

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**For Six Month Period Ending 11/30/2014

(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.

Office of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic in the U.S.A.

5342

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

1334 G Street, N.W., Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20005

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

(a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address(es) Yes No (2) Citizenship Yes No (3) Occupation Yes No

(b) If an organization:

(1) Name Yes No (2) Ownership or control Yes No (3) Branch offices Yes No

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.Yes No If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

N/A

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes No

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

N/A

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)² during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish th following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period:

Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic

10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A³ Yes No

Exhibit B⁴ Yes No

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic

please see attached

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic

please see attached

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes No

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.⁶

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
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please see attached

\$ 81 150

Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign⁷; any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
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please see attached

\$79,675

Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?¹²

Yes No

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?

Yes No

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts Magazine or newspaper Motion picture films Letters or telegrams
 Advertising campaigns Press releases Pamphlets or other publications Lectures or speeches
 Other (specify) _____

Electronic Communications

- Email
 Website URL(s): www.nkrusa.org
 Social media websites URL(s): www.facebook.com/NKRinUSA
 Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials Newspapers Libraries
 Legislators Editors Educational institutions
 Government agencies Civic groups or associations Nationality groups
 Other (specify) _____

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English Other (specify) Armenian

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

Yes No

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature¹³)

December 11, 2014

/s/ Robert Avetisyan, Representative

eSigned

¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

Question 11:

During this 6-month period, have you engaged in any activity for or rendered any service to any foreign principal named in items 7, 8 and 9 of this statement? Yes

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Activities on behalf of the Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic:

Contacts

Date: 06/10/14
Contact: Louisiana Senator Edwin Murray
Purpose: forwarded letters of Speaker of the NKR National Assembly
Contact manner: e-mail/ mail; (copy provided in attachment #1)

Date: 06/11/14
Contact: US Congressman Adam Schiff
Purpose: discussed issues around NK issue settlement process
Contact manner: office meeting

Date: 06/16/14
Contact: Members of the US House Foreign Appropriations Committee
Purpose: to forward letter of NKR Foreign Minister K.Mirzoyan
Contact manner: e-mail / mail; (copies provided in attachment #2)

Date: 07/02/14
Contact: US Secretary of State J. Kerry, US Ambassador J.Warlick
Purpose: to forward NKR Foreign Minister's July 4 congratulatory letters;
(copies provided in attachment #3)
Contact manner: e-mail / mail

Date: 07/02/14
Contact: Members of the US Congress and State Assemblies
(list of recipients and sample letter attached)
Purpose: to forward NKR Parliament Speaker's July 4 congratulatory letters;
(sample letters and list of recipients provided in attachment #4)
Contact manner: e-mail / mail

Date: 08/30/14
Contact: California State Senators D.Steinberg, K. De Leon, R.Lara, T.Berryhill
Purpose: to forward NKR Parliament Speaker's gratitude letters
Contact manner: email / mail (copies provided in attachment #5)

Date: 9/10/14
Contact: Office of the US Congressman Frank Pallone;
Purpose: to meet with Assistant J.McCarthy to discuss US involvement in regional developments;
Contact manner: office meeting

Date: 10/15/14
Contact: Office of California State Senate's President pro tem Kevin De Leon;

Purpose: to attend the inauguration ceremony;
Contact manner: visit

Date: 10/19/14
Contact: Fresno County Supervisor Andreas Borgeas;
Purpose: to discuss issues around NK
Contact manner: meeting

Date: 10/22/14
Contact: Office of the US Co-Chair to the OSCE Minsk Group, Ambassador J. Warlick;
Purpose: to meet with Office Advisor David Salvo to discuss the NK peace process;
Contact manner: meeting

Date: 11/11/14
Contact: Offices of the US Congressmen Frank Pallone and David Cicilline;
Purpose: to discuss organization of NK-related events;
Contact manner: email / phone

Date: 11/13/14
Contact: Offices of the US Congressmen,
Purpose: to send congratulatory letters in connection with reelection to US Congress
(copies provided in attachment #6)
Contact manner: email / mail

Newsletters

(copies provided in attachment #7)

Date: 06/15/14, 06/30/14, 07/15/14, 08/15/14, 08/31/14, 09/15/14, 09/30/14, 10/31/14,
11/15/14
Subject: Developments in NKR and related to NKR
Availability: email

Press-releases, Interviews, Articles, Media Alerts

(copies provided in attachment #7)

Date: 11/02/14
Subject: Article in The Hill, "Misinterpretation Leads Azerbaijani Diplomacy",
by NKR Office advisor A. Avetisyan
Availability: online at <http://bit.ly/1EcP3hy>

Date: 11/19/14 and 11/25/14
Subject: Action Alert: Please Support "Hayastan" All-Armenian Fund's Telethon 2014
on Thanksgiving Day, November 27
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution

Registrant's attendance at conferences and forums generally re Nagorno Karabakh and the region

Date: 11/20/14
Event: Lecture on Nagorno Karabakh

Location: University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Dates: November 22-28, 2014

Official: Bako Sahakyan, NKR President

Itinerary: By invitation of the Armenia Fund, Inc., meetings in Los Angeles, CA, with media, experts and representatives of the Armenian-American community. Discussed issues related to the Nagorno Karabakh peace process and assistance to Nagorno Karabakh. In Glendale, California, participation in the annual telethon (fundraising) for humanitarian and development projects in Nagorno Karabakh.

Question 12:

During this 6-month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity as defined below? Yes

Political activities on behalf of the Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic:

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Question 14 (a):

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If yes, set forth in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.

The amount listed below is the total of such financial support and contributions to the NKR Office from all sources for the reporting period (06/01/2014 - 11/30/2014).

Name	Address line 1	Address line 2	Amount
NKR Government	28 Azatamartikneri St.	Stepanakert, NKR, Armenia	\$81,000.00
Mr. Levon Palian	3838 Calvert St., NW	Washington, DC 20007	\$150.00
Total			\$81,150.00

Question 15 (a):

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal of such monies, including transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Foreign Principal: The Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic

The following is a breakdown of those expenses incurred by the NKR Office in the USA during the reporting period (06/01/2014 - 11/30/2014).

NN	Purpose	Amount
1	Entertainment/meals: No U.S. officials or media representatives were guests	\$1,284
3	Health Insurance	\$2,661
4	Living expenses	\$43,122
6	Car rent/related expenses	\$4,455
7	Office Supplies	\$1,440
8	Parking	\$974
9	Postage/Courier	\$76
10	Rent Housing Expats	\$16,416
11	Telephone / Internet	\$2,092
12	Travel within US & International: No U.S. officials or media were guests	\$7,024
13	Website/Email	\$131
	Total operating expenses and other disbursements:	\$79,675



CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAGORNO - KARABAKH

2 February 20 st., Stepanakert, NKR Tel. / Fax: (+374) 943221

«10» June 2014

The Honorable Edwin R. Murray
Capitol Office
P.O. Box 94183
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Senator Murray:

On behalf of the National Assembly of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (Artsakh) and myself, I am writing to express gratitude for sponsoring the Louisiana State Senate Resolution No.166, which exemplifies a strong voice for democracy and justice.

The Resolution that fits into the best traditions of American democracy is a valuable contribution to the support of rights of the Armenian people who suffered from the criminal regime in Baku. The measure is also crucial in view of the continued aggressive policy of Azeri authorities, and their refusal to take a constructive stance in the settlement of the conflict between Azerbaijan and Karabakh.

