and his government, which insists that Armenians must accept modern Armenia within its current borders. The song was also played at the concert to much fanfare.

The concert closed out to a flood of pink balloons being released from the ceiling.

Pashinyan and Aliyev awarded the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity 2026



Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and his wife Anna Hakobyan have departed for the United Arab Emirates on a working visit. On February 4 the Prime Minister will participate in the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity 2026 award ceremony to be held in Abu Dhabi.

Prime Minister Pashinyan was named a laureate of the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity 2026 in recognition of his consistent efforts to promote the agenda of establishing peace between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as cooperation and stability in the region.

The award was also granted to Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.



Prime Minister Pashinyan held a meeting with Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday, where they arrived to accept the 2026 Zayed Award for Human Fraternity.

Pashinyan and Aliyev, reaffirmed their readiness to continue working toward further strengthening peace and stability. They noted the importance of maintaining the positive momentum in advancing the normalization process on a bilateral basis.

Both societies are witnessing real benefits of peace on the ground and agreed to further explore opportunities to expand bilateral trade and economic cooperation.



Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan met with Mohamed Abdelsalam, Secretary-General of the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity, ahead of the award ceremony in Abu Dhabi. Secretary of the Security Council of Armenia, Armen Grigoryan, also attended the meeting.

Mohamed Abdelsalam expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister for accepting the invitation to participate in the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity ceremony. The fact that the two leaders are being honored with the award will give new momentum to the peace agenda between Armenia and Azerbaijan, as well as contribute to steady progress in promoting cooperation and stability in the region.

Vice President J.D. Vance to visit to Armenia and Azerbaijan



U.S. Vice President J.D. Vance's visit to Armenia and Azerbaijan will take place after the opening ceremony of the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy, according to the Associated Press.

At the February 6 opening ceremony of the Milan–Cortina Winter Games, the vice president will lead a U.S. delegation that includes his wife, Second Lady Usha Vance, and

Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

After Italy, Vance will travel to Armenia and Azerbaijan, where President Donald Trump has tasked him with “building on our peace efforts and advancing the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity.”

Armenian Minister of Defense Suren Papikyan held a meeting in Yerevan with the Chief of Defense Staff of the Indian Armed Forces, General Anil Chauhan

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The meeting was also attended by Ambassador of India to Armenia Nilakshi Saha Sinha.

Minister Papikyan highly appreciated the current level of Armenia-India cooperation in the field of defense, stressing the importance of regular implementation of cooperation programs, the ministry said in a readout.

General Chauhan expressed the willingness of the Indian Armed Forces to continue developing cooperation in existing areas and initiate new areas of mutual interest.



A number of issues related to regional and international security were also discussed during the meeting.

Armenia announces team for 2026 Winter Olympics

5 Armenian athletes will compete at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, from February 6 to 22.

Armenia will be represented by cross-country skiers Mikayel Mikayelyan and Katya Galstyan, alpine skier Harutyun Harutyunyan, as well as the figure skating pair Karina Akopova and Nikita Rakhmanin.

At the official opening ceremony of the Games, Armenia's flagbearers will be the figure skating pair Karina Akopova and Nikita Rakhmanin. Their performances are scheduled for February 15 and 16.

The skiers will compete on February 7, 8, 13, 14, and 16.



National Assembly elections to be held on June 7

President of the Republic of Armenia Vahagn Khachaturyan has signed a decree setting June 7, 2026, as the date for the regular elections to the National Assembly.

The decree was published on the official website of the President of the Republic of Armenia.



“Russia has held monopolies in various sectors here for years, and that is considered a positive phenomenon. But suddenly, when America comes in, they say we are giving up sovereign territory. Praise and criticism should be applied equally. I understand the opposition—they were hoping for failures so they could succeed in the next elections, but the opposite is happening. Most importantly, practical steps are being taken”.

***Hampik Sarafian,
Chairman of the Central Board
Social Democrat Hunchakian Party***

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- Hats, Scarves, Gloves
- Shoes, Boots, Sneakers, Slippers

Hygiene:

- Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Detergent
- Baby/Adult Diapers, Feminine Products
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Floss, Mouthwash

Beauty Supplies:

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- Clothing (Adult/Children/Baby)
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- Knitting and Crochet Needles
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- Thread, Sewing Needles

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New York, NY 10022
212-319-6383
Email: agbuny@agbu.org
www.agbu.org

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
212-689-5880

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

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817 River Road
New Milford, NJ 07646
201-967-5940
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155 Long Hill Road
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Calendar of Events



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ [February 14, 2026 - St. Leon Church Paregentan Celebarion](#)
- ◆ [March 8, 2026 - AGBU presents Past & Present Armenian Sounds with Trio Fadolin and Ara Dinkjian](#)
- ◆ [March 20, 2026 - St. Vartan Cathedral Cultural Committee concert](#)
- ◆ [April 11, 2026 - Armenian Relief Society anniversary gala dinner](#)
- ◆ [April 22, 2026 - Program honoring the legacy of the Armenian Genocide](#)
- ◆ [May 16-17, 2026 - St. Mary Armenian Church centennial celebration](#)
- ◆ [August 27-September 7, 2026 - Trip to Jerusalem](#)

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2-4:00 PM Talk & Performance

4-5:00 PM Light Reception

Seating is limited. Scan QR code to make a reservation.

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To learn more about the performers visit trio.fadolin.com and
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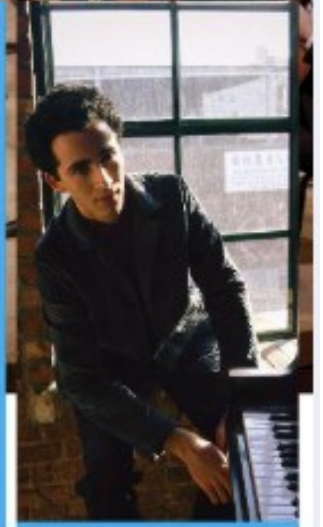


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Program to Honor Legacy of the Armenian Genocide

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 @ 6:00PM-8:30PM

Dolan Auditorium-Annunciation Center

Saint Elizabeth University Campus

2 Convent Road, Morristown



An evening of
traditional food, music and
discussion will honor those lost
in the Armenian Genocide.
Starting in 1915 one and a half million
Armenians were murdered.

The program will honor the breath
and beauty of Armenian culture
while remembering the legacy of the
Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide.



- ❖ Doors open at 6 PM for a traditional Armenian dinner with music from the Maldjian Family
- ❖ Program to begin at 7 PM and feature author Chris Bohjalian and music from the Zulal Trio
- ❖ Hosted by Vartan Abdo of "The Armenian Radio Hour of New Jersey" on WSOU

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August 27 - September 7

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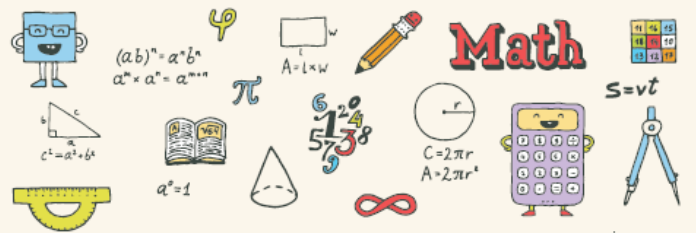
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