

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA  
**ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021**

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*The unity has no alternative.*

*Any word, promise, or appeal is in vain if we each are not in our place, and we do not act with all our responsibility.*

*Let us firmly keep our sovereignty, statehood, national and spiritual values.*

*We must first put our house in order. Our future is in our hands.*

*It is necessary to direct all our efforts to resolve real problems, to change the mindset, to newly form our national and state concept, to re-evaluate us and what we have, to restructure public administration, economy, army, diplomacy, and of course, education and science.*

*And all this for the sake of a strong and secure Armenia, for the sake of Artsakh, for the sake of strengthening the Diaspora's faith and trust in the Homeland.*

**Armen Sarkissian**

*The President of the Republic of Armenia*



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# BIOGRAPHY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

**23.06.1953**

■ Born in Yerevan.

**1970**

■ Graduated from № 114 Secondary School, Yerevan.

**1976**

■ Graduated from the Department of Physics at the Yerevan State University.

**1978**

■ Completed post-graduate studies at the Chair of Theoretical Physics and Mathematics at the Yerevan State University and was awarded a scientific degree of Doctor of Science.

**1976-1990**

■ Was Professor of Physics at the Yerevan State University. In the same period, Armen Sarkissian founded the Sub-division for Computer Modelling of Complex Systems at the Department of Theoretical Physics of the YSU.

**1984-1985**

■ Was first a Visiting Researcher and later Professor at the Institute of Astronomy at the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.

**1986-1992**

■ Continued his professional career as a Research Fellow and Visiting Professor at the Moscow State University, as well as in various universities in Germany, the US, Greece, and the United Kingdom.

**1991-1996**

■ Was appointed the Chargé d'affaires of the Republic of Armenia to the United Kingdom, and was appointed the Ambassador of Armenia to the UK.

**1992-1996**

■ Armen Sarkissian was Armenia's Senior Ambassador in Europe, Ambassador to the European Union, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Vatican, and the Head of the Mission of the Republic of Armenia to the EU.

**1996-1997**

■ Served as Prime Minister of Armenia.

**1998-2000**

■ Was reappointed as Armenia's Ambassador to the UK and Vatican.

**2000-2013**

■ Served as an advisor and chairman of multiple organizations and corporations.

**2013-2018**

Armen Sarkissian was Armenia's Ambassador to the UK.

**2018**

Was elected President of the Republic of Armenia by the National Assembly of the RA. The inauguration of the President-elect took place on April 9, 2018.

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**23** 

Meetings with the representatives of executive, legislative and judicial power

**4** 

Events organized/held at the Presidential Palace

**6**  

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**93** 

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Interviews

**0** 

Hosted State Visits

**1** 


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**0** 

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**9** 

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**7** 

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**25**   

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**12** 

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Appointments in the Judicial System

**1368** 

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23



Conferred Honorary Titles

7



Highest Diplomatic Ranks Conferred

4



Highest Class Ranks Conferred

19



Highest Military Ranks Conferred

20



Projects Funded through Charity Programs

5



Oath-Taking Ceremony of the Newly Appointed Judges

5



State Awards Conferring Events

510



Signed Laws

358



Signed Decrees

87



Executive Orders Signed

11455



RA Citizenship Granted (person)

5599



RA Citizenship Termination (person)

1



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6829



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4958



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## EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

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19.02.2020

## President Sarkissian presented books to over 118 kids from different marzes

On February 19, on the birthday of the Great Armenian Poet Hovhannes Tumanian, Armenia celebrates the Book Presenting Day. In line with the message of the day, President Armen Sarkissian presented books through the Gmoji electronic platform (mobile application) to over 118 kids of Chinari border community of Tavush marz, multiple children family of Hovsepian from Surenavan community in Ararat marz, multiple children family of Karapetians from the Aknashen community of Armavir marz, whom he visited last December, as well as to the kids-beneficiaries of the Chalet Gyumri Center, whom he met during his visit to Gyumri, and to the center for children's assistance of the Fund of Armenian Relief.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/02/19/President-Armen-Sarkissians-present/>







21.02.2020

## Presidential Concert Series: Russian romance night at the Presidential Palace dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the Great Victory

In the framework of the Presidential Concert Series initiated by the President of Armenia Armen Sarkissian, the Russian romance event was held at the Presidential Palace dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the Great Victory.

The 75th anniversary of the Great Victory is an all-human jubilee indeed. All nations of the former Soviet Union made a significant contribution to that victory: over 600,000 sons of our nation fought in the Great Patriotic War, over 300,000 of them put their lives on the altar of victory.

The event was organized jointly by the Presidential Administration and the cultural and business center of Moscow House in Yerevan. The event was attended by the members of the National Assembly, Ambassadors of Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan in Armenia, art workers, servicemen of the RA Armed forces, military from the Russian Armed Forces deployed in Armenia and border troops.

It was noted that the event was a special musical tribute to those who created victory on the battlefield with love in their hearts and song on their lips, as well as to those who were living and working in the rear, who continued to love, to hope, and to wait...and sang nevertheless. It is a tribute to our ancestors who were killed in the WWII and a token of appreciation to the veterans who not only keep bright the memories of the victory but are also a living history lesson to all of us with their experience and biography.

The host of the event was the RF Distinguished Art Worker, RF Distinguished Artist, founder of the Romansiada international contest of the Russian romance Galina Preobrazhenskaya. Romances were performed by the famous artists from Russia Sergei Ababkin, Natalia Manulik, Dmitri Zuev, and Alla Petrova.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/02/21/Concert-in-Presidential-palace/>



07.03.2020

## On the eve of Women’s Day President Sarkissian hosted a group of renowned Armenian women

On the eve of Women’s Day, President Armen Sarkissian hosted at the Presidential Palace the ethnographer, researched, scholar of the Armenian Genocide, senior expert of the Institute of Archeology and Ethnography of the RA Academy of Sciences, PhD, professor, RA Distinguished Science Worker Verzhine Svazlian, historian, translator, MA in History, veteran of the WWII, senior specialist of Matenadaran Margarita Darbinian, composer, educator, RA People’s Artist Geghuni Chitchian, and the veteran of the WWI Roslia Abgarian.

The President congratulated his prominent guests on the occasion of the Holiday, wished them good health and all the best. He hailed their contribution to the maturing of our country, development of culture and proliferation of knowledge and said that each of them was a living history, a living example of the dedicated service and devotion to the Fatherland and the nation. Through their work they have created the pages of the Armenian history which make great value and present eternal memory, the way of life, work, creation and creativity.



Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/07/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-women/>



**Միջին երեխաներ,**

Ողջունում են բոլորիդ Հայաստանի Հանրապետության Նախագահի՝ հատուկ ձեզ համար ստեղծված կայքում:

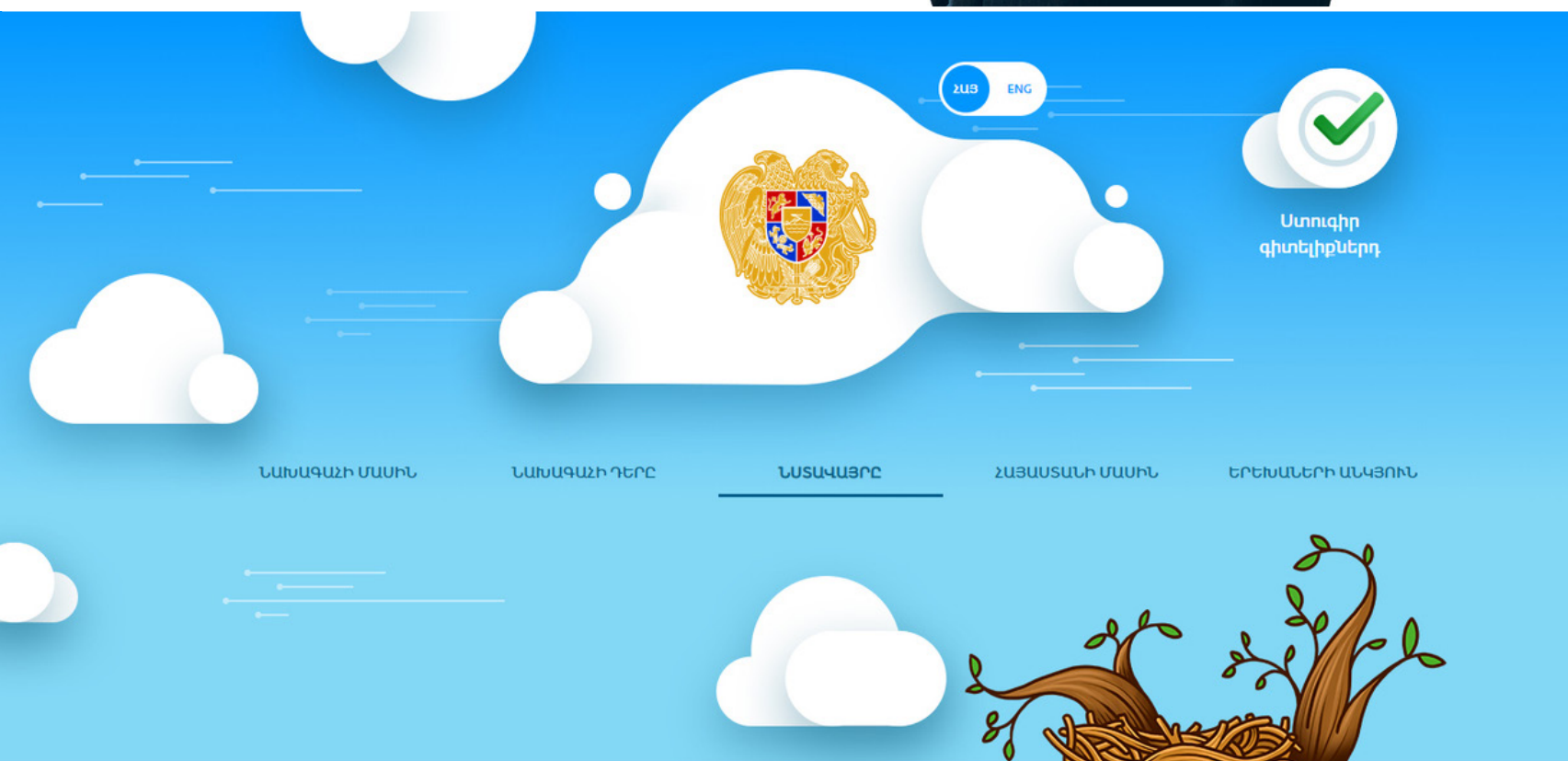
Այստեղ դուք կիմանաք, թե որն է Հանրապետության Նախագահի դերը խորհրդարանական կառավարման համակարգ ունեցող երկրում, ով կարող է լինել Հանրապետության Նախագահ, և ինչպես են ընտրում Հանրապետության Նախագահին:

Կայքի միջոցով կարող եք նաև վիրտուալ շրջայց կատարել Հանրապետության Նախագահի Նստավայրում, ուսուցողական խաղեր խաղալ և ամրապնդել ձեր գիտելիքները ստուգիչ հարցերի միջոցով:

Մեր ծրագրերում երեխաներն ու պատանիները մշտապես ուշադրության կենտրոնում են: Ձեզանից յուրաքանչյուրն Աստուծո՞ւ պարզև է, դուք եք մեր ապագան կերտողները, մեր ժողովրդի արժանի հետևորդները:

**Արմեն Սարգսյան**

Հայաստանի Հանրապետության Նախագահ



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Հայաստանի Հանրապետության Նախագահի Նստավայրը գտնվում է Բաղրամյան պողոտայի վրա: Այն Նախագծվել է 1951 թվականին ճարտարապետ Մարկ Գրիգորյանի կողմից:

Ենթի արտաքին պատերը կառուցված են դեղնավուն տուֆով:

1992 թվականից շերքը ծառայում է որպես Հայաստանի Հանրապետության Նախագահի Նստավայր:

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**01.06.2020**

**President's website for kids**

On the site, children in Armenian and English, later also in Russian, will be able through instructive material and videos get brief information not only about the activities of the President of Armenia, oath taken by presidents but will also learn who can become president and how president of Armenia is elected...

Brief information on our Fatherland – the Republic of Armenia, is also available for the visitors of the site as well as information on the RA Constitution.

The site allows to enter Presidential Office and in 3D format tour the administrative building and participate virtually at the changing the guard of honor ceremony, stroll on the territory adjacent to the Presidential Palace which at certain hours is open for public.

In the “Kid’s Corner” the visitors of the virtual space will be able to play instructive games and through a quiz strengthen their knowledge.

The site has a kids’ video library where the best videos sent by the children will be on display. They can shoot videos about their unique talents, knowledge, skills, abilities, ideas, dreams, and wishes.

In the allocated section of the site, children can also present their proposals, bringing their special participation to the format and content of the website.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/01/Kids-president-am/>

Children’s website Link:

<https://kids.president.am/hy>



24.09.2020

## An exhibition of exceptional pieces of Italian art displayed at the Presidential Palace

An exhibition of exceptional pieces of Italian art was opened at the Presidential Palace. The exhibition is held under the high auspices of the Presidents of the Republic of Armenia and Italian Republic. Four paintings of the 18th century from the Paola and Carolina Zanne Fund, which show Saint Marco Palazzo in Venice, belong to masters Giovanni Antonio Canaletto, Berdardo Belotto, Francesco Guardi and Michele Marieski.

Opening the exhibition, President Armen Sarkissian noted that it was a manifestation of historical and present deep and close cooperation and warm relations between the peoples of Armenia and Italy.

Speaking of the paintings on display, President Sarkissian assessed them as samples of the best world paintings.

President Armen Sarkissian hailed the role of the Italian Embassy in Armenia and personally Ambassador Vincenzo Del Monaco's role in organizing the exhibition.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/09/24/Exhibition-in-Presidential-Palace/>



20.10.2020

## Kids from Artsakh were hosted at the Presidential Palace

A group of kids from Artsakh was hosted at the Presidential Palace. As a result of the military aggression unleashed by Azerbaijan against the Republic of Artsakh they have been temporarily sheltered in Armenia.

The Presidential Administration, in cooperation with Yerevan's H. Paronian Theater of Musical Comedy, prepared an event for the children from Artsakh. Artists of the theater presented at the Presidential Palace one of their beautiful performances, "Musicians of Bremen".

The Chairman of the Union of Theater Workers of Armenia, Creative Director of the H. Paronian Theater of Musical Comedy Hakop Ghazantchian noted from the psychological point of view the importance of this event for the children in difficult situation.

After the performance the kids received gifts from the Presidential Administration.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/20/Artsakhs-children-in-Presidential-palace/>



24.12.2020

## New Year's surprise to the children of a number of settlements of Gegharkunik and Syunik marzes

On the initiative of the President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian, the Office of the President of the Republic, together with the "Yerevan, My Love" Foundation, handed Christmas presents to the children of Geghamasar village of Gegharkunik Marz and to the children of more than a dozen villages belonging to Tegh enlarged community of Syunik marz of the Republic of Armenia.

This initiative is another proof that the families of the border settlements, especially the children, are in the center of constant attention of the President's Office. Similar initiative was implemented in 2019.



## CHARITY PROJECTS

The implementation of charitable programs has been the focus of constant attention for the President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian.

The programs for 2020 mainly related to the solution of the problems that Covid-19 brought forth, and the situation due to Azerbaijan's military aggression unleashed against Artsakh.

Relevant target groups were selected, including non-governmental organizations, families, individuals, to whom, on the instructions of the President of the Republic, the President's Office provided the necessary financial and material support during the reporting period.

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## Covid-19

In the light of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the President's Office has adopted new approaches for social assistance.

On the instruction of the President of Armenia, in the centre of attention are the most vulnerable social groups and people in need, especially in the border and remote regions, and in the earthquake zone.

The beneficiaries were selected based on the contacts of the President of Armenia during his visits to the regions, information obtained at the time, also analyzing the letters addressed to the President.

The assistance programs have been implemented stage by stage, the current stage including over two hundred beneficiaries of different social groups.

At this stage, the priority will be given to those, who have no opportunity of distant learning, especially children from border communities and socially vulnerable groups, large families and the elderly.

Children from needy families of Shirak and Tavush marzes and those residing in temporary housing received assistance. In Shirak, the students of the Chalet Gyumri centre of the Shirak Centre non-profit organization are getting support. President Sarkissian met with them during one of his working visits to Gyumri.

Another group comprises children of some border communities in Tavush marz, disadvantaged, and children of the fallen servicemen. President hosted these children at the President's Residence at the end of last year.

Some large families from Yerevan, with 6 to 14 children, are also included in the program, as well as families from Ararat, Armavir, Syunik, Tavush, and Kotayk marzes. All beneficiaries received food and first necessity items.

To make distant learning accessible, children from needy families and families of fallen servicemen of Chinari, Nerqin Karmiraghbyur, Movses, Choratan, and Aygepar communities, also five students of the Shirak Centre non-profit organization and seven large families received computers.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/04/18/President-Armen-Sarkissian/>





## ☰ CHARITY PROJECTS

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On the instruction of President Armen Sarkissian, the President's Office, during the coronavirus pandemic, continued implementing social assistance programs focused on the elderly and families residing in the border areas.

At this stage, the President's Office distributed masks in Yerevan, Gyumri and Akhurian communities of Shirak marz, also assisted the living homes in Abovian, twenty-one centres for the elderly of the Mission Armenia organization in Yerevan and regions, two thousand old people on the whole. Marie Izmirlian Children's Home also received support (masks, sweets, books).

To encourage distant learning in marzes, the President's Office, on President's initiative and instruction, continued allocating electronic devices to the school-children in border areas. This time, tablets, food packages, and essentials were provided to some families in Voskevan, Koti, Dovegh villages of Tavush marz.

In Berkaber village of Tavush marz, representatives of the Homeland Defender initiative of the President's Office visited the Khudaverdian family who lost their home due to Azarbaijansi shelling. They gave gifts to the children of the family and conveyed words of support from President Sarkissian who held their problems in the centre of his attention. The social programs of the President's Office will continue.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/05/25/President-Armen-Sarkissians-present/>



## War unleashed against Artsakh

The Office of the President of the Republic assisted the families of Artsakh who, due to Azerbaijan's military aggression against the Republic of Artsakh, had been temporarily sheltered in Armenia. In particular, about 140 people of Artsakh received food supplies. A group of kids from Artsakh was hosted at the President's Residence.

Being the first to respond to the problems of the displaced people of Hadrut, on the instruction of the President of the Republic, the representatives of the President's Office and the people of Hadrut held joint discussions and decided to give a primary solution to the problems of the homeless, at the same time continuing the efforts of coping with other issues as well.

The Office of the President of the Republic, the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund, and Yerevan, My Love Foundation assisted more than 170 people displaced from Hadrut with accommodation and food issues.



## Other

Within the framework of the charity projects of the Office of the President of the Republic, social assistance was provided to solve the problems of families in Gyumri affected by July 13 torrential rains and hail. In particular, upon the instruction of President Armen Sarkissian, the affected families received household electronic devices.

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Border communities of Chinari, Movses, and Aygepar of the Tavush region received school supplies, computer equipment, and food packages, as assistance.

The school building sustained considerable losses as a result of shelling; its property was damaged as well. Through the donation of the sons of the President of Armenia Hayk and Vartan Sarkissian the school received furniture and computers.

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On the New Year's Eve, the children of some border communities of the Republic of Armenia received special attention and support on the instruction of President Sarkissian.

The children of Geghamasar village of Gegharkunik marz and the children of more than a dozen villages, belonging to Tegh enlarged community of Syunik marz of the Republic of Armenia received presents.

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Some cultural figures, artists, citizens and organizations also received assistance in response to their personal requests, after studying the relevant materials.



## VISITS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA: DOMESTIC, ARTSAKH

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**21.03.2020**  
**ARTSAKH**

### **President Armen Sarkissian arrived to Artsakh on a working visit**

President of Armenia Armen Sarkissian has arrived to the Republic of Artsakh on a working visit.

The President of Armenia said that even though his visit was not related in any way to the upcoming elections in Artsakh, he was interested in how the election campaign has been progressing, what preliminary works have already been done. With the President of Artsakh Armen Sarkissian wants to talk also about that topic

President Sarkissian spoke also about the coronavirus and noted that Artsakh must defeat also this global calamity.

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Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/21/President-Armen-Sarkissian-visited-Artsakh/>



## ARTSAKH

### Meeting with the President of Artsakh Bako Sahakian

President of Armenia Armen Sarkissian had a meeting with the President of Artsakh Bako Sahakian in Stepanakert.

The Presidents of two Armenian states exchanged views on the most urgent topic of these days – the situation created by the spread of the new coronavirus and steps taken to prevent and contain the virus.

In prevention of the spread of the coronavirus, they viewed as very important comprehension by the public and individuals of the gravity of the situation, people's alertness and responsibility as well as cooperation with international partners.

Presidents Armen Sarkissian and Bako Sahakian discussed a wide range of issues pertaining to the cooperation between Armenia and Artsakh.

President Sarkissian hailed Bako Sahakian's considerable contribution to Artsakh's liberation struggle as well as to the strengthening of Artsakh's statehood, state governance, establishment of democratic institutions and their maturing.

### Gandzasar monastery compound

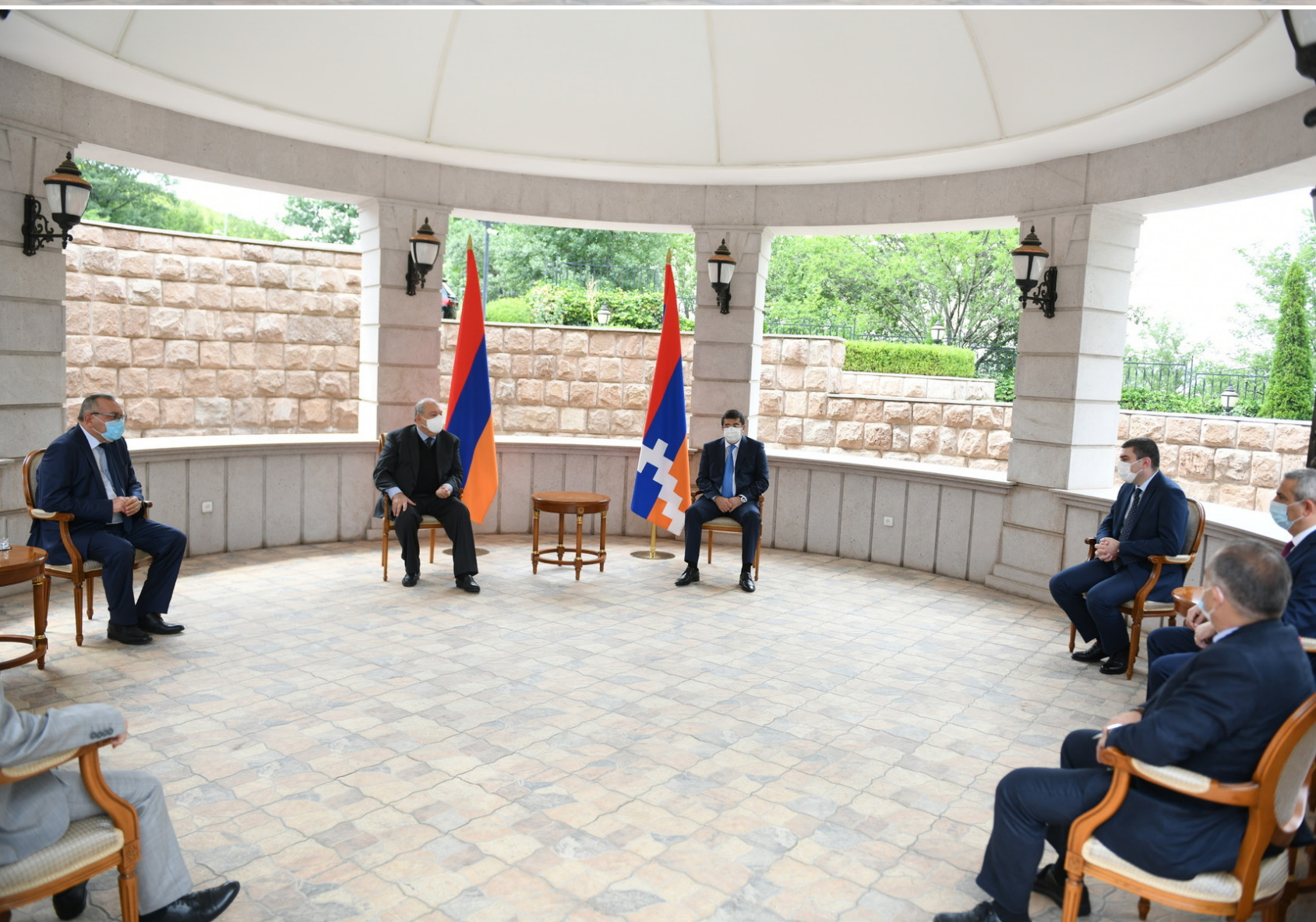
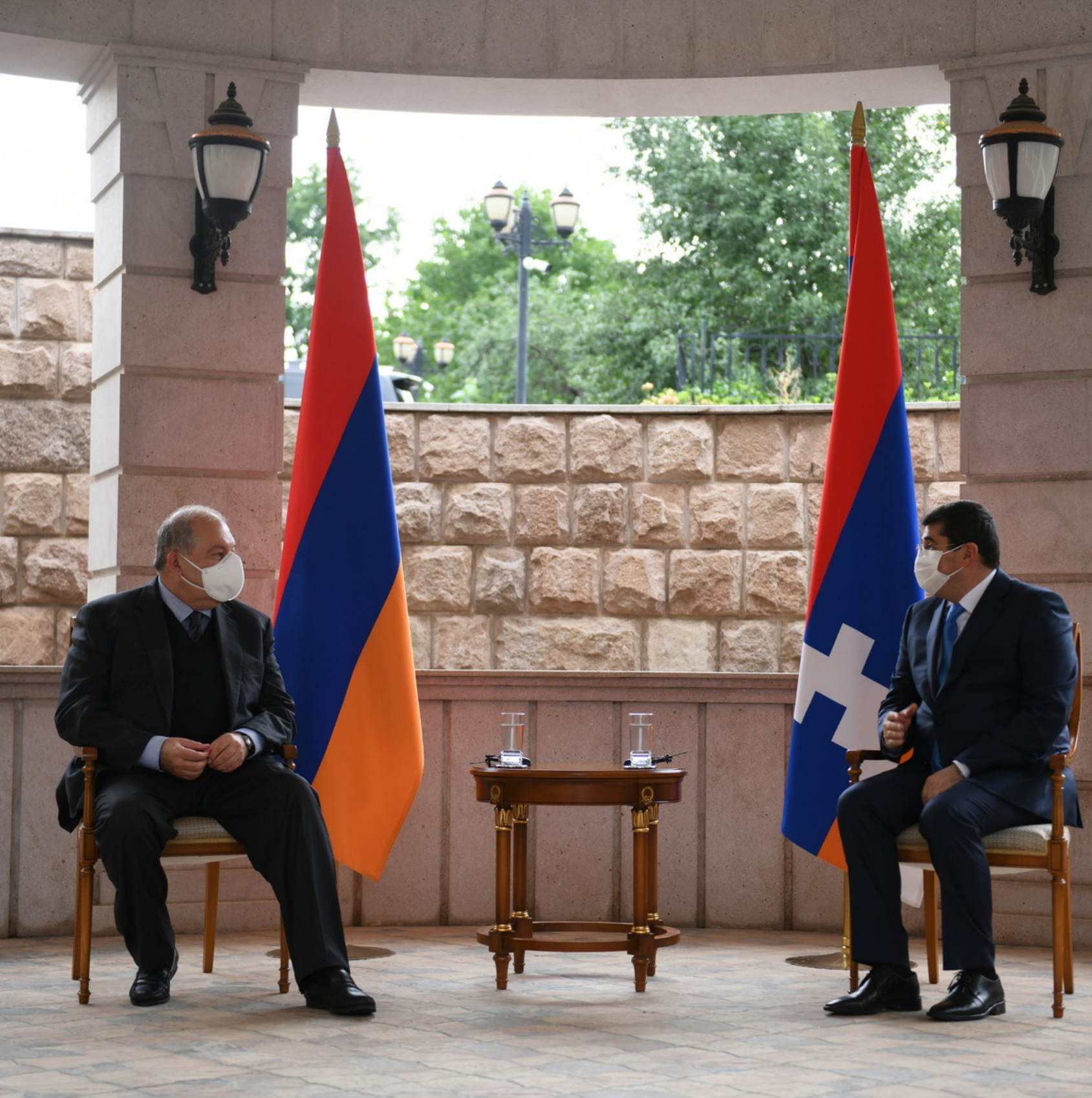
President of Armenia Armen Sarkissian, who is in the Republic of Artsakh on a working visit, visited Gandzasar monastery compound. Accompanied by the Primate of the Diocese of Artsakh of the Armenian Apostolic Church Pargev Archbishop Martirosian, the President toured the compound of the ancient monastery, lit a candle and prayed.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/21/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Bako-Sahakyan/>

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/21/President-Armen-Sarkissian-visited-Gandzasar/>



10.07.2020

## ARTSAKH

### Meeting with the President of the Republic of Artsakh Araik Harutyunian

President Armen Sarkissian arrived to Artsakh on a working visit. In Stepanakert, he met with the President of the Republic of Artsakh Araik Harutyunian.

President Sarkissian congratulated and wished success to Araik Harutyunian and expressed confidence that with his experience and knowledge he would successfully continue his service to the Fatherland.

At the meeting, discussed were the ongoing and future projects aimed at the strengthening and development of the Republic of Artsakh.

### Discussions over the issues of cooperation between Armenia and Artsakh

The private meeting of the President of Armenia Armen Sarkissian and President of the Republic of Artsakh Araik Harutyunian was followed by a meeting in the extended format with the participation of the Speaker of Artsakh's National Assembly Arthur Tovmassian, state minister Grigori Martirosian, Minister of Foreign Affairs Masis Mailian, Secretary of the Security Council Samvel Babayan, other officials.

At the meeting discussed were issues pertinent to cooperation between Armenia and Artsakh, programs aimed at Artsakh's development.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Araik-Harutyunian/>

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-visited-Artsakh/>



## ARTSAKH

### Meeting with the journalists

After the meetings in Stepanakert, President Armen Sarkissian spoke to journalists. President Sarkissian noted that this was his first visit to Artsakh after the presidential and parliamentary elections.

President Sarkissian viewed meetings held in Stepanakert as very productive and noted that unity was the key topic of the discussions.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/10/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview/>

### President Sarkissian visited Gandzasar monastery compound

In the framework of his working visit to the Republic of Artsakh, President Armen Sarkissian, accompanied by the Primate of the Diocese of Artsakh of the Armenian Apostolic Church Archbishop Martirosian, visited the Gandzasar monastery compound. The President toured the medieval compound, lit a candle and prayed.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-visited-Gandzasar/>





## ARTSAKH

### **President Armen Sarkissian will assist through his personal means to the refurbishment of the maternity hospital in Stepanakert**

Speaking of the prospects of development of Artsakh, President Armen Sarkissian stressed on multiple occasions the demographic issue and noted that it is too, an important factor in the resolution of the security, political, economic, and many other issues.

According to the President, Artsakh has abundant resources to increase its human capital manifold and develop further.

During his working visit to the Republic of Artsakh, President Sarkissian highlighted once again the demographic issue and said that Artsakh is a state which can have a 2-3 times bigger population which means a many-times bigger economy. As a practical step in that direction, President Armen Sarkissian said that he would assist through his personal means to the refurbishment of the maternity hospital in Stepanakert.

### **President Armen Sarkissian met with Bako Sahakian**

President Armen Sarkissian, who is in the Republic of Artsakh on a working visit, met with the former President of Artsakh Bako Sahakian.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-in-Artsakh/>

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Bako-Sahakyan/>



## SHIRAK MARZ

06.07.2020

### Armenia's state border

President Armen Sarkissian visited Armenia's state border, was at the regiment of the Russian border troops, which according to the September 30, 1992 interstate agreement between Armenia and Russia, is guarding Armenia's state border with Turkey and Iran.

The Head of the Border Guard Department of the RF Federal Security Service in Armenia, Major-General Roman Golubitski reported about the situation on the border, service and operative activities, close cooperation between the residents of the border villages and Armenian colleagues.

President Armen Sarkissian and Mrs. Nouneh Sarkissian visited also Nor Shen (Khar-kov) village. The ruins Ani - the ancient Armenian capital, are observable from here. They conversed with the only resident of the village Vahandukht grandma.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/06/President-Armen-Sarkissian-visited-border/>



## SHIRAK MARZ

24.07.2020

### Gyumri

President Armen Sarkissian made a short visit to Gyumri to see problems caused by the July 13 torrential rains and hail and to discuss avenues to solve them.

Near the bridge at the beginning of Yerevan highway in Gyumri, Deputy Head of Shirak marz Rescue Department Karen Eghshajian presented to the President of Armenia the current situation.

After that, President Sarkissian met with the families, which suffered from the natural calamity and learned directly from them about their losses.

At the meeting with the governor of Shirak marz Tigran Petrossian, Primate of the Shirak Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church, His Eminence Ter Michael Archbishop Ajapahian, and Mayor of Gyumri Samvel Balassanian the President was informed on the problems of the citizens caused by the heavy rains and hail, steps and measures undertaken to solve them. President Sarkissian inquired about the situation of the affected families.

The President of Armenia said that at his instruction, the Presidential Administration has already planned and started to implement certain programs to assist the affected families.

In particular, household electronic devices were acquired for these families and they will get them soon.

The President of Armenia urged the municipal and regional authorities to be more prepared, while renovating or building new infrastructure to take into consideration also the possibility of such natural calamities.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/24/President-Armen-Sarkissian-in-Gyumri/>



## SHIRAK MARZ

### Marmashen community of Shirak marz

President Armen Sarkissian visited the Elbakian family residing in the Marmashen community of Shirak marz. Their son, Captain of the Armenian Army Sos Elbakian, days ago was killed on the Tavush segment of the Armenian-Azerbaijan state border as a result of the military actions unleashed by Azerbaijan.

President Sarkissian expressed his deep condolences to the parents of Captian Elbakian and noted that their son had sacrificed his young life defending devotedly the border of the Fatherland, our peace and security.

The President of Armenia also expressed gratitude to the parents of Sos Elbakian for raising such a courageous and patriotic son.

At the Marmashen monastery, President Armen Sarkissian lit a candle for the memory of Sos Elbakian and all our troops who gave their lives for the Fatherland.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/24/President-Armen-Sarkissian-visited-Gyumri/>



25.12.2020

## SHIRAK MARZ

### Gyumri

#### **Meeting with His Grace Archbishop Mikael Ajapahyan, Primate of the Shirak Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church**

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian paid a working visit to Gyumri.

President Sarkissian met with His Grace Archbishop Mikael Ajapahyan, Primate of the Shirak Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

The President of the Republic and the Primate of the Shirak Diocese spoke about the heavy losses we suffered during the war and the crisis in the country. They agreed on having no alternative but to rise as a nation and a state by joint efforts.

Noting that the situation continues to be severe, they expressed concern and anxiety over the diverse challenges and problems facing the country and touched upon the ways to overcome them.

They considered it especially important to secure and protect the state borders and border communities, to resolve the problems related to the return of prisoners, hostages, and the search for the missing.

Accompanied by the Primate of the Shirak Diocese, the President of the Republic visited the Church of the Holy Saviour in Gyumri.

President Sarkissian also met with Shirak Governor (Marzpet) Tigran Petrosyan and Gyumri Mayor Samvel Balasanyan.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/25/President-Armen-Sarkissian-visited-Gyumri/>



## SHIRAK MARZ

### Meeting with a group of conscripts and volunteers from Shirak who took part in the war

Within the framework of his visit to Gyumri, at the Social-Educational Centre of the Shirak Diocese, President Armen Sarkissian met with a group of conscripts and volunteers from Shirak who took part in the war.

His Grace Archbishop Mikayel Ajapahyan, the Primate of the Shirak Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church, was present at the meeting.

Expressing gratitude for the selfless service to defend their homeland, President Sarkissian said that our soldiers and our people did not lose the war.

The President noted that it is the duty of the state and all of us to take care of the families of the fallen heroes, as well as the injured and disabled servicemen and volunteers. Armen Sarkissian stressed that the President's Office is ready to assist in solving their problems.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/25/President-Armen-Sarkissian-in-Gyumri/>



## SHIRAK MARZ

### Meeting with public representatives in Gyumri

During the two-hour conversation, President Sarkissian and more than two dozen participants of the meeting: representatives of science, education, culture, legal, business, and public spheres, exchanged ideas on the situation in the country, presented their concerns and views, and discussed ways to resolve the current crisis.

Speaking about the current situation in the country, the President of the Republic said that we were in a deep pit, which might become deeper.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/25/President-Armen-Sarkissian-visited-Gyumri/>

### Meeting with public representatives in Gyumri

During his working visit to Gyumri last weekend, President Armen Sarkissian met with public representatives and discussed the situation in the country.

President Sarkissian noted that he had met with the Prime Minister, and his opponents; he would continue to meet them, trying to bring everybody to one table.

The participants of the meeting asked various questions to the President of the Republic.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/28/President-Armen-Sarkissian-in-Gyumri/>



**18.07.2020**

## **Central Clinical Military Hospital of the MoD**

President Armen Sarkissian visited the Central Clinical Military Hospital of the RA Ministry of Defense where a group of servicemen are receiving treatment for the wounds of different kinds inflicted by the Azerbaijani weapons during their combat duty at the Tavush segment of the Armenian-Azerbaijan border.