Despite all the hardships, our country, apart from giving refuge to many Armenian IDPs and refugees from Azerbaijan continues to develop as a democratic statehood based on our shared values of human rights and liberties.

Once again, let me thank you for such an important and principled initiative and invite you to visit Artsakh any time convenient for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Ghulyan'.

Ashot Ghulyan

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REPUBLIC

June 13, 2014

The Honorable Ander Crenshaw
U.S. House of Representatives
440 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Crenshaw:

On behalf of the people and authorities of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (Republic of Artsakh) I am writing to express our profound gratitude for your continued involvement in providing US direct assistance to the Republic of Artsakh and its people.

This aid is important for us as a vital contribution to our Government's efforts to overcome the consequences of the devastating war and to solve the most pressing humanitarian problems such as mine-clearance, clean water supply, healthcare, education and many other social and public welfare issues. It is even more crucial from the moral point of view as a vivid manifestation of the US support to our strong commitment to build a democratic statehood, based on respect for human rights and freedoms.

We do hope that, with your tireless efforts, the American nation will keep up to the tradition of providing humanitarian and development aid to the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (Artsakh), and thus contribute to the strengthening of our young state and promoting prosperity and stability in the region.

Sincerely,



Karen Mirzoyan

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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REPUBLIC

June 13, 2014

The Honorable Debbie Wasserman-Schultz
U.S. House of Representatives
118 Cannon House Office Building,
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Wasserman-Schultz:

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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REPUBLIC

June 13, 2014

The Honorable Henry Cuellar
U.S. House of Representatives
2431 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Cuellar:

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This aid is important for us as a vital contribution to our Government's efforts to overcome the consequences of the devastating war and to solve the most pressing humanitarian problems such as mine-clearance, clean water supply, healthcare, education and many other social and public welfare issues. It is even more crucial from the moral point of view as a vivid manifestation of the US support to our strong commitment to build a democratic statehood, based on respect for human rights and freedoms.

We do hope that, with your tireless efforts, the American nation will keep up to the tradition of providing humanitarian and development aid to the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (Artsakh), and thus contribute to the strengthening of our young state and promoting prosperity and stability in the region.

Sincerely,



Karen Mirzoyan

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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REPUBLIC

June 13, 2014

The Honorable Kay Granger
U.S. House of Representatives
1026 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger:

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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REPUBLIC

June 13, 2014

The Honorable Kevin Yoder
U.S. House of Representatives
215 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Yoder:

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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REPUBLIC

June 13, 2014

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
U.S. House of Representatives
436 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Diaz-Balart:

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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REPUBLIC

June 13, 2014

The Honorable Nita M. Lowey
U.S. House of Representatives
2365 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lowey:

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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REPUBLIC

June 13, 2014

The Honorable Tom Rooney
U.S. House of Representatives
221 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rooney:

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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE NAGORNO KARABAKH REPUBLIC

**The Honorable John F. Kerry
U.S. Department of State
Secretary of State
Washington, DC 20520**

Dear Secretary Kerry,

I am writing to congratulate you and the American nation on the occasion of the Independence Day of the United States, which embodies the spirit of liberty and independence for all the freedom-loving nations.

Artsakh is one of such nations. We have been successful in our efforts to defend our right to live freely, and hence highly appreciate the tireless efforts of the United States along with Russian Federation and France to find a lasting solution to the Azerbaijani-Karabakh conflict.

Guided by a strong belief that existing problems could be solved exclusively by peaceful means, we look forward to a close cooperation to bring final peace and stability not only to my country but to the whole region of the South Caucasus.

I would like to use this opportunity to express our gratitude to you and the entire American nation for the continued humanitarian assistance, which has helped to eliminate the effects of devastating aggression by Azerbaijan and rebuild our lives.

Once again, allow me to congratulate you and your country on this special day and wish you and the American nation peace and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Karen Mirzoyan

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE NAGORNO KARABAKH REPUBLIC

**Ambassador James Warlick,
US Department of State
Washington, DC 20520**

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Foreign Ministry of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and myself, I am writing to congratulate you on the occasion of the Independence Day of the United States.

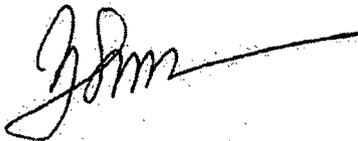
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Guided by a strong belief that current problems could be solved exclusively by peaceful means I look forward to continue our existing co-operation to bring peace not only to my country but to the whole region.

Once again, I congratulate you and your country with the holiday, and wish all the best to you and your family.

Sincerely



Karen Mirzoyan



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«4» July 2014

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
U.S. Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McConnell,

On behalf of the National Assembly of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (Artsakh) and myself, I am writing to congratulate you on the occasion of the Independence Day.

Throughout its independent history the United States has been at the forefront of defending universal values of freedom and democracy, served as an example and inspired many nations to rise and struggle for their rights and liberties.

And this is very much true for Artsakh. Our young nation has demanded justice, and successfully defended from aggressor its right to live free and develop with its vision of a sovereign democracy. The people and authorities of Artsakh appreciate the efforts of the United States as the OSCE Minsk Group Co-chair country towards reaching final peace and strengthening stability in the South Caucasus through effective and lasting solution to the Azerbaijan-Karabakh conflict.

Also, I want to use this opportunity to reiterate our gratitude to the American people and to you personally for the continued humanitarian assistance that helps eliminate the consequences of devastating military aggression by Azerbaijan.

Once again, I congratulate you and your country with the holiday, and wish all the best to you, to your family, and the entire American nation.

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«4» July 2014

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
235 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pelosi,

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«4» July 2014

The Honorable Stephen F. Carter
Louisiana State House of Representatives
3115 Old Forge
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Dear Representative Carter,

On behalf of the National Assembly of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (Artsakh) and myself, I extend congratulations to you on the occasion of the Independence Day.

Throughout its independent history the United States has been at the forefront of defending universal values of freedom and democracy, served as an example and inspired many nations to rise and struggle for their rights and liberties.

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Also, I would like to use this opportunity to reiterate our gratitude to you and your colleagues in the Louisiana State House of Representatives for adopting the Resolution, which supports our liberty and democratic independence.

Once again, I congratulate you and your country with the holiday, and wish all the best to you, to your family, and the entire American nation.

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**MEMBERS OF THE US CONGRESS AND STATE ASSEMBLIES
WHO RECEIVED JULY 4 CONGRATULATORY LETTERS
FROM NKR PARLIAMENT SPEAKER**

U.S. Congress

The Honorable Mitch McConnell	United States Senate
The Honorable Harry Reid	United States Senate
The Honorable Jack Reed	United States Senate
The Honorable Barbara Boxer	United States Senate
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein	United States Senate
The Honorable Richard J Durbin	United States Senate
The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy	United States Senate
The Honorable Carl Levin	United States Senate
The Honorable Robert Menendez	United States Senate
The Honorable Charles E. Schumer	United States Senate
The Honorable Mark Kirk	United States Senate
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Steny Hoyer	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Frank Pallone	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Lloyd Doggett	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Devin Nunes	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Adam Schiff	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable John Boehner	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable James Clyburn	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Joseph Crowley	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Brad Sherman	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Bruce Braley	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable David Cicilline	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Jim Costa	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Eliot Engel	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Anna Eshoo	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Chaka Fattah	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Rush Holt	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Jim Langevin	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Daniel Lipinski	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Stephen Lynch	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable James McGovern	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Grace Napolitano	United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Gary Peters	United States House of Representatives
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«29» August 2014

**The Honorable Darrell Steinberg
President Pro Tempore
California State Senate**

Dear Mr. President Pro Tempore:

On behalf of the people of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (NKR), Artsakh, the National Assembly and myself I am writing to express a profound gratitude to you for your stance that allowed adoption of the AJR 32 in the California State Senate, which encourages legitimate freedom aspirations of our people and calls on the US authorities to support the NKR's self-determination and democratic independence.