Accompanied by the RA Ombudsman Arman Tatoyan and Head of the Military Medicine Department of the RA Armed Forces Sahak Ohanian, the President visited the servicemen, inquired about their health condition, received treatment and wished them a speedy recovery. Representatives of the medical personnel told about the current condition of the servicemen and the process of recuperation.

Armen Sarkissian conversed with the servicemen and their parents present in the hospital.

The President said that our people are proud of our Army, its brave soldiers, officers and generals and are confident that because of them the enemy's every encroachment is doomed to failure.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/18/President-Armen-Sarkissian-visited-hospital/>





07.08.2020

## TAVUSH MARZ

### **A group of servicemen were awarded special presidential watches**

During his working visit to Tavush marz, the President of Armenia Armen Sarkissian awarded special watches of the President of Armenia to a group of servicemen for their diligent service, patriotism and dedication, great responsibility and professionalism. He stressed once again that they are our today's heroes.

President Sarkissian said that our people are proud of our Army, our brave troops, officers and generals and are confident that because of them any encroachment of the enemy is doomed to failure. The President noted that our military servicemen are the true and real creators of history, and we own them for peace and our security.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/08/07/President-Armen-Sarkissian-in-Tavush/>

### **Berd workshop of Tavush Textile company**

In the framework of his working visit to Tavush marz, President Armen Sarkissian visited Berd town. In this border town, the President of Armenia visited the Berd workshop of the Tavush Textile company which is manufacturing gloves for construction workers.

During the last month's military actions unleashed by Azerbaijan on the north-western part of the Armenian-Azerbaijani border shots were directed also at this factory.

The gloves for construction workers producing enterprise, conditioned by the coronavirus pandemic, in recent months has been manufacturing also medical masks. President Sarkissian toured the workshop, conversed with the employees, observed the production process and production volumes.

The leadership of the company introduced to the President the entire glove manufacturing process and noted that their main bulk is exported to the countries of the EUEA. They also spoke about programs and works aimed at the expansion of the production and workshops and noted soon in another border village, Paravakar, a new unit of the Tavush Textile Ltd. will start functioning.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/08/07/President-Armen-Sarkissian-visited-Berd/>



**22.08.2020**

**ARAGATSOTN MARZ**

**St. Mesrop Mashtots Church in Oshakan**

President Armen Sarkissian and Mrs. Nouneh Sarkissian visited the St. Mesrop Mashtots Church in Oshakan.

The fresco named the Glorious Armenian Letters and Schooling has been restored through the assistance of President Sarkissian.

The request to assist in the restoration of the fresco was submitted last year to the President of Armenia by the Aragatsotn Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church. One of the best creation of the Armenian monumental art of the 20th century, this triptych fresco was authored in 1964-66 by the artists Hovhannes Minassian and Henrik Mamian. Through the years, the fresco was considerably damaged by the humidity; in some places it crumbled, a layer of dust darkened and bleached the colors of the fresco.

Arzhanik Hovhannissian - the head of the Scientific and Research Center of Fresco Restoration, which carried out the restoration works, noted that the Glorious Armenian Letters and Schooling fresco is one of the best samples of the Armenian fresco painting of the 20th century.

The Primate of the Aragatsotn Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church His Eminence Bishop Ter Mrktich Proshian and Vicar of the St. Mesrop Mashtots Church in Oshakan Ter Vigen Manukian thanked President Sarkissian for his commitment to save this piece of art and for completing the task.

Heirs of the authors of the fresco Martin Minassian and Lusin Mamian noted that they were enthusiastically following the process of restoration. Martin Minassian expressed thanks to President Armen Sarkissian.

St. Mesrop Mashtots Church in Oshakan was built in the 19th century, on the tomb of Mesrop Mashtots.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/08/22/President-Armen-Sarkissian-visited-Oshakan/>



## ARAGATSOTN MARZ

### Armenia Wine factory

President Armen Sarkissian visited Armenia Wine factory located in Sasunik community in Aragatsont marz.

President Sarkissian toured the factory, conversed with the employees, familiarized with the production capacities of the Company, investments, programs for the factory's development and with the problems conditioned by the existing situation.

The co-founder of the Company said that they are striving to develop rich Armenian wine making traditions and culture, make the Armenian wine compatible on international markets and, considering President Sarkissian's experience and knowledge, would like to know his opinion on the development of the area, expansion of export markets, and opportunities to make the Armenian wine more recognizable in the world.

The President of Armenia underscored that success of this kind of companies is our country's success and promised within the scope of his abilities to assist in the development of this area.

In honor of President Sarkissian, a barrel of brandy with his name was sealed in the factory.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/08/22/President-Armen-Sarkissian-visited-Armenia-Wine/>



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## THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF HIS MAJESTY ABDULLAH II IBN AL-HUSSEIN AL-HASHIMI, KING OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN TO ARMENIA

10 - 11.02.2020

### Arrival at the airport

At the invitation of President Armen Sarkissian, His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al-Hussein Al-Hashimi of Jordan has arrived in Armenia on an official visit (February 10-11, 2020)

The delegation of King Abdullah II comprises his brother His Royal Highness Prince Ali Bin Al-Hussein, advisor on religious and cultural issues and personal envoy His Royal Highness Prince Ghazi bin Muhammed, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of Jordan Ayman Safadi, the King's advisor on Communication and Coordination issues Bisher Al Khasawneh, Minister of Industry, Trade, and Supply Tariq Hammouri.

Deputy Prime Minister Mher Grigoryan met the high guest at the Zvartnotz international airport of Yerevan.

President Armen Sarkissian and King of Jordan met in April 2019, during President Sarkissian's working visit to Jordan, during which the President of Armenia had invited the King of Jordan to visit Armenia.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/02/10/King-Abdullah-II-arrived-Armenia/>



## THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF HIS MAJESTY ABDULLAH II IBN AL-HUSSEIN AL-HASHIMI, KING OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN TO ARMENIA

11.02.2020

### **The official welcoming ceremony at the Residence of the President of the Republic**

The official welcoming ceremony of the king of Jordan Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein Al Hashimi, took place at the Residence of the President of the Republic.

The military band performed the anthems of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Republic of Armenia.

President Armen Sarkissian and King Abdullah II, accompanied by the commander of the guard of honour, inspected the military band and the guard of honour. The President and the King presented to each other the members of the official delegations and observed the march of the guard of honour.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/02/11/Official-welcoming-ceremony-for-King-Abdullah-II-at-Presidential-Palace/>



## THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF HIS MAJESTY ABDULLAH II IBN AL-HUSSEIN AL-HASHIMI, KING OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN TO ARMENIA

11.02.2020

### Message on the topic “Religion and Tolerance”

At the President’s Residence, in the presence of the official delegations of the two countries, local and foreign diplomats, heads of international organizations, and scholars of Oriental studies gave a speech on “Religion and Tolerance.”

Earlier in his speech, President Armen Sarkissian assessed the visit of His Majesty to Armenia as historic, and as an Armenian expressed his gratitude to the people of Jordan and the King’s family, for his grand grandfather’s appeal to the Arab people to give refuge to the Armenians who had survived the Armenian Genocide.

On behalf of the Jordanian delegation, His Majesty Abdullah II expressed his profound gratitude for the warm hospitality and emphasized the huge potential for cooperation between the two countries.

King Abdullah II said that the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan was preparing to celebrate its first centennial, “We look back proudly on the role that the Jordanians of the Armenian descent have played for the progress and prosperity of our homeland,” he noted.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/02/11/President-Armen-Sarkissian-and-Abdullah-II-had-a-speech/>





## THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF HIS MAJESTY ABDULLAH II IBN AL-HUSSEIN AL-HASHIMI, KING OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN TO ARMENIA

11.02.2020

### Meeting with the President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian

The meeting of President Armen Sarkissian and His Majesty the King of the Hachemite Kingdom of Jordan Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein Al Hashimi took place at the Residence of the President of the Republic.

President Sarkissian welcomed the high guest and said, in particular, that the visit of the King of Jordan is historical, and expressed hope that there would be many occasions to host His Majesty in Armenia. President Sarkissian expressed confidence that the potential, the two countries can attain in the future, would be much more than it is now.

The King of Jordan Abdullah II said that the two countries are linked by good friendship and history. "We have great reverence towards the oldest Christian Church, which is represented not only in Jerusalem but in our country as well. It represents part of our past and is a beautiful element not only of our present but also of our future," he underscored.

King Abdullah II recalled warmly President Sarkissian's visit to Jordan.

At the meeting, President of Armenia raised the issues of a visa free regime for the citizens of Armenia travelling to Jordan and signing the agreement on the avoidance of double taxation.

The interlocutors noted that great opportunities exist for cooperation in the areas of high-tech, education, science, and health-care. The importance of expanding the already existing student exchange program, as well as the establishment of a direct air link between the capitals of the two countries: Yerevan and Amman was emphasized.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/02/11/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Abdullah-II/>



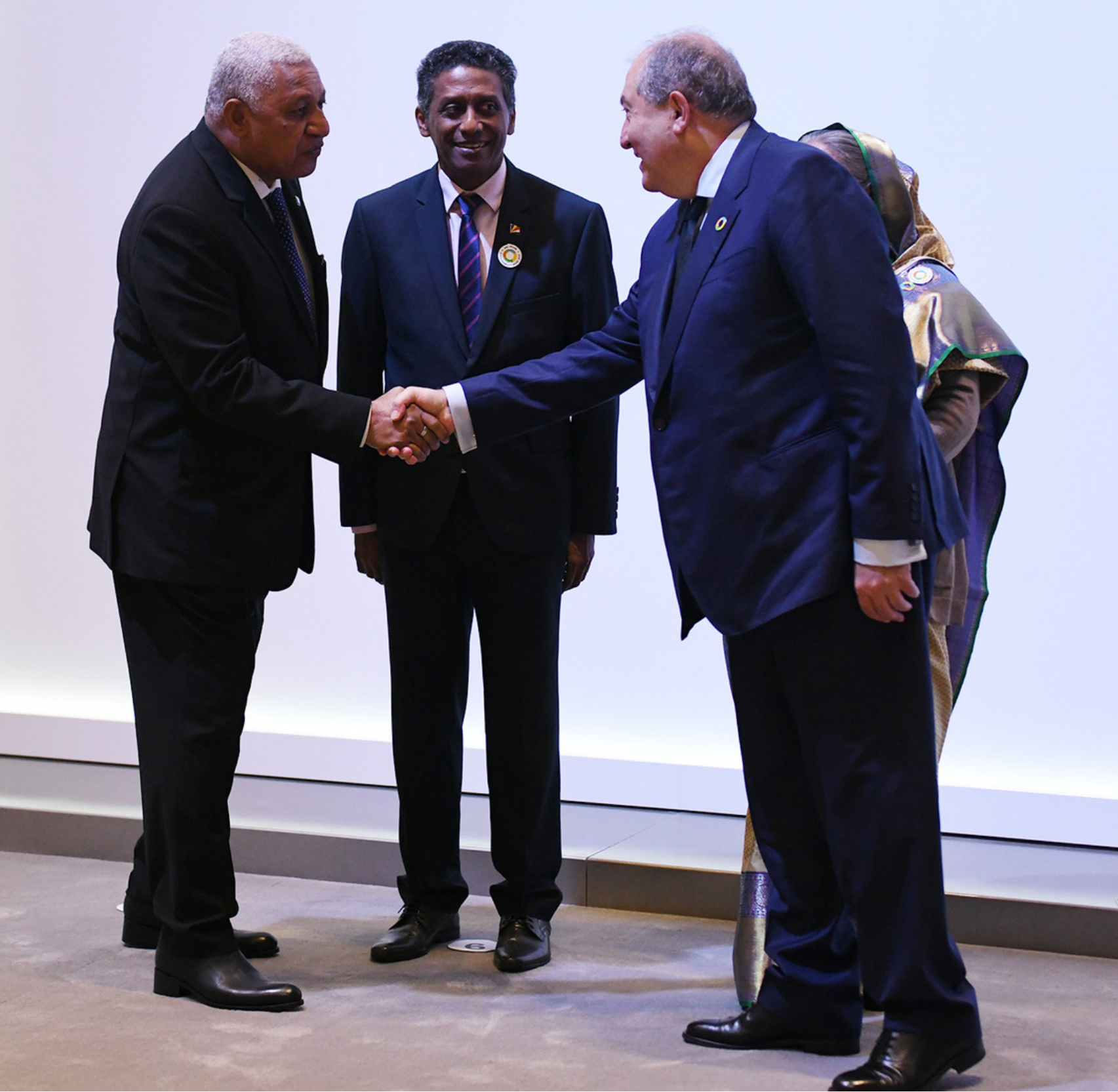
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## PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

13.01.2021

### Participation in the opening ceremony of the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week prestigious international Forum

President Armen Sarkissian, who is in the United Arab Emirates on a working visit, participated in the opening ceremony of the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week prestigious international Forum

The Zayed Sustainability Award ceremony also took place within the framework of the opening of the Forum.

President Armen Sarkissian handed the award to the Al Amali School. Al Amali is among the few schools in Morocco, which educates students in the field of agriculture and teaches to overcome water shortages in summer. The school strives to have a positive impact on the community by implementing some programs, aimed at raising the awareness in ecology and sustainable development. One of the projects offered by school is aimed at providing water through clean energy.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/01/13/President-Armen-Sarkissian-in-Sustainability-Week-forum-in-Abu-Dhabi/>



## PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

13.01.2021

### Meeting with the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, the Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian, who is in the United Arab Emirates on a working visit, met with the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, the Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

President Sarkissian thanked Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan for the invitation to participate in the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week Forum.

President Sarkissian stressed the importance of the agreement on mutual development, signed during his visit to the UAE in December 2019, between Masdar company, the leader in producing renewable energy and the Armenian National Interests Fund. The agreement envisages development and implementation of solar energy production projects in Armenia totaling 400 MW, which will attract nearly 300 million USD investments to Armenia.

Noting that Armenia has beautiful nature, the President said that this project, which is an important step toward the diversification of Armenia's energy system, would make Armenia even greener.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/01/13/President-Armen-Sarkissian-meet-with-Sheikh-Mohammed-bin-Zayed-Al-Nahyan/>



## **PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

President Armen Sarkissian and Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan discussed the entire range of Armenia-UAE cooperation. Among promising areas of cooperation they noted innovations, IT and high technologies. In this context, President Sarkissian presented the ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow) presidential initiative, aimed at the development of science and technologies in Armenia. He noted that this multi-component project envisages in particular to have the first Disneyland for kids based on artificial intelligence in Armenia. It also aspires to bring major international IT and high technology companies to Armenia, turning our country into a leading centre for artificial intelligence and mathematical modelling. "We will be glad to cooperate in the framework of this project with the companies from the Emirates," underscored the President of Armenia.

The interlocutors also noted the great potential for beneficial cooperation in food security and agriculture, and exchanged views on the issues related to nuclear energy, nuclear fuel, and management of nuclear waste.

Tourism was mentioned as an area of mutual interest as well. From the viewpoint of developing tourism and business connections, President Sarkissian stressed the importance of establishing a direct air link between Abu Dhabi and Yerevan. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan instructed the head of the relevant structure to discuss the issue and provide a practical solution.



## PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

13.01.2020

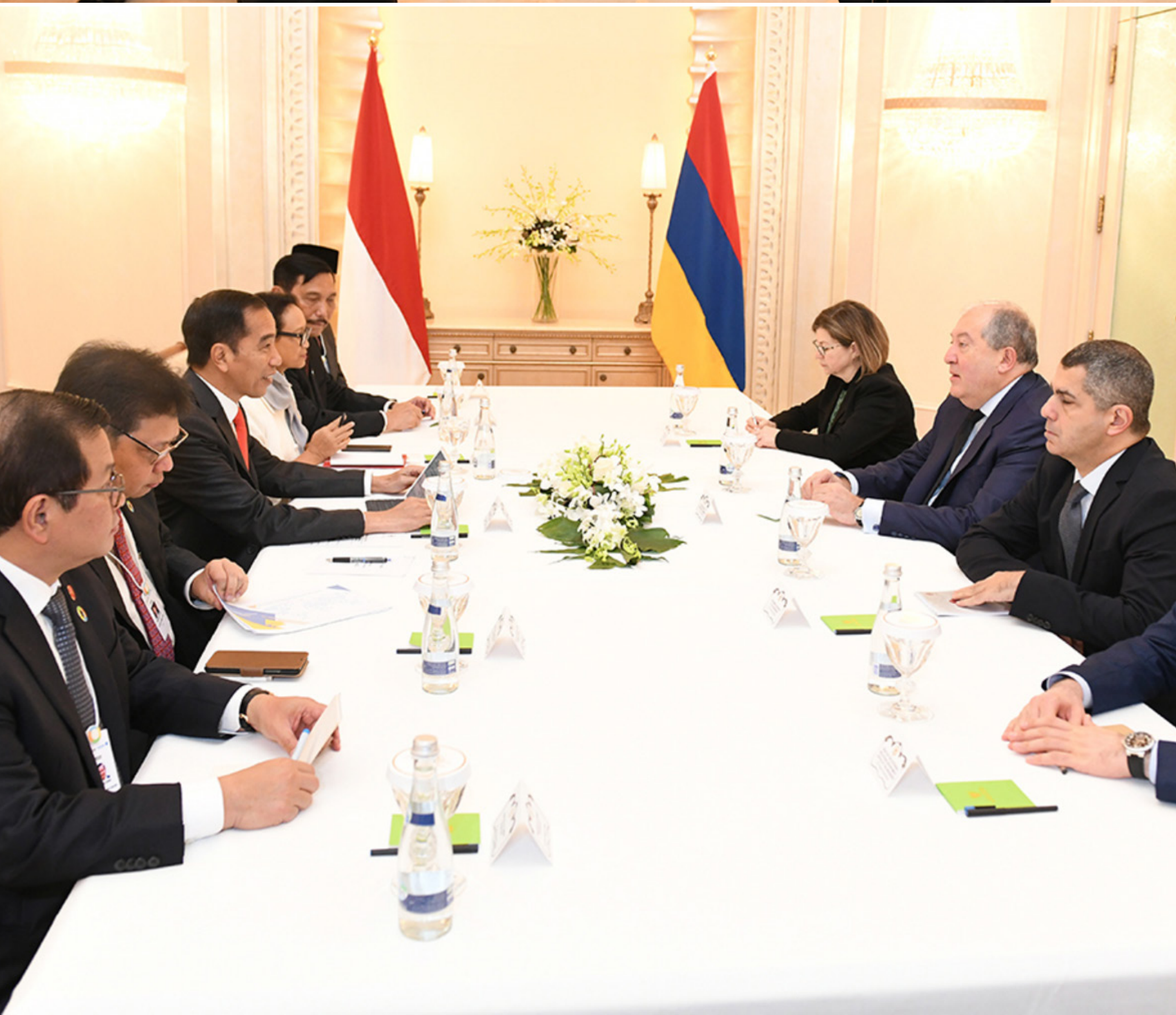
### Meeting with the President of the Republic of Indonesia Joko Widodo

President Armen Sarkissian also met with the President of Indonesia Joko Widodo. President of Indonesia highly valued the meeting with the President of Armenia and spoke about the Armenian-Indonesian historical ties, noting in particular the Sargis family.

Stressing the importance of carrying on with the traditions, President Sarkissian said that his objective is to encourage the expansion of cooperation between the two countries, and to use fully existing potential and opportunities. Noting that Armenians are a global and closely interrelated nation, Armen Sarkissian said that thanks to a global distribution of the Armenians and Armenian business, potential for cooperation increases manifold.

The Presidents of the two countries stressed in particular the expansion of cooperation in the areas of IT, creative education, and innovations, as well as the exchange of experience. In this context, President Sarkissian spoke about the ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow) presidential initiative, aimed at the development of newest technologies and science.

The Presidents also exchanged views on the prospects of cooperation in the framework of the Eurasian Economic Union. The President of Indonesia said that his country counts on Armenia's assistance in signing an agreement with the EAEU on the establishment of a free trade zone. President Sarkissian underscored that the bigger and more dynamic the organization is, the more attractive it would be for the expansion of cooperation with its member states. He also spoke about Armenia's competitive advantages, which will create wide opportunities of new markets for the Indonesian investors.



## PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

At the meeting, the importance of facilitating reciprocal visits and contacts of the citizens of the two countries, and boosting tourism was emphasized, noting that Armenia is an interesting, culturally and historically attractive touristic destination.

They also spoke about opportunities of cooperating in agriculture and food security. President Sarkissian said that Armenia can export high-quality fruits and vegetables, hydroponic products and goods, which would be competitive in Indonesia.

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**PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

**13.01.2020**

**Meeting with the Prime Minister Serbia Ana Brnabić**

President Armen Sarkissian, who is in the United Arab Emirates on a working visit, met with the Prime Minister of Serbia Ana Brnabić, participating in “The Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week” prestigious International Forum.

Emphasizing the recent efficient meetings and discussions, the interlocutors spoke of the process of implementation of the previously reached agreements. They noted with satisfaction that the Armenian-Serbian relations were gradually progressing. Citizens of Armenia have already been granted a free visa entry to Serbia. The agreement on this was reached during President Sarkissian's official visit to Serbia.

The Prime Minister of Serbia informed that an embassy of the Republic of Serbia in Armenia would open in the end of February. It was noted that those were important steps aimed at the strengthening of the relations between the two countries.

The interlocutors also praised another agreement, about holding the Armenian Seaside Start-up Summit forum along with the annual EXIT music festival being held in the Serbian city of Novi Sad.



## PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

The President of Armenia and Prime Minister of Serbia discussed promising areas of bilateral cooperation. Noting that problems of ecology and green technologies were very important, both in Armenia and in Serbia, President Sarkissian said that the two countries could cooperate successfully in this area as well. The parties noted the great potential of a mutually beneficial cooperation also in the areas of technologies, IT, and artificial intelligence. In this context, they spoke about opportunities of cooperation in the framework of the ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow) presidential initiative.

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## PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

13.01.2020

### Meeting with the President of Rwanda Paul Kagame

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The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian also met with the President of Rwanda Paul Kagame.

The Presidents of the two countries concurred that Armenia and Rwanda have multiple similarities, comparable history and problems, both nations survived a genocide, both are small but strong, have numerous advantages which can be translated into success and they also have common interests. The parties agreed that the two countries need to discover each other, familiarize with each other's opportunities and it is necessary to work vigorously in that direction.

Stressing the importance of a full utilization of potential existing in the cooperation between Armenia and Rwanda, the Presidents discussed the possible areas of cooperation. President Sarkissian noted that among promising areas of cooperation is the area of e-governance which is rather developed in Rwanda. The President of Armenia stressed the necessity of implementing exchange programs in this field.

Among perspective areas of cooperation mentioned were also IT and innovations, creative education, agriculture, food security areas, as well as students exchange programs.

President Sarkissian noted that in 2020, Armenia would host a number of international conferences, particularly the Armenian Summit of Minds and STARMUS 6th international festival and invited his Rwandan counterpart and colleagues to participate in the mentioned events.



## PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

### Other Meetings and Visits

- **Meeting with the UAE Minister of State for Food Security Mariam Al-Muhairi**

President Armen Sarkissian met with the UAE Minister of State for Food Security Mariam Al Muhairi.

In continuation of the discussions on the implementation of the practical agreements reached during the previous meetings of President Sarkissian, particularly during his preceding working visit to the UAE, the President of Armenia and UAE Minister of State spoke about cooperation of the two countries in the area of food security, including steps aimed at making Armenia a regional platform in this field.

President Sarkissian invited the UAE Minister of State for Food Security to Armenia to once again discuss the forthcoming programs and learn firsthand about the competitive advantages of our country.

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## PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

- **Participation in the discussion on sustainability, environment and renewable energy related issues and women's participation in their resolution**

Stressing the importance of such discussions, President Sarkissian said that the pertinent issues were related to the future and projected challenges, to the risks which would emerge tomorrow.

Speaking about sustainability and viewing it as an important factor for the countries' development, President Sarkissian stressed in that context the importance of women's role in maintaining sustainability and creation of the atmosphere of tolerance. Underlining the role of women in the family as special and invaluable, President Sarkissian stressed their great contribution to raising children, and preserving culture, language, national values and traditions.

The President noted at the same time that in the changing world, women have much more opportunities to engage and show their abilities, to participate in the decision-making processes in different areas, to be successful on different platforms, including technologies, politics, and entrepreneurship.

- **Visiting Saint Gregory the Illuminator Church in Sharjah**

After the prayer of thanksgiving, Armenia's President laid flowers in the backyard of the Church at the memorial installed on the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and paid tribute to the memory of innocent victims.

In the hall of the Ohanessean Armenian School, President Sarkissian attended a small concert performed by the students of the School. Later, he met with the representatives of the Armenian community.

President Sarkissian urged them to visit Armenia and Artsakh, rediscover their Fatherland and acquaint with their Homeland because they are the future citizens of the Republic of Armenia.

Children present at the meeting with the President of Armenia, recited lines of the Great Toumanian, with which, modifying a little, Armen Sarkissian addressed to them: "Live, children, and live like us because we are a victorious and strong people. Live, children, and live better than we do. Live, children, and have greater victories than we have had."

Noting that the world is changing rapidly in the 21st century, President Sarkissian said that those nations can be successful, who have certain qualities, and have preserved their national culture, identity, church, religion, language, and are connected to their native land.



## PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

- **Presentation as the keynote speaker at the conference entitled “The Young for Sustainability”**

President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian, who is in the United Arab Emirates on a working visit, delivered a keynote speech at the “Young for Sustainability” conference within the framework of the “Abu Dhabi Stability Week” Forum in the UAE capital.

- **Meeting with the CEO of the Emirati Tawazun Economic Council Tareq Abdul Raheem Al Hosani**

President Armen Sarkissian also met with the CEO of the Emirati Tawazun Economic Council Tareq Abdul Raheem Al Hosani.

The Tawazun Economic Council was established in Abu Dhabi, in 1992, and is engaged mainly in providing modern technology-based and innovative solutions for the military industry.

President Sarkissian and the CEO of Tawazun continued their previously started discussions on cooperation in the areas of mutual interests and spoke about agreements reached during the visit of the Council delegation to Armenia. The CEO of the Council noted that he anticipated a practical, fast, lasting, and fruitful cooperation and intended to open a Council representation in Yerevan in the nearest future.

The parties also spoke about the opportunities for cooperation in the areas of modern technologies, startups, education, and research particularly related to the implementation of joint projects within the framework of the Presidential ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow) initiative.



## PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

- **Meeting with a founding member and President of ALNOWAIS company, President of the ROTANA HOTEL MANAGEMENT CORPORATION Nasser Al Nowais**

In Abu Dhabi, President Armen Sarkissian met with a founding member and President of ALNOWAIS company, President of the ROTANA HOTEL MANAGEMENT CORPORATION Nasser Al Nowais.

The company is working in the area dealing with hotels and real estate, infrastructures, energy and has great experience in the implementation of the projects related to renewable energy.

The interlocutors exchanged views on opportunities of cooperation in the mentioned areas.

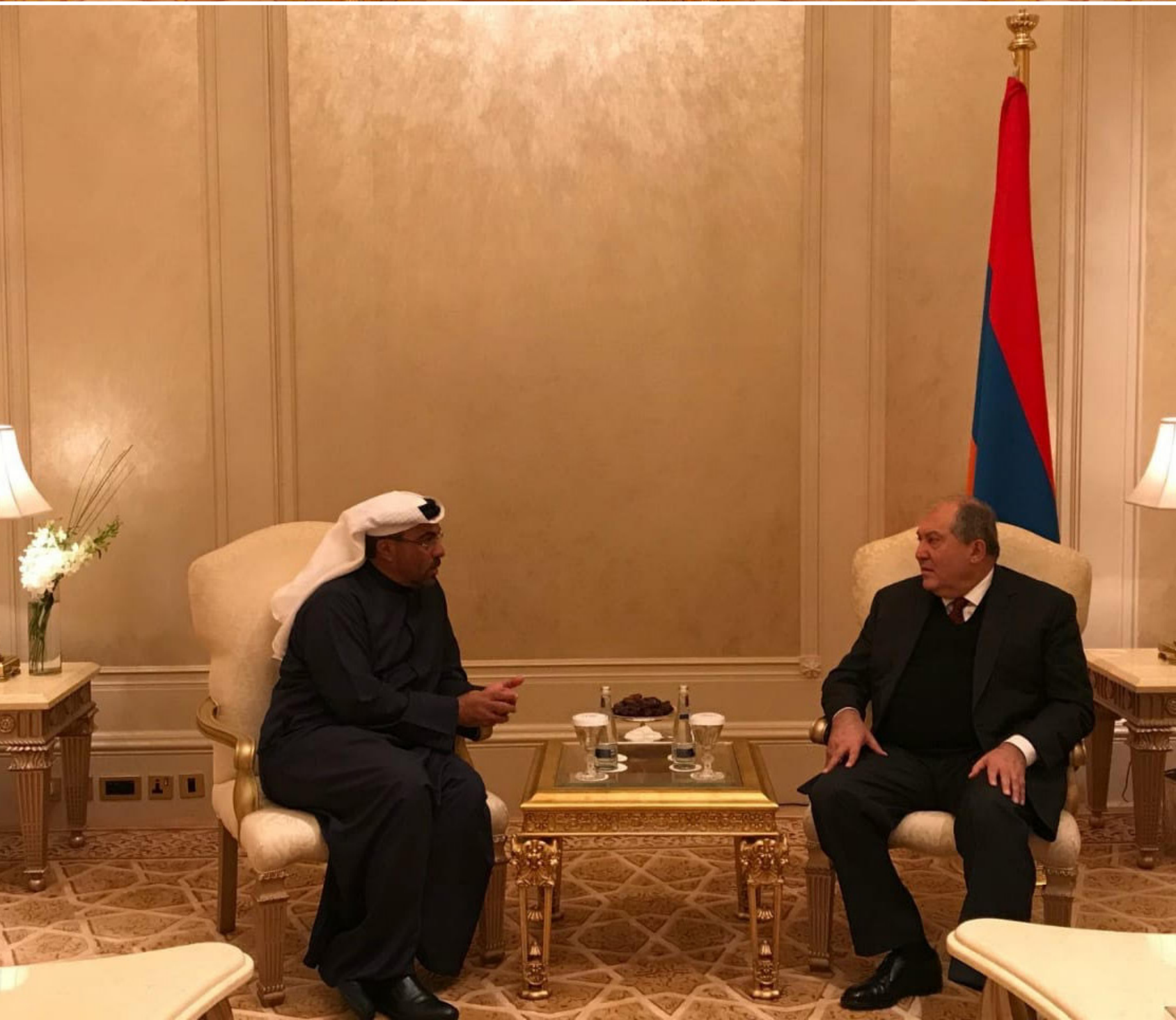
- **Meeting with the Emirati Co-Chair of the Armenian-Emirati intergovernmental commission Ahmed Ali Al-Sayegh**

The parties discussed the course of implementation of the agreements reached during the first session of the Armenian-Emirati intergovernmental commission.

Minister of State Ahmed Ali Al-Sayegh spoke about the taken practical steps and forthcoming actions.

Stressing the importance of the intergovernmental commission's role, President Sarkissian said that it was a practical tool and a significant platform for discovering and setting on a solid foundation for the new opportunities of the bilateral ties in multiple areas.

The parties exchanged views on the forthcoming work of the Armenia-Emirati intergovernmental commission.



## PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

- **Visiting the Barakah nuclear power plant**

President Sarkissian toured the plant and familiarized with its work. He was informed that in the nuclear power plant project, the observance of safety rules was in the focus of great attention. The President of Armenia conversed about cooperation in the area of nuclear energy with the leadership of the relevant state body. Noting the fact of existence of a nuclear power plant in the Republic of Armenia, President Sarkissian said that our country has the experience of long years to manage and keep stable a nuclear power plant, as well as scientific and engineering expertise to keep it safe.

The interlocutors stressed the importance of a steady and lasting cooperation of the two countries in the area of nuclear energy.

President Sarkissian also underlined the necessity of expanding cooperation of the Armenian nuclear power plant with the world's nuclear centres.







## PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

### The Results of the UAE Visit

- President Sarkissian invited the Indonesian, Serbian and Emirati companies to cooperate within the framework of the ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow) project, which is aimed at the development of the newest technologies and science in Armenia.
- President Sarkissian came to an agreement with the Prime Minister of Serbia on holding the Armenian Seaside Startup Summit Forum along with the annual EXIT music festival being held in the Serbian city of Novi Sad.
- President Sarkissian invited his Rwandan counterpart and colleagues to participate in a number of international conferences, particularly the Armenian Summit of Minds and STARMUS 6th international festival in 2020.
- President Sarkissian invited the UAE Minister of State for Food Security to Armenia to once again discuss the forthcoming programs and learn firsthand about the competitive advantages of our country.



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## Participation in the opening of the World Economic Forum

In Davos (Switzerland), President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian participated in the opening of the World Economic Forum, conducted under the title “Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World.” In fifty years of its existence, the annual meeting in Davos has become one of the most influential high-level global gatherings, which every year brings together leaders of states, governments, and international organizations, representatives of business community and reputable experts to discuss global, regional, and industrial agenda, to offer solutions to the existing problems and challenges. This year, over 700 speakers from different countries and over 3000 participants will attend the Forum.

Professor Klaus Schwab, the Founder and President of the World Economic Forum officially opened the annual meeting 2020 of the World Economic Forum. The President of Armenia was present at the Crystal Award 26th annual ceremony held in the framework of the Davos Forum. This year, the award was handed to the artists Theaster Gates, Lynette Wallworth, choreographer Jin Xing and actress Deepika Padukone for their exceptional contribution to creating sustainable communities, inclusiveness, and raising mental health awareness. At the concert organized on the occasion of opening the 50th annual meeting in Davos, the European Union Youth Orchestra, with the participation of the choir and vocalists of the São Paulo orchestra, appeared with “A Call for International Unity and Joy.

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## **Participation in the “Balancing Domestic and Global Inequality” Panel as a keynote speaker**

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In the framework of the World Economic Forum in Davos, President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian participated in the “Balancing Domestic and Global Inequality” panel, as a keynote speaker.

Together with the President of Armenia, another keynote speaker participated in the panel: the Nobel Prize winner in Economics, professor at the Columbia University Joseph Stiglitz. Considering the fact that the 2020 report on global risks mentions inequality as the main risk factor, it was debated how decision-makers could improve the balance between the domestic political priorities and global economic situation.

Speaking of global risks, President Sarkissian noted the bases of their quantum behaviour and quantum policies.



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21.01.2020

## Meeting with Isabelle Moret, President of the National Council of the Swiss Confederation

In the framework of the World Economic Forum in Davos, President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian met with Isabelle Moret, the President of the National Council of the Swiss Confederation, who is also the Chairperson of Switzerland-Armenia parliamentary friendship group.

Recalling warmly her visit to Armenia nearly two years ago, Mrs. Moret noted that Armenia and Switzerland maintain historically formed friendly relations.

The President of the Republic and the President of the National Council of the Swiss Confederation spoke about the agenda of the Armenian-Swiss relations, stressed the importance of active parliamentary collaboration, and exchanged views on the opportunities of developing cooperation in the areas of modern technologies and innovations, science, and food security, as well as implementation of joint programs.

The parties also discussed regional problems.

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## Meeting with the members of Switzerland-Armenia Chamber of Commerce, Swiss and Armenian-Swiss Entrepreneurs

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian, during a business lunch met with the members of Switzerland-Armenia Chamber of Commerce, Swiss, and Armenian-Swiss entrepreneurs. The event was organized by the Swiss-Armenian Chamber of Commerce with the support of the Embassy of Armenia in the Swiss Confederation.

The President of Switzerland-Armenia Chamber of Commerce Mike Baronian congratulated the President of Armenia and the people of Armenia on the achievements registered in 2019 and noted that President Sarkissian's presence at the event was important for the community and members of the Chamber of Commerce.

The UNCTAD Director for the Investments and Enterprise Division James Zhan thanked President Sarkissian for entrusting them with drafting the report on Armenia's investment climate. He noted that it would help Armenia improve investment climate and would position Armenia in the first lines on the global competition field. In his remarks President Armen Sarkissian thanked James Zhan for the works accomplished by the Investments and Enterprise Division of the UNCTAD.



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Noting that future is in artificial intelligence and quantum technologies, President Sarkissian in that context presented his presidential initiative called ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow). "It comprises three components, one of which a Disney Land of the future," the President presented some details. "If we want to make Armenia attractive for tourists, we need to make them come and see the future. The venue will have also a Museum of Future where one will be able to see what tomorrow will look like. The second component is a scientific, business platform where we will have major international companies working in the area of mathematical modelling and artificial intelligence. There will be big companies not only from Europe but also the US, Russia, India, and China. And the third component is educational.

Addressing our compatriots, President Sarkissian said in particular, "Armenia is our common home. Some of us live all our life in Armenia, some temporarily reside somewhere else but it doesn't matter; your hearts, as William Saroyan said, are in the mountains, in the Fatherland. Your mind, your money, you are physically elsewhere but your heart and soul are in Armenia. You are good citizens of this country, and I am confident you will be good citizens of Armenia."

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## Other Meetings and Visits

- **Meeting with Hervé Dammann, Senior Vice President on International Development for Latin America and Eurasia of the French Thales Group and the former Vice President of the company Rafael Ashkenazi**

The interlocutors continued discussions on the agreements reached with the leadership of the company during the previous meetings and on possible areas of cooperation.

They spoke about interaction in the area of modern technologies, particularly, in the area of artificial intelligence, management of digital data, and implementation of joint programs in a number of different areas.