This Resolution, which we believe will open new possibilities for cooperation between our legislatures and our societies, represents a valuable contribution to the international support of Artsakh's continuing efforts to develop as a free and independent nation.

In the NKR we are confident that recognition of Artsakh's achievements and its involvement with the international community, including in the efforts towards reaching a just and lasting solution to security issues in the region, is crucial for establishing peace and stability in the South Caucasus based on universal values.

I want to thank you again for your support, and wish you every success in your continued service to the people of California.

I also would like to use this opportunity to invite you to visit our country anytime convenient for you.

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«29» August 2014

**The Honorable Kevin de Leon
President Pro Tempore-Elect
California State Senate**

Dear Mr. President Pro Tempore-Elect:

On behalf of the people of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (NKR), Artsakh, the National Assembly and myself I am writing to express a profound gratitude to you for promoting the AJR 32 in the California State Senate, which encourages legitimate freedom aspirations of our people and calls on the US authorities to support the NKR's self-determination and democratic independence.

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Recalling with warmth our meeting in Sacramento two years ago, I am confident that our cooperation and friendship will continue.

I want to thank you again for your steadfast support, and wish you every success in your continued service to the people of California.

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«29» August 2014

**Senator Ricardo Lara
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Dear Mr. Senator:

On behalf of the people of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (NKR), Artsakh, the National Assembly and myself I am writing to express a profound gratitude to you for supporting the AJR 32 in the California State Senate, which encourages legitimate freedom aspirations of our people and calls on the US authorities to support the NKR's self-determination and democratic independence.

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California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3076
Sacramento, CA 95814**

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November 13, 2014

**The Honorable Richard J Durbin
U.S. Senate
SH-711
Washington, DC 20510**

Dear Senator Durbin:

I am writing to congratulate you on your re-election to the United States Senate.

Your leadership is important for a sustainable cooperation between our peoples. I thank you for all your efforts towards strengthening bonds between our states, and wish you every success in your continued service to the American nation.

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Robert Avetisyan
Representative



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**The Honorable Jack Reed
U.S. Senate
SH-728
Washington, DC 20510**

Dear Senator Reed:

I am writing to congratulate you on your re-election to the United States Senate.

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November 13, 2014

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
U.S. House of Representatives
1705 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Hoyer:

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U.S. House of Representatives
235 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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November 13, 2014

**The Honorable Michael Grimm
U.S. House of Representatives
512 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515**

Dear Representative Grimm:

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November 13, 2014

The Honorable Loretta Sanchez
U.S. House of Representatives
1114 LHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Sanchez:

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201 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Judy Chu
U.S. House of Representatives
1520 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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November 13, 2014

The Honorable Joseph Crowley
U.S. House of Representatives
2404 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Crowley:

I am writing to congratulate you on your re-election to the United States House of Representatives.

As a member of the Congressional Armenian Caucus, your leadership is important for a sustainable cooperation between our peoples. I thank you for all your efforts towards strengthening bonds between our states, and wish you every success in your continued service to the American nation.

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Robert Avetisyan
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November 13, 2014

The Honorable John Sarbanes
U.S. House of Representatives
2444 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Sarbanes:

I am writing to congratulate you on your re-election to the United States House of Representatives.

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The Honorable Jim Langevin
U.S. House of Representatives
109 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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November 13, 2014

The Honorable Jackie Speier
U.S. House of Representatives
211 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Speier:

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November 13, 2014

The Honorable Grace Napolitano
U.S. House of Representatives
1610 LHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Napolitano:

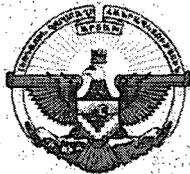
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November 13, 2014

The Honorable Frank Pallone
United States House of Representatives
237 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pallone:

I am writing to congratulate you on your re-election to the United States House of Representatives.

As co-chair of the Congressional Armenian Caucus, your leadership is important for a sustainable cooperation between our peoples. I thank you for all your efforts towards strengthening bonds between our states, and wish you every success in your continued service to the American nation.

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The Honorable Eliot Engel
U.S. House of Representatives
2161 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Engel:

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November 13, 2014

**The Honorable Ed Royce
U.S. House of Representatives
2185 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515**

Dear Chairman Royce:

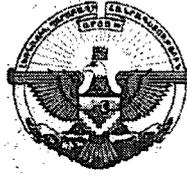
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November 13, 2014

The Honorable Devin Nunes
U.S. House of Representatives
1013 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Nunes:

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The Honorable David Cicilline
U.S. House of Representatives
128 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Cicilline:

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November 13, 2014

The Honorable Chaka Fattah
U.S. House of Representatives
2301 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Fattah:

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November 13, 2014

**The Honorable Brad Sherman
U.S. House of Representatives
2242 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515**

Dear Representative Sherman:

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November 13, 2014

**The Honorable Anna Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
205 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515**

Dear Representative Eshoo:

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The Honorable Adam Schiff
U.S. House of Representatives
2411 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Schiff:

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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives
U.S. House of Representatives
1011 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner:

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Question 16:

During this 6 month period, did you prepare, disseminate or Cause to be disseminated any informational material?

Answer: Yes. Below are the copies of the Media Alerts, Articles and Newsletters distributed during the reporting period (06/01/2014 – 11/30/2014)

MEDIA ALERTS, ARTICLES

Misinterpretation leads Azerbaijani diplomacy

The Hill (<http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/foreign-policy/222489-misinterpretation-leads-azerbaijani-diplomacy>)

November 02, 2014, 12:00 pm

By Aram Avetisyan

The **Oct. 24 op-ed** by Nasimi Aghayev on The Hill's Congress blog, related to Artsakh's (Nagorno Karabakh's) conflict with Azerbaijan, is intended to mislead the readers.

Joint resolution AJR 32 that supports Artsakh Republic's independence, self-determination and democracy was passed in an overwhelming bipartisan vote both in the California State Assembly (72 vs 1) and California Senate (24 vs 0). This clearly shows overwhelming support for Artsakh in California, rather than some narrow lobbying effort, in spite of the years of efforts and millions spent by Aghayev's Consulate in lobbying to sway this legislature's views in his regime's favor.

Aghayev has the right to be upset about the failure of his country's "caviar diplomacy" in California, but should still be taken to task for his misrepresentations.

Artsakh used peaceful, democratic means to accomplish its people's long-cherished dream of independence from Soviet Azerbaijani abuses. The war was Azerbaijan's choice, not Artsakh's, and was a result of the failure to grasp the logic of de-colonization by Azerbaijan's leaders.