Underscoring once again their readiness for cooperation in the framework of the ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow) Presidential Initiative, which is aimed at the development of modern technologies and science in Armenia, the representatives of the company said that Armenia possesses high-quality human capital, good educational and technological bases, which is very important for a company like Thales and creates a strong foundation for an efficient cooperation.

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- **Meeting with the President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Suma Chakrabarti**

Noting that Armenia and the EBRD are long-standing partners, President Sarkissian noted with satisfaction the efficient cooperation between the two, and successful implementation of different projects in various areas.

Suma Chakrabarti in his turn underscored the effective cooperation with the Government of Armenia and said that the EBRD was resolute to continue assistance to Armenia.

President Sarkissian reiterated Armenia's proposal to hold the 2021 annual meeting of the EBRD in Armenia.

The parties exchanged views on the prospects of implementation of new projects, development of the financial market, and new opportunities of cooperation in the IT area.

- **Meeting with Tim Cook, the CEO of the world-famous Apple Company**

The President of Armenia and the CEO of the Apple Company exchanged views on the opportunities of cooperation in the areas of IT, digital technologies, and innovations.

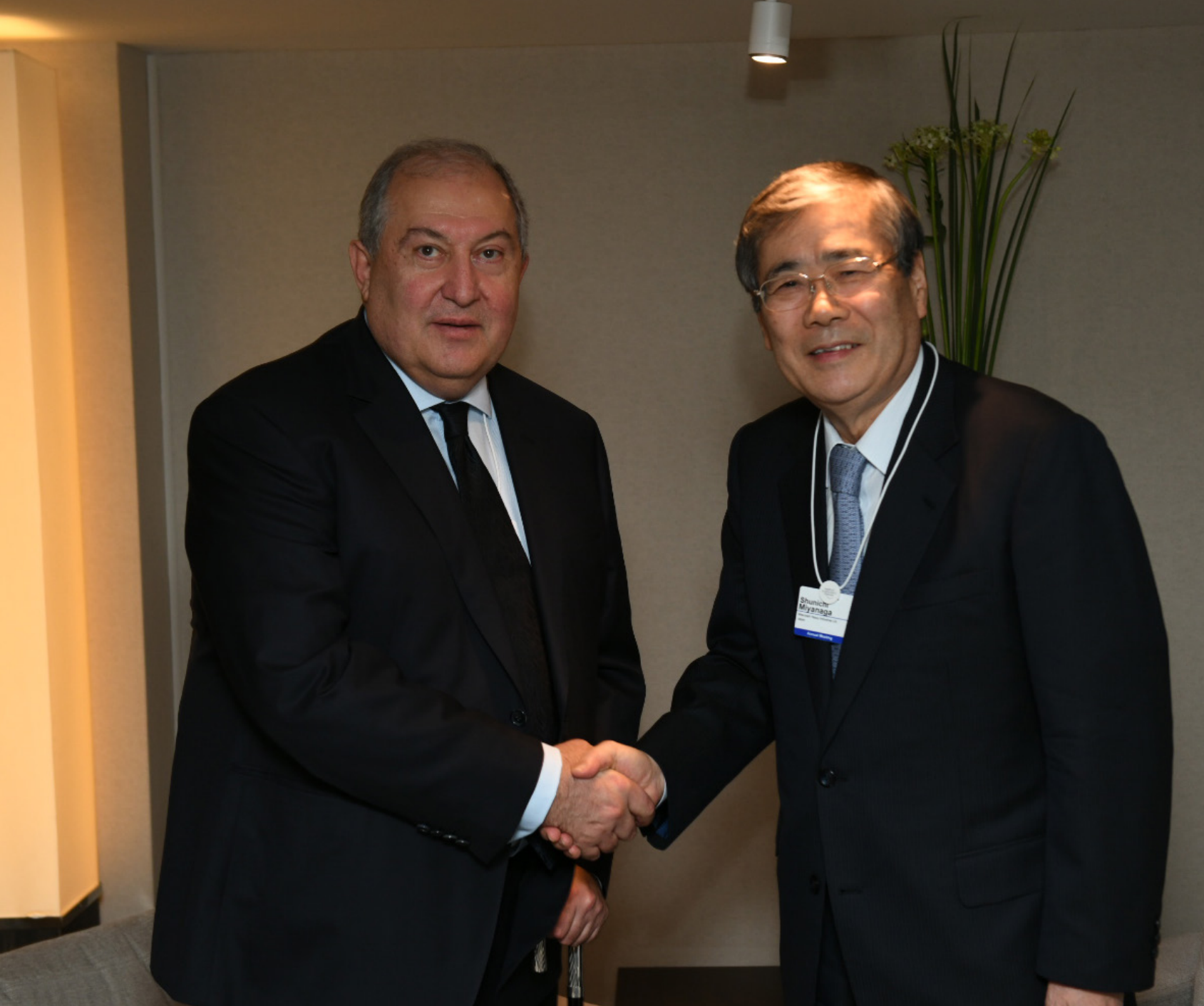


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- **Meeting with the CEO of Qatar Investment Authorities Mansoor Bin Ebrahim Al-Mahmoud**

The parties spoke about President Armen Sarkissian's recent productive visit to Qatar and reached agreements, noting that opening the embassy of Qatar in Armenia, a visa-free regime and a direct air link create favourable prerequisites for the invigorating business contacts between the two countries. They discussed the opportunities of implementing investment projects and identified areas of cooperation. Among perspective areas were healthcare, science, education and technologies, food security, tourism and some others.

The Qatar Investment Authority implements investment programs in the country and abroad. The main areas of its activities are real estate, stocks, and some others. The Authority manages assets close to 335 billion USD. At the meeting with the President of Armenia, the CEO of the Authority noted that the structure is interested in developing economic ties with Armenia and is ready to cooperate with the relevant agencies of our country.



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- **Meeting with Shunichi Miyanaga, the leading Japanese Mitsubishi Group Member of the Board, and Chairman of the Board of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries**

President Sarkissian and Shunichi Miyanaga recalled warmly their previous meeting in Tokyo.

They spoke about cooperation, opportunities of application in Armenia of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries' advanced technologies and expertise.

Speaking of the ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow) Presidential Initiative, which is aimed at developing modern technologies based on artificial intelligence, management of large volumes of data and mathematical modelling, the parties agreed that they could become partners in this area.

President Sarkissian and Shunichi Miyanaga exchanged views on the issues pertinent to nuclear fuel and management of nuclear waste.

- **Meeting with the Prime Minister of Georgia Giorgi Gakharia**

Giorgi Gakharia conveyed warm greetings from the President of Georgia Salome Zurbishvili to President Sarkissian.

The President of Armenia and Prime Minister of Georgia exchanged views on the agenda of the Armenian-Georgian relations. They noted that the two countries have a very wide spectrum and huge potential for cooperation. Stressing that the results of the mutually beneficial cooperation would promote the well-being of the citizens of Armenia and Georgia, the interlocutors underlined the importance of practical steps and joint programs.

The parties noted that there is great potential for cooperation in the areas of high-tech, agriculture, food production and supply, tourism, and some others spheres.



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• **Meeting with Roland Busch and Cedric Nake, members of the Board of Directors of Siemens**

The parties discussed cooperation, and opportunities of employing modern technologies of Siemens and its expertise in Armenia.

President Sarkissian and members of the Board of Directors of Siemens spoke in particular about cooperation in the framework of the Presidential ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow) project aimed at the development of science and education. They noted that there were great opportunities in the areas of artificial intelligence, mathematical modelling, digital data management, and some other areas. They concurred that Siemens and ATOM program could unfold efficient cooperation in the framework of the mentioned areas.

• **Meeting with Nechirvan Barzani, the President of Iraqi Kurdistan**

Noting that Armenia has been following closely the developments in the Middle East, President Sarkissian said that our country attaches importance to the development of multifaceted relations with the friendly Iraq, including Iraqi Kurdistan, and in the context of dynamic ties of the two countries, would continue to invigorate and deepen relations directly with Iraqi Kurdistan. Among important factors, which could promote that cooperation, the President of Armenia noted the presence of the Armenian population; they live in Iraqi Kurdistan and bring their contribution to its development.

Among possible areas of cooperation IT, creative education, tourism, and e-governance were mentioned. President Sarkissian noted that the Armenian side is ready to share its experience in e-governance.

Along with the development of commercial and economic relations, among other areas of cooperation, they noted higher education, including teaching of students from Iraq, and Kurdistan in particular, at the Armenian universities.



## The Results of the Visit to the Swiss Confederation

- Meeting with Suma Chakrabarti, the President of the European Bank Reconstruction and Development, President Sarkissian reiterated Armenia's proposal to hold the 2021 annual meeting of the EBRD in Armenia.
- Meeting with Shubichi Miyanaga, the Board member of the Japanese Mitsubishi Group Company and Chairman of the Board of the Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Company, and Roland Busch and Cedrik Nake, members of the Board of Directors of Siemens, speaking of ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow) Presidential Initiative, President Armen Sarkissian proposed the interlocutors to cooperate in the field.



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26.01.2020

## Meeting with the President of the State of Israel Reuven Rivlin

President Armen Sarkissian, who is in the State of Israel on a working visit, met with the President of Israel Reuven Rivlin.

The President of Israel welcomed President Sarkissian's visit to Jerusalem, in response to which President Sarkissian thanked for the invitation to participate at the 5th World Holocaust Forum.

Speaking about Israel's recognition of the Armenian Genocide, the President of Armenia viewed as important that Israel plays a leading role and recognizes the Armenian Genocide. Underscoring that the recognition and condemnation of this shameful page of history must not be conditioned by political expediency, President Sarkissian said that recognition and condemnation were necessary to never allow it to happen again.



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As for the prospects of cooperation, Armen Sarkissian noted that the future belongs to modern technologies. The President of Armenia expressed confidence that the two countries could cooperate successfully in this area and he aims to establish close relations with Israel's technical universities. In this context, President Sarkissian introduced the ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow)

Presidential initiative and noted that this multicomponent project strives to bring to Armenia IT and high-tech international companies and research centers to develop artificial intelligence, mathematic modeling, and other areas. He noted that he would be glad along with other partners from technological field to see also Israeli companies, scientific and research institutions.

The parties concurred that potential for cooperation is rather big and it is necessary to work hard, engaging also in the process representatives of the Diasporas of the two countries.

The spheres of education, culture and tourism were considered perspective in terms of cooperation.

The President of Armenia invited the President of Israel to visit Armenia.

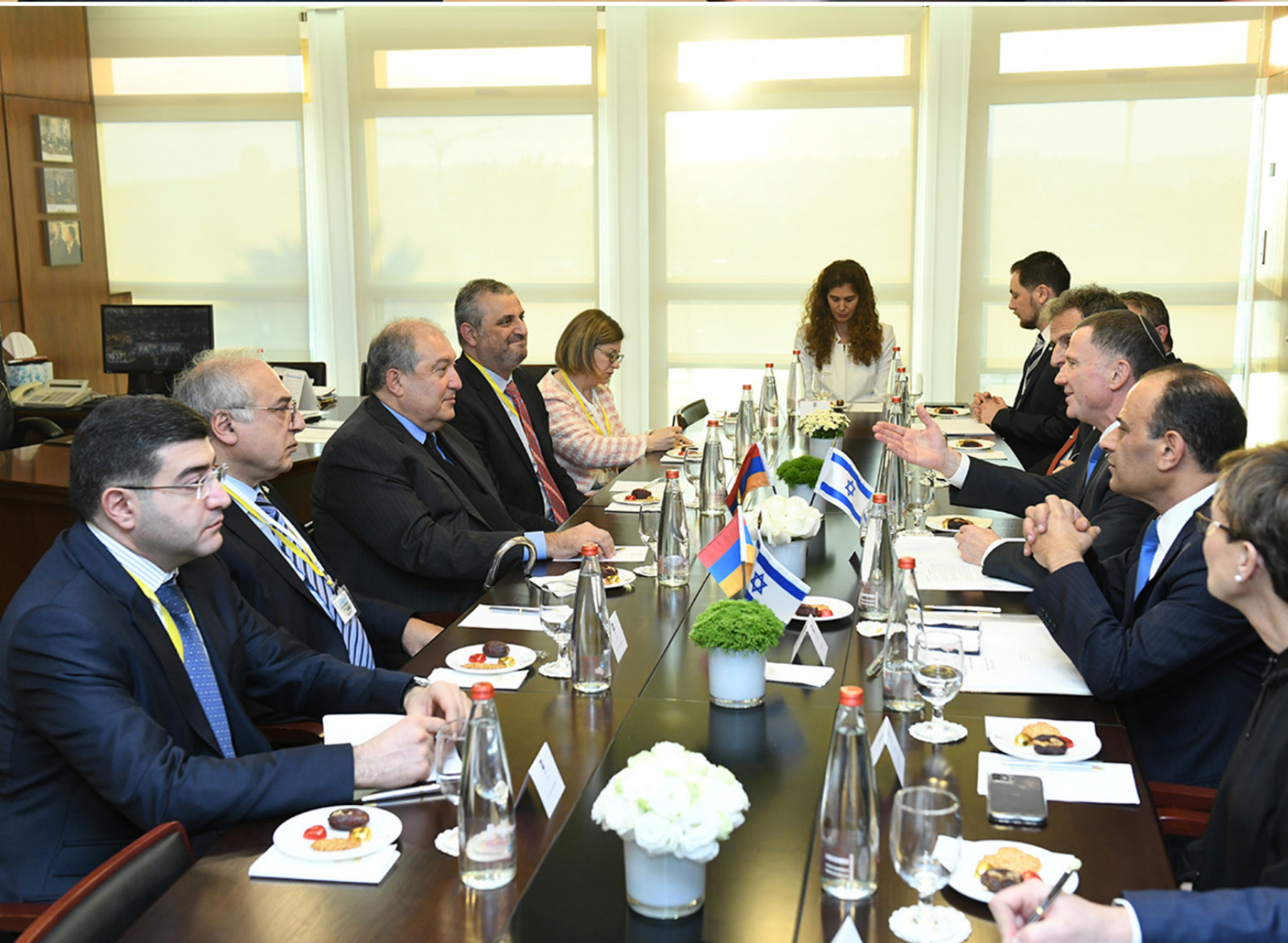
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☰ PRESIDENT SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL

23.01.2020

## Visit to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament

President Armen Sarkissian, who is in the State of Israel on a working visit, and Mrs. Nouneh Sarkissian visited the Knesset, Israeli Parliament, where they were hosted by the Speaker of Knesset Yuli Edelstein and Mrs. Irina Nevzlin.

Welcoming the President of Armenia, Yuli Edelstein expressed confidence that the visit of President Sarkissian, as well as Armenia's decision to open an embassy in Israel would become important cornerstones for the advancement of the bilateral relations.

President Sarkissian noted that he had stood at the origins of the establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel.

Noting that there were many tragic pages in the history of the Armenian and Jewish peoples, President Sarkissian said it is necessary to take joint steps to prevent such human tragedies from happening again. The President of Armenia raised the issue of recognition of the Armenian Genocide by Knesset, underscoring that recognition and condemnation of that shameful page in the human history must not be conditioned by the day's political interests and realities.

At the conclusion of the visit, President Armen Sarkissian made an inscription in the Book of Honorary Guests. Later, President Sarkissian and Mrs. Nouneh Sarkissian toured the premise of the Israeli parliament.

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23.01.2020

## Participation in the 5th World Holocaust Forum

In Jerusalem, President Armen Sarkissian participated at the 5th World Holocaust Forum. The Forum entitled “Remembering the Holocaust, Fighting Antisemitism” held in Yad Vashem, a memorial dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust, brought together state leaders and other high-ranking officials from over forty states. The President of the State of Israel Reuven Rivlin opened the Forum, held under his auspices, with the cooperation of the World Holocaust Forum Foundation and Yad Vashem. The President of Israel thanked the participating countries for solidarity and addressed a message to remember and never forget.

Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu, President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin, President of France Emmanuel Macron, Vice President of the United States Mike Pence, Prince Charles from the United Kingdom, President of Germany Frank-Walter Steinmeier, as well as Holocaust survivor and Chairman of the Yad Vashem Council Rabbi Israel Meir Lau made statements at the Forum.

The speakers noted that it was no accident that the Forum was held in Yad Vashem, at the memorial dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust. Commemorating the 75th anniversary of liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Forum once again addressed a message that antisemitism, xenophobia, racism, and intolerance have no place in the contemporary world. Their acknowledgment, recognition and unequivocal condemnation is everyone's moral obligation and primary responsibility in the name of the past and future of the human race.

A multinational orchestra, accompanied by an international choir, conducted by Maestro Vladimir Spivakov delivered a message of peace and harmony in the universal language of music.



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In the framework of the Forum, President Armen Sarkissian conversed with Vice President Mike Pence, Prince Charles of the United Kingdom, President of France Emmanuel Macron, President of Germany Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of Italy Sergio Mattarella, President of Portugal Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, President of the European Parliament David Sassoli.

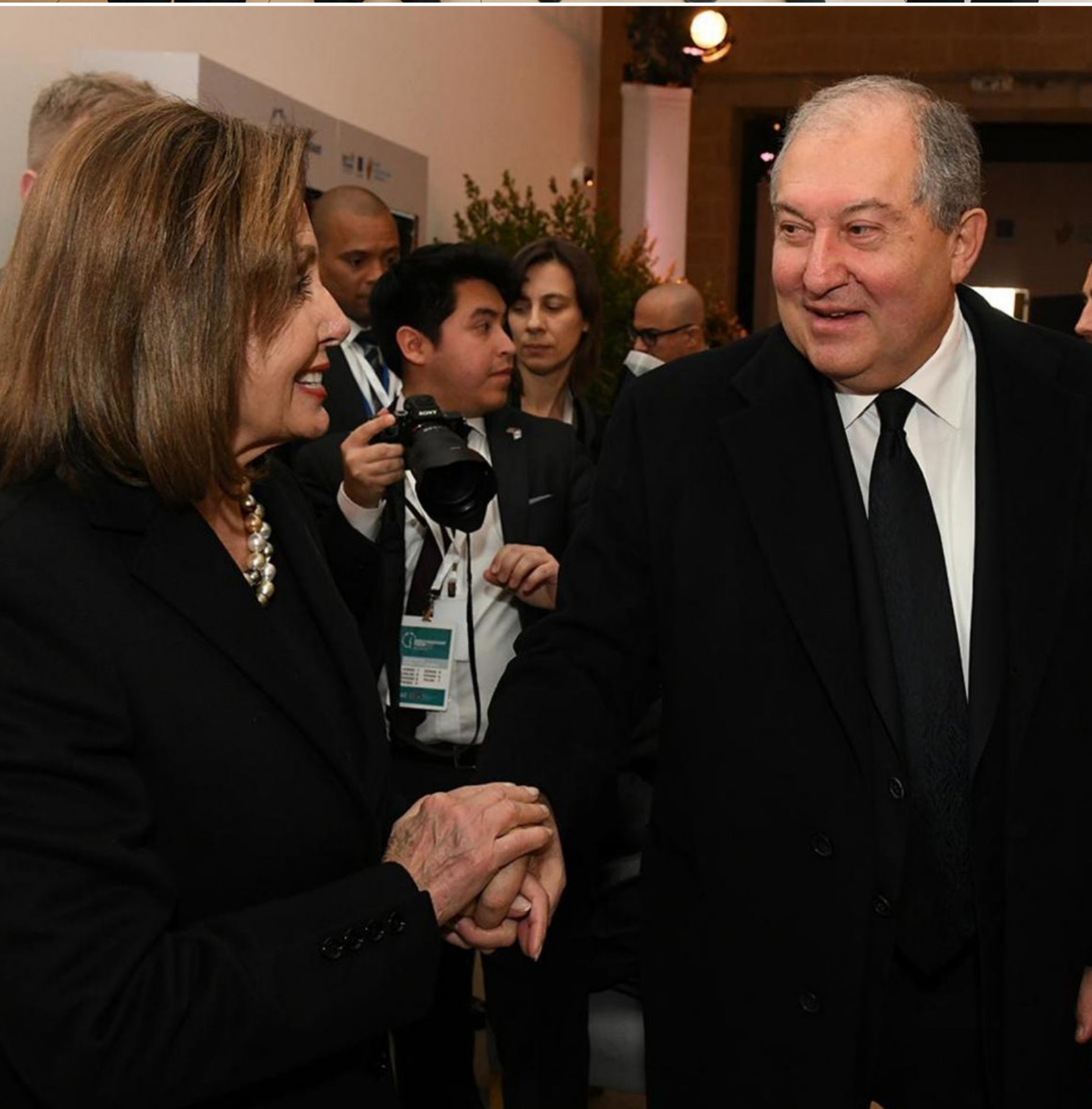
The President of Armenia and leaders of other states participating to the Forum laid wreaths at the memorial, dedicated to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising by the renowned sculptor and artist Nathan Rapaport, and paid tribute to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

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## Other Meetings and Visits

- **Meeting with the Governor General of Canada Julie Payette**

Noting that the relations between Canada and Armenia have a good history, President Sarkissian observed that the relationship between the two countries have greater potential of future, with the progress in the issue of opening an embassy of Canada in Armenia that would give a new impetus to the bilateral relations.

The interlocutors underscored the great input of the Armenian-Canadian community, which stands out for its unique role and discipline, in the history of Canadian success and noted that it is a strong bridge which connects the two friendly nations. In this context, President Sarkissian hailed the warm and humane attitude towards our compatriots who moved to Canada from Syria.

The parties concurred that Armenia and Canada could cooperate successfully in the areas of science, education, and modern technologies. Introducing the ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow) President Sarkissian noted about the multi-component program, which aims at bringing outstanding international IT and high-tech companies to Armenia, and he would be glad to see on that platform along with other partners Canadian firms as well.

The President of Armenia invited the Governor General of Canada, who is also a specialist in astronautics and cosmology, to visit Armenia and bring her input to the STARMUS 6th Festival. The event will be attended by Nobel Prize winners, world-famous scientists, astronauts, and musicians. The Festival aims at propagating science, inspiring younger generations and making science more attractive for them.

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• **Visit to the Holon Institute of Technology**

President Sarkissian met with the leadership of the Institute and later delivered a lecture entitled "Geopolitical Realities in the Era of Artificial Intelligence."

The President of the Institute Eduard Yakubov noted that it was a great honour to host the President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian.

• **Visiting the Church of the Holy Nativity in Bethlehem**

President Armen Sarkissian and Mrs. Nouneh Sarkissian visited the Church of the Holy Nativity in Bethlehem. They were greeted by the Grand Sacristan of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, His Eminence Ter Sevan Archbishop Gharibian.

The President and Mrs. Sarkissian toured the Church, lit candles and listened to the Armenian spiritual songs performed by the Armenian clergymen and prayed together with them.

On behalf of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Archbishop Gharibian welcomed the visit of the President and his spouse to the holy town of Bethlehem and noted that Armenians' presence here is of great national pride.

According to President Sarkissian, "It is essential to deepen the relations between the Holy See of Etchmiadzin and Jerusalem, to make it more vital, and at the same time deepen and strengthen your ties to the Fatherland."

The President of Armenia and the Grand Sacristan of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem spoke about the Armenian presence in the Holy Land and undertaken mission.



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- **Visiting the Church of the Holy Sepulchre**

President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian and Mrs. Nouneh Sarkissian visited the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, one of the most cherished and prominent holy places in Jerusalem and entire Christian world. It is built on the tomb of Jesus Christ, Golgotha crucifixion site, the Feast of the Cross Cave and some other holy places. The tomb of Christ is under the dome of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The control of the Church itself is shared among the Armenian, Greek, and Catholic churches.

The President of Armenia and Mrs. Sarkissian were greeted by the Grand Sacristan of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, His Eminence Ter Sevan Archbishop Gharibian and representatives of the Armenian clergy.

The President of Armenia and Mrs. Sarkissian toured the Church, visited the holy places, lit candles and prayed. Later, they conversed with spiritual fathers.

At the meeting with the Armenian clergy, President Sarkissian said that the Armenian nation has enormous cultural and spiritual heritage on this land, and there is a need to exhibit it in a better way to the visitors of Jerusalem and the world, in general. According to the President, this holy land and holy place can become a bridge through which the visitors of this site and Jerusalem learn about Armenia, great Armenian spiritual and cultural heritage and values.



☰ PRESIDENT SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL

• **Visiting the Cathedral of Saint James**

The President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian and Mrs. Nouneh Sarkissian visited the centre of the Armenian spiritual heritage in Jerusalem, the magnificent Cathedral of Saint James erected on the Mount Zion.

President Sarkissian laid a wreath at the Memorial to the Victims of the Armenian Genocide, built nearby the Cathedral.

In the Cathedral of Saint James, the President of the Republic got acquainted with the the history of the Cathedral and its historical and cultural values. It was noted that the depository of the Cathedral of Saint James in Jerusalem, which contains nearly three thousand manuscripts, is particularly precious. This is the second largest collection of manuscripts after the M. Mashtots Matenadaran in Yerevan.

At the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, President Sarkissian met with the Armenian Patriarch His Eminence Nourhan Archbishop Manougian.

The President of the Republic and His Eminence conversed about national and ecclesiastical issues, and the activities of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

President Sarkissian stressed as important the activities of the Armenian Patriarchate in Jerusalem, which has had centuries-old history and rich traditions in the Holy Land, in the preservation of the Armenian spiritual and cultural heritage and passing it to next generations.

Later, a reception was held in honour of the President of the Republic of Armenia, attended by the representatives of the Armenian community and the heads of different religious communities in Jerusalem.

The President of Armenia urged the Armenians of Israel to visit Armenia as often as possible.



☰ PRESIDENT SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL

• **Visit to the Technion Institute of Technology**

President Sarkissian met with the leadership of the Institute and later had a meeting with students. The President of the Institute, Professor Uri Sivan said that it was a great honour to host the President of Armenia and a double honour to host a president-scholar.

The President of Armenia thanked for the welcome and noted that he had visited this institution for the first time back in 1990s of the last century while working in the area of astrophysics and gravitation.

The President of Armenia noted that the majority of young people today want to create startups and have a company of modern technologies.

According to the President, today we are living in a new world: "We all are interconnected just like elementary particles. We communicate with lightning speed and start to manifest the behaviour of quantum objects. Today, we all are interconnected and linked, global risks acquire a quantum nature." President Sarkissian noted that the same is true for politics.

Speaking of artificial intelligence and its impact on the world, President Sarkissian said that in the process of development of artificial intelligence, the human being is still the most important actor.

Speaking of cooperation with Armenian universities, President Sarkissian mentioned the ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow) Presidential initiative in this context. "It aims to bring together big international companies working in the areas of artificial intelligence and mathematical modelling, as well as to establish bridges with famous universities. I would like to see this establishment among our partners," said the President of Armenia. President Armen Sarkissian also met and conversed with the Armenian students studying at the Technion Institute of Technology.





☰ PRESIDENT SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL

• **Visiting the Armenian Church of Saint Nicolas in Jaffa**

The President and his wife toured the Church compound, lit candles and conversed with the clergy.

The Church was built more than ten centuries ago. There was a time when Armenian pilgrims took a long trip from Jaffa to Jerusalem, spent a night there, and then continued their journey. For that very reason, the Church was named after Saint Nicolas, the patron of pilgrims and sailors.

• **Meeting with a Delegation Headed by the President of the Israel Innovation Authority Amiram Appelbaum**

President Armen Sarkissian, who is in the State of Israel on a working visit, met with a delegation headed by the President of Israel Innovation Authority Amiram Appelbaum. The structure assists the Government of Israel on its initiatives aimed at the development of the country, proposing in particular innovative solutions for the development of environment, renewable energy, digital healthcare, and agriculture.

They discussed a wide range of issues related to the opportunities of cooperation in the area of modern technologies. In particular, President Sarkissian introduced the ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow) Presidential Initiative aimed at the development of science and technologies in Armenia. The parties concurred that there are ample opportunities for cooperation in the framework of this project.

Dr. Amiram Appelbaum underscored that the meeting provided an excellent opportunity to discuss how these two small countries can work together and learn from each other, turning being small into a big advantage.

The President of Armenia invited the President of the Israel Innovation Authority to visit Armenia.



☰ PRESIDENT SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL

• **Visit to the Rockefeller Archaeological Museum and observe an exhibiton dedicated to Armenian ceramics**

In the framework of his working visit to the State of Israel, President Armen Sarkissian and Mrs. Nouneh Sarkissian visited the Rockefeller Archaeological Museum in Jerusalem and observed an exhibition dedicated to Armenian ceramics recently opened there. The exhibition is organized by Sedrak Balian, a representative of the famous Balian family, engaged in the production of ceramics for four generations.

Armenian ceramics with its bright colours has become an indivisible part of the Holy City. In a conversation with the President of Armenia, Sedrak Balian told that production of ceramics in Jerusalem started in 1919 when three Armenian families, with the help of British, moved to Jerusalem and established a factory. Today, young generations of the family carry on with the Armenian traditions. According to Sedrak Balian, the exhibition opened in Jerusalem tells the story of Armenian ceramics, its role and place in Jerusalem.

President Sarkissian and Mrs. Sarkissian observed the exhibition, every object of which has been made in Jerusalem, spoke about organizing a similar exhibition in Armenia and of the opportunities to bring the art of Armenian ceramics back to Armenia. Sedrak Balian noted that the family would like to bring their experience to the production of ceramics in Armenia as well.

• **Meeting with the CEO of Israir Airlines company Uri Sirkis and Operations Manager Dorit Kalimi**

The interlocutor spoke in particular about cooperation in the area of air traffic, opportunities of the establishment of a regular direct air link between Tel Aviv and Yerevan.



## Results of the Visit to the State of Israel

- Armen Sarkissian invited the Israeli and Canadian companies and scientific-educational establishments to cooperate in the framework of the ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow) Presidential Initiative.
- The President of Armenia invited the President of the State of Israel to visit Armenia.
- The President of Armenia invited the head of the Israel Innovation Authority to visit Armenia.
- The President of Armenia invited the Governor General of Canada, who is also a specialist in astronautics and cosmology, to visit Armenia and participate in the 6th International STARMUS Festival.



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## Participation in the series of discussions held in the framework of the Munich Security Conference as a keynote speaker

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President Armen Sarkissian, who is in the Federal Republic of Germany on a working visit, spoke as a keynote speaker in the series of discussions held in the framework of the Munich Security Conference.

In the series of discussions, world-famous figures delivered lectures, among them the renowned American political scientist, Professor of the Public Policy Centre of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Joseph Nye (who coined the term “soft power” and related theory), distinguished American political scientist, philosopher, and author Francis Fukuyama, the well-known political scientist, Professor of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Graham Allison, and others.

Lecturing as a keynote speaker at the discussions related to quantum politics, President Sarkissian spoke about his quantum theory, rapid changes happening in the world, global risks, new quantum technologies and systems, and quantum behaviour of politics. Joseph Nye, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland Radoslav Sikorsky, ambassadors accredited to Germany, heads of multiple famous thinktanks, political and public figures, diplomats, reputable experts and analysts were present at the discussions.

“The world has been and will be changing very fast. To understand what's going on in the world, to understand security problems and challenges, it is necessary to go deeper, to find causes because things we see today are just consequences,” said the President of Armenia.

At the end of his speech, the President answered the questions.



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15.02.2020

## Meeting with the Director-General of the World Health Organization Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

President Armen Sarkissian, who is in Munich on a working visit, met with the Director-General of the World Health Organization Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

The Director-General of the WHO presented the situation in the world associated with coronavirus, related risks, measures to fight the virus and its spreading.

In this context, the parties spoke also of Armenia. It was noted that serious steps have been taken to prevent the outbreak of coronavirus and to avert its entering our country.

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## Meeting with the President of the European Council Charles Michel

The President of Armenia spoke in detail about the large-scale military aggression of Azerbaijan against the Republic of Artsakh, unleashed on September 27, with Turkey's involvement, and military and political assistance to Azerbaijan.

"Violence in Nagorno Karabakh must stop," President of the European Council Charles Michel said. He inquired about regional developments taking place in the context of the conflict. The President of Armenia presented the situation in detail, noting Turkey's policy in the region is destabilizing and a serious threat for the stability and security of the region.

The interlocutors expressed deep concern with the ongoing military activities which might result in a huge humanitarian crisis. Charles Michel said that the ceasefire must be observed and negotiations must resume without preconditions.

President Sarkissian stressed as very important that the international partners understand the essence of the conflict and make clear appeals to stop the war.

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## Meeting with the Secretary General of the NATO Jens Stoltenberg

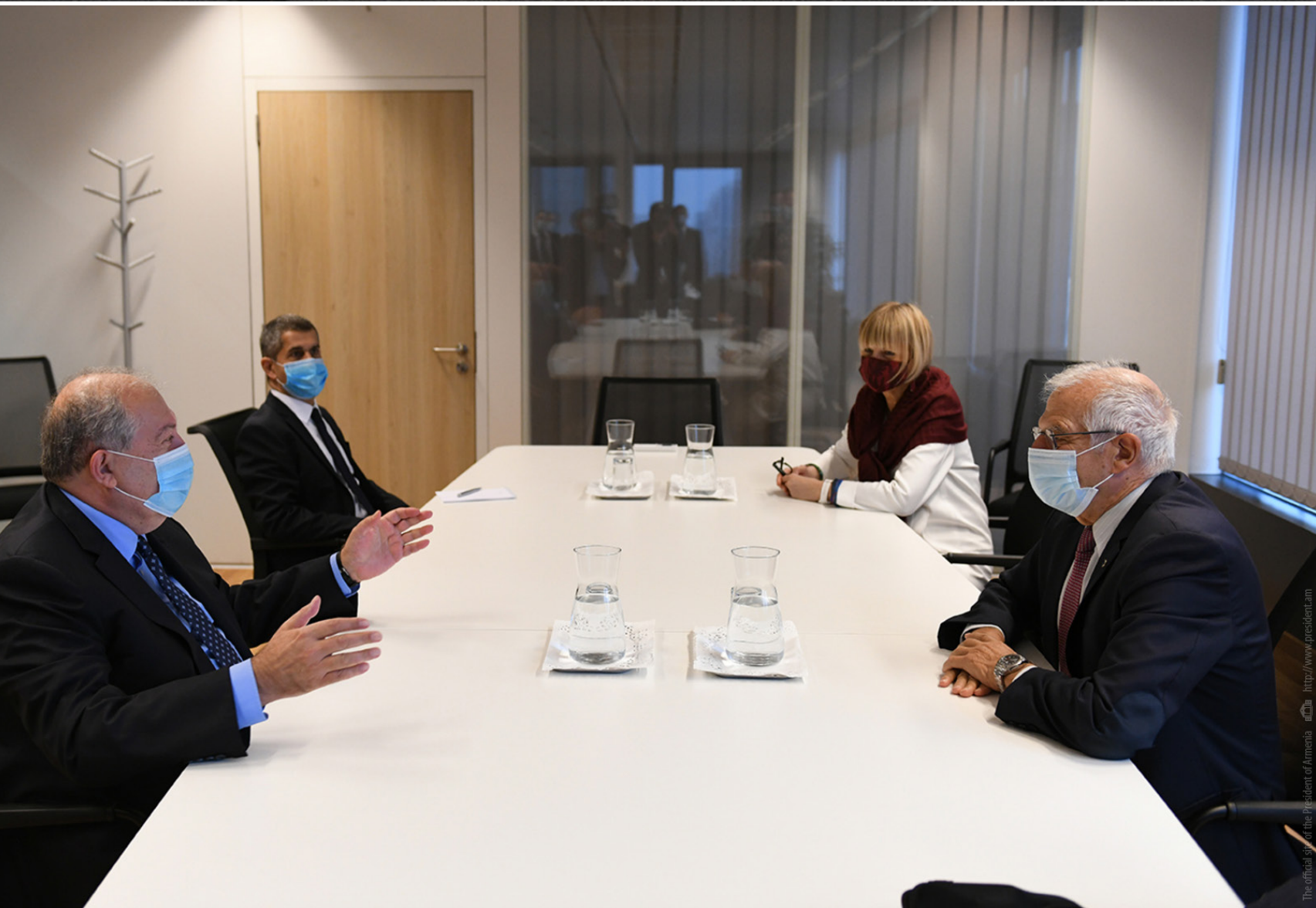
President Armen Sarkissian met with the Secretary General of NATO Jens Stoltenberg at the headquarters of NATO in Brussels. President Armen Sarkissian spoke of the situation ensuing from Azerbaijan military aggression against the Republic of Artsakh and on the border with Armenia, and especially of his concern with NATO member Turkey's explicit political and military assistance to Azerbaijan.

Secretary General of NATO Jens Stoltenberg expressed concern with the situation and particularly with the targeting of the civilian population. He expressed hope that the parties would respect agreements on ceasefire and would get back to the table of negotiations under the co-chairmanship of the OSCE Minsk Group.

After the meeting, the President of Armenia and NATO Secretary General made a statement for press.

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### PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

22.10.2020

## Meeting with the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Josep Borrell

President Armen Sarkissian, who is in Brussels on a working visit, met with the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Josep Borrell.

President Sarkissian spoke in detail of the large-scale military aggression, unleashed by Azerbaijan on September 27, with the military and political support of Turkey against the Republic of Artsakh, and targeting settlements, civilians and civilian infrastructures of Artsakh

by the Azerbaijani military forces.

The President of Armenia noted that all this was taking place with direct and immediate engagement of Turkey which is also manifested in bringing armed Islamist terrorists to the region. This is a serious threat for the regional and international stability and security.

Josep Borrell expressed concern with the ongoing military activities and the existing situation. He stressed the necessity of reducing tension, establishing a ceasefire and returning to the table of negotiations with the mediation of the Co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group.

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☰ PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

23.10.2020

## Meeting with the President of the French Republic Emmanuel Macron

The meeting of the President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian and the President of the French Republic Emmanuel Macron took place at the Élysée Palace.