Our goal today is to prevent future tragedies and find a way forward for peaceful resolution of Nagorno Karabakh Republic's conflict with Azerbaijan. We regret that this goal is not shared by the Aliyev regime. The massive military spending, the daily hate rhetoric against ethnic Armenians, the harassment of Azerbaijanis who want peace and their treatment as traitors, do not augur well for the future.

Now on to some of Aghayev's arguments:

The UN Security Council resolutions were intended to establish peace rather than prop up Azerbaijan. They called upon the conflicting sides (Azerbaijan, Nagorno Karabakh and Armenia) to restore a cease-fire and lift blockades. Unfortunately, even 20 years later, Azerbaijan has failed to implement these core requirements. Azerbaijan has disregarded repeated calls by the international community, including the U.S. government, to pull back snipers from the Line of Contact and begin building mutual trust. Azerbaijan's irresponsible actions result in frequent deaths of soldiers and civilians on both sides.

The Azerbaijani diplomat's attempts to portray the Karabakh conflict as a territorial dispute between Armenia and Azerbaijan contradicts the cease-fire agreement of 1994 signed by Armenia, Azerbaijan and Nagorno Karabakh that clearly reflected its trilateral format. It also runs counter to the logic of the Karabakh peace process under auspices of OSCE Minsk group that applies three equal principals of international law— non-use of force or the threat of force, territorial integrity, and peoples' right to self-determination - for the final settlement of Karabakh conflict. The lack of any progress in negotiations derives not from mediators or both Armenian sides, but from aggressive and "ostrich" policy of Azerbaijan that refuses to restore prior 1998 negotiations format with direct participation of the NKR, and continues relying on military settlement of the conflict. Aghayev's praise of his country "an example of post-Soviet success" is both ridiculous and typical of his regime's rhetoric. A corrupted regime benefitting from oil wealth that punishes its citizens for Facebook comments, holds about a hundred political prisoners, cracks down on human rights activists and NGOs including U.S. and international organizations despite critics from global community including President Obama is hardly an example anyone would want to follow. Recently, Baku's poor human rights records have launched discussions about possible sanctions against Azerbaijan.

Unless the Aliyev regime is clearly held responsible for its misbehavior both in its domestic and foreign policy, its transgressions are likely to continue opening opportunities for greater instability.

We thank California for recognizing these realities, by joining a number of other U.S. states as well as the U.S. Congress, in extending support for Artsakh and its democracy.

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Action Alert:

DATE: November 19, 2014

RE: Action Alert: Please Support the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund's Telethon 2014 on Thanksgiving Day, November 27

Dear Compatriots,

On behalf of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh, the NKR Office in the United States encourages all Armenian Americans and all friends of Armenians to actively support the Telethon, organized by the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund to raise funds for development of our Homeland. This year's Telethon will take place on **Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM U.S. Pacific Standard Time.**

For hundreds of thousand Armenians in U.S. and around the globe the Thanksgiving Day has already become a traditional day of unity and confidence in the future of our nation. In the past two decades more than \$235 million were raised through the effort to build new roads, schools and hospitals in Armenia and Artsakh.

This year's effort is dedicated to the construction of the Vardenis - Martakert Highway linking the northern regions of Armenia and Artsakh. The highway will connect villages and cities and promote socio-economic development, boost trade, and cooperation in the area.

"En Route Artsakh" (Դեպի Արցախ) says the slogan of the Telethon 2014 underlining the importance of this project. Connecting Armenian and Artsakh regions will provide development and economic sustainability for Artsakh and, will, undoubtedly, strengthen Nagorno Karabakh Republic's security and independence.

The 'Hayastan' All-Armenian Fund envisages the following convenient ways for making tax-deductible donations:

- 1 – Log on to www.ArmeniaFundUSA.org and make a **secure online donation**;
- 2 – Call 1-800-888-8897 and donate using a **credit card** or make a pledge;
- 3 – Text the word **ARMENIA to 80088** to donate \$10 from your cell phone.

Broadcast live from Los Angeles, California, the event will be televised throughout the United States and worldwide on the web as well as satellite and cable networks. Additional information is available at www.ArmeniaFundUSA.org or <http://www.armenianfund.org/telethon/telethon-2014/>. Take a minute to participate in building a brighter future for Armenia and Artsakh.

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ARTSAKH NEWSLETTER

June 1-15, 2014

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POLITICS & SECURITY

Violations by Azerbaijani forces continued on the Armenian-Azerbaijani border and Line of Contact between Karabakh-Azerbaijani forces. On June 5, a sniper shot to death Pvts. Andranik Yegoyan (1988) and Boris Gasparyan (1992). On June 11, Pvt. Derenik Manukyan, 20, was killed in a result of cease fire violation from Azeri side. In each case, Armenian Army units and NKR Defense Army retaliated.

Artsakh President Bako Sahakyan signed a decree posthumously awarding commander of the rifle battalion of the NKR Defense Army, Lt. Col. Garik Balayan with the "For Courage" medal for bravery shown while defending the NKR state border.

Karabakh peace process and regional developments were discussed during the meeting of NKR President Bako Sahakyan with the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Swiss Foreign Minister and President of the Confederation Didier Burkhalter. Artsakh president reaffirmed Stepanakert's position on the need of restoration of negotiation full-fledged format and stressed that Azerbaijan's aggressive and militaristic policy continues remaining the main obstacle for the conflict resolution.

In the frame of inter-parliamentary cooperation, the Armenian parliamentary delegation led by Armenian National Assembly speaker Galust Sahakyan visited Artsakh to meet Artsakh leadership and participate in joint session of two parliaments in Stepanakert. Watch details at the Artsakh TV report.

NKR President Bako Sahakyan received the Armenian defense minister Seyran Ohanyan to discuss military cooperation between two republics.

Armenian Foreign Ministry senior staff members, diplomats and ambassadors led by Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandyan visited Artsakh. NKR President Bako Sahakyan received Armenian diplomats to discuss the Karabakh peace process, Armenia's and Artsakh's foreign policy priorities and challenges. Earlier, in Yerevan the NKR Foreign Minister Karen Mirzoyan took part in the meeting of the heads of the Armenian FM central office departments and the Armenian diplomatic missions abroad.

While speaking in Baku during the NATO conference, President of NATO Parliamentary Assembly Hugh Bayley ruled out the military solution of the Karabakh conflict calling the sides to find compromise for the final settlement.

Anti-Armenian hatred policy of Azerbaijan reached its highest point of irrationality. The Azeri organizers of the European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships, being held in Baku, banned the performance of Belarus team under music of Armenian composer Aram Khachaturian on the championship. Baku also barred Turkish arm-wrestler from entering Azerbaijan to participate in the competition because of his last name which Azerbaijani immigration authorities felt is Armenian. Read more [here](#).

Armenian-American organizations-[Armenian National Committee of America](#) and [Armenian Assembly of America](#)-submitted testimonies to the Congressional hearing of the U.S. Helsinki Commission entitled "The Security, Economic and Human Rights Dimensions of U.S.-Azerbaijan Relations".

ECONOMY AND BUSINESS

Armenian Minister of Economy Karen Chshmarityan excluded any customs check points on the border between Armenia and NKR in the context of Armenian integration with Eurasian Union.

Different projects in Artsakh including the hydropower sector were discussed during the meeting of Artsakh President Bako Sahakyan with US and European businessmen.

Prime Minister of Artsakh Republic Ara Harouyunyan met Canadian-Armenian businessman, president of Canadian "RE/MAX INFINITE" Inc. Levon Nazaryan to discuss issues related to the Artsakh real estate market.