At the meeting the Presidents of Armenia and France discussed the situation in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone.

President Sarkissian expressed gratitude to President Macron, noting that Armenia highly appreciates the efforts of France, as a co-chair of the OSCE Minsk Group, and personal position of President Macron in the resolution of the conflict.

President Sarkissian underscored that the large-scale military aggression unleashed by Azerbaijan with the support of Turkey against Artsakh/Nagorno Karabakh continues. Settlements, civilian population and civilian infrastructures of Artsakh are being targeted which causes deaths and injuries among civilians. The President of Armenia expressed deep concern with Turkey's military and political assistance to Azerbaijan and underlined that Turkey's, as the third party's involvement of such magnitude makes the situation worse, endangering stability and security of the region. President Sarkissian said that Islamic terrorists brought by Turkey to Azerbaijan and enlisted in the armed forces of that country to be used in the military actions against Artsakh, pose a particular threat for the region. There is also a possibility that some time later they might appear in other countries, including in Europe.



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President Macron also expressed concern with the ongoing military actions and ensuing situation.

President Sarkissian and President Macron concurred that there is no alternative to a peaceful resolution and stressed the importance of implementing agreements on cease-fire.

The Presidents underlined the role of the OSCE Minsk Group in the resolution of the conflict and stressed the importance of getting back to the negotiations under the co-chairmanship of the Minsk Group.

The Presidents of Armenia and France also stated with satisfaction that privileged Armenian-French relations, based on the centuries-long ties and friendship of the two nations, continue to develop in the spirit of friendship and mutual understanding.

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## Meeting with the ARF Bureau member, co-chair of the Coordinating Council of the Armenian Organizations of France Murad Papazian and Chairperson of the Armenian General Benevolent Union AGBU France and AGBU Europe Nadia Gortzounian

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President Sarkissian spoke of the large-scale aggression unleashed by Azerbaijan against the Republic of Artsakh with the military and political support of Turkey and presented the current situation. Stressing the importance of the past and present activities of the Armenian structures in Diaspora, as well as joint and diverse support of the Armenians of the Diaspora to the Fatherland, the President of Armenia hailed the work of the Armenian structures of France in this context.

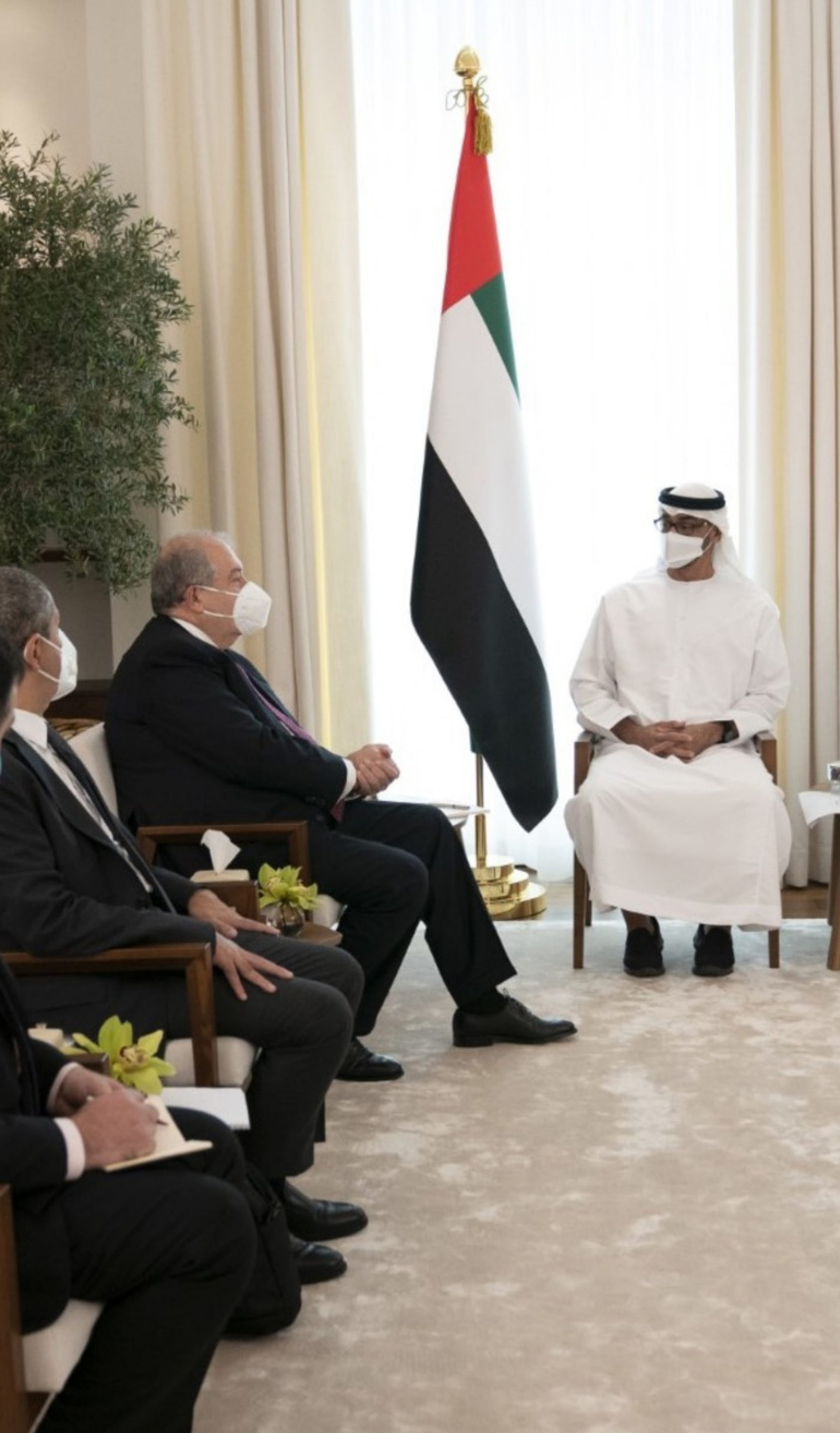
At the same time, President Sarkissian noted that there is still much to be done to deliver the truth about the Artsakh conflict and the Azeri-Turkish military aggression to the international community and heads of different states and peoples and to help the Fatherland. The President of Armenia said that the recent events revealed once again the unity and self-organizing qualities of our people.

Murad Papazian and Nadia Gortzounian noted that Armenian Organizations of France, and the whole Armenian-French community would continue to assist the Fatherland and make every effort to convey truthful information about the real situation to the French public.



## **PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE ARAB UNITED EMIRATES**

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## Meeting with Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the UAE Armed Forces

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In Abu Dhabi, President Sarkissian met with Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the UAE Armed Forces. Tahnun bin Zayed Al Nahyan, National Security Adviser to the UAE President, was also present at the meeting.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan welcomed President Sarkissian's visit to the United Arab Emirates, and conveyed the best wishes of the UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The UAE President wished progress and prosperity to Armenia and the Armenian people.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan expressed the UAE support for the ceasefire between Armenia and Azerbaijan, expressing hope that it will contribute to the security and stability of the region.

President Sarkissian thanked Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan for his words of support and for the continued readiness and practical steps to further develop all-level relations between the two countries.

President Armen Sarkissian expressed his gratitude for the support provided by the UAE to Armenia in the fight against the coronavirus as well.

At the meeting, issues related to the strengthening of friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation between the peoples of the two countries were discussed, particularly stressing as important the spheres of economy and investments as the main directions of development.

They also exchanged views on international and regional issues.





## **PRESIDENT ARMEN SARKISSIAN'S WORKING VISIT TO THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN**

- **98** Tête-à-tête talk with the King of Jordan, His Majesty Abdallah II Ibn Al Hussein and an extended meeting
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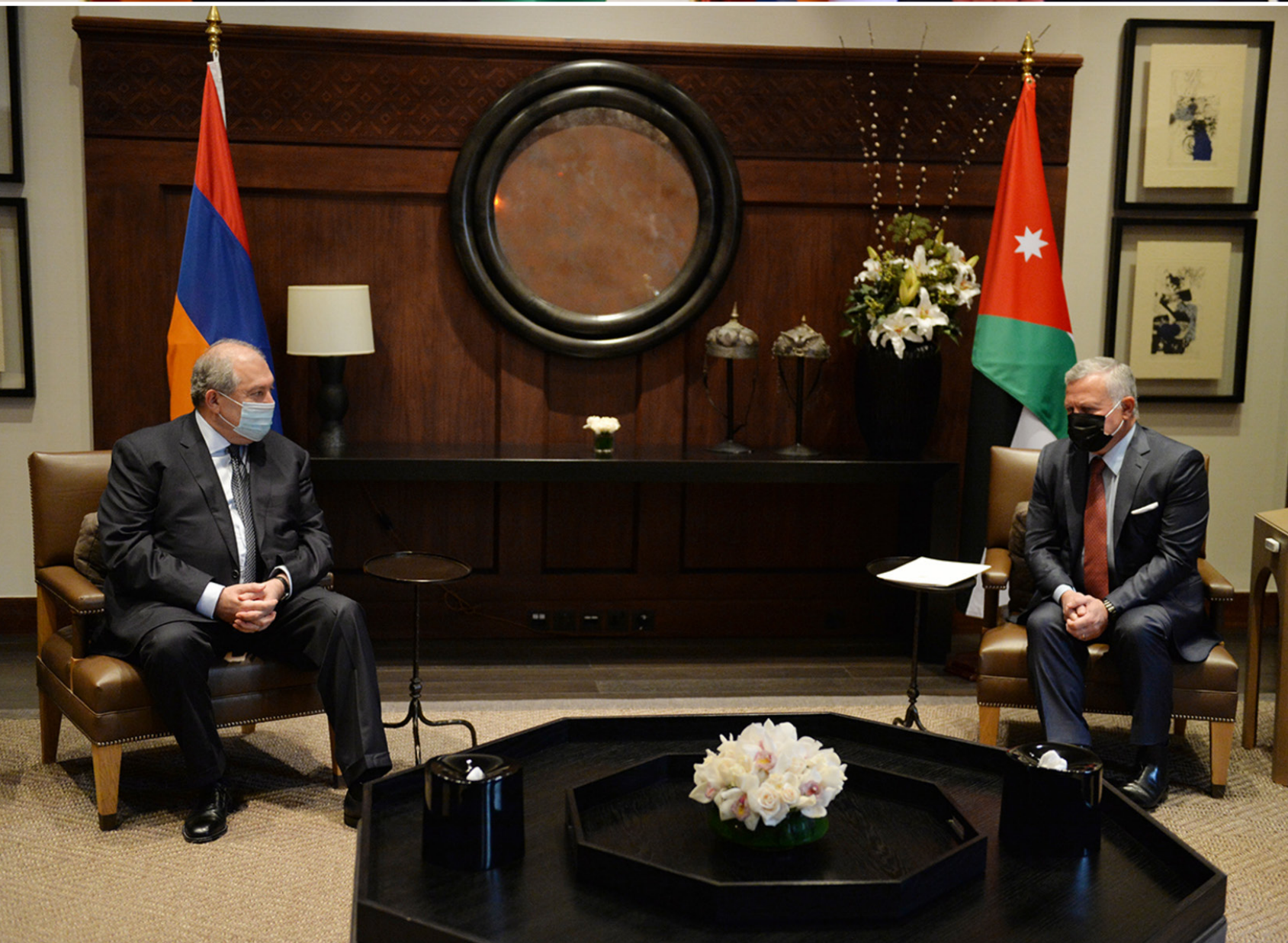
The official welcoming ceremony of the President of Armenia took place in the Royal Reception Palace of Jordan. The anthems of Armenia and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan were performed by the military orchestra.

The welcoming ceremony was followed by a tête-à-tête talk between the President of Armenia Armen Sarkissian and the King of Jordan, His Majesty Abdallah II bin Al Hussein, which was followed by an extended meeting, attended by the Prime Minister of Jordan Bisher Khasavneh, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants Ayman Safadi, Minister of Industry, Trade and Supplies Maha Ali and other officials.

Welcoming the visit of the President of Armenia, King Abdallah II of Jordan said that the two countries are united by strong friendship and historical ties.

It was noted that Armenia is facing many challenges today, and as a good friend, they expect to work closely and provide support.

President Armen Sarkissian thanked for the warm hospitality, words of support and continued readiness to further develop relations between the two countries at all levels. He recalled the constructive discussions with the King of Jordan in Yerevan months ago and plans for the future. Noting that there is hope for a way out of any difficult situation, the President expressed confidence that the planned programs will be implemented and deeper cooperation will be established.



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In a warm and friendly atmosphere, talking about the opportunities for the development of bilateral relations and the most effective use of the existing potential in various spheres, the President of Armenia and the King of Jordan expressed readiness to promote mutually beneficial cooperation. According to them, the two countries have a lot in common: they are the bearers of ancient civilizations; they perceive the importance and value of human resources. Jordan, like Armenia, has made human potential its main driver of development.

President of Armenia and the King of Jordan share the opinion that Armenia and Jordan can successfully cooperate, particularly in the fields of the new technologies, education, science, health, food security, and tourism. Jordan's experience in working with IDPs can be instructive for Armenia.

They focused on the joint efforts in the fight against coronavirus, its health service and social-economic consequences, as well as regional and international issues of mutual concern, in particular, related to the Middle East peace efforts.

President Sarkissian informed the King of Jordan about the consequences of the Azerbaijani-Turkish military aggression against Artsakh and the current situation in that context. The King of Jordan noted that his connections and prestige were used in the international arena to promote peace efforts

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TO THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

24.11.2020

## Meeting with the representatives of the Armenian community of Jordan

The caring pastor of the Armenian community of Jordan, the Very Reverend Father Avetis Iprajian welcomed the visit of the President of Armenia, noting that the community follows the events taking place in the homeland and is well aware of the details of the Artsakh war. He informed that during those difficult days the Jordanian community also tried to support the compatriots of Armenia and Artsakh.

President Armen Sarkissian thanked for the hospitality and support to the homeland during the difficult times. He spoke about the Azerbaijani-Turkish war unleashed against Artsakh, the situation in the country, the purpose of his visit to Jordan, as well as answered the questions of the community representatives.

Armen Sarkissian said that the best road to victory is the right assessment of one's own values and opportunities.

Speaking about the future plans, President Sarkissian particularly noted, "Even though we have lost today, I think our friends believe that we will be able to stand up and show that we cannot be defeated, because to lose a battle is one thing, but to stand up, finding strength after that and get ready for the next challenges of life is a necessity."

Talking about the meetings held during the visit, the President of Armenia noted that the issues of deepening cooperation comprised the centre of attention.



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During the meeting with the representatives of the Armenian community in Jordan, President Sarkissian also informed that King Abdullah II will support the completion of the St. Karapet Armenian Apostolic Church. They also talked with the King of Jordan about the protection of Armenian cultural and spiritual values.

Answering the questions of the representatives of the Armenian community, President Sarkissian referred to the ways-out of the situation in the country, considering important to implement the constitutional solution of the crisis. Speaking about his proposals to hold early parliamentary elections and form a government of national accord, the President stressed that the way to resolve the crisis in a parliamentary country has always been early elections. The idea of forming a government of national accord is not new either.

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14.01.2020

## Visiting Saint Gregory the Illuminator Church in Sharjah and Meeting with the Armenian community

On a working visit in the United Arab Emirates, President of the Republic of Armenia visited the Church of Gregory the Illuminator in Sharjah, on January 14.

After the prayer of thanksgiving, Armenia's President laid flowers in the backyard of the Church at the memorial erected on the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and paid tribute to the memory of innocent victims.

In the hall of the Ohanessean Armenian School, President Sarkissian attended a small concert performed by the students of the School. Later, he met with the representatives of the Armenian community.

President Sarkissian urged them to visit Armenia and Artsakh, rediscover their Fatherland and acquaint the children with their Homeland because they are the future citizens of the Republic of Armenia.

Children present at the meeting with the President of Armenia, recited lines of the great poet Toumanian, with which, modifying a little, Armen Sarkissian addressed to them: "Live, children, and live like us because we are a victorious and strong people. Live, children, and live better than we do. Live, children, and have greater victories than we have had."

Noting that the world is changing rapidly in the 21st century, President Sarkissian said that those nations can be successful, who have certain qualities, and have preserved their national culture, identity, church, religion, language, and are tied to their native land.

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## Visiting the Church of the Holy Nativity in Bethlehem

On a working visit in the State of Israel, President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian and Mrs. Nouneh Sarkissian visited the Church of the Holy Nativity in Bethlehem, on January 24. They were greeted by the Grand Sacristan of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, His Eminence Ter Sevan Archbishop Gharibian.

The President and Mrs. Sarkissian toured the Church, lit candles and listened to the Armenian spiritual songs performed by the Armenian clergymen and prayed together with them.

On behalf of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Archbishop Gharibian welcomed the visit of the President and his spouse to the holy town of Bethlehem and noted that Armenians' presence here is of great national pride.

According to President Sarkissian, "It is very essential to deepen the relations between the Holy See of Etchmiadzin and Jerusalem, and make it more vital, and at the same time deepen your ties to the Fatherland."

The President of Armenia and the Grand Sacristan of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem spoke about the Armenian presence in the Holy Land and undertaken mission.

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25.01.2020

## Visiting the Church of the Holy Sepulchre

On a working visit in the State of Israel, President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian and Mrs. Nouneh Sarkissian visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, one of the most cherished and prominent holy places in Jerusalem, on January 25. It is built on the tomb of Jesus Christ, Golgotha crucifixion site, the Feast of the Cross Cave and some other holy places. The tomb of Christ is under the dome of the Holy Sepulchre Church. The control of the Church itself is shared by the Armenian, Greek, and Catholic churches.

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## Visiting the Cathedral of Saint James

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President Sarkissian laid a wreath at the Memorial to the Victims of the Armenian Genocide, built nearby the Cathedral.

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The President of the Republic and His Eminence conversed about national and ecclesiastical issues, and the activities of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/01/25/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with/>

President Sarkissian stressed as important the activities of the Armenian Patriarchate in Jerusalem, which has had centuries-old history and rich traditions in the Holy Land, in the preservation of the Armenian spiritual and cultural heritage and passing it to next generations.

Later, a reception was held in honour of the President of the Republic of Armenia, attended by the representatives of the Armenian community and the heads of different religious communities in Jerusalem.

The President of Armenia urged the Armenians of Israel to visit Armenia as often as possible.



26.01.2020

## Visiting the Armenian Church of Saint Nicolas

In the framework of his working visit in the State of Israel, President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian and Mrs. Nouneh Sarkissian visited the Saint Nicolas Armenian Church in Jaffa, on January 26.

The President and his spouse toured the Church compound, lit candles and conversed with the clergy.

The Church was built more than ten centuries ago. There was a time when Armenian pilgrims made a long trip from Jaffa to Jerusalem, spent a night there, and then continued their journey. For that very reason, the Church was named after Saint Nicolas, the patron of pilgrims and sailors.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/01/26/President-Armen-Sarkissian-visited-Armenian-Church/>



24.10.2020

## **Meeting with the ARF Bureau member, co-chair of the Coordinating Council of the Armenian Organizations of France Murad Papazian and Chairperson of the Armenian General Benevolent Union AGBU France and AGBU Europe Nadia Gortzounian**

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/24/President-Armen-Sarkisian-in-Paris/>

President Sarkissian spoke of the large-scale aggression unleashed by Azerbaijan against the Republic of Artsakh with the military and political support of Turkey and presented the current situation. Stressing the importance of the past and present activities of the Armenian structures in Diaspora, as well as joint and diverse support of the Armenians of the Diaspora to the Fatherland, the President of Armenia hailed the work of the Armenian structures of France in this context.

At the same time, President Sarkissian noted that there is still much to be done to deliver the truth about the Artsakh conflict and the Azeri-Turkish military aggression to the international community and heads of different states and peoples and to help the Fatherland. The President of Armenia said that the recent events revealed once again the unity and self-organizing qualities of our people.

Murad Papazian and Nadia Gortzounian noted that Armenian Organizations of France, and the whole Armenian-French community would continue to assist the Fatherland and make every effort to convey truthful information about the real situation to the French public.



24.11.2020

## Meeting with the representatives of the Armenian community of Jordan

On a working visit in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian met with the representatives of the Armenian community of Jordan in Amman, the capital of Jordan, on November, 24.

The caring pastor of the Armenian community of Jordan, the Very Reverend Father Avetis Iprajian welcomed the visit of the President of Armenia, noting that the community follows the events taking place in the homeland and is well aware of the details of the Artsakh war. He informed that during those difficult days the Jordanian community also tried to support the compatriots of Armenia and Artsakh.

President Armen Sarkissian thanked for the hospitality and support to the homeland during the difficult times. He spoke about the Azerbaijani-Turkish war unleashed against Artsakh, the situation in the country, the purpose of his visit to Jordan, as well as answered the questions of the community representatives.

Armen Sarkissian said that the best road to victory is the right assessment of one's own values and opportunities.

Speaking about the future plans, President Sarkissian particularly noted, "Even though we have lost today, I think our friends believe that we will be able to stand up and show that we cannot be defeated, because to lose a battle is one thing, but to stand up, finding strength after that, and get ready for the next challenges of life is a necessity."



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Talking about the meetings held during the visit, the President of Armenia noted that the issues of deepening cooperation comprised the centre of attention.

During the meeting with the representatives of the Armenian community in Jordan, President Sarkissian also informed that King Abdullah II will support completing the appearance of the St. Karapet Armenian Apostolic Church. They also talked with the King of Jordan about the protection of Armenian cultural and spiritual values.

Answering the questions of the representatives of the Armenian community, President Sarkissian referred to the ways-out of the situation in the country, considering important to implement the constitutional solution of the crisis. Speaking about his proposals to hold early parliamentary elections and form a government of national accord, the President stressed that the way to resolve the crisis in a parliamentary country has always been early elections. The idea of forming a government of national accord is not new either.

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30.01.2020

## The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received Ambassador of Japan to Armenia

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received the Ambassador of Japan to Armenia Jun Yamada.

The Ambassador of Japan expressed gratitude to the President of Armenia on behalf of the Government of Japan for visiting his country last October and participating in to the enthronement ceremony of the Japanese Emperor. He noted that the meetings in Tokyo gave a new impetus to the development of bilateral relations.

In his turn, President Sarkissian said that he had wonderful memories and impressions of his visit to Japan and the historic event of the enthronement of Emperor Naruhito.

Positively assessing his meetings with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and heads of major Japanese companies, President Sarkissian said that they have created a good base for the expansion of cooperation.

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06.02.2020

## **President Armen Sarkissian received Ambassador of Italy to Armenia Vincenzo Del Monaco**

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Italian Republic to the Republic of Armenia Vincenzo Del Monaco.

The parties discussed issues related to President Sarkissian's envisaged state visit to Italy in September, 2020.

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06.02.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian received Ambassador of the Kingdom of Sweden to Armenia Ulrik Tideström

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Sweden to the Republic of Armenia Ulrik Tideström.

The Ambassador noted that year 2019 was efficient from the viewpoint of developing the Armenian-Swedish relations: visits of different levels took place and cooperation of the two countries acquired a new quality.

The President of the Republic stressed the importance of the registered progress and noted that there are also broad opportunities for cooperation in the areas of modern technologies, artificial intelligence, food security, and tourism.

President Sarkissian highly appreciated the assistance provided by the Government of Sweden to the strengthen the democratic institutions in Armenia, protect human rights, and establish the supremacy of law.

The parties stressed the importance of establishing and strengthening democratic institutions in Armenia.

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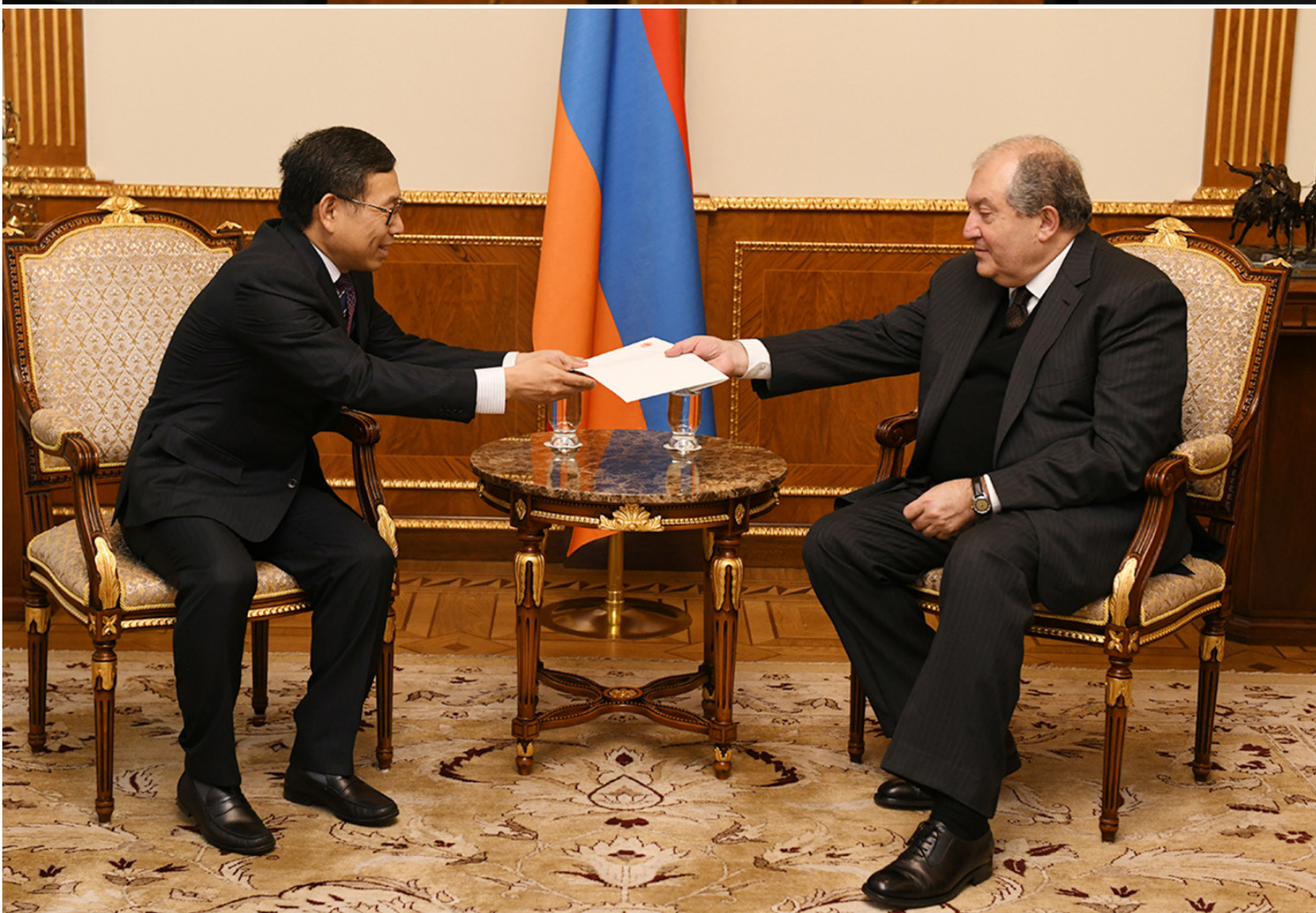
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The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the Head of the EU Delegation to Armenia Ambassador Andrea Wiktorin.

The parties exchanged views on the issues related to Armenia-EU cooperation.



18.02.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian received Ambassador of China in Armenia Tian Erlong

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Republic of Armenia Tian Erlong.

The President of Armenia and the Ambassador of China spoke in particular about the situation created by the coronavirus infection and implemented preventive measures. Ambassador Tian Erlong conveyed President Sarkissian a letter from the President of China Xi Jinping in which the latter expressed his gratitude to the President of Armenia, noting that support of the Armenian side in the fight against coronavirus has made its high impact on the confidence and friendship between the two countries and peoples. "I attach the utmost importance to the development of the Armenian-Chinese relations and stand ready together with you to put efforts to elevate our bilateral relations to a new level for the benefit of our two countries and peoples," reads the letter of the President of the People's Republic of China.

At the meeting, the parties highly appreciated the existing level of the interstate relations and expressed confidence that the sides would continue to make efforts aimed at the development of the Armenian-Chinese friendship and expansion of partner relations.

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18.02.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian received the US Ambassador to Armenia Lynne Tracy

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/02/18/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-the-Ambassador-of-USA/>

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received the US Ambassador to Armenia Lynne Tracy.

The parties exchanged views on the issues related to cooperation between the Republic of Armenia and the United States in different areas. Among the prospective areas, they mentioned modern technologies, especially implementation of joint programs in the sphere of artificial intelligence. In this context, the parties also touched upon the possible cooperation in the framework of the ATOM Presidential Initiative aimed at the development of science and technology in Armenia. The program is directed at making Armenia a leading centre in the area of artificial intelligence and mathematical modelling.

The parties also discussed opportunities of cooperating on some Presidential initiatives, aimed at enhancing Armenia's international standing and boosting interest towards our country.

The interlocutors exchanged views on the referendum on the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia to be held on April 5 as well.



06.03.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian received Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Armenia Jun Yamada

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Armenia Jun Yamada.

The President of the Respublic noted that the development of relations with Japan is a priority for our country.

Ambassador Yamada expressed gratitude for the meeting and informed that ahead of the visit of Japanese businessmen's delegation to Armenia, active organization work was already underway.

During their meeting last autumn, President Sarkissian had discussed the opportunity of organizing a visit of the representatives of Japanese companies with Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe. At the meeting, the parties also discussed practical steps aimed at the cooperation in the areas of nuclear safety and food production.

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06.03.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Armenia Sergey Kopyrkin

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation in Armenia Sergei Kopyrkin.

The parties exchanged views on the issues related to cooperation between the Republic of Armenia and Russian Federation in different areas.

Ambassador Kopyrkin expressed gratitude for the recently organized Russian Romance event held in the framework of the Presidential Concert Series which was dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the Great Victory. They also discussed opportunities of organizing joint events, dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the Victory.

The interlocutors also touched upon expanding cooperation in the areas of science, education, and new technologies.

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13.03.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with Ambassador of France to Armenia Jonathan Lacôte

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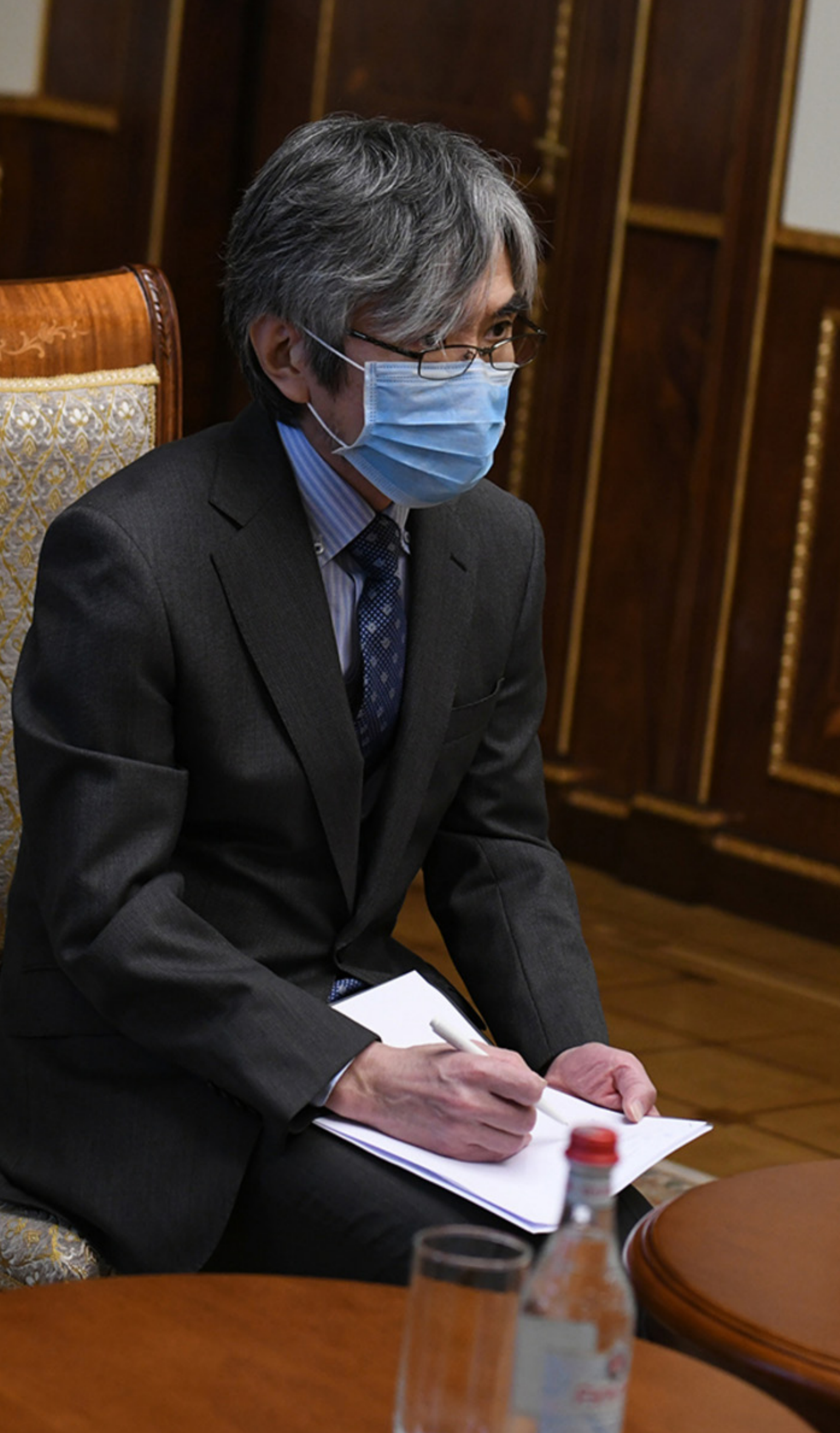
The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France to the Republic of Armenia Jonathan Lacôte.

The parties exchanged views on the situation in the world related to the global outbreak of a new coronavirus. Ambassador Lacôte presented the current situation in France and undertaken measures. They also discussed the opportunities of cooperation in this area.

Speaking about programs of cooperation in different areas between the two countries, in particular, the President of the Republic and the Ambassador viewed the cooperation in the area of new technologies as promising. In this context, they touched upon the ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow) Presidential Initiative aimed at developing technologies, science and education in Armenia. The initiative also strives to bring leading information and high-tech companies to Armenia to develop artificial intelligence, mathematical modelling, and machine

teaching and implement educational programs. The parties noted that soon Memorandums of Understanding would be signed with some renowned French companies, while with others preliminary agreements have been reached.

The interlocutors also discussed opportunities of cooperating in the area of modern technologies with some scientific and educational establishments in France.



25.03.2020

## **President Armen Sarkissian received Ambassador of Japan to Armenia Jun Yamada**

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Armenia Jun Yamada.

The interlocutors exchanged views on the practical elements of the Armenian-Japanese cooperation considering the current situation due to the spread of the new coronavirus, as well as the future programs. Ambassador Yamada presented the situation with the epidemic in Japan and undertaken measures.

They discussed the opportunities of mutual assistance under the existing conditions. President Sarkisyan thanked for Japan's continued assistance to Armenia, and particularly for the consignment of tests necessary to diagnose the disease.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/25/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-the-Ambassador-of-Japan/>



25.03.2020

## Cooperation in the fight against the coronavirus. President Armen Sarkissian met with the UAE Ambassador to Armenia Mohamed Al Qatam Al Zaabi

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/25/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-the-Ambassador-of-UAE/>

In the wake of the recent phone conversation with Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces, President Armen Sarkissian received the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Arab Emirates to Armenia Mohamed Al Qatam Al Zaabi.

The President of Armenia referred to the agreements reached with Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and noted that in the coming days, the list of necessary articles composed by the RA Ministry of Health would be handed to the UAE side.

At the meeting, they also touched upon the development process of Armenian-Emirati bilateral relations, and stressed the importance of enlivening the cooperation in the area of food security and Presidential ATOM (Advanced Tomorrow) Initiative.

After the meeting with the President of Armenia, Ambassador Mohamed Al Qatam Al Zaabi expressed his country's readiness to assist in the fight against the coronavirus.

During the meeting of the President of the Republic and the Ambassador, as well as during the President's previous meetings, social distancing was maintained.



31.03.2020

## **President Sarkissian proposed the German side to consider the possibility of establishing a joint venture of producing artificial lung ventilation devices in Armenia. Video call conversation with the Ambassador of Germany**

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/31/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-had-a-skype-call-with-the-Ambassador-of-Germany/>

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian had a video call onversation with Michael Johannes Banzhaf, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of Armenia.

The President of Armenia and the Ambassador of Germany exchanged information on the situation in their countries due to the outbreak of the new coronavirus, and measures taken for its prevention, overcoming and treatment.

President Sarkissian conveyed his greetings and good wishes to the President of Germany Frank-Walter Steinmeier and expressed hope that his official visit to Armenia takes place as envisaged in September 2020. With this regard, the Ambassador of Germany noted that President Steinmeier's visit to Armenia is on his agenda. President Sarkissian also sent his best wishes to his good friend, Chancellor Angela Merkel, whom he knows for many years, since the 1990s.

The interlocutors also touched upon possible joint steps in the fight against the pandemic. Armen Sarkissian proposed to consider the opportunity of Germany's assistance to Armenia, particularly in the form of protective devices, equipment, and corresponding articles. Highly appraising the German engineering experience and know-how, the President said that he expects the German companies' counselling and considering the possibility of establishing a joint venture producing artificial lung ventilation devices in Armenia.



14.07.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian hosted the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France

On the occasion of France's National Holiday, the President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France to the Republic of Armenia Jonathan Lacôte.

On the occasion of the national holiday, President Sarkissian congratulated and wished success to the Ambassador and in his person to the friendly people of France.

The parties noted with satisfaction the dynamically developing Armenian-French cooperation in different areas and expressed confidence that the bilateral agenda would continuously expand through the joint efforts, encompassing mutually beneficial and new programs aimed at the future.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/14/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-the-Ambassador-of-France/>



16.07.2020

## Armenian-Belarus relations have great potential for development. President Armen Sarkissian had a farewell meeting with the Ambassador of Belarus

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Belarus to Armenia Igor Nazaruk who is concluding his diplomatic mission in our country.

President Sarkissian thanked the Ambassador for his personal contribution to the strengthening of the Armenian-Belarus relations and efficient work and wished him further success. The President noted that the Armenian-Belarus relations have great potential for development in different areas, and expressed confidence that they would continue to expand and strengthen.

The Ambassador of Belarus noted that he was concluding his mission but remains Armenia's good friend and underscored this deep respect for the Armenian people which would always be with him.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/16/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-the-Ambassador-of-Belarus/>



01.10.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with the Ambassadoe of France to Armenia

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France to the Republic of Armenia Jonathan Lacôte.

President Sarkissian spoke of the situation resulting from the aggression unleashed by Azerbaijan against Artsakh. He expressed his deep concern with the military and political assistance provided to Azerbaijan by Turkey.

The President of Armenia highly appreciated the efforts of the French President aimed at resolving the existing situation.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/01/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-the-Ambassador-of-France/>





02.10.2020

## President Sarkissian met with the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Armenia Sergei Kopyrkin

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Armenia Sergei Kopyrkin. At the meeting, they discussed the situation in the region, and Armenian-Russian bilateral relations.

The interlocutors expressed their concern about the tension on the borders of Armenia and in the Karabakh conflict zone and stressed the importance of the immediate cessation of hostilities.

They also stressed the importance of the joint statement made by the presidents of the OSCE Minsk Group co-Chairs – Russia, France and United States.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/02/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-the-Ambassador-of-Russia/>



05.10.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with US Ambassador to Armenia

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the US Ambassador to Armenia Lynne Tracy.

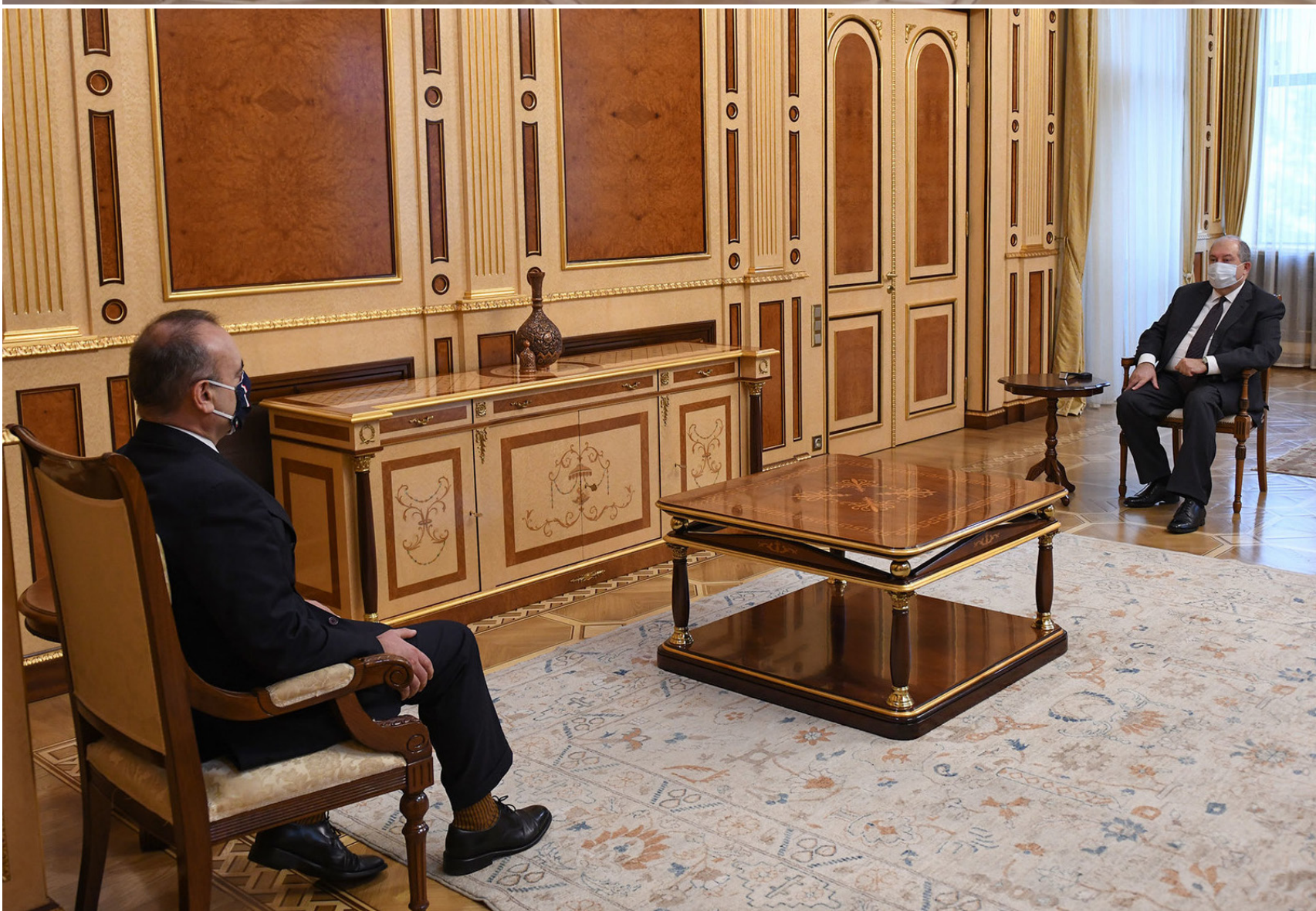
President Sarkissian spoke of the situation in Artsakh and borders of Armenia resulting from the military aggression unleashed by Azerbaijan and expressed particular concern about Turkey's unconcealed military and political assistance to Azerbaijan.

At the meeting, they stressed the importance of the recent joint declaration of the presidents of the three OSCE Minsk Group co-Chair countries: the US, Russia and France.

At the same time, from the viewpoint of resolving the situation, President Sarkissian considered it necessary to unconditionally stop Turkey's participation in the ongoing operations and emphasized the essential role of the international community in this issue.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/05/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Lynne-Tracy/>



06.11.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian had a farewell meeting with the Ambassador of Italy to Armenia Vincenzo Del Monaco

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/06/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-the-Ambassador-of-Italy/>

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received Vincenzo del Monaco, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Italy to Armenia who is completing his diplomatic mission in Armenia.

The President of the Republic highly appreciated the work of Ambassador del Monaco and thanked him for his personal contribution and efforts in the development and deepening of Armenian - Italian relations.

During the meeting, they also spoke about the military aggression unleashed against Artsakh by Azerbaijan and Turkey. The parties emphasized that there is no military solution to the conflict, and the issue may be resolved only through negotiations.

They also touched upon the current level and development potential of the Armenian-Italian relations. It has been noted that in recent years, high level reciprocal visits, agreements on cooperation in cultural, scientific-technical, technological and other spheres, as well as historical and cultural ties between the two friendly peoples are a good basis to establish closer relations in the future.

Ambassador Vincenzo del Monaco thanked President Sarkissian for his immense contribution to the bilateral relations.



10.11.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with Ambassador of France to Armenia Jonathan Lacôte

President Armen Sarkissian met with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the French Republic to the Republic of Armenia Jonathan Lacôte.

They talked about the latest developments in the Karabakh conflict and the document signed by the Prime Minister of Armenia with the Presidents of Russia and Azerbaijan on the complete cessation of all hostilities in the conflict zone.

President Sarkissian stressed again that the settlement of the Karabakh conflict is a matter of national importance, which can finally be resolved only on the basis of a nationwide consensus.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-the-Ambassador-of-France/>



10.11.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with Ambassador of Russia to Armenia Sergei Kopyrkin

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-the-Ambassador-of-Russia/>

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Armenia Sergei Kopyrkin.

President Armen Sarkissian and Ambassador Kopyrkin talked about the statement signed by the Prime Minister of Armenia, the Presidents of Russia and Azerbaijan on the complete cessation of all hostilities in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone, and its provisions.

President Sarkissian noted that the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict is an important matter of national significance, and it is natural that any decision-making related to it, especially signing of a document, provokes a sharp reaction from the people and often an uprising.

President Sarkissyan underlined the essential mediating role of the OSCE Minsk Group co-Chair countries, especially the Russian Federation, in ending the hostilities.

At the meeting, they stressed the need for security and lasting peace throughout the region.



13.11.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian received the Ambassador of Bulgaria to Armenia

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/13/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-the-Ambassador-of/>

President Armen Sarkissian received the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Bulgaria to Armenia Maria Pavlova Tzotzorkova-Kaymakchieva on the occasion of completing her diplomatic mission in our country.

President Sarkissian thanked the Ambassador for her personal contribution to the development of bilateral relations and wished her success in her further activities. The President stressed that the Armenian-Bulgarian relations have a great potential to develop in various spheres, and expressed confidence that they will continue to expand.

The Ambassador wished peace to our country and people, and noted that she is leaving with warm memories about Armenia and the Armenian people.



20.11.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with the US Ambassador to Armenia Lynne Tracy

President Sarkissian met with Lynne Tracy, the US Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Armenia.

They discussed the recent developments on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the current situation in Armenia and Artsakh.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/20/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-the-Ambassador-of-US/>



20.11.2020

## President Sarkissian met with the Head of the EU Delegation to Armenia, Ambassador Andrea Wiktorin

President Armen Sarkissian met with the Head of the EU Delegation to Armenia, Ambassador Andrea Wiktorin.

At the meeting, they touched upon the latest developments in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the current situation in Armenia and Artsakh

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/20/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Andrea-Viktorin/>





20.11.2020

## **President Armen Sarkissian met with Ambassador of France to Armenia Jonathan Lacôte**

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the French Republic to the Republic of Armenia Jonathan Lacotte.

At the meeting, they touched upon the the latest developments in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the current situation in Armenia and Artsakh.

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### “Quantum Leadership in the Time of Pandemic”

At the invitation of the prestigious The Monthly Barometer analytical journal, which is also the co-founder of the Summit of Minds, the President of Armenia participated in the distant webinar entitled “Quantum Leadership in the Time of Pandemic.”

The series of webinars titled “What will happen and how to overcome it in the best possible way” has been initiated by the managing partner of The Monthly Barometer Thierry Malleret to listen to the opinions of the distinguished leaders, and reputable experts and to discuss in an expert milieu the avenues to overcome the situation created by the new coronavirus and its ramifications. Distant webinars are envisaged for The Monthly Barometer community which comprises heads of major international companies, investors, entrepreneurs, reputable experts and analysts.

Speaking about the risks of the modern world, President Sarkissian particularly noted that we have entered a new world, and we must be able to live by the rules of that world.

According to the President of Armenia, many of the risks, including pandemics, manifest quantum behaviour, erupting in

China, then in Europe. “The world has changed, and it is probable that the pandemic might accelerate the transformation of the classical world into a quantum one. To fight pandemics, financial crises, and other risks, we need to change our lifestyle,” said President Sarkissian.

According to the President, in this new world, external fields can guide us, and it is quite possible we will not even realize that.

President Sarkissian noted that recently he has been talking much to the leaders of different states, international officials, spoke of new cooperation, trying to focus on the steps that could be taken jointly after the pandemic. At the end, the President of the Republic responded to the questions from the audience.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/04/17/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-video-conferencing/>



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

06.05.2020

## “The World After the Pandemic: Transformation Scenarios.”

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian participated in “The World After the Pandemic: Transformation Scenarios” webinar which was initiated by the Foundation for Armenian Science and Technology (FAST) in cooperation with the Futures Studios discussion platform.

In his remarks, President Sarkissian first urged everybody to take the situation most seriously, “Remember that the coronavirus has not disappeared yet, it still exists and is very dangerous, extremely dangerous for vulnerable individuals. I ask you to be serious about this problem. This seriousness is necessary not for one or two weeks but for a much longer period of time. Therefore, discipline is very important.”

The President noted that the pandemic is not only a health problem, but also a much more complicated issue. He reminded of the historical episode when in the 12th century, the first Sultan of Egypt and Syria Salah ad Din conquered Jerusalem, citing the Sultan's statement that the conquest of Jerusalem was nothing and at the same time everything to him. “What is this coronavirus? Just another virus, nothing in principle but it has acquired global significance. It is a peculiar virus, but just a virus, nothing. But at the same time, it has changed

the world. From nothing, this virus has become everything. Everything has changed in a very short period of time. It has made a huge impact on the global economy and culture, and has a great impact on our future plans.”

The President said that the world was destined to change regardless of the coronavirus. “The coronavirus is not the reason for change, it is only the result of this change. It is very essential to understand that the coronavirus has reached this scale because we had changed. This is a trial for culture and business. This is a trial for those who are in need, for governments, and from the viewpoint of interstate relations. This trial will continue, My conclusion is that the world has changed, and if we want to be successful, we have to change as well.”

Responding to the question on restoring economy after the coronavirus, the President noted that the pandemic would undoubtedly hinder the advancement but after the pandemic, there should be new approaches to ecology, business activities, healthcare system and other spheres.



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Speaking about the anticipated fundamental changes at the global, and national level, President Sarkissian observed that multiple global risks, including pandemics, were manifesting not the classical but quantum behaviour. He noted that with or without the coronavirus, the world is moving fast toward changes.

As for the development of concrete areas, President Sarkissian noted that after the coronavirus we need to work more diligently on the introduction of e-governance. "Those countries, which have been able to enhance, successfully use and implement e-governance tools, are much stronger and resilient. Singapore is a good example. Before the pandemic, twenty thousand people in that country were working from home and during the pandemic the people were ready to withstand future risks. Working from home was not unusual for them. E-governance is most essential."

Armen Sarkissian said it was necessary to be most serious in setting priorities which should pertain to food security, IT, and biotechnology areas.

The President noted that after the coronavirus, he would resume the ATOM Presidential Initiative, which is aimed at bringing international corporations to Armenia, creation of laboratories working on artificial intelligence since it would be the main tool in the areas of food security, agriculture, interstate relations, fight against the coronavirus, development

of biotechnologies, healthcare and others. According to the President, science will be one of the most attractive and interesting areas for investments and cooperation. It will be interconnected with technologies and will show everybody the way toward the future.

President Sarkissian spoke also about the Moderna Therapeutics pharmaceutical company of Noubar Afeyan, who is also a co-founder of the FAST, which is planning to speed up the production of a potential vaccine against the coronavirus. Noting with satisfaction that our compatriot is on the frontlines of a scientific discovery, the President stressed the importance of establishing and re-establishing the relations with our compatriots in Diaspora, and with the scientific community.

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Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/05/06/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-virtual-campfire-talk/>



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

24.06.2020

## COVID-19: The Success and Pathways for Global Cooperation

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian participated in the “COVID-19: The Success and Pathways for Global Cooperation” webinar organized by the Foundation for Armenian Science and Technology (FAST).

During the webinar, which was moderated by the Executive Director of FAST Armen Orujian, the President of Armenia and reputable scholars and experts discussed avenues to defeat the coronavirus pandemic and spoke about cooperation of the countries in the fight against global challenges.

Speaking of the situation due to the pandemic, President Sarkissian underscored that it is necessary to take into account that, most probably, this is not the last pandemic, and we should be ready for the next one.

As President's defined//described this situation compares to a crossroad, and every nation should decide which way to choose. “Armenia too, is standing at this crossroad, thus we

need to transform and determine our priorities.”

In President Sarkissian's words, along with economic difficulties there will be issues related to food security, and it is necessary to think how to overcome them.

The participants of the webinar presented the experience of their own countries in the fight against the pandemic and undertaken steps and measures. The co-founder of FAST and President of the American Moderna Company Noubar Afeyan provided information on the work conducted in Moderna related to developing a vaccine against coronavirus.



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Responding to the question about the cooperation of different countries in the fight against the pandemic and referring to the voiced opinions, President Sarkissian stressed the circumstance of acting based on scientific approaches. He noted that authorities of any country should be able to have the opportunity of using the scholars' opinion. "I believe that politicians in any country should first of all understand that the situation is catastrophic. Therefore, all disputes must be set aside to unite in the fight against the common enemy: the virus. I trust/think you all will agree that there is one truth//veracity: science. Discipline is also very essential. The next important point is to have a program, strategy, and vision. In any area of our life activities, vision and strategy are important."

President Sarkissian stressed also the importance of interaction with the society.

At the proposal of the President of Armenia, the foreign participants of the webinar passed their professional recommendations to Armenia.

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Link:

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**22.06.2020**

## **“Horasis-India” Prestigious International Conference**

On June 22, 2020, through a video call, the President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian participated in the Horasis-India prestigious international conference and made a statement entitled “Changing Global Governance.”

Over four hundred high-level participants of the Horasis Vision community attended Horasis-India. Global challenges in the post-pandemic world and their possible management were the topic of this year's conference.

Speaking of the global situation due to the coronavirus pandemic, President Sarkissian said that the world currently reached a unique milestone.

According to President Sarkissian, we need to think how to expand the potential of this planet, for instance, how to produce more food. “Glancing 50 years back, we can see that the great fear of the world was famine in China or India. Nobody was sure that these countries would be able to feed their one billion strong population. Certainly, there are poor countries nowadays as well, but it became obvious that through modern technologies this planet can solve the problem.”



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President Sarkissian noted that to withstand global risks, it is necessary to change our practices and approaches and to preset our priorities for the coming one hundred years. “This is an amazing world, and in the intermediate period we face a tragedy. At this global crossroads we need to reassess our values, including democracy, the present-day ways of implementation of which will be different tomorrow. Politicians are responsible for their actions on a daily basis because there is social media and elections take place every day. Some people would say that political changes take place through revolutions, but all this is based on the changes happening in the world; the thing is that we live in a totally

different world. We spend most of our lives in a virtual world. The coronavirus is bel-  
lowing about changes in the world, it calls, “Wake up, the world has changed.” There are many things we have to reconsider. We need to think how we are going to manage the healthcare system, other institutions, and how we get organized.”

President Sarkissian noted that we should have been wiser and should have invested into the areas of healthcare and ecology.

Responding to the question on finding ways to overcome the existing situation and problems, and setting up new international institutes/ions, President Sarkissian noted that there is no need to create new institutes; all of them should have been preserved along with the organizations but the role of international institute should transform.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/22/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-online-convarsetion/>



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05.09.2020

## Global Manufacturing and Industrialization Summit (GMIS2020)

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian participated in the Global Manufacturing and Industrialization Summit (GMIS2020), organized by co-Chairs of the United Arab Emirates and UNO Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

This year, the prestigious international platform was held on September 4-5 in the online regime and united over ninety leaders from all over the world, as well as the heads of major international companies to discuss the countries' opportunities for the economic recovery in the post-pandemic era.

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian participated in the discussions of the Summit held under the title "Restoring Prosperity in the Post-Pandemic World."

The moderator of the discussions, the well-known CNN anchor John Defterios, addressing the President of Armenia noted that the Summit deals with the 4th industrial revolution, while Armen Sarkissian has noted on multiple occasions that in the 21st century, the world has entered the era of rapid changes/ stage of rapid revolutions. He suggested that the President of Armenia speak on its impact on the world economy.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/09/05/President-Armen-Sarkissian/>

President Sarkissian noted that this is not only about revolution; the human kind is going through// experiences profound transformations//changes. "Francis Fukuyama spoke of the end of civilization //history. He was probably wrong, but, at the same time, he was right in the sense that the history of the previous civilization was reaching its end. We are entering a new civilization. I call that civilization, or the new era of our development, a quantum world, a world in which every individual or an element becomes very powerful, a world in which the small can be not only beautiful but also strong. From that point of view, if we discuss the industrial revolution, I call it not the 4th industrial revolution but a new era of a rapid change, not a revolution but a fast evolution," said the President Sarkissian:

At the end, the President of the Republic reponded to the questions.



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11.06.2020

## Through a video call, President Armen Sarkissian participated in the prestigious CogX2020 Conference

Through a video call, the President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian participated as a speaker in the prestigious CogX 2020 "Global Leadership Summit and Festival of Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technology Festival" conference, which was held in the virtual mode, in 2020. The Conference was organized by CognitionX company in cooperation with Microsoft, UI Path, Elutions, Quantum-Black, and IBM Companies.

Over fifty thousand viewers watched the presentation by of the President of Armenia. This prominent international platform brings together world leaders, heads of major companies, scientists, and reputable representatives from the areas of technologies, artificial intelligence, arts, and other spheres. Among CogX 2020 speakers are also the US former Secretary of State John Kerry, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Tony Blair, former US Ambassador to the UNO, professor of Harvard University Samantha Power, and others. About 600 speakers from different countries and over thirty thousand participants present and discuss issues related to Covid-19 pandemic and healthcare, cyber security, artificial intelligence, problems of the future of the economy and labour market, trying to address the main question of the event - How Do We Get The Next 10 Years Right?

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/11/President-Armen-Sarkissian-take-part-of-CogX-2020/>

The President of Armenia also spoke of the causes of the pandemic, trends of global development, role of education, opportunities for small countries and measures to be taken in the future to withstand the challenges of the changing world.



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## Distant Conversations

20.08.2020

### With the President of the Republic of Singapore Halimah Yacob

Among other issues, the Presidents exchanged information on the situation in the two countries conditioned by the coronavirus pandemic and efforts to overcome it.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/08/20/President-Armen-Sarkisian-had-a-telephone-conversation/>



07.07.2020

### With the President of Latvia Egils Levits

Presidents of Armenia and Latvia exchanged information on the situation with coronavirus in the two countries, experience of their countries in preventing and overcoming the pandemic.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/07/President-Armen-Sarkisian-had-a-telephone-conversation/>



**DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

**12.06.2020**

## **With the President of Serbia Aleksandar Vučić**

After a phone conversation between the President of Armenia Armen Sarkissian and President of Serbia Aleksandar Vučić, Serbia will dispatch humanitarian assistance to Armenia to support our country to fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

The Presidents spoke about the situation created by the pandemic. The President of Serbia underscored that his country is ready to assist Armenia. President Sarkissian passed on to the Serbian side the list of necessary items provided by the RA Minister of Health.

The President of Serbia informed President Sarkissian all the details about the kind and quantity of articles he would be sending to his Armenian friend and in his person to the friendly people of Armenia.

During the phone conversation with the President of Serbia, President Armen Sarkissian thanked Aleksandar Vučić and in his person the friendly Serb people for their constant warm attitude toward Armenia and the Armenian people.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/12/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation-the-President-of-Serbia/>



**DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

**25.05.2020**

**With the President of Montenegro Milo Đukanović**

President Sarkissian conveyed his greetings to Milo Đukanović whose official visit to Armenia was postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Presidents of Armenia and Montenegro exchanged information on the situation related to the pandemic in the two countries, spoke about existing challenges and efforts of the two countries and international community to overcome them.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/05/25/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation-with-the-President-of-Montenegro/>



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

19.05.2020

## With Noubar Afeyan, Armenian American businessman and benefactor

President Armen Sarkissian continues distant conversations and discussions with the famous individuals and entrepreneurs of the Armenian origin, with experts in various areas who in different countries and companies are engaged in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic, including the work on the elaboration of a vaccine. In this context, President Sarkissian had a conversation with the Armenian-American businessman and benefactor Noubar Afeyan.

Noubar Afeyan is the co-founder and CEO of the American Moderna company which has been working vigorously on creating a vaccine to fight the coronavirus. The first phase of the clinical trials has already produced preliminary results.

Noubar Afeyan informed President Sarkissian about this development, noting that the first phase of the vaccine trials was successful. President Sarkissian wished Noubar Afeyan every success in his undertakings and noted that a combi-

nation of experience and knowledge would produce positive results.

The President of the Republic and the Armenian-American businessman exchanged views on the situation with the coronavirus in Armenia, as well as opportunities and avenues to overcome its consequences. The President stressed the importance of mastering the situation through joint efforts and said that only combined efforts would allow to defeat this new calamity.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/05/19/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation-with-Noubar-Afeyan/>





DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

30.04.2020

## With the President of the Republic of Lithuania Gitanas Nausėda

Presidents of Armenia and Lithuania shared information on the situation related to the coronavirus pandemic in the two countries, containment of its spread and steps taken to overcome it. They paid special attention to the measures, mitigating the economic consequences of the pandemic.

The interlocutors stressed the importance of cooperation of the two countries in the fight against the pandemic. In this context, President Sarkissian highly appreciated the humanitarian assistance provided by the government of Lithuania to Armenia to help overcome the pandemic.

Armen Sarkissian said that he holds regular distant talks with his counterparts, presidents of different states to get informed on the taken measures and to learn which of them are the most efficient ones. "In this situation, it is especially important to ensure protection of the hospitals and medical staff and to keep them safe from the infection. It is also

essential to keep the treatment areas from becoming virus spreading areas," noted the President of Armenia.

The interlocutors agreed to continue to regularly exchange information on the situation with the coronavirus pandemic and other issues.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/04/30/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation/>



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

15.04.2020

## With the President of Georgia Salome Zourabichvili

The Presidents of Armenia and Georgia spoke of the measures implemented in the two countries to fight the coronavirus pandemic, undertaken preventive steps and actions to overcome the consequences of the epidemic.

In particular, the interlocutors stressed the established close cooperation and permanent contacts at all levels between the two neighbouring and friendly states and underscored that at challenging times like now the implementation of coordinated measures and joint efforts becomes more important than ever.

The Presidents of Armenia and Georgia expressed confidence that through the joint efforts the situation created by the pandemic and its ramifications would certainly be rectified, and in the future, the two countries would be able to channel the entire potential of cooperation toward the rehabilitation of the economies and prosperity of the peo-

ples. President Sarkissian said that the issue of food security remains urgent, especially under the existing situation. In this context, the parties spoke of warranting food security in the contemporary interconnected world and the region. They also discussed some other issues.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/04/15/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation-with-the-President-of-Georgia/>



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

11.04.2020

## With Jonathan Lacôte, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the French Republic

President Sarkissian and Ambassador Lacôte spoke about the situation related to the new coronavirus pandemic in the two countries, measures undertaken in Armenia and France to contain the spread and overcome the epidemic. They also exchanged views on huge losses caused to the economies by the spread of the new coronavirus, avenues to mitigate them, recovery of the economy, alleviation of the social burden, and necessary means to resolve problems at the labour market. They also discussed opportunities of mutual assistance under the existing conditions.

The interlocutors stressed the importance of uniting efforts and exchanging experience to overcome the global crisis and noted that necessary results can be reached through efficient cooperation and joint efforts.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/04/11/President-Armen-Sarkisian-had-a-telephone-conversation/>



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

02.04.2020

## With Dr. Eric Esrailian, American-Armenian physician, co-director of the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

President Armen Sarkissian continues the consultations related to the containment and treatment of the new coronavirus with international partners, Armenian and foreign experts and scientists. The President had a phone conversation with the renowned American-Armenian physician, co-director of the David Geffen School of Medicine at the UCLA Dr. Eric Esrailian.

Dr. Eric Esrailian is also an active public figure, a member of the Central Board of Directors of the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU), and the producer of The Promise, a Hollywood production about the Armenian Genocide.

President Sarkissian and Dr. Esrailian discussed issues related to the new coronavirus pandemic and opportunities of cooperation to fighting it in Armenia. President Sarkissian stressed the importance of combining efforts, exchanging information and mutual assistance. With this regard, they also spoke about the efficient use of the opportunities provided by the charity programs in Armenia and in the Diaspora.

Erik Esrailian informed that in March 2020, the Public Health School of the University of California, Los Angeles, and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia started to cooperate to prevent the outbreak of coronavirus infection, based on a new project, headed by professor Alina Dorian, of the Promise Armenian Institute UCLA. Professor Dorian's team includes experts from the UCLA and other prestigious institutions, who, owing to the efforts of the Promise Armenian Institute, support Armenia to elaborate a public health strategy.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/04/02/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation-with-Erik-Esrailian/>



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

01.04.2020

### With professor Joseph Babikian, a scientist, engaged in the studies of genetics

The interlocutors spoke about professor Babikian's research on natural and organic substances aimed at enhancing and restoring the of human immune system and his joint work with Armenian scientists at the Rhea Pharmaceutical laboratory, which professor Babikian founded in Armenia.

President Sarkissian and the famous scientist discussed the problems of the coronavirus pandemic and opportunities of cooperation in Armenia to fight the virus in Armenia.

At the moment, professor Babikian is the leading expert at the Charoen Pokphand Indonesia.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/04/01/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation/>



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

01.04.2020

**With Dr. Asher Salmon, Head of the International Relations Department at the Ministry of Health of Israel, and Israel's Coordinator on COVID-19 related issues**

Dr. Salmon presented in detail the steps undertaken to overcome the coronavirus epidemic in Israel.

During the conversation, they also discussed the issue of the possibilities of Israel's assistance to Armenia, and clarified Armenia's needs.

President Sarkissian and Dr. Salmon agreed that a video conference would be held soon between the experts of Armenia and Israel to define concrete areas of future cooperation and to undertaking practical steps.

During the conversation, President Sarkissian also touched upon the implemented steps aimed at developing medical engineering in Armenia and opportunities of cooperation with Israel in this area. Israel has modern medicine and developed healthcare system that could be instructive for Armenia.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/04/01/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation-with-Asher-Shalmon/>



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

28.03.2020

**With professor Ara Darzi, member of the House of Lords of Great Britain, Director of the Institute for Global Health Innovation at Imperial College London and former Minister of Health of Great Britain, and academician Aramayis Kamalov, head of the Medical Centre at the Moscow State University**

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/28/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation/>

During the conversation, the President and academician Kamalov discussed issues pertinent to a possible cooperation in the area of medical engineering.

Referring to their previous discussion on the new coronavirus with Lord Darzi, President stressed the importance of combining efforts and cooperation to overcome the new coronavirus pandemic, also the necessity of exchanging experience and assisting each other. The President noted that during his distant learning lecture for the students of the Mkhitar Heratsi Medical University and National Polytechnic University of Armenia, he offered the future doctors and engineers to work on creating simple artificial lung ventilation devices, used for the treatment of the new coronavirus, and to establish their manufacturing in Armenia. President Sarkissian asked Lord Darzi to discuss the possibility of supporting his initiative of cooperation between the medical engineering specialists of Imperial College London, and the two Armenian universities.

President Sarkissian also had a telephone conversation with Noubar Afeyan, the prominent American-Armenian businessman and benefactor, co-founder and President of the American biotechnological company Moderna Therapeutics, during which the latter spoke about the company's coronavirus vaccine development and testing.



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24.03.2020

## With the Emir of the State of Qatar Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani

The President of Armenia and the Emir of Qatar exchanged information on the situation with the new coronavirus outbreak in their countries, and on the steps aimed at the prevention and containment of the virus. From the viewpoint of enhancing the efficiency of the fight against the pandemic, they stressed the importance of joint efforts and cooperation with international partners. They also discussed the possibility of practical mutual assistance.

Thanking for the friendly attitude towards Armenia and readiness to help, President Sarkissian expressed confidence that through the joint efforts it would be possible to fight against the virus more efficiently.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/24/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation/>





DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

24.03.2020

## With the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/24/President-Armen-Sarkisian-had-a-telephone-conversation-/>

During a cordial and friendly conversation, the President of Armenia and the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi exchanged information on the spread of the new coronavirus in their countries and in the world, stressed the importance of direct dialogues between the leadership of the two countries and exchange of ideas and opinions based on the situation.

Noting about his awareness of the preventive steps taken by the UAE authorities, President Sarkissian said that preventive steps have been implemented in Armenia as well.

The interlocutors stressed the importance of immediate and continued cooperation in this complicated and critical situation, and exchange of information and experience between the two countries. President Sarkissian said that the Emirati experience is of essential significance for Armenia. In his turn, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi noted that his country is ready to assist Armenia in every possible way. The interlocutors also discussed the opportunities of practical assistance.

President Sarkissian said that in the current situation, food security remains a pressing issue in the world. The parties viewed cooperation in this sphere as a priority and agreed to speed up taking practical steps, aimed at making Armenia a regional platform.



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

22.03.2020

## With Reuven Rivlin, the President of the State of Israel

The Presidents exchanged information on the situation with the new coronavirus in their countries, and the steps undertaken to prevent and contain the infection.

Considering the fact that Israel has one of the best medical and healthcare systems in the world, developed, progressive, and based on scientific innovations, President Sarkissian noted that Israel's assistance in the form of expert consulting, as well as providing equipment and devices, would be a great help for Armenia in our efforts to contain the outbreak of the coronavirus.

According to the agreement reached by Armen Sarkissian and Reuven Rivlin, for a more substantive and professional discussion of the issue, a telephone conversation will take place between the health officials of the executive authorities of the two countries. If necessary, the specialists will also conduct a videoconference in the extended format to assess the needs.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/22/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation-with-the-President-of-Israel/>



**DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

**21.03.2020**

**With Nour Afeyan, the well-known American-Armenian businessman and benefactor, co-founder of the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative**

The American Moderna Therapeutics biotechnological company, the co-founder and President of which is Nour Afeyan, created a vaccine against the coronavirus, undergoing clinical testing at the Kaiser Permanent Healthcare Research Institute in Seattle, Washington, since March 17.

During the conversation, Nour Afeyan spoke about the creation and testing of the vaccine against the coronavirus.

The interlocutors discussed the situation in the world, including Armenia, due to the outbreak of the coronavirus and measures to prevent its spread and treatment options, as well as their efficiency.

Speaking of the steps, undertaken to prevent the virus spread, and scale it back, President Sarkissian also viewed essential joint efforts and cooperation with international partners.

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Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/21/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation/>



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

16.03.2020

## With Sergio Mattarella, the President of the Italian Republic

The interlocutors discussed in detail the situation related to the spread of the new coronavirus in the world, particularly in Armenia and Italy.

The Presidents exchanged information on the situation with the outbreak and tendencies of the new coronavirus in their countries, on the measures aimed at the prevention and treatment, and stressed the importance of coordinated and balanced actions of the authorities and citizens' responsible and disciplined attitude.

Sergio Mattarella presented the situation with the epidemic in Italy, the positive and negative consequences of the steps taken towards thwarting the future spread of the disease, treatment of those infected, and mitigation of the damage caused by the virus to the economy of the country and rehabilitation.

Expressing support to the President and people of Italy, President Sarkissian informed that relevant steps were also taken in Armenia to protect people's health and withstand the on-

slaught of the new coronavirus. The President stressed that in case of such globally dangerous diseases when epidemics rapidly spread and the risk is much greater, it is necessary to find universal solutions and rapidly exchange experience and information.

The Presidents of Armenia and Italy concurred that regardless of measures taken by each state individually, cooperation in the exchange of information and experience among countries and relevant structures could also result in an increased efficiency of the fight against the disease.

The Presidents agreed to continue regularly exchange pertinent information.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/16/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation-/>



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

14.03.2020

## With Director-General of the World Health Organization Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

After their meeting last February in Munich, the President of Armenia and Director-General of the WHO spoke once again about the current situation and tendencies related to the spread of the new coronavirus in the world, including Armenia, its possible consequences, as well as about the measures to thwart the infection and treat the disease.

President Sarkissian expressed gratitude for the technical and expert assistance the Organization provided to Armenia, noted at the Munich meeting.

The fact that the WHO declared about the pandemic speaks of the gravity of the situation, and makes even more important in this situation the necessity to join international and national efforts, and to take mutual and coordinated steps on the states' level, particularly border control, public mobility and mutual assistance which is especially significant in case of Armenia. In this context, the Director-General of WHO underscored that the Organization would hold the situation in

Armenia in the centre of its attention.

The President of Armenia noted that he agrees with the approach of the Director-General with regard to the preventive and preemptive measures and national strategies to be developed by the states and informed that an interagency commission has been created in Armenia to prevent the spread of the virus. He also said that directions offered by the WHO for the development of national strategies and active involvement of the Organization's experts would be extremely valuable. President Sarkissian stressed the importance of the advisory activities of the Organization's experts who already arrived in Armenia, noting the necessity of their continuous presence, as well as the involvement of additional experts and specialists.



**DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

President of the Republic underlined the importance of enhancing the efficiency of the measures aimed at taking under control the spread of the new coronavirus all over the world, as soon as possible.

The parties concurred that towards this end the authorities and public at large should understand the whole seriousness of the situation, be self-organized, with a high sense of responsibility and discipline.

The President of Armenia and Director-General of the WHO spoke about thwarting the disease through innovation and education, particularly related to diagnosing the new cases of coronavirus, vaccination and research aimed at its treatment.

The President of Armenia and Director-General of the World Health Organization agreed to regularly exchange information on the existing situation.

Before this phone call, President Sarkissian spoke with the RA Minister of Health Arsen Torosyan who presented the necessary information pertinent to the situation with the coronavirus in Armenia. After the phone call, President Sarkissian informed the Minister on the agreements reached with the Director-General of the WHO and his recommendations.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/14/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation/>



**DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

**10.06.2020**

**With Kersti Kaljulaid, the President of the Republic of Estonia**

The Presidents exchanged information on the situation with the coronavirus pandemic in both countries, measures to prevent and contain it, and discussed opportunities of cooperation in the fight against the virus.