SOCIETY & CULTURE

Artsakh Republic President Bako Sahakyan issued a congratulatory statement on the International Children's Day.

The Independent Book Publishers' Association (IBPA) has awarded a silver medal to Matthew Karanian's "Armenia and Karabakh: The Stone Garden Travel Guide" in the category of best travel book for 2014. It is the book's second major award in this year since it was recently recognized by Writer's Digest Magazine as one of the "Best Reference Guides" published in the past year.

About the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh

The Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh, was established in 1991 in compliance with international and local legal principles and norms. Facing an imminent threat to their lives, the people of Artsakh have proclaimed a sovereign republic through a declaration of their assembly that was then backed in the Artsakh-wide referendum. People of Artsakh have defended on battlefield their choice for

freedom and dignity, forcing neighboring Azerbaijan to sign a ceasefire in 1994. Since then, the republic has developed into a sovereign, democratic republic, with capable armed forces and a market economy.

We would like to hear from you.

Please send your comments to NKR Office Press Service at: info@nkrusa.org

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ARTSAKH NEWSLETTER

June 15-30, 2014

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POLITICS & SECURITY

Azerbaijani forces continue violating cease fire agreement. On June 24, Armen Avetisyan, 19, was killed on the Line of Contact in a result of Azeri cease fire violation. Artsakh President posthumously awarded Avetisyan with medal for his bravery during the defense of the NKR state borders.

Armenian Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan headed the delegation that arrived in Artsakh Republic for two day official visit. Armenian Prime Minister started his trip by visiting the Stepanakert Memorial Complex to pay tribute to heroes of the WWII and Artsakh Liberation War.

On June 24, tete-a-tete meeting of Artsakh President Bako Sahakyan and Armenian PM Hovik Abrahamyan was followed by the meeting with enlarged format. Issues related to economic cooperation between two Armenian republics were discussed by the delegations.

NKR President Bako Sahakyan received members of the European political Party "European Free Alliance" (EFA) Miguel Martinez Tomey, Eva Bidania Ibargutxi, and Chairman of the organization "European Friends of Armenia" Eduardo Lorenzo Ochoa who visited Artsakh. Earlier, the European delegates were received by the NKR Foreign Minister Karen Mirzoyan.

NKR President Bako Sahakyan met with vice-president of the European Parliament Jacek Protasiewicz to discuss the Artsakh-Europe relations, Azerbaijani-Karabakh conflict settlement process and regional developments. Watch Artsakh TV report about visit of European Parliament VP Jacek Protasiewicz to Artsakh.

NKR parliamentary delegation headed by Chairman Ashot Ghulian visited France to meet with members of both chambers of French parliament and representatives of French-Armenian community.

The Inter-parliamentary Committee of Armenian and NKR parliaments issued a statement calling upon OSCE Minsk Group Co Chair countries to take practical steps for withdrawing snipers from Line of Contact, investigating the incidents and excluding bellicose rhetoric.

Members of the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) has adopted a declaration, expressing serious concern over the human rights situation and violence in Azerbaijan. Earlier, human rights activists protested during Aliyev's speech at the PACE session in Strasbourg. Watch Armnews TV report.

The U.S. Senate and House Appropriations Committees approved separately FY2015 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bills which also include U.S. assistance to the South Caucasus. Specific funding levels to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Nagorno Karabakh were not delineated in the bills. However, the Senate appropriations bill specifically highlighted funding to Nagorno Karabakh. Both bills also maintained Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act, restating the exemptions for humanitarian and other assistance to Azerbaijan that requires Azerbaijan to take "demonstrable steps to cease all blockades and other offensive uses of force" against Armenia and Karabakh.

ECONOMY AND BUSINESS

Prime Ministers of Armenia and Artsakh visited two enterprises of light industry located in Stepanakert and "Artsakh-Fruit" enterprise to assess the production process of the companies. Later, other economic issues were discussed by Armenian and Artsakh Prime ministers.

Artsakh HEK –hydropower station- continues expanding its production capacity. Currently it produced around 57 percent of all consumed energy in Artsakh aimed at increasing energy production to 65 percent this year. More details [here](#).

NKR government will [help communities](#) in Martuni region, NKR that suffered in a result of strong hail.

NKR government provided significant [raise in salaries for NKR public sector employees](#) starting from this July 1. Watch Artsakh TV [report](#).

SOCIETY & CULTURE

Two people injured during the field work in a result of [detonation of mine](#) in Martuni region, NKR.

Artsakh President Bako Sahakyan visited the Republican Medical Center after Sargis and Amalia Karapetyan to discuss [issues related to the NKR health care sector](#). Watch Artsakh TV [report](#).

President Bako Sahakyan [met with](#) American-Armenian philanthropists Vardges and Mary Najaryans to discuss a number of humanitarian projects in Artsakh.

The Hayastan All-Armenian Fund jointly with Artsakh government [launched the construction of a new community center](#) in Khachmach village of Askeran region, NKR. The project is sponsored by the Himnadram's Lebanon, Brazil, Holland, Greece, Cyprus affiliates and NKR government.

Stepanakert hosted an [international conference](#) entitled "Education without Discrimination" aimed at stressing equal rights of people to receive education regardless political developments.

PUBLICATIONS

The Christian Science Monitor published an article of Vilen Khlgatyan and Armen Sahakyan on Karabakh-Azerbaijani conflict and the Karabakh peace process entitled "[A different narrative for the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict](#)".

"The greatest omission in this new US policy is that it fails to appreciate that Nagorno- Karabakh's independence has reached a point of no return. 1991 — the year that the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic declared independence from Azerbaijan — is as holy to Armenians as 1776 is to Americans, and of no lesser value," said a [publication](#) of Mark Dietzen, Executive Director of the Washington, D.C.-based non-profit, Americans for Artsakh.

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ARTSAKH NEWSLETTER

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SECURITY & POLITICS

NKR government has filed charges against two Azerbaijani citizens suspected in the illegal border crossing, illegal arms possession, murder and attempted murder in the New Shahumyan (formerly Kelbajar) district of the NKR in recent days. The two individuals apprehended and a third, who was shot and killed in one of the attacks, are the prime suspects in the violent death of 17-year-old Smbat Tsakanyan, who was missing since July 4, and the July 11 shooting in which Sargis Abrahamyan, 42, major in the Armenian army, was killed and Karine Davtyan, 37, a civilian,

seriously wounded. Armenia's Defense Minister Seyran Ohanyan expressed suspicion that the suspects may have acted on the behest of Azerbaijani government.

Azerbaijani forces continued violating the cease-fire agreement. On July 11, Movses Gasparyan, 20, was killed on the southeastern portion of the Line of Contact (LoC) by hostile fire. Artsakh President posthumously awarded Gasparyan with medal "For Combat Service." Gasparyan, who resided in Russia, returned to serve his homeland in the army. On July 14, a civilian Arvid Danielyan was killed by hostile fire while performing field work near the eastern portion of the LoC. Earlier, Azerbaijani military units kept Tavush province's border village of Chinari under fire for hours. In each case, Armenian forces retaliated.

French President François Hollande suggested Paris as a venue for a summit of presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan. As a co-chairing country of the OSCE Minsk Group, France called upon the conflicting sides to refrain from making inflammatory statements and build a climate of trust. The other two Co-Chairs, U.S. and Russia have also condemned belligerent statements and actions calling the sides to continue peaceful dialogue.