President Sarkissian thanked the President of Estonia for providing 30,000 Euros to the Children of Armenia Fund (COAF) which will be channeled toward the fight against the pandemic and acquisition of the necessary medical equipment.

The Presidents of Armenia and Estonia spoke also about the development of bilateral relations, stressing in particular the existing great potential for cooperation in the areas of technologies, artificial intelligence, science and technology, and education, including cooperation in the framework of the Presidential ATOM Initiative.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation/>



**DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

**23.07.2020**

## **With Sergio Mattarella, the President of Italy**

Noting that culture unites Armenia and Italy in the best possible way, the Presidents of Armenia and Italy stressed the importance of organizing exhibitions dedicated to Venice and Armenian painting to be presented at the Presidential Palaces in Yerevan and Rome respectively, in September.

The Presidents exchanged views on the situation with coronavirus in the two countries and avenues to overcome it. The President of Armenia thanked his Italian counterpart for the assistance provided to Armenia in the fight against the pandemic and noted that recently he met with the team of Italian medical workers who had come to assist their Armenian colleagues and pass on their experience of fighting coronavirus. President Sarkissian underscored that President Mattarella's personal input in that assistance was great and expressed confidence that only through joint efforts it would be possible to overcome the pandemic and get back to normal life. In his turn, President Mattarella highly appreciated President Sarkissian's support in difficult for Italy days.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/23/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation-with-the-President-of-Italy/>





**DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

**03.04.2020**

**To carry out the analysis in the Report on Armenia’s Investment Policy in the context of current challenges and opportunities. President Armen Sarkissian**

In the framework of the consultations with international partners on overcoming the pandemic of new coronavirus, President of Armenia Armen Sarkissian spoke on the phone with James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

President Sarkissian underscored the important role of this international specialized structure in evaluating the impact of the new coronavirus on the global economic development. The President highly appreciated the analysis of the UNCTAD on the impact of the COVID-19 for the global economy.

President Sarkissian referred to their meeting in August 2019, during which he proposed to write the report of the UNCTAD on Armenia’s investment policies against the backdrop of the global challenges and opportunities.

James Zhan noted that he fully shares President’s viewpoint that the expansion of international cooperation is necessary to overcome the consequences of the coronavirus. He asked the President of Armenia, who is also the President of the UNCTAD Panel of Eminent Persons, to initiate consultations with the members of the Panel to exchange information and data.

James Zhan also expressed readiness to update the report on Armenia as soon as possible. The parties agreed that consultations with President Sarkissian on this and other topics would continue in the coming weeks as well.



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Back in October 2018, during his working visit to Geneva, President Sarkissian reached an agreement with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD Mukhisa Kituyi that the UNCTAD would prepare a report on Armenia's investment policies. The report, with the enclosed analysis and recommendations, was prepared and presented to the government of Armenia for consideration in September 2019.

In October 2019, President Sarkissian was elected the President of the UNCTAD Panel of Eminent Persons. The Panel offers consulting on the perspectives for trade and trends for the next ten years, on the pivotal and urgent economic development challenges, offers ideas and solutions to overcome them. The Panel comprises heads of states and governments, reputable economists, and experts.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/04/03/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation/>



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

## Other Discussions with International Partners

24.03.2020

### President Armen Sarkissian received the President of the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU) Armenia Vazgen Yakubyan

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/24/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Vazgen-Yakubyan/>

The AGBU is the largest Armenian non-profit organization in the world that has its presence in over 30 countries. President Sarkissian inquired how Armenian Diaspora communities and Armenians in different countries withstand the challenges triggered by the novel coronavirus pandemic in the world.

In this context, it was also discussed how the AGBU resources and capacities in Armenia, Artsakh and the Diaspora can be used more efficiently.

Armenia will be provided with a large number of artificial lung ventilation devices. President Sargsyan received the Head of the UN World Food Program Armenia Office on March 25, 2020



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25.03.2020

**Armenia will get a considerable quantity of artificial lung ventilation devices. President Sarkissian received the UN World Food Programme representative and country director in Armenia**

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/25/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Elena-Miloshevich/>

The interlocutors stated that Armenia and the UN WFP cooperate efficiently.

Conditioned by the spread of the new coronavirus in the world, the interlocutors stressed issues related to food security as a priority. In this context, President Sarkisian highlighted the importance of making steps aimed at establishing Armenia as a regional hub for food security. He underscored that preliminary agreements have already been reached with the heads of some countries and specialized international organizations.

Noting that the World Food Programme is a well-known international structure among the first responders in emergency situations, President Sarkissian suggested along with the food related issues, to discuss also the opportunities of supplying Armenia with medical equipment. In response to the President's proposal, Jelena Milosevic said that she has already appealed to international donors, and very soon Armenia will receive a considerable quantity of artificial lung ventilation devices.



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

08.04.2020

## The President of China sent a letter to the President of Armenia

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian had sent a letter to the President of the People's Republic of China, in which he highly appreciated the progress registered by China in fighting the new coronavirus.

In his letter of response, President Xi Jinping thanked President Sarkissian and expressed readiness to assist Armenia in containing the epidemic.

President Sarkissian continued discussions and the dialogue with the President of the People's Republic China.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/04/08/President-Armen-Sarkissian-recvied-letter-from-the-President-of-China/>



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

19.06.2020

## A new page in Armenian-French relations. President Armen Sarkissian hosted a group of french medical workers

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/19/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-doctors/>

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian hosted a group of French medical workers who arrived in Armenia to help their Armenian colleagues fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

Welcoming the guests and in their person sending his words of gratitude to friendly France, its President and people, President Sarkissian said in particular, "Armenia is going through difficult times. You have come to Armenia to help our country, and to help us save lives. By being here you are not only helping patients and doctors but also the Ministry which needs to learn from your experience, your success and failures."

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France to Armenia Jonathan Lacôte thanked the President of Armenia for hospitality and noted that the next week, through the assistance of the government of France, another group of medical staff would arrive in Armenia. He viewed as significant the fact that neither of the doctors, who arrived from France, have Armenian roots and will discover Armenia for the first time. "I hope that this mission will open a new page in the Armenian-French relations," said the Ambassador. He added that the French specialists were in Armenia to share their experience and to help Armenia overcome the existing situation.

Highly appreciating the gratifying assistance of the French doctors, President Sarkissian wished them good health and safe return to France.

The French doctors noted that they had discussions with their Armenian colleagues and presented their experience to them.



DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

26.06.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian hosted the second group of of French medical workers

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian hosted the second group of French medical personnel who have arrived in Armenia to assist their Armenian colleagues in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic. The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France to Armenia Jonathan Lacôte, Executive Director of the Armenian National Interest Fund David Papazian, and the first Deputy Minister of Health Anahit Avnessian.

President Sarkissian welcomed the French doctors, among them our compatriots Lorane Papazian and Hayk Vardanian. "It is commendable that you have come to help and support your Armenian colleagues and our people. The President and government of Armenia appreciate very much everything you are doing now," underscored the President. "After your hard work to defeat the pandemic in France, coming to Armenia, where the epidemic continues, is a brave step indeed, as you run the risk, lending us a helping hand."

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France to Armenia Jonathan Lacôte also thanked the doctors for visiting the friendly Armenia and noted that in this period of time,

they would be French ambassadors in the Armenian medical institutions.

President Sarkissian asked Ambassador Lacôte to convey his thanks to the President of France Emmanuel Macron, the French government, and the friendly people of France for helping our country at this difficult time.

The French medical staff noted that they are ready to help their Armenian colleagues who in these days of the pandemic are doing an immense and special job.

At the conclusion of the meeting, President Sarkissian suggested the French medical workers visit Armenia again after the pandemic is over, as well as continue the exchange of professional experience, and establish working ties with their Armenian colleagues. Students can also be involved in the experience sharing thus upholding and passing the traditions of brotherly and friendly relations on to the next generations.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/26/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-doctors/>



**DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

**13.07.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian hosted the group of Italian medical workers**

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian hosted a group of medical workers from Italy who have arrived in Armenia to assist their Armenian colleagues in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic. The First Deputy Minister of Health Anahit Avanesyan and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Italy to Armenia Vincenzo Del Monaco were also present at the meeting.

President Sarkissian thanked the Italian medical personnel for the assistance and noted that it would have been much nicer to host them not due to the pandemic, but on a visit to see and reveal Armenia.

The President invited all medical workers to visit Armenia again, after the pandemic.

Ambassador Vincenzo Del Monaco noted that the experience of the Italian medical workers would be useful for the Armenian colleagues and the friendly people of Armenia.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/13/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Italian-doctors/>





DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

30.06.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian received the group of Lithuanian medical workers

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/30/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-doctors/>

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian welcomed a group of medical workers from Lithuania who have arrived in Armenia to help their Armenian colleagues fight against the coronavirus pandemic. The Head of the EU Office in Armenia, Ambassador Andrea Wiktorin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Lithuania in Armenia Inga Stanytė-Toločkienė, Chargé d'Affaires a. i. of the Embassy of Sweden in Yerevan Birger Karlsson, and the RA First Deputy Minister of Health Anahit Avanesyan. President Sarkissian welcomed the doctors and expressed gratitude for helping.

Ambassador Andrea Wiktorin also thanked the doctors for arriving in Armenia and stressed the importance of the assistance provided by the EU member states during the pandemic. She informed that soon groups of doctors from Italy and Germany will also arrive in Armenia.

Ambassador of Lithuania to Armenia Inga Stanytė-Toločkienė also stressed the importance of the Lithuanian doctors' visit from the viewpoint of developing bilateral relations.

Doctors from Lithuania presented their experience and proposals on the most efficient ways to fight the coronavirus pandemic. At the conclusion of the meeting, President Sarkissian invited everybody to visit Armenia with their families and friends after the pandemic, maintain ties with their Armenian colleagues and the traditional friendship between the two countries.



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21.07.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian hosted the team of German medical workers

President Armen Sarkissian hosted a team of medical workers from Germany who have arrived in Armenia to assist their Armenian colleagues in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic and share their experience.

President Sarkissian expressed gratitude to the medical workers for their mission, and noted that the pandemic is a global tragedy which can be defeated only through a global struggle against it.

President Sarkissian invited everybody to visit Armenia with their families and friends after the pandemic.

Ambassador of Germany to Armenia Michael Banzhaf thanked for hospitality and noted that Germany views this pandemic as a global challenge, and their team is here to support the efforts to overcome it. According to the Ambassador, this visit will also allow to establish a long-term cooperation in the area of healthcare between the two countries.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/21/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-doctors/>



**PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS AND DISTANT CONVERSATIONS**

**20.03.2020**

## **President Sarkissian had a working meeting with the Minister of Health**

The President of the Republic had a working meeting with the Minister of Health Arsen Torosyan.

The Minister informed President Sarkissian on the current situation with the outbreak and tendencies of the new coronavirus in Armenia, as well as presented measures undertaken to prevent and treat that illness. The Minister spoke also of the existing problems.

President Armen Sarkissian stressed the importance of the steps taken to protect public health protection of public health and prevent the spread of the new coronavirus. From the viewpoint of exchanging information and experience, the President highlighted the importance of cooperation with different states and relevant international organizations which might enhance the efficiency of the fight against the disease.

President Sarkissian expressed readiness to assist and support the government on this issue in every possible way.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/20/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Arsen-Torosyan/>



**PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS AND DISTANT CONVERSATIONS**

**01.04.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian initiated a series of distant conversations with the heads of a number of cultural, scientific-educational institutions and academic institutions, and cultural figures**

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/04/01/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-telephone-conversation-with-Mark-Grigoryan-and-Eduard-Topchyan/>

President Armen Sarkissian initiated a series of distant conversation with the heads of the Republic's cultural, scientific, educational, and academic establishments, and cultural figures. The President wishes to encourage them, to learn about their work under the emergency situation and future plans.

In this context, President Armen Sarkissian spoke on the phone with the Director of the National Museum-Institute of Architecture Mark Grigorian.

President Sarkissian inquired about the state of the Museum, the ongoing and future programs. Underscoring the unique place of the Armenian architecture in the world architectural heritage, President Sarkissian stressed the importance of the Museum's role in presenting its best traditions. He promised to visit the Museum as soon as the conditions related to the spread of the new coronavirus and emergency situation have stabilized.

President Armen Sarkissian also spoke on the phone with the artistic director and chief conductor of Armenia's State Philharmonic Orchestra, Eduard Topchian.

The President inquired about the Orchestra's work under the emergency situation and the fate of the programs planned before.

E. Topchian informed that all plans of the Orchestrea were postponed, like elsewhere in the world, and for the moment, the contacts with the music-loving public are organized via internet.

Stressing the importance of maintaining the ties with the audiences, President Sarkissian expressed hope that after the situation has stabilized, all programs would be called to life and noted that some joint programs with the Office of the President might be carried out as well.



**PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS AND DISTANT CONVERSATIONS**

**30.04.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian had a distant conversation on the topic “Startups after the coronavirus” with the startup community**

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/04/30/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-virtual-campfire-talk-with-Startup-Armenia-Foundation/>

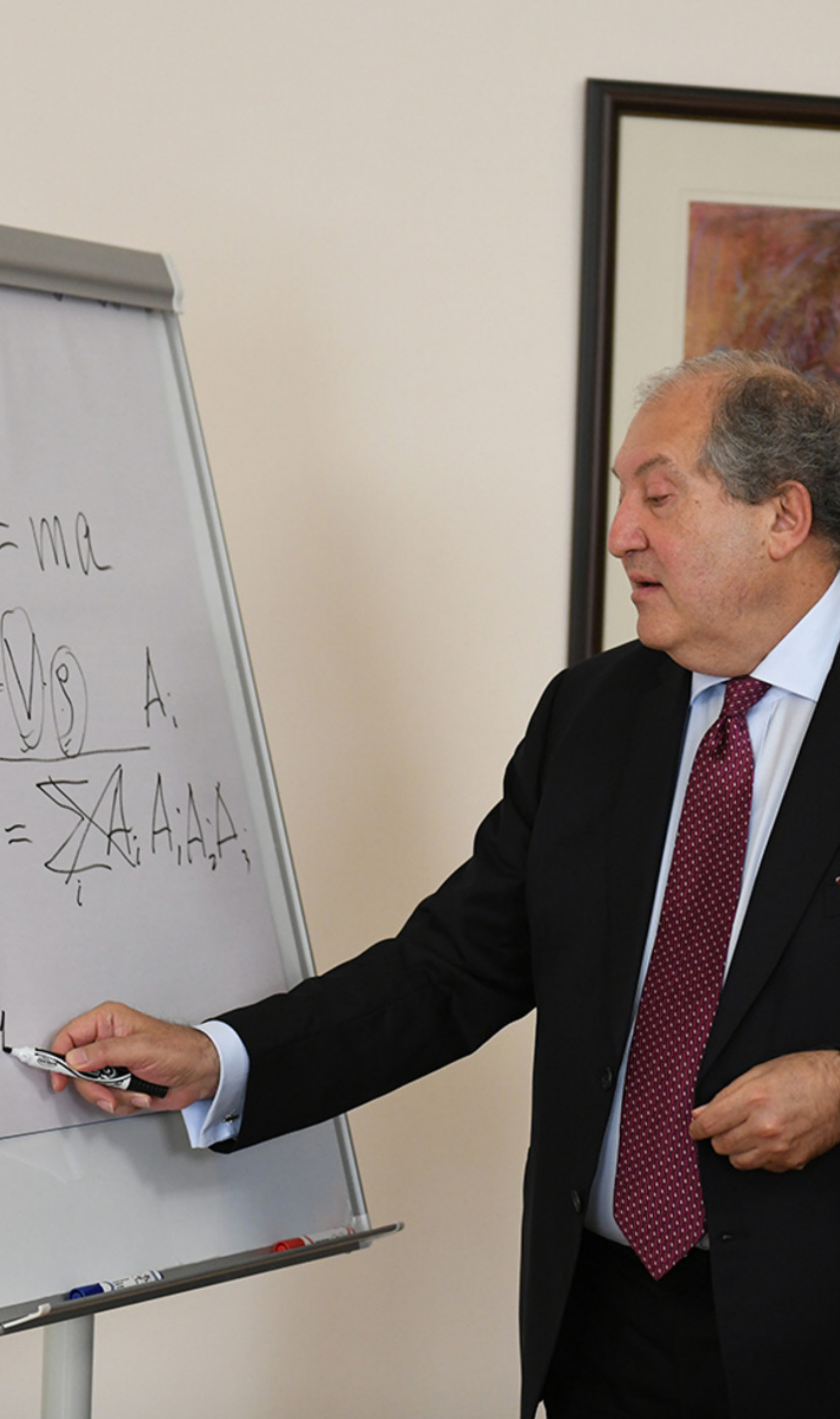
On the initiative of the Startup Armenia Fund, President Armen Sarkissian had a distant conversation on the topic “Startups after the coronavirus” with the representatives of the Armenian startup community. During the conversation, President Sarkissian spoke in particular about the situation due to the recent pandemic in the world and in Armenia, and the activities of startups under those circumstances.

Responding to the question on post-pandemic expectations, President Sarkissian noted that the threat posed by the virus still remains.

The President underscored that the world was already changing, and the coronavirus just speeded up the understanding of that change.

Speaking of the role of startups in the new situation, President Sarkissian noted that the world is moving in the direction where the role of startups will not decrease, but will increase.

The President of Armenia also responded to numerous questions of the startup community representatives that pertained mostly to the areas which would be perspective after the coronavirus pandemic, possible assistance to startups, as well as some concrete projects.



**PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS AND DISTANT CONVERSATIONS**

**02.05.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian had a distant conversation with the representatives of the Armenian startup ecosystem**

The educational system, as well as the conducive environment and conditions are significant for the development of startups and new technologies. President Armen Sarkissian said it during a distant conversation on the topic “Startups after the coronavirus” with the representatives of the Armenian startup ecosystem.

President Sarkissian stressed the importance of the education-industry-market link for the development of startups. In this context, he touched upon the Presidential ATOM (Advanced tomorrow) initiative.

Responding to the question about which areas have shown deficiencies resulting from the coronavirus pandemic and what solutions the startups can offer, President Sarkissian advised the young people to analyze the world before the pandemic and think of what it would be after, how it would change, and how we would change. As for the areas where startups can work actively, the President said that they are multiple.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/05/02/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-virtual-campfire-talk-with-Startup-Armenia-Foundation/>



**PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS AND DISTANT CONVERSATIONS**

**06.05.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian participated in the webinar “The World after the Pandemic: Transformation Scenarios”**

President Armen Sarkissian participated in “The World After the Pandemic: Transformation Scenarios” webinar which was initiated by the Foundation for Armenian Science and Technology (FAST) in cooperation with the Futures Studios discussion platform.

Webinars with the participation of statesmen, leading specialists and experts from different areas allow to conduct open discussions to find solutions in different situations, in this particular case, to overcome the situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Founding Director of FAST Armen Orujian noted that it is useful to listen to the viewpoints and approaches of President Sarkissian, who has extensive experience in the scientific, diplomatic and international cooperation areas, regarding the situation created by the pandemic and avenues to overcome it.

The President noted that the pandemic is not only a health problem, it is a much more complicated issue. The President

said that the world was destined to change regardless of the coronavirus. Responding to the question on the rehabilitation of the economy after the coronavirus, the President noted that the pandemic would undoubtedly hinder advancement but after the pandemic, there should be new approaches in ecology, business activities, healthcare system and other areas.

Speaking about the anticipated fundamental changes at the global as well as the national level, President Sarkissian observed that multiple global risks, including pandemics, were manifesting not the classical but quantum behavior. He noted that with or without the coronavirus, the world is moving fast toward changes. Armen Sarkissian said it was necessary to be very serious in setting priorities which should pertain to food security, IT, and biotechnology areas.



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The President noted that after the coronavirus he would resume the ATOM Presidential Initiative, which is aimed at bringing international corporations to Armenia, creation of laboratories working on artificial intelligence since it would be the main tool in the areas of food security, agriculture, interstate relations, fight against the coronavirus, development of biotechnologies, healthcare and others. According to the President, science will be one of the most attractive and interesting areas for investments and cooperation. It will be interconnected with technologies and will show the way toward the future.

President Sarkissian also spoke about the Moderna Therapeutics pharmaceutical company of Noubar Afeyan, who is a co-founder of the FAST, which is planning to speed up the production of a potential vaccine against the coronavirus. Noting with satisfaction that our compatriot is on the frontlines of a scientific discovery, the President stressed the importance of establishing and re-establishing the relations with our compatriots in the Diaspora, and with the scientific community

In the new, changing world, the President stressed the importance of uniting forces and underscored that joint efforts would yield results.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/05/06/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-virtual-campfire-talk/>





**PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS AND DISTANT CONVERSATIONS**

**20.05.2020**

**President Sarkissian initiated meetings with political forces, and public sector representatives and specialists**

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/05/20/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-the-members-of-Dashnaksutyun-Party/>

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian initiated a series of meetings with parliamentary and extra-parliamentary political forces, non-governmental organizations, and specialists of various fields to discuss the situation due to the coronavirus pandemic, its economic consequences, and ways of overcoming these new challenges.

Within this framework, President Sarkissian met with the representative of the ARF Supreme Council of Armenia Ishkhan Saghatelyan and member of the ARF Bureau Arsen Hambardzumyan.

The interlocutors discussed issues related to the situation created by the pandemic, economic difficulties, opportunities and ways of overcoming them. They agreed that only through joint efforts can we overcome this challenge. The representatives of the ARF presented their views on possible avenues to address the situation.

The interlocutors also exchanged views on the country's internal and foreign agenda issues. They also discussed a number of the all-national agenda items, including events dedicated to the 105th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of Sèvres, and the forthcoming anniversary of the First Republic. They informed the President of Armenia that some events planned by the ARF were postponed due to the existing situation.

They also touched upon the President's initiative to set up an all-national park - Hay Park. The guests hailed this initiative of national scope aimed at enhancing national solidarity.



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**21.05.2020**

## **President Armen Sarkissian received the Human Rights Defender of Armenia**

President Armen Sarkissian had a working meeting with the Human Rights Defender of Armenia Arman Tatoyan.

They discussed issues pertinent to the protection of human rights during the coronavirus pandemic. Arman Tatoyan informed that the staff of the Human Rights Defender works around the clock, examines and analyzes issues raised by the citizens, and takes steps toward their resolution.

President Armen Sarkissian stressed the importance of human rights protection in such complex situations and the role of the Ombudsman's institution in fulfilling similar tasks.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/05/21/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Arman-Tatoyan/>



**PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS AND DISTANT CONVERSATIONS**

**23.05.2020**

**President Sarkissian received the leader of the “My Step” faction of the National Assembly Lilit Makunts and member of the faction Ruben Rubinyan**

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian continues his series of meetings with parliamentary and extra-parliamentary political forces, non-governmental organizations, and specialists of various fields to discuss the situation due to the coronavirus pandemic and its consequences.

In this context, the President received the leader of the “My Step” faction of the National Assembly Lilit Makunts and member of the faction, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Relations Ruben Rubinian.

The interlocutors spoke about the situation due to the pandemic, its impact on the social and economic life of the country, and avenues to overcome existing difficulties. They underscored the importance of cooperation with international partners, likewise at the level of parliaments, and exchange of experience to efficiently fight against coronavirus.

The interlocutors also exchanged views on the country's domestic and foreign policies, activities of the National Assembly, and some other issues.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/05/23/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-members-of-My-step-party/>



**PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS AND DISTANT CONVERSATIONS**

**25.05.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian received NA “Prosperous Armenia” faction deputies Mikayel Melkumyan and Shaké Isayan**

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/05/25/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Mikayel-Melqumyan-and-Shaqe-Isayan/>

Continuing the series of meetings to discuss the situation due to the coronavirus pandemic and its consequences, President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received deputies Michael Melkumian and Shaké Isayan of the “Prosperous Armenia” faction at the National Assembly.

In particular, they spoke about the ways and solutions of overcoming the existing healthcare, social, and economic difficulties that emerged due to the pandemic. The deputies presented data on the implemented activities and undertaken steps to the President.

They also touched upon the activities of the National Assembly. In this context, President Sarkissian presented in particular his observations with regard to Lanzarote Convention recently ratified by the National Assembly. He expressed hope that debates over the Convention would become not the end but the beginning of public discussions and through the relevant laws would promote to find solutions appropriate for our country and national culture.



**PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS AND DISTANT CONVERSATIONS**

**27.05.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian had another distant conversation with the students of the Yerevan branch of the Plekhanov University of Economics**

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/05/27/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-virtual-talk-with-students/>

President Armen Sarkissian had a distant meeting-conversation with the students of the Yerevan branch of the Plekhanov University of Economics of Russia, during which he spoke about the coronavirus pandemic, as well as its consequences and impact.

At the outset, the President of the Republic urged everyone to be very serious about the pandemic.

President Sarkissian underscored that since the world and means of communication have changed, such viruses become more dangerous.

The President also responded to the students' questions related to the new tendencies of globalization and Armenia's future, as well as Presidential initiatives, particularly the creation of an all-national park, the Hay Park, on the territory of the Armenian Genocide Memorial in Tsitsernakaberd.



**PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS AND DISTANT CONVERSATIONS**

**03.06.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian continues to meet with specialists to discuss the situation due to the coronavirus pandemic, and the ways of overcoming its consequences**

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/03/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-meetings/>

President Armen Sarkissian continues the series of meetings with parliamentary and extra-parliamentary political forces, non-governmental organizations and specialists of various fields to discuss the situation due to the coronavirus pandemic, and ways to overcome its consequences.

In this context, President Sarkissian met with Vaché Gabrielyan, the former Deputy Prime Minister, Dean of the School of Business and Economics of the American University of Armenia, Levon Barkhudarian, the former Minister of Finance and Economy, Bagrat Asatryan, the former Chairman of the Central Bank, and Vahagn Khatchatrian, the former Mayor of Yerevan.

During the discussions, they touched upon the situation created by the coronavirus pandemic, and the ways and opportunities to mitigate its economic consequences.

The participants of the meeting presented their expert opinions and views to the President.



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**05.06.2020**

## **President Sarkissian met with the Minister of Health**

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the Minister of Health Arsen Torosyan. President Sarkissian expressed anxiety and concern with the situation created by the coronavirus pandemic. At the President's proposal, the Minister presented information and clarifications on the strategy to overcome the pandemic, undertaken steps, and existing problems.

Minister Torosyan informed the President of the Republic on the current situation with the coronavirus pandemic in the country, process of treatment and rehabilitation of the patients, problems existing in the healthcare system and its most pressing needs.

President Sarkissian expressed readiness, within the scope of his abilities and personal connections, to assist in establishing ties and cooperation with different countries and structures to overcome the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/05/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Arsen-Torosyan/>



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**09.06.2020**

**President Sarkissian held a working meeting with the specialist of the healthcare system**

President Armen Sarkissian held a working meeting to discuss the situation due to the coronavirus pandemic, measures aimed at its prevention and containment, as well as the existing opportunities and in that context, the problems of the healthcare system. The Minister of Health Arsen Torosyan, Scientific Director of Arabkir Medical Centre and former Minister of Health Ara Babloyan, Rector of the Yerevan State Medical University and former Minister of Health Armen Muradyan, Director of Nork Centre of Infectious Diseases Mher Davidyants, Director of the National Centre for Disease Control and Prevention at the Ministry of Health Artavazd Vanyan, Chief of the Thoracic Surgery Department at the St. Gregory Illuminator medical Centre Hovhannes Sargavagian, Director of the Astghik Medical Centre Asatour Asatrian, and Chief of the Cardiothoracic Surgery of the same Centre Mihir Sousani were present at the meeting.

President Sarkissian noted that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss with the responsible representatives of the healthcare system and eminent experts three main issues: the current situation with the pandemic and forthcoming steps, issues related to the management of the healthcare system, and how the President and the Presidential Institution can assist in resolving these issues and overcoming the pandemic.

According to President Sarkissian, at the moment the country is going through tough times, and the President has to overstep his constitutional authorities and act as a person who can help and assist, particularly through his international connections and abilities.

The President of the Republic viewed as appropriate that on June 21 – Medical Workers' Day, doctors and other medical workers receive high state awards. President Sarkissian suggested that the Minister of Health raises this issue with the government.





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During the discussion, the President of the Republic also noted that the world will be different after the coronavirus.

Participants of the meeting, which lasted more than three hours, presented their views and proposals on the containment of the pandemic and improvement of the situation. The heads of medical institutions provided information on the situation, undertaken steps, existing problems and difficulties.

Summarizing the meeting, President Sarkissian went back to some issues. The President noted that the situation, regardless of painful consequences, has also some advantages in a sense that a number of countries have already overcome the most complicated part of the pandemic, added new resources and are ready to assist.

At the conclusion of the meeting, President Sarkissian used the opportunity and addressed all compatriots in Armenia, Artsakh, and in the Diaspora, emphasizing once more that discipline and responsibility are the best medicine under these circumstances.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/09/President-Armen-Sarkissians-meeting/>



**PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS AND DISTANT CONVERSATIONS**

**17.06.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian met with the Director General of the Republic's largest Medical Centre Harutyun Kushkyan Erebuni**

President Armen Sarkissian continues the series of meetings with the healthcare experts to discuss the opportunities of containing the coronavirus pandemic.

President Armen Sarkissian met with the Director General of Erebuni, Armenia's largest medical centre, former Minister of Health Harutyun Kushkian.

The interlocutors spoke about the situation created by the pandemic, opportunities and avenues of containing and overcoming it. Harutyun Kushkian informed about the activities carried out and measures undertaken against COVID-19 in the medical centre under his guidance; he also presented his approaches and proposals related to the containment of the pandemic.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/17/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Harutyun-Qushqyan/>



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**17.06.2020**

## **President Sarkissian met with the Executive Director of the Izmirlian Medical Centre**

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/17/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Armen-Charchyan/>

President Armen Sarkissian continues his meetings with healthcare representatives, in particular to discuss the opportunities of preventing and overcoming the coronavirus pandemic. President met with Armen Charchyan, the Executive Director of the Izmirlian Medical Centre, one of the major medical institutions in the Republic.

They discussed issues pertinent to the opportunities and possible solutions of containing the pandemic, and in this context, the difficulties existing in the healthcare system. The Director of the Centre informed the President on the measures undertaken in the Izmirlian Centre, presented his approaches and proposals to fight against the pandemic.

Considering essential to withstand the pandemic, the interlocutors agreed that the strategy for healthcare, with clear development guidelines and predictions, will further help us to be most prepared for such pandemics. They also stressed the importance of emerging from the situation created by the pandemic with minimal human and economic losses. President Sarkissian noted that every effort and resource should be used to overcome this situation together, through joined efforts.



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**24.06.2020**

**President Sarkissian participated in “COVID-19: The Success and Pathways for Global Cooperation” online webinar**

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian participated in the “COVID-19: The Success and Pathways for Global Cooperation” online webinar organized by the Foundation for Armenian Science and Technology (FAST).

Among the participants of the webinar were also Lord Ara Darzi, Director of the Institute of Global Health Innovation at Imperial College London; Noubar Afeyan, co-founder of FAST, founder and President of Moderna Company; Anahit Avanesian, Deputy Minister of Health of Armenia; professor Vardui Petrossian, Dean of Turpanjian School of Public Health at the American University of Armenia; Dr. Hitoshi Oshitani, a professor at the Department of Virology of the Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine and a member of the panel advising the government on the coronavirus outbreak; Tomochika Uyama, Director General at the Secretariat of the Japan’s Cabinet on the Novel Coronavirus Disease and Prevention; professor Karl Lauterbach, Bundestag expert on healthcare issues.

During the webinar, which was moderated by the Executive Director of FAST Armen Orujian, the President of Armenia and reputable scholars and experts discussed avenues to overcome, as well as touched upon and spoke about cooperation of the countries in the fight against the global challenge.

In President Sarkissian’s words, along with economic difficulties, there will be issues related to food security; so it is necessary to think how to overcome them.



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The participants of the webinar presented the experience of their own countries in the fight against the pandemic, also undertaken steps and measures. The co-founder of FAST and President of the American Moderna Company Noubar Afeyan, in his turn provided information on the work conducted in Moderna related to the vaccine against coronavirus. Speaking of cooperation of different countries in the fight against the pandemic and referring to the voiced opinions, President Sarkissian stressed the importance of acting based on scientific approaches. He noted that the authorities of any country should have the opportunity of using scholars' opinions.

At the proposal of the President of of the Republic, the foreign participants of the webinar transmitted their professional recommendations to Armenia.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/24/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-online-convarsetion/>



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**25.06.2020**

## **President Armen Sarkissian met with a group of entrepreneurs**

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with a group of businessmen, the Presidium members of the Union of Manufacturers and Businessmen of Armenia (UMBA) to discuss the difficulties and problems in the economy due to the pandemic, ways of resolving them, and opportunities of supporting businessmen for development. The UMBA Chairman Arsen Ghazarian, Presidium members Norayr Khachatryan (Imex Group), Armen Mkoyan (Elite Group), Vahagn Mkrtchyan (Armenia Wine Factory), Armen Ter-Tachatyan (Ter-Tachatyan Legal and Business Consulting) attended the meeting.

The businessmen presented the President various problems existing in their fields, ranging from legal issues to reforms, as well as their approaches and notions to resolve the main problems.

In particular, the UMBA Chairman Arsen Ghazarian touched upon the importance of having a vision for Armenia's development and creation of a group providing fast response to the investors' inquiries. He noted that this topic was also raised in the UNCTAD report prepared at the proposal of the President and related to Armenia's investment policies.

Responding to the raised questions, President Sarkissian underscored that it is necessary to have a precise vision for development with a strategy-program proceeding from it.

Armen Sarkissian informed that he was planning to organize a conference aimed at the establishment of ties and assistance to the Armenian businessmen under the auspices of the President's institution. In particular, the Horasis-China international investment conference will be held in Armenia in October, which will be attended by the heads of dozens of major Chinese companies, which is a good opportunity to introduce the investment opportunities in Armenia and our potential to them.

Concluding the meeting, the President suggested that the businessmen presented their thoughts, ideas, and problems, underscoring that he was ready to assist in their resolution within the scope of his abilities.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/25/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-businessmen/>



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**29.06.2020**

**President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian continues the discussions with the specialists in the healthcare system about fighting against the coronavirus pandemic and ways of overcoming it**

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/06/29/President-Armen-Sarkissian-meet-with-Derenik-Dumanyan-Ararat-Mkrtchyan/>

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian continues discussions with the experts of the healthcare system on the avenues to fight and defeat the coronavirus pandemic.

President Sarkissian held meetings with the former Minister of Health, Doctor of Medicine, Professor Derenik Doumanyanyan, former Minister of Health, Doctor of Medicine Ararat Mkrtchyan, and had a phone conversation with the former Minister of Health, currently a high-level official at the World Health Organization, Professor Hayk Nikogosian.

During the meetings and conversations, the parties spoke of the situation in our country as a result of the pandemic, its impact on the healthcare system and its response, also the adopted strategy. The interlocutors also exchanged views on the avenues to contain and defeat the coronavirus. The experts of the healthcare system presented their approaches and proposals.



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**01.07.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian met with the Rector of the Yerevan State Medical University Armen Muradyan**

President Armen Sarkissian continues the series of his meetings with the experts of the healthcare area to discuss avenues to fight and contain the coronavirus pandemic.

President Sarkissian received the Rector of the Yerevan State Medical University, former Minister of Health Armen Muradyan.

The interlocutors spoke about the measures taken to contain and defeat the pandemic, including young specialists in that work, also from the YSMU. They also stressed the necessity of taking preventive and preparatory steps to be ready to contain the future outbreak.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/01/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Armen-Muradyan/>





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**01.07.2020**

## **President Armen Sarkissian met with RA CB Chairman Martin Galstyan**

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the Chairman of the Central Bank of Armenia Martin Galstyan.

At the outset, President Sarkissian congratulated Martin Galstyan on his election in this responsible position and wished him success in his work.

In particular, the interlocutors exchanged views on the changes taking place in the global financial markets due to the pandemic, their possible impact on our country, and discussed its economic consequences, also the steps to mitigate them.

The Chairman of the Central Bank passed on to the President of the Republic information on the activities of the structure headed by him and envisaged work.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/01/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Martin-Galstyan/>



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**02.07.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian met with Dr. Karin Markides, the President of the American University of Armenia**

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian hosted the President of the American University of Armenia Dr. Karin Markides.

They exchanged views on the role of education in the contemporary world, the importance of having education in line with the changes in the world, links between universities and economies, and some other issues.

The President of the AUA presented programs implemented by the University to Armen Sarkissian, particularly new initiatives related to the IT area, and noted that they plan to establish cooperation between educational institutions, research centres, and businesses.

The interlocutors spoke also about the Presidential ATOM Initiative, aimed at the development of science and technologies in Armenia, and opportunities of cooperating within its framework.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/02/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Karin-Markides/>



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**03.07.2020**

## **President Armen Sarkissian met with the heads of some IT companies**

President Armen Sarkissian met with the heads of some IT companies. The co-founder of the IU Networks Alexander Yesayan, technical director of VMWare Eastern Europe Khatatur Nazaryan, Director General of the Armenian branch of Mentor Siemens Business Irina Dumanyan, Director of Instigate company Vahagn Poghosyan, Director General of Makadamian company Sophie Mehrabyan, co-founder and managing partner of Granatus Ventures Manuk Hergnyan, co-founder of SFL company Vasil Mamikonyan participated in the meeting.

They discussed issues related to the impact of the pandemic situation and consequences on the area of information technologies, current problems, and probable upcoming difficulties, as well as capabilities of the President's Institution to help find possible solutions.