ECONOMY AND BUSINESS

A group of Armenian businessmen from California, led by ARF Western US Central Committee Chairman Dr. Viken Hovsepian, visited Artsakh to explore investment opportunities and meet key officials. President Bakō Sahakyan stressed the important role of Armenian Diaspora in the formation of a modern business culture in Artsakh during the meeting with American-Armenian businessmen. Watch Artsakh TV report.

Artsakh Prime Minister Ara Haroutyunyan received Diaspora-Armenian benefactor Levon Nazaryan, whose family sponsored the reconstruction of the vocational school's hostel building in Shushi.

SOCIETY & CULTURE

"Artsakhpress" discussed repatriation issues in its interview with Elina Mkhitarian, head of the Repatriation and Migration Division of the Territorial Administration and Resettlement Department.

The Hayastan All-Armenian Fund's affiliate in France jointly with Artsakh government launched the construction of community centers in Shosh and Badara villages of Askeran region. The delegation of the Fund's French affiliate visited Artsakh to meet NKR authorities and assess the ongoing projects. Watch Artsakh TV report.

A delegation from the town of Les Pennes-Mirabeau (a suburb of Marseilles, population 20,000) led by its mayor Michel Amiel, visited Artsakh. The town has a sister-city relationship with Artsakh's Martuni.

Shushi hosted an International Sculpture Symposium at the State Museum of Fine Arts entitled "Peace to Artsakh" and devoted to the 20th anniversary of the ceasefire agreement in the Azerbaijani-Karabakh conflict.

Archeologists revealed a unique early Christian crypt during excavations in Tigranakert, an ancient Armenian site in Artsakh.

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SECURITY & POLITICS

Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan held a working visit to Artsakh. On September 2, both presidents laid flowers to the monuments of the NKR Supreme Council first chairman Arthur Mkrtchyan and Artsakh Freedom war martyrs at the Stepanakert Memorial Complex.

California State Senate passed a joint resolution AJR-32 supporting the independence of Artsakh, and calling upon the U.S. President and Congress to endorse “self-determination and democratic independence of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic”. NKR Foreign Ministry welcomed the adoption of the resolution.

Also the Basque Parliament adopted a document that supports Artsakh’s people right to self-determination and praises a democratic choice of Karabakh people . Watch Artsakh TV report.

Parliamentary delegations from EU countries visited Artsakh. On September 3, the parliamentary friendship group between Lithuania & Artsakh, led by Lithuanian MP Dalia Kuodytė, met with NKR president Bako Sahakyan to discuss Lithuania-Artsakh ties. Also, French parliamentary delegation visited Artsakh to meet President Sahakyan, and discussed bilateral relations. NKR Foreign Minister Karen Mirzoyan also had separate meetings with Lithuanian and French delegations. Watch Artsakh TV report.

NKR Foreign Minister Karen Mirzoyan held a working visit to the Basque Country to meet local authorities. While visiting the province, Foreign Minister Mirzoyan also met with the Basque Country Parliament Speaker Bakartxo Tejeria Otermin and other MPs to welcome the parliament’s adopted motion on Artsakh self-determination and discuss bilateral issues. On municipal level, NKR Foreign minister met with Donostia (San Sebastian) city mayor Juan Carlos Izagirre Hortelano and the city of Tolosa Mayor Ibai Iriarte San Vicente.

The prospects of the Karabakh peace process were discussed during trilateral meeting of Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan, Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev and U.S. State Secretary John Kerry on the sides of NATO summit in Newport, Wales. During the meeting, Secretary Kerry urged the conflicting sides to respect the ceasefire and take additional steps to prepare their publics for peace.

Unlike Azerbaijan, the NKR authorities demonstrated good will and commitment to the provisions of the Geneva Convention, by handing over the 15-year-old resident of Azerbaijan, Javid Samiroghlu Muzafarzade, to Azerbaijan with the support of the Stepanakert Office of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

A number of issues related to the domestic and foreign policy were discussed during the meeting of Artsakh president Bako Sahakyan and Armenian "Heritage" party leader Raffi Hovanissyan.

ECONOMY AND BUSINESS

2015-2017 medium-term expenditure programs were discussed during the meeting at the NKR government. The government plans 10-18 percent raise of salaries next year.

Lebanese-Armenian "Ari" fund launched a program of construction of 150 houses in Aghavno village of Kashatagh region, NKR. Watch Artsakh TV report.

Presidents of Armenia and Artsakh visited the Stepanakert "Silk Plant" company and got acquainted with the enterprise's activities. The factory plans opening additional 450 job places soon.

Meanwhile, Artsakh textile production "Gev Group" company established in 2013 increased its production for ten times during this year. The company plans opening new job places soon.

SOCIETY & CULTURE

Artsakh President Bako Sahakyan met the president of the American University of Armenia Armen Der Kiureghian and vice-president Ashot Ghazaryan to discuss Artsakh's further cooperation with the University.

American-Armenian Anna Astvatsaturian Turcotte presented her "Nowhere, a Story of Exile" book on Armenian massacres in Baku during her visit to the NKR where she met with Artsakh leaders. Watch Artsakh TV report.

Artsakh president Bako Sahakyan, co-founder of the "Louding" company, Russian-Armenian Arthur Varjapetyan, other Artsakh officials attended a ceremony of handing over cars to families with many children, state structures in Stepanakert sponsored by Varjapetyan. Earlier, different other projects were discussed during the meeting of NKR president with the philanthropist. Watch Artsakh TV report.

New Geological State Museum after G. Gabrielyants was opened in Shushi. Armenian and Artsakh presidents attended the opening ceremony.

The Hayastan All-Armenian Fund ended a construction of new school building in Chapar village of the Martakert region, NKR. The project was sponsored by the Armenian benefactor Varujan Grigoryan and co-financed by the NKR government.

INTERVIEWS

The independence and security of Artsakh are exceptional values and not a subject to negotiation, said NKR President Bako Sahakyan in his interview to "Artsakhpress".

PUBLICATIONS

European Center for Geopolitical Analysis of Germany published an article "Nagorno Karabakh and the Right of Peoples to Self-Determination" of NKR Representative to Germany Harutyun Grigorian that stressed the violent and aggressive reaction of Azeri side against peaceful expression of will of Karabakh people.

The Hill published an article "Azerbaijan — not Armenia — is the threat-maker in the Karabakh conflict" of Americans for Artsakh Executive Director Mark Dietzen.

HISTORICAL REFERENCE

This September 2 the people of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh celebrate the 23rd anniversary of the republic's independence. On this day in 1991, in an effort to put an end to decades of discrimination and oppression within Soviet Azerbaijan and re-dress Joseph Stalin's arbitrary decision in 1921, the local representative bodies, reflecting the will of their electorate, adopted the Declaration of Independence that proclaimed the establishment of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic. Azerbaijan responded with political blackmail, economic blockade and full-scale military aggression. Through determination and sacrifice, the people of Artsakh prevailed in defending their right to live in freedom under the government of their own choosing. "September 2, 1991 was a turning point in the life of the Artsakh people and became the starting point in realizing our century-long dreams. It marked the birth of the Artsakh Republic, which was the outcome of our people's long struggle and strong will. We finally gained our right to live freely and independently in our land in accordance with the universal human and national values, democratic norms and international principles," said NKR President Bako Sahakyan in his congratulatory address in connection with the NKR Independence Day. Armenia's President Serzh Sargsian, who led a delegation to attend the festive events in Artsakh, also congratulated the Artsakh people.