Noting that coronavirus is a result of the changed world, Pres-

ident Sarkissian said it is necessary to be ready for the challenges and risks of the 21st century.

From the viewpoint of our country's competitiveness, the President stressed the importance of developing the fields of high technologies and artificial intelligence. In this context, he spoke of the Presidential ATOM Initiative and said that there are already preliminary agreements with a number of major world IT companies on cooperation in the framework of this project.

He noted the pandemic also revealed that instruments of e-governance, such as e-education, e-healthcare, and others have become a necessity today. The same conclusion was made in the UNCTAD investment report on Armenia, prepared last year at the proposal of President Sarkissian.



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He mentioned the example of Belarus where the High Technologies Park received tax breaks from the state; currently it employs 50,000 people and its turnover is close to 2 billion USD. Americans, Canadians, and Chinese make investments there. For that very reason, the President believes that the use of tax instruments is important to push forward certain areas.

In particular, the meeting participants spoke about the modern education in line with contemporary requirements, the necessity to have vocational training institutions, as well as providing links between business and education, and certain incentives for the area.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/03/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-meeting/>



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**06.07.2020**

## **The President met with the heads of some major IT companies**

President of the Republic of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan met with the heads of a number of major companies working in the area of information technology: Director of Synopsis Armenia Ltd. Hovik Musayelyan, Founding President and CEO of the Armenian branch of Synergy International Systems Ashot Hovhanissian, Founder and CEO of SoftConstruct Company Vigen Badalyan, and Founding Director of Globbing Ltd. David Harutyunyan.

Touching upon the economic difficulties, which have appeared and will come up because of the coronavirus pandemic in Armenia and in the world, President Sargsyan said that they are alarming for everyone: from individual entrepreneurs and small startups to big companies.

The heads of the companies presented the situation conditioned by the pandemic in their areas, spoke about adjusting to new tendencies, and using instruments coherent with the contemporary requirements, also noted about engaging experts from the Diaspora. They also spoke about the opportu-

nities of carrying out the planned events online.

Responding to the questions of the attendees, President Sargsyan noted, that the pandemic will be followed by the “restart” process; thus, each country will have the opportunity of reintroducing itself. The President said that upon his proposal last year the UNCTAD prepared an investment report on Armenia which mentions a similar structure, called a Rapid Response Taskforce. According to the President, the sooner more areas move to e-governance, the more secured the economy will be. In Serzh Sargsyan’s words, the areas, which work for the future and constitute priorities for our country, should also have tax incentives and state support, otherwise they will not be competitive.

Encouraging the IT companies to develop programs for the future, which can be one way of representing Armenia to the world, Serzh Sargsyan spoke about Presidential Initiatives, including the Armenian Summit of Minds and STARMUS festival.



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Among probable difficulties which might occur in the future, President Sarkissian noted food security.

The President also spoke about work related to the Presidential ATOM Initiative, aimed at developing science and technology areas in Armenia, and noted that there are already preliminary agreements on cooperation with a number of the world's major technological companies.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the President expressed readiness to help resolve the current problems within the scope of his abilities.

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**06.07.2020**

**President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the owner of Syunik Food Company Sarmen Sargsyan**

President Sarkissian noted that the issues of food security are of paramount importance not only in Armenia but also in the world, and with this regard stressed the important role of local producers.

The head of the company informed on their activities under the pandemic and noted that many of their partners and they too, currently experience certain problems which can affect adversely their future activities.

The interlocutors spoke of the prospects of the companies working in the marzes, and stressed the importance of their uninterrupted work, related to the creation of new jobs and cooperation with the farmers.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/06/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Syune-Sargsyan/>



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**13.07.2020**

## **President Armen Sarkissian met with the President of Akcern Holding Hakob Baghdasaryan**

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The interlocutors exchanged views on the impact of the pandemic on the real estate market, current problems, possible difficulties, and ways to overcome them. They also touched upon the recently adopted laws, particularly the possible impact of the law on making changes and amendments in the RA Tax Code, on the area of real estate, population at large, and business environment.

The businessman noted that he read the law, and in particular, the statement of President Sarkissian on changing the property taxes and appreciated the President's balanced approach. He said that he shares all concerns expressed in the statement.

The interlocutors agreed that in the current difficult situation, conditioned by the coronavirus pandemic, the encouragement of some areas is critical, especially from the viewpoint of preserving jobs and mitigating the social consequences of the pandemic.





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**14.07.2020**

**President Sarkissian met with the heads of a number of food processing companies**

Director General of Ararat Food Integrated Plant Ltd. Ervand Tarverdyan, Director of Nairi Food Ltd. Tamara Tadevosyan, Director General of Evroterm Ltd. (Noyan juices) Vahé Ghazaryan, Director General of Artfood Ltd. Vachagan Karapetyan, Director of SIL plant of mineral waters Vahagn Alexanyan, and Director of Biga Ltd. Arthur Tigranyan attended the meeting.

According to the President, food security means not only production of certain goods of sufficient amount and quality but also implies the trade or movement of a certain amount of food through the territory of the Republic of Armenia.

According to the President, food security does not only mean food production of adequate amount and quality but also implies trade and transportation of a certain amount of produce through the territory of the Republic of Armenia.

The President said that enhanced efficiency of agriculture is fundamental for the area's development.

The businessmen spoke of the pandemic impact on the area and mentioned some issues related to food security and agriculture, efficient use of agricultural land, state support to the area of agriculture and farmers, and cooperation between the state and private sector. In particular, they underscored that this area possesses great potential for development in Armenia, and with due attention, it will be possible to increase production and create new opportunities for the farmers.



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The President of Armenia considered important to raise the problems and receive proposals aimed at the development of the area, particularly from the individuals who are engaged in the area, and expressed readiness to help. He stressed the importance of creating new platforms aimed at assisting small enterprises, opening new markets, and making Armenia a trade crossroad.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/14/President-Armen-Sarkissian-meet-with-businessmen/>



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**16.07.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian met with the heads of some tourism and hospitality companies**

Before taking up the topic of the meeting, President Sarkissian once again spoke of the situation on the northeastern part of our country, near Tavush. The President noted that under the current pandemic, Azerbaijan has made irrational and inhuman steps. President Armen Sarkissian assured that the Armenian Army, though not on the offensive, dictates and totally controls the situation.

The heads of the tourism and hospitality companies thanked for the opportunity to hold discussions and noted that the area was hit hard by the pandemic. They voiced a number of problems and spoke in particular about the pandemic impact on the area, state assistance and necessity to provide tax breaks, the importance of not jeopardizing the development of this area, which is one of the promising areas for our country. In this context, they stressed the critical importance of not losing professional personnel. They spoke also of the prospects for the area's recovery and possible solu-

tions aimed at boosting the process.

President Armen Sarkissian noted that tourism is among the most promising areas for our country. Responding to the raised issues, he said that after the pandemic, people would be seeing the world in a different light, and would be rediscovering it. In that new world, there would be new competition, in the area of tourism as well. So, it is important to think today about the strategy for tourism development, steps to enhance the recognizability, branding for our country, and marketing.



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The President of Armenia noted that last year, at his proposal, the UNCTAD prepared a report on Armenia's investment opportunities. This year, conditioned by the coronavirus pandemic, in the cooperation with the Office of the President, the report was expanded, and included the areas which during and after the pandemic would be critical for the country's development.

Armen Sarkissian informed that at the initiative of the Presidential Institute, Armenia will hold a number of international events which will also promote tourism and recognizability of our country.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/07/16/President-Armen-Sarkissian-meet-with-businessmen/>



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**27.08.2020**

## **President Armen Sarkissian met with a group of heads of cultural institutions**

The participants of the meeting noted that conditioned by the coronavirus pandemic, when the cultural life has been forced into a standstill, they are trying to be flexible and find solutions. Theatres and musical groups have carried out online broadcasting and performances and came up with a number of initiatives, trying to maintain their contact with the audiences. Some have initiated outdoor performances but not every theatre has this opportunity. Noting that theatre is a living art and can exist only in contact with the audience, the heads of theatres stressed the importance of setting clear guidelines for their activities in this situation.

President Sarkissian noted that “culture, which due to the coronavirus pandemic has appeared in a difficult situation along with the so called “material areas”, is very important because with all negativity of the recent months, the fight against the pandemic resulted in a significant conclusion: Man shall not live by bread alone. Today, many have depressive, negative emotions because an important part of their

life has disappeared. This lost part is linked to real culture. Certainly, there is virtual culture, too: one can turn on TV or watch something on computer, virtual concerts are taking place. But it’s not the same as a live concert, and the contact. This is a big problem not only for Armenia but for the world at large.” The President said that in many cases, people can manage financial problems but if the cultural life is limited or non-existent, it’s almost impossible to live.

How can the Presidential Institute and the President help, be useful in the current difficult situation? Addressing this question to the participants of the meeting with the anticipation of cooperation, the President offered the heads of cultural institutions to use temporarily the premise of the Presidential Palace and its outdoor opportunities for the implementation of their projects.



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In conclusion, the President of Armenia once again expressed his readiness to cooperate. “We all have common problems and difficulties. I suggest this: let’s try to cooperate. I am willing to change certain things in our culture as well, and if I succeed, I will be happy,” President Armen Sarkissian said.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/08/27/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-with-the-heads-of-cultural-institutions/>



MESSAGES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

16.03.2020

## President Sarkissian's message on the situation created by the outbreak of the new coronavirus

First and foremost, I welcome the decision of the Government of Armenia to declare a state of emergency because we are facing a very serious challenge. These challenges are not only ours, they are global. As a phenomenon, this challenge, as a virus is not new, but the world is new. Thus, the virus is spreading all over the world very fast, much more intensely. Forms of fight are different: as you know, various countries of the world are fighting the virus differently. We, I believe, should study meticulously the successful and unsuccessful techniques of all countries. However, there are principles to fight this kind of challenges which are essential.

The first of these principles is the government, every one of us, and the state must have a precise strategy how to fight the virus; state structures, businessmen, and non-governmental organizations should have their programs.

The second very important principle is the following: we all must be much more organized and disciplined than we have

been so far. The main form of the fight is to maintain organized and disciplined relations. Since there is no anti-virus, and no medicine to take, there is a very precise form of the fight – to minimize human contacts.

It takes time to defeat virus infections at large and in concrete locations. Certainly, these challenges are perilous. Today, in particular, I worry very much for the health of our senior compatriots because they are vulnerable and for those who have health issues of some kind. However, I repeat: to overcome it, it is necessary to have a precise strategy, precise administration, and discipline, especially now, when a state of emergency has been declared. Thus, there are rules which must be obeyed and rules which must be observed first and foremost for your own health, for that of your family and our whole society, for the health of our people.



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And finally, the third one, which, I believe is very simple and reasonable: it is called responsibility, responsibility for everybody. To be responsible, from the President of the Republic, government, National Assembly, and public organizations to political organizations, , businessmen, entrepreneurs, all of us... The time has come for us not only to follow closely the fight against coronavirus but also analyze the global process.

Recently, I had a long conversation with the Director-General of the World Health Organization with whom I had spoken about this one month before. This second conversation referred to a very simple thing: regardless of the fact that in Armenia the new coronavirus has not reached a large scale, we are located in a pretty sensitive region; there is a risk of spread of the virus, and we need assistance. I would like to inform you that I have invited the Director-General of WHO to Armenia, and he has accepted the invitation. His and his colleagues' visit, I believe, will be very useful. Today, I have spoken with the President of Italy. We need everyone's experience. Each country is to decide on its own strategy.

Dear fellow citizens, I want to wish health to all of you, as well as calm and confidence that we will overcome these challenges together, helping each other, and with a great sense of responsibility.

I want to express special gratitude to the workers of the health area, to doctors, nurses, and healthcare administrators: lives of many of our compatriots are in your hands, and I am confident that you will fulfill your state, national, and human duty at an exceptionally high level.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/03/16/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview/>





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15.04.2020

**Today, we are taking a test on patriotism, professionalism, humanism, and morality.  
Message of President Armen Sarkissian**

Dear compatriots in Armenia, Artsakh, and in the Diaspora,  
The fight to defeat the coronavirus pandemic goes on. We are living and working under the conditions of an emergency situation. These conditions may sometimes seem too harsh. However, we must all realize that the taken measures are essential. They are essential to save lives, to preserve and protect your health.

This is a fight against an invisible enemy. We need to understand that any difficulty is temporary and surmountable.

History teaches us not to despair and overcome hardships. Let's remember that we went through a natural disaster: the Spitak earthquake. We lived and worked in difficult wartime conditions. We won in the Artsakh war and built our new, independent Fatherland.

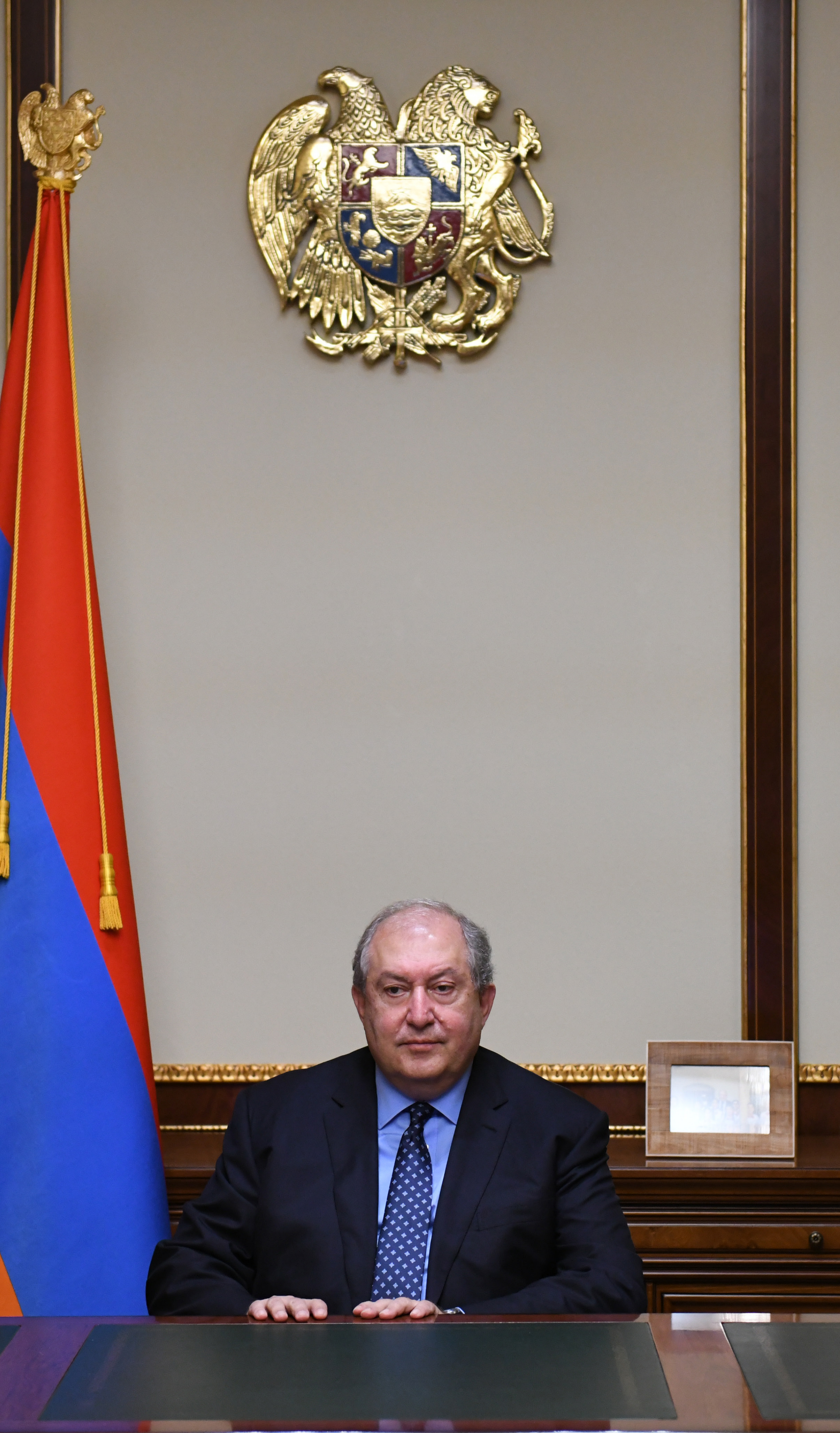
Success in the fight against the coronavirus also depends on us, on how united, consolidated, organized, responsible and disciplined we are.

Dear friends,

Our elderly and citizens with health issues are the most vulnerable in this fight. My all thoughts and emotions, as I am sure yours too, are first and foremost with them and about them. They need love and care. Our efforts should be aimed at protecting them.

I am deeply aware of the difficult situation our socially vulnerable and needy compatriots have found themselves in. I understand that the taken steps have not yet changed largely your conditions. Along with state assistance, it is very important to support each other.

Let's help our neighbours, friends and strangers, those who need it now. Today, we refrain from shaking hands. But never ever must we refrain from giving a helping hand.



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Dear compatriots,

I thank you for the patience and understanding you manifest these days. I thank you also for responding responsibly to the emergency situation.

I would like to express special thanks to the heroes of our days – to all workers of the healthcare system, from doctors and nurses to ambulance car drivers. They are at the frontline of today's fight. I believe we all appreciate anew their dedicated work. I also thank volunteer students and teaching staff who stand by the sick today.

I thank the government employees – policemen, military servicemen, rescuers and diplomats who in these trying times continue to carry out their duties with honour.

I thank teachers and students of distant learning, store cashiers and cleaning staff, taxi cab drivers, all those who these days shoulder the state's and society's heavy load.

Please convey my love and gratitude to the youngest, the most beloved and precious members of our society, to our big and small children. For them too, it is very difficult to stay home in these spring days. But that very generation tomorrow will overcome any difficulty that may come.

I thank all families that have been self-isolating in their homes.

I also thank all small, medium and major entrepreneurs. The country's economy, which today is under immense pressure, rests on their shoulders. Cooperation between the state and businesses must be strong. We should emerge from this situation through the joint efforts of mutual understanding and mutual assistance.



**MESSAGES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC**

I feel particular pain and grief for the loss of our nation's sons and daughters in Armenia and different corners of the world. I send my condolences to their families and friends.

Dear friends,

Along with the coronavirus tests, today we are taking a test on patriotism, professionalism, humanism, and morality. These tests will define our tomorrow.

There is no doubt that the coronavirus will recede. We will resume our normal life. I am looking forward to the day when grandpas and grandmas will hug their grandchildren again, when mothers will take their kids to kindergartens, when students will go to universities, schoolchildren - to schools, when young people together with their loved ones and friends will pack the parks, streets, coffee shops, our villages and towns.

That day will certainly come. But before it comes, we need to remain disciplined, responsible, and organized.

Be healthy, be alert.

Be caring and kind.

God bless us all.

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**MESSAGES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC**

**21.06.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian congratulated medical workers on the occasion of their professional holiday**

Dear medical staff workers,

I congratulate you on the occasion of your professional holiday – Medical Worker's Day.

Today is your professional holiday but also our gratitude day.

I join all words of gratitude to your address and say:

Thank you, doctors.

Thank you, nurses.

Thank you, matrons and stretcher bearers.

Thank you, ambulance drivers and technical staff.

Thank you, future doctors who have temporarily moved their schooling to their future homes – hospitals...

Thank you, heads of medical institutions.

Thank you all.

No assessment can be equivalent to everything you are doing, especially these days. In the global chaos created by the pandemic, there is one unchallengeable value: respect and admiration for you, dear medical workers.

Thank you once again. All the best to you and your families.

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**DISTANT LECTURES**

**20.03.2020**

**Departments of Mathematics and Mechanics,  
Physics, Informatics and Applied Mathematics,  
as well as the Department of Oriental Studies  
at the Yerevan State University**

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian initiated a series of online lectures, the aim of which is to ensure the continuity of education for students by using distance learning in the current situation.

In this framework context, the President of the Republic gave online lectures for a group of students of the Departments of Mathematics and Mechanics, Physics, Informatics and Applied Mathematics, as well as Yerevan State University.

During the 45-minute lessons, the President touched upon professional topics and in their context, including the spread of the new coronavirus around the world. In order to make the lectures more saturated, and to promote the students' educational and research skills and interests, Armen Sarkissian gave homework to the students through a competition, with a deadline at the end of the state of emergency.

In particular, addressing the students of humanities, the President offered them to write about the changes in the modern Mideast region. At this, the works can be about the interrelations between Armenia and the Middle East, as well as the role of the Middle East for Russia, Europe or the United States.



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He invited future physicists and mathematicians to work on the following topics: mathematical modelling of the spread and prevention of global risks and pandemics (eg. coronavirus), global risk overcoming (technological, scientific, healthcare, etc.).

The aim of the student competition is to promote distance learning and the development of digital education. Students from the universities in Armenia and Artsakh, as well as Armenian students living abroad can take part in the competition.

The authors of the best three works will receive Presidential Awards.

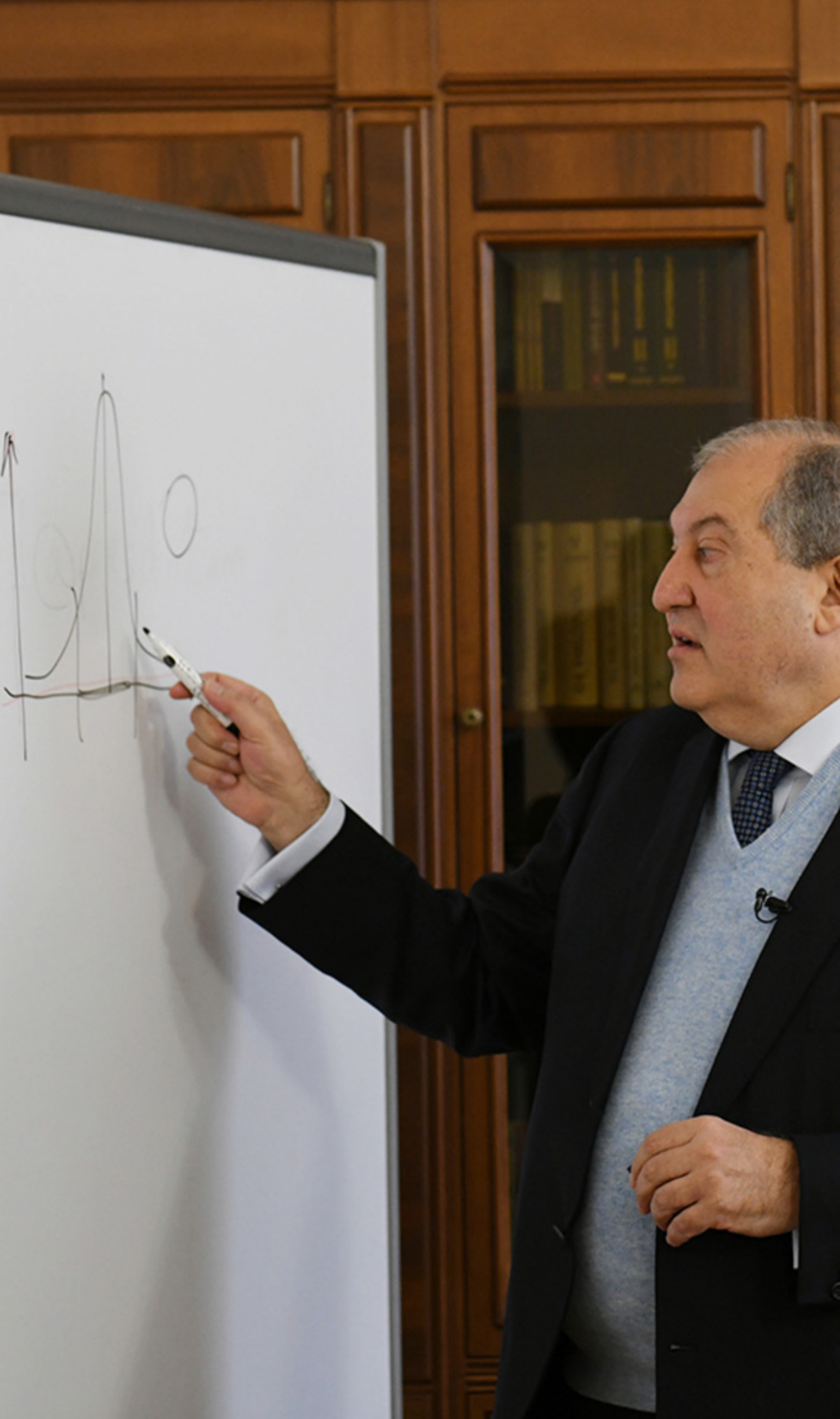
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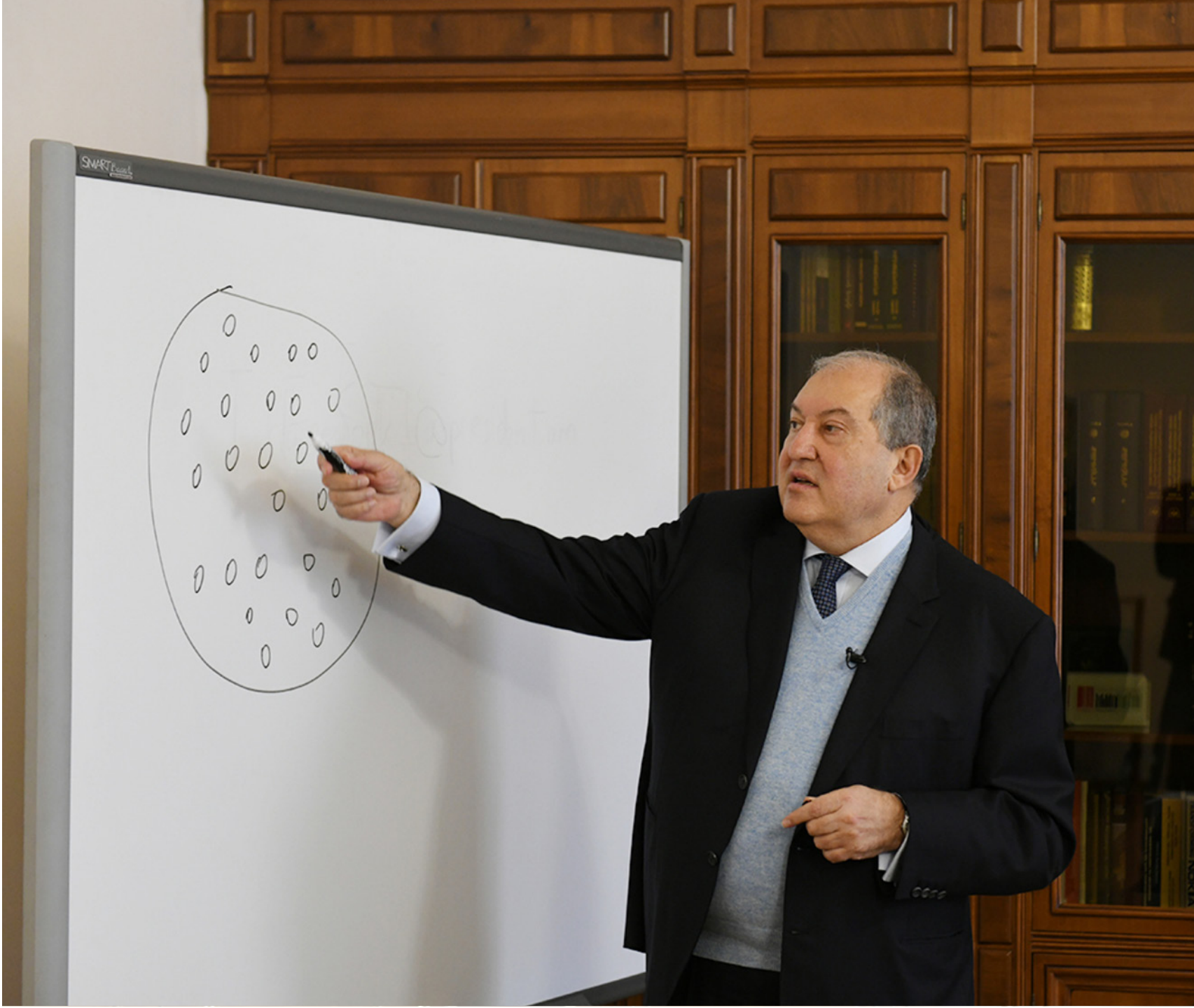
## **Departments of Mathematics and Mechanics, Physics, Informatics and Applied Mathematics at the Yerevan State University**

President Armen Sarkissian delivered a lecture to a group of students of the Departments of Mathematics, Mechanics, Physics, Informatics and Applied Mathematics at the Yerevan State University using distance learning and video.

Referring to the epidemics in the context of the lecture topic, the President of the Republic said that in the last few millennia there had been many epidemics, which were different in nature: bacterial and viral. Until the first and second millennia, when antibiotics were not invented yet, there was only one way to fight bacterial outbreaks: keeping public distance, that is, self-isolation.

Referring to the phenomenon of self-isolation, the President of the Republic said. "Self-isolation or staying at home, especially in these conditions, is a great opportunity to think, to study, and to develop yourself, maybe even to return to university with genius ideas, like Newton."

As for the coronavirus, the President said that we shall all overcome it together. Continuing to combine the topic of coronavirus with physics and mathematics, the President compared it with the global risks spreading in the world. "If we talk about the coronavirus, we look at history, we find that there have been large-scale diseases in all millennia, having taken millions of lives," said Armen Sarkissian. "But if we look back at the last twenty, thirty, or forty years, our attitude towards the coronavirus is completely different. Is that virus very different? Yes, it is different because all viruses are mutants of the existing ones, and bring new qualities with them.



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The President of the Republic said that in their behaviour, the financial risks in the world are quantum, even terrorism is quantum.

According to the President, we have come to a new world, where the main investment is new technologies, we have entered a new process, which he calls R-evolution, i.e. rapid evolution, this means there will be no phases, they will merge, and we shall have very fast processes.

At the end of the lecture, the President suggested that each of the listeners should think about some way of resolving problem related to coronavirus by mathematical modelling.

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## **Department of Oriental Studies at the Yerevan State University**

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Using distance learning, President Armen Sarkissian delivered a video lecture to a group of students of the Department of the Oriental Studies at the Yerevan State University.

Welcoming the students, President Sarkissian said, "This lecture takes me back to the years when I was a young lecturer at the university, I enjoyed each of my classes, meeting with students. At the same time, starting from the end of the 1970s, in the 1980s, I was running a physics class on Armenian television."

Armen Sarkissian started his lecture on the urgent topic of the new coronavirus infection.

The President said that the number of viruses and bacteria on the planet is very large, whether we like it or not, we must learn to live with them.

Returning to Oriental Studies, President Sarkissian said that Orientalism is a great science, it includes a huge geography, but the topic of the lecture of the day was Middle East.

The President said that the world we live in is no longer classical, it is quantum, interesting processes are taking place in this quantum world.

Answering the students' online questions, President Sarkissian said in particular that each country should see where its advantages lie.



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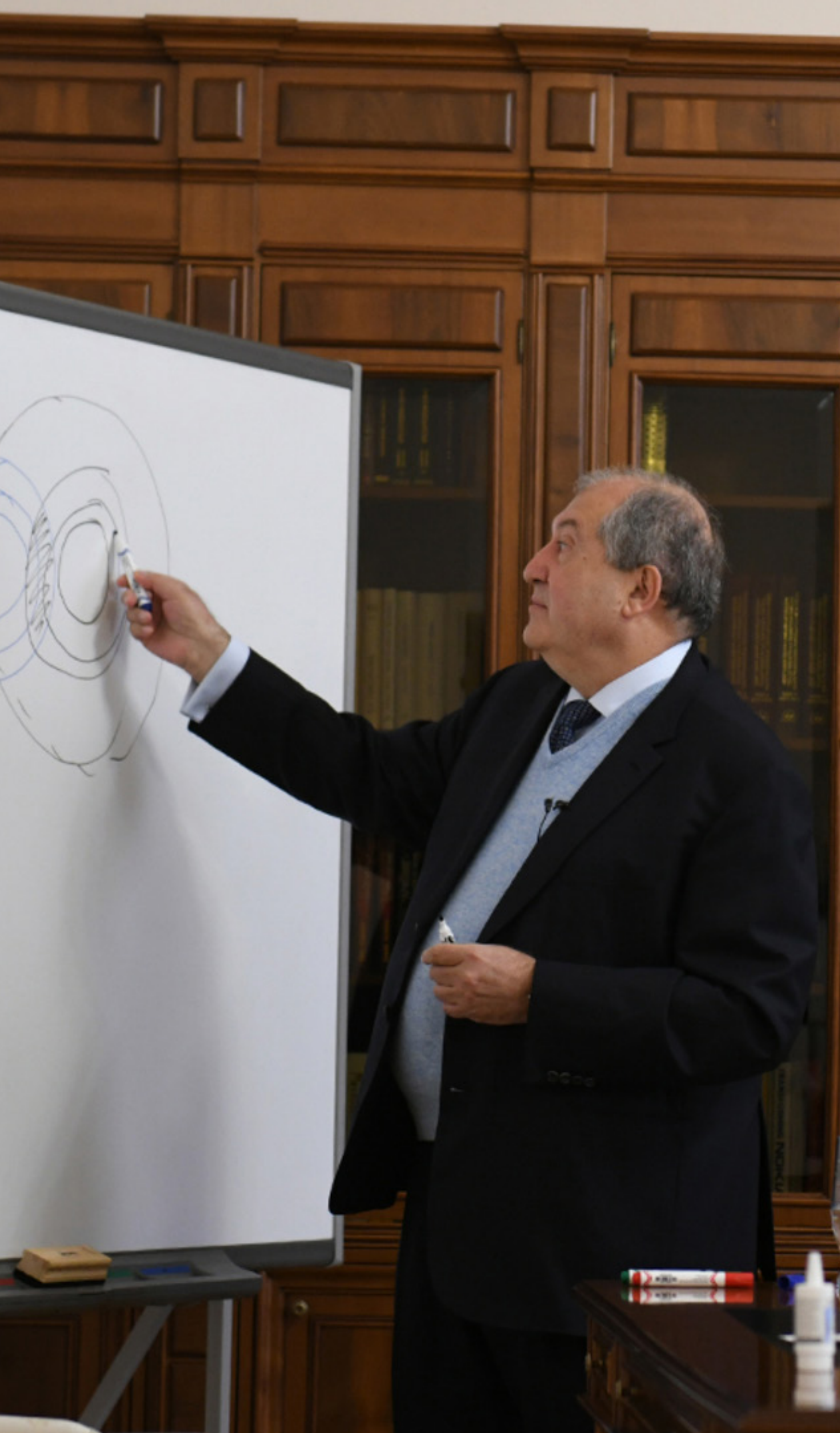
## **Yerevan State Medical University after Mkhitar Heratsi and National Polytechnic University of Armenia**

Using distance learning, President Armen Sarkissian delivered a regular lecture via video link to a group of students from the Yerevan State Medical University after Mkhitar Heratsi and the National Polytechnic University of Armenia.

Before starting the lesson, the President referred to the previous two lectures given to a group of students of the YSU Department of Oriental Studies, Physics, Informatics and Applied Mathematics, Mathematics and Mechanics. In particular, speaking about the homework given to the students of the Department of Oriental Studies, Armen Sarkissian said that they approached the task creatively, thinking, discussing, and submitting their thoughts related to the Middle East and the Persian Gulf to the electronic "paper". "There are already a lot of works," said the President, "It was pleasant to read those works, as they showed knowledge of history, region, international relations, and bases and tools of political science."

Referring to the lesson with mathematicians and physicists of the future, the President noted that the student scientists had a very correct understanding of the task assigned to them. "The examples I have received show that they think in very different ways, and have interesting, not standard, solutions," said President Sarkissian. "This was exactly what I expected, not to repeat the problem solved decades ago, a classic textbook example, but on the contrary, approached it creatively. It is gratifying that there were group activities where several people worked together."

Starting the lecture, the President said that for centuries, healthcare or knowledge about healthcare has been associated with the recording and maintenance of positive and negative results of experience.



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The President said that today, it is impossible to imagine healthcare without new technologies.

President Sarkissian noted that today most of the activities or products of the world's most famous technology organizations and well-known companies are medical.

Not breaking the traditions established during the lectures, President Sarkissian again gave an assignment.

Answering the question addressed to him from the audience, whether artificial intelligence, while improving the quality of human life, will harm humanity or cause even bigger problems, President Sarkissian, in particular, said, "Any idea or discovery, after all, is twofold: it will serve humanity in a positive sense, and a negative one. The problem is not artificial intelligence, but natural intelligence, that is, our logic, and our spiritual values. If we use a discovery to destroy something, that tool can destroy us too. Artificial intelligence is just a tool, like a spade, fire, heat, computers. There are computers today that make up the majority of our lives, but with them, viruses have been created, a situation has been created where there is false information along with the transmission of information. There is a system with which you can destroy the nuclear power plant with the same computer. Any tool is not a danger in itself, we are the danger. So, let's leave the artificial intelligence alone. It cannot hinder us if we are moral, have human principles and values, use our natural intelligence for the benefit of humanity. If not, whether it is intelligence or an ax, we have a huge danger."

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**DISTANT LECTURES**

**02.06.2020**

## **Mathematical Modelling, Medicine, and Oriental Studies: President Armen Sarkissian encouraged the winners of the student contest in those areas**

President Armen Sarkissian initiated a series of on-line lectures which aim to ensure continuous educational process for students through the application of distant learning in the current situation. To make classes more engaging and to enhance students' educational and research skills and interest, Armen Sarkissian also assigned the students with homework in the form of a contest, particularly the students of the Departments of Mathematics and Mechanics, Physics, Computer Science and Applied Mathematics, and the Department of Oriental Studies of the Yerevan State University, and offered to write papers on a number of topics.