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SECURITY&POLITICS

Following a six-week respite, Azerbaijani forces violated the cease fire on September 18, with Artsakh Defense Army senior lieutenant Mher Hakobyan, 24, killed by a sniper. President Sahakyan posthumously awarded Hakobyan and the Defense Army retaliated.

The European Court of Human Rights is waiting for Azerbaijan's explanation over its official position in connection with the repatriation of Armenian civilian Karen Petrosyan's body, who died while in Azerbaijan's custody last month.

In his speech delivered during the UN General Assembly in New York, Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan pointed to the non-constructive and maximalist position of Azerbaijan that impedes the Karabakh peace process. The OSCE Minsk Group mediators met with Armenian and Azerbaijani foreign ministers on the sidelines of UN 69th General Assembly in New York to discuss the Karabakh peace process. Earlier, in Yerevan the US Co-Chair of the OSCE Minsk Group, Ambassador James Warlick emphasized the importance of NKR opinion in Karabakh peace process.

NKR Foreign Ministry issued a statement welcoming the independence referendum in Scotland which "is one more precedent enriching the world practice of realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and confirming once again the obvious fact that the recognition of the right of people to decide their own fate is a norm in a democratic society."

NKR National Assembly Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs welcomed the Basque Country's resolution in support of Artsakh's independence. Watch Artsakh TV report.

During his visit to the Basque Country, NKR Foreign Minister Karen Mirzoyan met with Spanish MP, head of the leading Basque Nationalist Party parliamentary faction Aitor Esteban Bravo and the Party's foreign affairs coordinator Inaki Goicoetxea Gonsales to discuss bilateral relations.

Senators from Poland and France as well as a delegation from the French National Assembly visited Stepanakert. "The ongoing negotiations cannot reach results without the participation of representatives of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic," stressed French MP François Rochebloine.

While visiting Artsakh, member of the British House of Lords Baroness Caroline Cox and accompanying group were received by the NKR president.

NKR President Bako Sahakyan led the NKR delegation to Yerevan to participate in the celebration of Armenia's independence and participate in the Fifth Armenia-Diaspora conference. Watch an Artsakh TV report. In his welcoming speech Sahakyan stressed the importance of Artsakh-Armenia-Diaspora unity. Watch Artsakh TV report.

ECONOMY AND BUSINESS

Artsakh's economy grew by more than seven percent for the first six months of 2014, reported the NKR Minister of Finance and Economy during the NKR parliament's session. Watch Artsakh TV report.

NKR government plans new hydroelectric power stations that will contribute to the Artsakh's full energy independence. Watch Artsakh TV report.

NKR and Armenia launched a joint initiative for establishing of "eco-villages" in Artsakh.

SOCIETY & CULTURE

During the 25th anniversary of re-opening the Artsakh Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Gandzasar, President Sahakyan awarded the Primate Archbishop Pargev Martirosyan with Artsakh's highest honor: the Golden Eagle Order and the title of Hero of Artsakh. Watch an Artsakh TV report.

Lernahovit school in the Kashatagh region was reopened after the reconstruction project carried out by the Hayrenaser Organization. While attending the school's reopening ceremony, Prime Minister Ara Haroutyunyan expressed gratitude to the founders of the organization Stepan Sargsyan and Nelly Martirosyan and awarded them with the Prime Minister's medals. Watch Artsakh TV report.

A school in Nngi village of Martuni region was reopened after the reconstruction project sponsored by the Los Angeles-based Armenian Educational Foundation (AEF), long-time supporter of education development in Armenia and Artsakh. Watch an Artsakh TV report.

Stepanakert organized a city festival. Watch an Artsakh TV report.

PUBLICATIONS

The Washington-based the Hill published an article by Mark Dietzen, Executive Director of the Americans for Artsakh titled "Getting the facts right on Nagorno Karabakh".

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SECURITY&POLITICS

On October 1, Artsakh Defense Army contract Junior Sergeant Davit Navasardyan was killed as a result of a cease fire violation by the Azerbaijani side. On October 19, Private Hovhannes Tadevosyan was wounded. NKR President Bako Sahakyan posthumously awarded Navasardyan, and the Defense Army retaliated. Following the losses suffered in the late-July-early August escalation, the Azerbaijani side has for now taken a less aggressive posture on the Line of Contact.

After more than a year in Azerbaijani captivity, Armenian soldier Hakob Injighulyan was repatriated to Armenia following his transfer from Azerbaijan to Romania. Following medical examination, Injighulyan was determined fit to complete his military service. Watch ArmNews TV report.

NKR authorities handed over to Azerbaijan body of Hasan Hasanov, believed to be an undercover Azerbaijani government operative, who illegally crossed into Karabakh last July. Hasanov was involved in the murder of a 17 year-old local resident and an attack on a civilian vehicle, in which an Armenian army officer was killed and a female civilian seriously wounded. Hasanov was killed as he was apprehended. Two other accomplices are currently standing trial in Stepanakert and partially admitted their guilt, while also blaming Hasanov for the murders. Watch Artsakh TV report.

French president Francois Hollande organized another Summit on Karabakh with leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan. President Hollande urged the sides to prepare their nations for peace. Armenian and Azeri presidents agreed to continue the dialogue and exchange information on missing persons in the conflict through the Red Cross. Armenian Foreign Ministry characterized the meeting, the third presidential meeting since early August, as constructive.

French town of Bourg lès Valence and NKR's Shushi town signed a declaration of friendship during the visit of the French town's delegation to Artsakh.

NKR National Assembly Chairman Ashot Ghulyan visited Brussels, as the new EU-Artsakh Parliamentary Friendship Group was launched with the assistance of the European Friends of Armenia (EFA). The group is committed to the EU relations with the NKR. Earlier, a delegation of the EU MPs visited Artsakh to discuss EU-NKR relations.

NKR Foreign Ministry criticized the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe over its decision to appoint a British parliamentarian Robert Walter, known as a victim of Azerbaijan's "caviar diplomacy," as its rapporteur on the Karabakh conflict.

NKR Foreign Minister Karen Mirzoyan visited Canada to meet with Canadian MPs, local academics and Canadian Armenian organizations. During the visit, Foreign Minister Mirzoyan delivered a lecture at the Carleton University in Ottawa.

ECONOMY AND BUSINESS

The annual Thanksgiving Day Telethon scheduled by the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund this November 27 will help raise funds for the construction of the Vardenis-Mardakert highway. The road serves important economic and security functions.

A number of businessmen from Armenia, NKR and other countries participated in the two-day Artsakh business conference organized in Stepanakert. Watch Artsakh TV report.

Artsakh Republic participated in the TTG Incontri Rimini 2014 international tourism exhibition in Rimini, Italy to promote tourism development in Artsakh. Earlier, NKR participated in Top Resa, an International Travel Market in Paris.

Artsakh Wine Festival took place in Togh village of the Hadrut region, NKR. Later, another Hadrut region's village - Drakhtik - hosted Artsakh's pickles festival.

Black caviar production will be launched in Artsakh's Martakert region. Construction of the necessary facility for production is in process.

SOCIETY & CULTURE

World-famous soprano Montserrat Caballé was back in Artsakh. The Spanish soprano gave a concert at Stepanakert's Revival Square. Watch Artsakh TV report.

Artsakh State University and Belgium's Catholic University of Leuven signed a declaration of cooperation in Stepanakert.

Artsakh Youth Development center and Armenian Young Biologists NGOs organized two days anti-smoking forum in Shushi. Watch Artsakh TV report.

President Bako Sahakyan participated in the opening ceremony for Dilijan International School. Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan and President of Serbia Tomislav Nikolic were among other participants. Sahakyan also visited southern parts of the Republic where Artsakh leader attended in opening new kindergarten building in Kovsakan village. Watch Artsakh TV report. Stepanakert No 6 school began the new academic year in a newly-constructed building. The construction was financed by Ara Abrahamyan, president of the Armenian Union of Russia, who visited Artsakh for the opening. Watch an Artsakh TV report.

The construction of new building for StepanakertNo1was also completed. The project was financed by Diaspora-Armenian philanthropist Nikolay Sarkisov who attended the opening ceremony in Stepanakert. Watch Artsakh TV report.

A construction of new school complex for Artashavi village in Artsakh's Kashatagh region was financed by the NKR government, while, a construction of new school complex for Sos village of the NKR Martuni region is sponsored by the Hayastan All Armenian Fund, through the financial support of Armenian-American benefactor Gerard Turpanjian, and the Artsakh government.

President Sahakyan awarded American-Armenian philanthropist Gerald Turpanjian with the "Mesrop Mashtots" medal for his services shown to the Artsakh Republic. President Sahakyan awarded the chairman of the "Hand in Hand" NGO board Berdj Kiladjianwith "Gratitude" medal during Kilajian's visit to Artsakh. Watch Artsakh TV report.

The Armenian National Committee of America Western Region (ANCA-WR)honoredNKR President Bako Sahakian with its prestigious Freedom Award.

HISTORICAL REFERENCE

Artsakh War Hero, one of the legendary commanders Ashot Ghulyan (Bekor) would have turned 55 this year. Ghulyan commanded the first company (*arrachinvasht*) of the Artsakh Self-Defense Forces and participated in Khojalu, Shushi, Lachin and Mardakert operations. On August 24, 1992, Ghulyan was killed in combat near the village of Drmbon in Martakert district. In 1999, the NKR President posthumously awarded him a state honor of Artsakh Hero for his service to the republic. One of the Stepanakert schools and a park are named in his honor. In his remarks on Bekor's legacy during the event in Stepanakert dedicated to the anniversary, President Sahakyan stressed the importance of preserving the memory of the war heroes for future generations. Watch Artsakh TV report and a documentary about Ghulyan.

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SECURITY & POLITICS

Azerbaijan shot down an unarmed military helicopter of the NKR Defense Army in a unprecedented violation of cease fire while it was on a training mission. All aircrew members were killed. Artsakh Defense Ministry reported that the helicopter was not armed. Azeri forces continued firing after the incident until the Defense Army retaliated. International community including the OSCE Minsk Group condemned since 1994 unprecedented cease-fire violation of Azeri forces, condolences to the families of casualties, and called for an investigation of the incident and respect of cease-fire. Watch Artsakh TV report.

NKR Foreign Ministry strongly condemned the actions of Azerbaijan regarding the downing of NKR Defense Army helicopter in its statement stressing that "This criminal and adventurous provocation by Azerbaijan has not only become a gross violation of the obligations taken by Azerbaijani side to find a peaceful settlement of the conflict between Azerbaijan and Nagorno Karabakh, but also demonstrated its total disregard towards the OSCE Minsk Group co-chair countries and the international community as a whole."

Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan led the delegation to Artsakh to observe military joint operative-tactical military exercises of Armenian and Artsakh forces. Armenian and Artsakh Presidents attended the military maneuvers. Watch Artsakh TV report.

Parliament of the Spain autonomous region of Navarre adopted a document that praises Artsakh's democracy and stresses the importance of NKR's direct participation in any negotiation formats.

Burbank City of California adopted a proclamation recognizing the town of Hadrut of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic as a "Friendship City".

Artsakh parliamentary delegation led by NA Chairman Ashot Ghulyan visited Armenia to take part in another session of the Armenia-Artsakh Inter-Parliamentary Committee on Cooperation. NKR Speaker and Artsakh delegation were received by Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan. During the meeting, both sides stressed that stable and strong Armenia is the main guarantor of Artsakh's security and peace. Earlier, joint meeting of the NKR and Armenian parliaments' Standing Committees on Foreign Relations took place in Artsakh to discuss both Republics' foreign policy agenda. The Armenian delegates were also received by NKR President Bako Sahakyan.

EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus, Amb. Herbert Salber reaffirmed EU's commitment to support the peaceful resolution of the Karabakh conflict within OSCE Minsk Group format and expressed readiness to visit Artsakh.

Full-scale operational and tactical joint military exercises of Armenian and Artsakh military units with participation of reservists from Armenia took place in Artsakh under the command of command of the NKR President, Commander-in-Chief of the NKR Defense Army Bako Sahakyan. Watch Artsakh TV report.

ECONOMY AND BUSINESS

The annual Thanksgiving Day Telethon scheduled by the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund this November 27 will help raise funds for the construction of the Vardenis-Mardakert highway. The road serves important economic and security functions. Watch Artsakh TV report.

Hayastan Foundation Toronto, the local affiliate of Hayastan All-Armenian Fund, organized its annual fund raising banquet at AGBU Alex Manougian Hall with participation of NKR Foreign Minister Karen Mirzoyan as a keynote speaker. The fundraising raised more than half a million

dollars for construction and reconstruction projects in Ivanyan, Shosh & Nor Maragha communities of Artsakh. Read the details [here](#).

Artsakh "Great Partners" company started exporting its clothes and other production to Italy. Watch Artsakh TV [report](#).

SOCIETY & CULTURE

A number of heads of NKR communities participated in the [local governance workshop](#) organized by NKR government to increase quality and efficiency of Artsakh's local administrations. Watch Artsakh TV [report](#).

NKR Foreign Minister Karen Mirzoyan [met](#) students and professors of Artsakh's Mesrop Mashtots University to discuss the Karabakh peace process and issues related to the NKR.

HISTORICAL REFERENCE

November 12 marks the official opening of the [Goris-Stepanakert highway](#). The road of life as it is known became Artsakh's main on the ground connection with Armenia. The reconstruction of Goris-Stepanakert highway started in 1995, a year after the establishment of the cease-fire, and was completed in November 1999. The realization of the project became possible through the efforts of [Hayastan All-Armenian Fund](#) and Armenians all over the world who thus contributed to the security and development of Artsakh. This November 27, the [annual Thanksgiving Day Telethon of the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund](#) will help raise funds for the construction of the second road-[Vardenis-Mardakert highway](#)-that will connect Armenia and Artsakh and will strengthen Artsakh's economy and security.

About the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh

The Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh, was established in 1991 in compliance with international and local legal principles and norms. Facing an imminent threat to their lives, the people of Artsakh have proclaimed a sovereign republic through a declaration of their assembly that was then backed in the Artsakh-wide referendum. People of Artsakh have defended on battlefield their choice for freedom and dignity, forcing neighboring Azerbaijan to sign a ceasefire in 1994. Since then, the republic has developed into a sovereign, democratic republic, with capable armed forces and a market economy.

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