President Sarkissian's proposal found response not only with the students of the YSU but also students of other Armenian and foreign universities. More than 50 papers were sent to the Presidential Administration on three main topics – the role and place of the Middle East in the contemporary world, mathematical modelling of viruses, and mechanisms to enhance safety of the medical personnel during pandemics.

Papers on mathematical modelling and medicine were presented not only by individual students but also by groups. From these areas four papers were selected, and from the Oriental Studies three papers. The papers were summarized by a working group created at the Office of the President. Authors of the selected papers were hosted at the President's Residence.



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The President congratulated the winners and thanked them for accepting his proposal and for presenting interesting research papers. President Sarkissian gave them the awards: books and electronic devices.

President Armen Sarkissian inquired about the future plans and aspirations of the students and wished them success. He urged them to continue research on the presented topics and to inform him regularly on their achievements. He also expressed readiness to assist the young people if needed.

In their turn, the students thanked the President Sarkissian, noting that such initiatives and the President's awards are inspiring to strive for new achievements.

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**FOREIGN SUPPORT TO THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

**24.04.2020**

## **United Arab Emirates**

As a result of the agreement reached between President Armen Sarkissian Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, on April 24, 2020, a special flight from the UAE to Yerevan delivered medical supplies to fight against the coronavirus. The whole load is a donation from the government and people of the UAE, testifying to their friendly and special attitude towards Armenia, and bearing witness to the warm relations between the President of Armenia and the leadership of the UAE.

The Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to the Republic of Armenia Muhammad Al Zaabi noted that this assistance was sent by the longtime friend of the President of Armenia Armen Sarkissian Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan for the friendly Armenian people, and the Government of Armenia. “The United Arab Emirates has the honour of fulfilling its commitment by assisting and providing humanitarian aid to friendly countries in supporting them to fight against coronavirus. This support includes medical supplies. “This testifies to the close relations between Armenia and

the UAE,” the Ambassador said.

Emil Tarasyan, the Chief of the Office of the President of the Republic, noted that recently President Armen Sarkissian has been in active contacts with the heads of various states and international organizations, discussing issues related to the prevention of the pandemic and overcoming its consequences.

The President of the Republic will continue discussions and talks with international partners on the issues of prevention, overcoming, and treatment of the new coronavirus, as well as cooperation and assistance.



**FOREIGN SUPPORT TO THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

**18.06.2020**

## **Serbia**

On June 18, 2020, the first aircraft carrying medical supplies and equipment arrived in Armenia from Serbia on a special Air Serbia flight. The agreement on Serbia's large-scale assistance to Armenia to fight against the coronavirus pandemic was reached as a result of telephone conversations between President of Armenia Armen Sarkissian and President of Serbia Aleksandar Vučić.

Recently, President Armen Sarkissian spoke on the phone with his colleague President Aleksandar Vučić with whom he maintains cordial and friendly relations.

The Presidents discussed the situation due to the coronavirus pandemic, and the President of Serbia underscored that his country is ready to assist Armenia. President Sarkissian passed on to the Serbian side the list of necessary items provided by the RA Minister of Health.

As assistance in the fight against the pandemic, Serbia has provided Armenia with ten artificial lung ventilation devices, ten devices to monitor patients' condition, 500 thousand surgical and 100 thousand protective masks, 25 thousand protective glasses, 25 thousand protective medical gear, and other necessary items.

The Head of the Office of the President Emil Tarasyan noted that President Sarkissian continues to use his personal and partnership relations to provide new opportunities for Armenia in our fight against the pandemic. The Office of the President maintains permanent contacts with the colleagues in the Government, and the list of necessary supplies and equipment is regularly reviewed with the Ministry of Health.



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“This offer for assistance was made weeks ago, during the phone conversation between the Presidents of our two countries. They have very warm and close relations, and I am glad that we have the result already,” said Tatjana Cvetković, Chargé d’Affaires of the Embassy of Serbia in our country, “Tomorrow, another aircraft with humanitarian aid will arrive to Armenia. I believe this support will be useful to Armenia.”

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**FOREIGN SUPPORT TO THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

**19.06.2020**

## **Serbia**

“Assistance to the people of Armenia in difficult times is a guarantee of a good future.” Today, on June 19, 2020, along with this message of the President of Serbia Aleksandar Vučić, humanitarian aid from Serbia reached Armenia. The second aircraft delivered medical supplies and devices. Yesterday, as a practical extension of the agreements between President of Armenia Armen Sarkissian and President of Serbia Aleksandar Vučić, the first aircraft with Serbian assistance landed in the Zvartnots airport of Yerevan bringing to Armenia necessary devices and a large amount of medical supplies.

The Serbian airline sent two aircrafts to Armenia, dispatching ten artificial lungs ventilation devises, ten devises to monitor patients' condition, 500 thousand surgical and 100 thousand respiratory masks, 25 thousand protective glasses, 25 thousand protective medical gear, other necessary items.

This precious load, provided as assistance to Armenia in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic, is a result of the cordial relations between President of Armenia Armen Sarkissian and President of Serbia Aleksandar Vučić.

Tatjana Cvetković, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Serbia in our country, assessed humanitarian assistance provided by Serbia to our country as a bright example of the excellent relations existing between the two countries.

Assistant to President Sarkissian Gevork Melikian also underscored that such significant assistance from Serbia testifies to the friendship of the two countries.

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27.09.2020

## **Unity is the only guarantee of our victories. Message of the President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian**

Dear Compatriots in Armenia, Artsakh, and in the Diaspora,

Azerbaijan's new military aggression means warring against the entire Armenian nation. This war is launched against the right of the people of Artsakh to live free, with dignity, and to have a peaceful life and future.

I feel great pain for those who have been killed in this large-scale offensive by Azerbaijan, which includes also a female and a child.

With its very first response, the Defense Army of Artsakh has proved once again that it stands ready to retort rapidly to any military action.

Our reaction to any aggression has been and will be restoration of peace, right of people of Artsakh for self-determination, and reinforced security. We anticipate that the international community, first of all the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chair countries, states, international structures, and individuals will give an adequate and practical response to the hostilities of Azerbaijan.

Through these actions, Azerbaijan has unequivocally demonstrated to the mediators and international community that it is not willing to

solve the Artsakh issue through negotiations and to promote peace and stability in the region but rather will continue to violate human values, target civilian population, medical centres, and lines of communication.

We hope that the international community will take urgent steps to stop the war unleashed by Azerbaijan. It is essential to stop loss of human lives and prevent a further destabilization of the fragile situation in the region.

Dear Compatriots,

Victory achieved in the Artsakh Liberation War was a result of our unity and unanimity; today, it is our sacred duty to uphold that victory.

The destiny of our Fatherland depends on us, on our unity, solidarity, and discipline.

We must be united.



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Unity is the only guarantee of our victories. At this moment we must put aside all our political disagreements and personal differences and become a strong back for our Armed Forces.

We must work together no matter how different our thinking, visions, and perceptions are.

Each and everyone's potential in Armenia, Artsakh and in the Diaspora must be used for the benefit of the Fatherland.

God protect our Army.

God protect us all.

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04.10.2020

### **Our powerful and strong Diaspora is a genuine army, who supports the Homeland and the courageous Arme- nian Army. President Armen Sarkissian's message to the Diaspora**

Fellow compatriots, dear brothers and sisters!

I experience deep admiration, awe, and boundless pride seeing, hearing and feeling the powerful wave of solidarity and unity, which is getting momentum in the Diaspora in response to Azerbaijan's and Turkey's jointly unleashed war at the borders of Armenia and in Artsakh.

I want you to know that our Homeland hears and feels the voice of each of you, the word of each of you, the restless beating of your hearts, no matter where you are, no matter how far away you are.

Our powerful and strong Spyurk is a genuine army, who supports the Homeland and the courageous Armenian Army at this difficult and fateful moment.

The Homeland is grateful for the precious assistance you provide by your material assistance and your active participation to the "We are our borders: All for Artsakh" global fundraising campaign organized by the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund.

Today, each of you is Armenia's and Artsakh's ambassador abroad. With all possible means - rallies, demands, petitions and statements - you do everything to bring the truth and the voice of Artsakh to the international community and especially to your home governments about the inhuman essence of the war unleashed by Azerbaijan with the full support of Turkey.

I am convinced you fully realize that in this current situation we need even to multiply our efforts.



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Please, keep vibrant the same spirit and the same dedication because this time not only Azerbaijan but the genocidal Turkey too: with its arms, servicemen, and mercenary terrorists, with its hateful words and anti-Armenian propaganda are against us, against the freedom-loving people of Artsakh. This is the same Turkey, which 105 years ago perpetrated ethnic cleansings and the Genocide against the Armenians in the Ottoman Empire.

This time this will not pass; this time we will not allow another genocide to happen.

Our global nation is powerful with its unity and united strength.

There is no doubt that we will defeat the enemy.

We are invincible because of our unequivocal unity and solidarity.

We will win.

God bless all of us.

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**We have the most powerful weapon: ourselves and our unity. Address by Armen Sarkissian, President of the Republic of Armenia, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund**

Dear compatriots,

For more than a month, Artsakh, Armenia, and the entire Armenian people have been fighting in a patriotic war, a war unleashed by Azerbaijan and Turkey, and a war against international terrorism.

Our brave military units and volunteers fight selflessly, without sparing their lives.

They are fighting for freedom and dignity, for their Homeland.

We bow to our fallen heroes and their families.

My condolences to all mothers and fathers who lost their sons, wives who lost their husbands, sisters who lost their brothers, grandparents who lost their grandchildren...

For us victory in this war means defending our home, our culture, our values, and our faith, it means doing everything to prevent a second genocide,

It means a war for the memory of our heroes, the memory of our martyred heroes ...

The patriotic war that started about 30 years ago continues. I have often been asked how we managed to win with our unhealed wounds, a devastated economy and almost unarmed after the earthquake thirty years ago.

Our victory may have seemed impossible to some people, but not to us.

Thirty years ago, we did not have a strong economy, roads, fuel, we did not have enough weapons.

However, we won because we had the most powerful weapon, ourselves and our unity.



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Even today, some people ask me: what is the guarantee of our victory today?

I want to urge our political forces, politicians and public figures:

Be united and consolidated as people,  
follow the example of the people ...

Dear compatriots,

Besides the enemy attacking Artsakh, we have another enemy, the coronavirus pandemic, which takes lives every day.

My condolences to the families and relatives of our compatriots who fell victim to the pandemic.

In the fight against coronavirus, too, victory depends on us, on how united, consolidated, organized and disciplined we will be ...

I would like to express my special thanks to the vanguard of this struggle, to all healthcare workers, from doctors to nurses and male nurses, paramedics, ambulance drivers and technical staff, who selflessly fight the coronavirus day and night. They are on the fore of another front ...

Dear compatriots in Artsakh, Armenia and in the Diaspora,

Thank you for all your efforts and aspirations, for your compassion and warmth, for your unity and organization, for your support that you provide in various ways and means.

Continue your support, material and moral, through donation and charity, connections and knowledge, your direct participation or remote presence.

Realizing the seriousness of the moment and the urgency of uniting around the homeland, all the Armenians immediately joined in the work of the All-Armenian Fund, which turned into a nationwide movement.





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I would like to thank all the donors from the Diaspora and Armenia.

Making donations to the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund, you are helping to address the plight of Artsakh families and refugees in Armenia, and to rebuild destroyed schools and homes.

I call on all Armenian businessmen, benefactors, unions, organizations, individuals living in Armenia, throughout the Diaspora, to do their utmost for the security of the Armenian people.

Our hope is ourselves and our true friends.

We will build our victory together.

God bless Artsakh, Armenia and all our people.

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## The Statement of the President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian

I learned from the press that a statement on ending the Karabakh war was signed with the Presidents of Russia and Azerbaijan. I learned about the conditions for ending the war from the press as well.

Unfortunately, there had not been any consultation or discussion on this document with me as the President of the Republic. I had not taken part in any negotiations.

The settlement of the Karabakh conflict is a matter of national significance. Any step and action, any decision related to the vital security interests and rights of Armenia, Artsakh and the entire Armenian people, especially the signing of a document, should be the subject of comprehensive consultations and discussions.

I emphasize that the fate of Artsakh, and consequently, of the Armenian people, can be resolved only taking into account our national interests and only on the basis of a national consensus.

Taking into account the deep concerns of the large masses of the people conditioned by the current situation, I immediately initiate political consultations in order to coordinate the solutions, arising from the protection agenda of our national interests, as soon as possible.

As the President of the Republic, I consider the formation of national unity at this crucial moment of national preservation to be my current mission. I hope that within ten days we will all be able to form such a unity, in which case I will consider that I have used the opportunities to serve my homeland.

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16.11.2020

**It is possible to lose the battle, but it is inadmissible to lose as a nation.  
Address by the President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian**

Dear compatriots in Armenia, Artsakh and in the Diaspora,

Armenians all over the world are currently experiencing one of the most crucial moments in the millennial history of our nation.

The goals we were striving for nationwide after the long-desired independence of the Motherland have been shaken.

We lost the war that was imposed on us, both on the battlefield, and in the diplomatic and international public arenas.

Once again, I offer my condolences to the families and relatives of those who fell, and wish the injured a speedy recovery.

We are the offsprings of people who survived the Genocide and overcame it.

The battle can be lost, but it is inadmissible to lose as a nation.

The house burned down with one's own hands and the lost homeland can be restored in only one way, rediscovering our victory and building the state, of which we will all be truly proud.

And we can surely do it, soberly assessing the situation, learning from the mistakes made, and harnessed to the national revival in a consolidated way.

Whatever the differences in our assessments of the past are, it is obvious that we are facing unprecedented problems.

Artsakh is heavily wounded.



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We have an intensely turbulent society.

The injured economy is burdened with immense social problems.

There is a humanitarian catastrophe as a result of the large flow of people transferred from Artsakh to Armenia.

The situation caused by the epidemic is also too complicated.

In the end, the Armenian spirit is hurt in any corner of the world.

Our country today is no longer the country we had on September 26, it is not even what we had on November 8.

We cannot ignore this reality and continue to live a usual life.

During the last few days, consonant with the imperative of the moment, I have held dozens of political consultations, meetings with parliamentary and extra-parliamentary forces, various non-governmental organizations, and individuals. I have also had telephone conversations with our compatriots from different structures of the Diaspora.

The absolute majority of the participants in the meeting agree on one issue: the Prime Minister's resignation or termination of office in accordance with the Constitution, and early parliamentary elections.

It is obvious that despite the cessation of the war, the Republic of Artsakh, the Republic of Armenia and the entire Armenian people are entering a period of new trials in which every mistake can bring forth disastrous consequences.

In the current situation, there is no alternative for the Armenian people than to be united and consolidated.

These days, each of us, especially politicians and government officials, must show a high level of responsibility and restraint, focusing their efforts exclusively on finding ways to overcome this crisis.

In this situation, I want to turn to law enforcement agencies.

You have a great responsibility today, first of all to ensure order in our country, to be strong and determined, but at the same time, remembering that in front of you is your sister or brother, every time, and on every occasion.

Any deviation, any violation of the law, is unacceptable and unforgivable. I call on you to uphold and protect the law and legality.



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My observations based on the meetings and consultations are as follows:

Taking into consideration the current situation and the imperative to overcome it with dignity, also listening to the public demand, it is obvious that in order to keep the country from jolting, early elections to the National Assembly will be inevitable.

In this context, in my opinion, the only responsible approach may be that the government and the dominant political force objectively assessed their potential and presented a road-map in a short period of time, which will provide deadlines for initiating relevant constitutional processes, allowing early parliamentary elections.

Meanwhile, governing will be handed over to the highly qualified Government of National Accord.

For the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Artsakh and the entire Armenian people living in different countries of the world, my above-mentioned observations aimed at overcoming the crisis in these difficult days are based exclusively on national interests.

I hope that all the political forces will realize the responsibility of the moment, and will befittingly fulfill their part of the historical mission.

I would like to remind you that today everyone is following the events in Armenia, both our friends and our enemies.

We have no other duty but to make our country powerful. We have no other path but to consolidate the people not allowing any word or step that threatens to split the society.

Only through unity will we be able to straighten up our backs stooped under the burden of defeat and to appear to ourselves and future generations and the world community as the sons and daughters of a nation impossible to defeat.

I am confident that the Armenian people will emerge from the difficult situation with honour and victory.

God bless us all.

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## President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian's Appeal

Dear compatriots,

Today, our country as a state and our society, all of us are in a deep post-war crisis. This must be recorded without formality, without deceiving ourselves, and at the same time without despair. We must be fully aware and admit the existence of that crisis and do our best to overcome it. Together, holding each other's hand.

Irrespective of the positions held, political beliefs and viewpoints, personal likes and dislikes, we must think about the future of our state, country and people.

Everyone has the right to express his or her opinion and discontent, and to demand the authorities' explanation for the immense human and territorial losses caused by the war.

The Government cannot act in the spirit of the public moods of 2018. Today's reality is completely different. In these tense and difficult days, I appeal to all of you: every action of yours must comply with the law and must be legal.

I also appeal to the representatives of the law enforcement bodies: it is important to maintain order. At the same time, remember that in front of you, in the streets of Yerevan, is our compatriot, one of us, a woman or a man, young or old. Among them are those who defended our homeland, each of us and you a few days ago.



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Violence and disproportionate use of force and measures are inadmissible and unacceptable. You must manifest responsibility, and high standards of humanity and professionalism in your actions.

Today, we need crucial decisions. Solutions must be within the national accord. We should be able to restore the atmosphere of tolerance and mutual respect, to bring together all the positive and vital qualities of our people, and to turn them into a collective power, which will be the guarantee of our further success. The activities of the President and the Presidential Institute is aimed at that very goal.

God bless all of us.

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## Statement of the President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian

On December 12, violating the ceasefire announced on November 9, the armed forces of Azerbaijan occupied the village of Hin Tagher in the Hadrut region of Artsakh and advanced towards the village of Khtsaberd in the same region.

Until now, the relevant departments of the Government of the Republic of Armenia have not properly presented the situation and the actions taken by the Armenian side.

Taking into account the situation, the President of the Republic has applied to the RA Ministries of Defense and Foreign Affairs to immediately present the situation in Artsakh to the public, as well as the actions taken by the Armenian side to effectively protect the mentioned settlements and maintain the ceasefire.

At the same time, the President of the Republic applied to the RA National Assembly to urgently convene a special sitting of the National Assembly, which will examine the causes of the situation in the Hadrut region and the ways of its solution.

Highly appreciating the ceasefire reached on November 9 through the mediation of the President of the Russian Federation, and its maintainance, the President of the Republic also reminds that by the decision of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Armenia adopted on July 8, 1992, the Republic of Armenia must consistently support the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and protect the rights of its population.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/13/President-Armen-Sarkissian-message/>





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**President Armen Sarkissian met with Gevorg Gorgisyan, the secretary of the NA “Bright Armenia” faction, and Ani Samsonian, member of the faction**

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Ani-Samsonyan-and-Gevorg-Georgisyan/>

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the representatives of the “Bright Armenia” faction of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia: the secretary of the faction Gevorg Gorgisyan and deputy Ani Samsonyan, within the framework of his political consultations with the political forces.

The sides exchanged views on the statement signed by the Prime Minister of Armenia, the Presidents of Russia and Azerbaijan, and the situation in the country.

The deputies presented their assessments, views and proposals.

They stressed the special importance of national unity and solidarity, as well as the preservation of internal political stability in the current situation.



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**President Armen Sarkissian met with the represen-  
tatives of “My Step” parliamentary faction**

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[https://www.president.am/en/press-release/  
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Continuing the political consultations with the parliamentary and extra-parliamentary forces, President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the representatives of “My Step” parliamentary faction of the National Assembly: Deputy Speaker Lena Nazaryan, the head of “My Step” faction Lilit Makunts, and the Chairman of the NA Standing Committee on Defense and Security Andranik Kocharyan.

In particular, ideas were exchanged on the trilateral statement of settling the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and in this context, the current situation in the country.

They stressed the special importance of maintaining stability in the current situation, as well as the need for cooperated and uninterrupted work of all state institutions.



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12.11.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with Prime-Minister Nikol Pashinyan

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian and Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan had a meeting, at which they discussed the current situation in the country.

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12.11.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with Arman Babajanyan, representative of the governing body of the “For the Republic” party

Within the framework of political consultations, the President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the representative of the governing body of the “For the Republic” party, NA deputy Arman Babajanyan.

In particular, ideas were exchanged on the trilateral statement of settling the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the current situation in the country.

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16.11.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian received a group of deputies of the NA “My Step” faction

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received a group of deputies of the NA “My Step” faction, headed by Lilit Makunts, the faction leader.

Issues related to the current situation in the country were discussed at the meeting.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/16/President-Armen-Sarkissian-meet-with-members-of-My-Step-party/>



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20.11.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian received Vagharshak Harutyunyan, the newly-appointed Minister of Defense of the Republic of Armenia

President Armen Sarkissian received Vagharshak Harutyunyan, the newly-appointed Minister of Defense of the Republic of Armenia.

President Sarkissian congratulated Minister Harutyunyan on his appointment to such a responsible position and wished him success.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/20/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Vaxarshak-Harutunyan/>



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11.12.2020

## President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the President of the National Assem- bly Ararat Mirzoyan

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian visited the National Assembly and met with NA President Ararat Mirzoyan.

President Sarkissian once again wished health to NA President, strongly condemning what had happened to him and considered violence inadmissible in any form of manifestation. The President expressed confidence that high responsibility and restraint should prevail, and calls and actions of intolerance and violence should be excluded, especially in this complicated situation for our country and people.

During the meeting, President Sarkissian and the NA President exchanged views on the current situation in the country, and talked about possible ways to resolve it.

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16.12.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with the NA “Bright Armenia” faction leader Edmon Marukhyan

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/16/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Edmon-Marukyan/>

President Armen Sarkissian met with Edmon Marukhyan, the “Bright Armenia” faction leader of the National Assembly. They discussed the current situation in the country.





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18.12.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with the NA “Prosperous Armenia” faction leader Gagik Tsarukyan

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with Gagik Tsarukyan, the “Prosperous Armenia” faction leader of the National Assembly. They discussed the current situation in the country.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/18/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Gagik-Tsarukyan/>



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**24.12.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian met with Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan**

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan.

They discussed the current situation in the country, the challenges to overcome, security and protection of Armenia's border communities, restoration of normal life in Artsakh and support provided by the Armenian government.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/24/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Nikol-Pashinyan/>



**MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC, POLITICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CIRCLES**

**27.09.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian participated in the special session of the RA Security Council**

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/09/27/President-Armen-Sarkissian/>

President Armen Sarkissian participated in the special session of the Security Council of the Republic of Armenia. Issues related to counteracting the large-scale hostilities unleashed by the adversary at the Artsakhi-Azerbaijani border, and providing an appropriate response and further steps by the Armed Forces were discussed at the session.



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28.09.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian participated in the special session of the RA Security Council

Link:

[https://www.president.am/en/press-release/  
item/2020/09/28/President-Armen-Sarkissian/](https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/09/28/President-Armen-Sarkissian/)

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian participated in the special session of the Security Council, during which they touched upon the operative situation on the Karabakh-Azerbaijani border, and the actions of the Armenian Armed Forces aimed at inflicting proportionate counterblow on the adversary.



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30.09.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian participated in the special session of the RA Security Council

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[https://www.president.am/en/press-release/  
item/2020/09/30/President-Armen-Sarkissian/](https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/09/30/President-Armen-Sarkissian/)

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian participated in the special session of the Security Council, during which they touched upon the operative situation on the Karabakh-Azerbaijani border, and the further steps of the Armenian Armed Forces.



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14.10.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian participated in the special session of the RA Security Council

Link:

[https://www.president.am/en/press-release/  
item/2020/10/14/President-Armen-Sarkissian/](https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/14/President-Armen-Sarkissian/)

President Armen Sarkissian participated in the special session of the RA Security Council, during which issues related to the actions and further steps to withstand the Azerbaijani-Turkish terrorist aggression were discussed.



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19.10.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian participated in the special session of the RA Security Council

Link:

[https://www.president.am/en/press-release/  
item/2020/10/19/President-Armen-Sarkissian/](https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/19/President-Armen-Sarkissian/)

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian took part in the special session of the RA Security Council.

His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, the leaders of the National Assembly factions My Step and Bright Armenia, the Chairmen of the NA Standing Committees on Foreign Relations, and Defense and Security, and the representative of the faction Prosperous Armenia attended the meeting as well.

The session started with the prayer of His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians.

The Security Council discussed the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh due to the Azerbaijani-Turkish aggression and the steps taken to counteract the adversary.



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04.11.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with public figures and journalists from the Diaspora and foreign countries

President Armen Sarkissian met with Armenian and foreign politicians and public figures, also representatives of authoritative international media from the Diaspora and various countries. They are in Armenia on the initiative of the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU), they will also visit Artsakh.

At the meeting, the President was asked in particular about the military aggression against Artsakh which was unleashed by Azerbaijan assisted by Turkey, the role of the international community in the settlement of this conflict, and the support of the Diaspora.

The President stressed that Azerbaijan's claims that they were liberating their territories has, in fact, another internationally accepted formulation and is called "ethnic cleansing," as they seek to take over a territory by annihilating the ethnic Armenians who have lived there for thousands of years. "They

are now destroying schools, hospitals, committing inhumane acts, taking away human lives: of the elderly, children and young people."

Touching upon Turkey's involvement, President Sarkissian noted that Turkey provides full military-political support to Azerbaijan, citing a number of factors, among them their ethnic brotherhood and the protection of international infrastructures.

President Sarkissian stressed the need to stop the war.

President Sarkissian thanked all those who did their best in the Diaspora to support Armenia and Artsakh.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/04/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-journalists-from-the-Diaspora/>





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10.11.2020

## President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian continues his consultations

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Larisa-Alavedyan/>

President Armen Sarkissian continues his consultations with the representatives of various social and political forces and intellectuals.

The President of Armenia met with Larisa Alaverdyan, the First Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia, Director of the NGO "Against Legal Arbitrariness", Ambassador Arman Navasardyan, the former Deputy Foreign Minister, and Aram Sargsyan, Chairman of the Democratic Party of Armenia.

At the meeting, the sides exchanged views on the current stage of the settlement of the Karabakh conflict and the latest developments.

They expressed concern over the signed document, and the situation in the country, and spoke about the need to be united and consolidated.



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10.11.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian initiated political consultations with parliamentary and extra-par- lamentary forces

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Armen-Rustamyan/>

President Armen Sarkissian met with Armen Rustamyan, member of ARF Bureau and Artsvik Minasyan, member of the ARF Supreme Body of Armenia, within the framework of his political consultations with political forces.

At the meeting, they touched upon the current situation in the country, in particular, the statement, signed by the Prime Minister of Armenia, the Presidents of Russia and Azerbaijan on the settlement of the Karabakh conflict, and its provisions.

Considering the present authorities responsible, the ARF representatives expressed their worry and concern about the existing risks and presented their vision for overcoming the present situation.

It was emphasized that there should be a nationwide consensus on the settlement of the Karabakh conflict as an issue of national significance.

President Sarkissyan underlined the importance of maintaining the country's stability, also public solidarity and unity.



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**10.11.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian received the lead-  
ers of the “Zharangutyun” (“Heritage”) party**

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[https://www.president.am/en/press-release/  
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with-Narine-Dilabyan-and-Andranik-Grigoryan/](https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Narine-Dilabyan-and-Andranik-Grigoryan/)

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received Narine Dilbaryan, the Chairman of the Board of the “Zharangutyun” Party and Andranik Grigoryan, member of the Board of the Party, within the framework of consultations with socio-political forces.

The sides exchanged views on the current situation and the latest developments in the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, in particular, related to the trilateral document signed by the Prime Minister of Armenia with the Presidents of Russia and Azerbaijan.

Expressing concern about the situation, the importance of unity and solidarity, also of maintaining internal political stability were stressed in this context.



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10.11.2020

**President Armen Sarkissian met with Vahram Baghdasaryan and Eduard Sharmazanov members of the executive body of the Republican Party of Armenia and Hayk Mamijanyan, the leader of the RPA youth organization**

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Vahram-Baghdasaryan/>

President Armen Sarkissian met with Vahram Baghdasaryan and Eduard Sharmazanov, members of the executive body of the Republican Party of Armenia and Hayk Mamijanyan, the leader of the RPA youth organization, within the framework of his political consultations with political forces.

The focal points of the meeting were the statement and its provisions, signed by the Prime Minister of Armenia, the Presidents of Russia and Azerbaijan on the complete cessation of all hostilities in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone.

President Armen Sarkissian said that it is important to have a nationwide consensus to resolve an issue of national importance, like the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

The RPA representatives presented their views on the text of the mentioned statement, its further action and the existing risks; they also expressed concern over the situation in the country and made definite proposals.



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10.11.2020

**Within the framework of political consultations,  
President Armen Sarkissian met with the leader  
of the “Hayrenik” (“Homeland”) party Artur  
Vanetsyan**

Within the framework of his political consultations with the parliamentary and extra-parliamentary forces, President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with Artur Vanetsyan, the Chairman of the “Hayrenik” party.

In particular, they talked about the recent developments in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, the statement signed by the Prime Minister of Armenia, the Presidents of Russia and Azerbaijan on the complete cessation of all hostilities in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone, and about the subsequent events.

President Sarkissyan considered it important to have an atmosphere of public solidarity and nationwide consensus in the processes of resolving issues of national significance.

The leader of the “Hayrenik” party presented his assessments and observations, noting that the party has its vision to find a way out of the current situation.

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11.11.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.

The President of the Republic and His Holiness spoke about the situation in the country and the ways to overcome it.

The recent trilateral statement on the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict was touched upon during the meeting. It was noted to have caused serious concern among our people. In this

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## President Armen Sarkissian met with Aram Sargsyan, the leader of the “Republic” Party

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/11/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Aram-Sargsyan/>

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the leader of the “Republic” Party Aram Sargsyan.

They talked about the document on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, its provisions, as well as the situation in the country.

Aram Sargsyan presented the approaches of his party to the above-mentioned document and the current situation.

The importance of having stability and national unity in the country was stressed at the meeting.



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## President Armen Sarkissian continues his political consultations

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/11/President-Armen-Sarkissian-meet-with-Artur-Ggazinyan/>

President Armen Sarkissian continues political consultations with parliamentary and extra-parliamentary forces. President Sarkissian received Artur Ghazinyan, Chairman of the party "Mek Hayastan" ("One Armenia"), and Vladimir Martirosyan, Member of the Political Council.

The sides exchanged views on the current situation in the country, touched upon the document on the settlement of the Karabakh conflict, signed by the Prime Minister of Armenia, the Presidents of Russia and Azerbaijan.

The representatives of the "One Armenia" party expressed worry and concern over the situation, and presented their views and approaches.

At the meeting, they stressed the importance of maintaining the internal political stability, also public solidarity and unity in the country.





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## President Armen Sarkissian received the representatives of the “National Agenda” party

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/12/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Ara-Hakobyan/>

Within the framework of the continuing political consultations, President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the representatives of the “National Agenda” party, headed by the Chairman of the Party Council Ara Hakobyan.

In particular, ideas were exchanged on the trilateral statement of settling the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the current situation in the country.

The representatives of the “National Agenda” party expressed their concern over the document and its provisions, presenting their viewpoints, position and proposals.

The importance of maintaining stability and national solidarity in the country was stressed at the meeting.



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13.11.2020

## President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians

The President of the Republic and His Holiness issued a call to declare next Sunday, November 22, the Day of Remembrance of the Heroes Who Died for the Defense of Homeland in the Artsakh Liberation War and to hold a commemorating service in all Armenian churches around the world.

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[https://www.president.am/en/press-release/  
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## President Armen Sarkissian continues consultations with political forces

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/13/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Andreas-Ghukasyan/>

President Sarkissian met with Aram Sargsyan, the leader of the Democratic Party of Armenia, Andreas Ghukasyan, the leader of the "Armenian Constructive Party," and Suren Sahakyan and Gor Hakobyan, representatives of the "Citizen's Decision" Social-Democratic Party.

At the meeting, ideas were exchanged on the current situation in the country and the document signed between Armenia, Russia and Azerbaijan on the settlement of the Karabakh conflict.

The representatives of the parties expressed their viewpoints and approaches to the situation. President Sarkissian stressed the importance of national unity and maintaining stability in the country.



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**President Armen Sarkissian met with a group of  
representatives of culture and sports, as well as  
non-governmental organizations**

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meeting/](https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/13/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-meeting/)

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with a group of representatives of culture, sports, as well as non-governmental organizations.

At the meeting, the importance of stability in the country and the atmosphere of tolerance was stressed without which it is impossible to solve the existing problems and get out of the current situation.

The President noted that after the victory we really had in the year 1994, the difficulty now is twofold.

The President of the Republic noted that if there are problems and demands of a small or large part of the society, then we should discuss and solve all the issues like civilized people.

According to the President, the way to become militarily strong is to have a modern army.

The President also thanked the medical staff, noting that these days our medical system is doing a really heroic job.

President Armen Sarkissian wished peace to the people and all families. "We have a lot of wounds to be healed" he said.



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14.11.2020

## President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with some heads of technology companies

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/14/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-meeting/>

Within the frame of his consultations, aimed at getting information about the opinions and viewpoints of public representatives, President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with some heads of technology companies.

At the meeting, questions about the situation in the country, the future fate of Artsakh, and the trilateral document of settling the Karabakh conflict were asked to President Sarkissian.

The President considered any clash or violence inadmissible.



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**16.11.2020**

## **President Armen Sarkissian received a group of people from Hadrut**

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[https://www.president.am/en/press-release/  
item/2020/11/16/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-  
meeting/](https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/16/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-meeting/)

President Armen Sarkissian received a group of Hadrut residents who, deprived of their homes due to the Azerbaijani-Turkish military aggression against Artsakh, currently found refuge in Armenia.

The people of Hadrut, hosted at the President's Residence, said that they recently applied to international organizations and embassies with their concerns and disagreements over what had happened. They informed that their demands were summarized in four main points: to examine the issue of de-occupation of Hadrut, exert every effort to include the issue of Hadrut and all other related matters in the negotiating agenda of the OSCE Minsk Group, transfer the issue of IDPs (internally displaced persons) from Hadrut, as well as the preservation of historical and cultural monuments of Hadrut to the legal level.

Noting that he has not been related to the ceasefire document, President Sarkissian said: "It hurts me because my diplomatic and negotiating experience of so many years has not been used."

Noting that there are huge humanitarian problems today, the President considered important to solve them through various programs.



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23.11.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with public representatives

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[https://www.president.am/en/press-release/  
item/2020/11/23/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-  
meeting/](https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/23/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-meeting/)

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with public representatives, among them political scientists, analysts, journalists, public and cultural figures.

During the conversation that lasted for more than two hours, President Sarkissian and the participants of the meeting exchanged views on the situation in the country and the numerous difficulties emerged: economic, inter-political, moral and psychological, coronavirus, and the opportunities to overcome the current crisis. The importance of maintaining stability in the country and the necessity of systemic accomplished state institutions and structures was emphasized. Reference was made especially to the intolerance prevailing on social networks, the dangerous abundance of false news and fake users, the inadmissibility of dividing the people and the polarization of the society.

The participants of the meeting asked many questions to the President of the Republic, as well as expressed their views on the situation in the country and possible solutions.



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03.12.2020

## President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received Human Rights Defender Arman Tatoyan

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/03/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Arman-Tatoyan/>

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received Human Right Defender Arman Tatoyan.

At the meeting, they touched upon the fate of Armenian prisoners of war and civilians, who were taken hostage by Azerbaijan, and the undertaken steps to return them.

The Human Rights Defender informed about the actions taken by his office, also the discussions he had with his foreign counterparts.

The President noted that the primary responsibility of Armenia's and Artsakh's authorities, and especially relevant bodies, is to take all measures and establish all possible contacts in order to immediately return our compatriots, forcibly held captive and treated barbarically and inhumanly, to Homeland; also, to find out about the fate of those missing. The President said that after the trilateral ceasefire statement, he repeatedly raised the issue of the unreserved observance of the humanitarian law and immediate return of the prisoners of war before his foreign colleagues. He stressed that he would continue to exert his efforts in that direction and use all the possibilities.

Arman Tatoyan noted that he had also appealed to the international community, and especially the structures with a mandate of defending human rights, to help urgently resolve the problem.

At the meeting, they expressed hope that the issue of Armenian prisoners of war and civilians taken hostage would resolve as soon as possible, and they would return to their Homeland.





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14.12.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with a group of representatives of the legal community

The President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the Human Rights Defender Arman Tatoyan, the representative of Armenia in the European Court of Human Rights Yeghishé Kirakosyan, lawyers Siranush Sahakyan, Artak Zeynalyan, and Ara Ghazaryan.

The participants presented the international legal protection measures implemented during the war and those envisaged in the post-war period.

The President of the Republic stressed the importance of effectively using all the opportunities provided by international law and its instruments, as well as the necessity of centralizing the full potential of specialists in international legal protection and working in a coordinated and mutually agreed way.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/14/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Arman-Tatoyan/>



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**10.12.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian received representa-  
tives of the “Alternative” Research Centre**

Link:

[https://www.president.am/en/press-release/  
item/2020/12/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-  
with-Tatul-Manaseryan/](https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Tatul-Manaseryan/)

President Armen Sarkissian received the team of the Alternative Research Centre, headed by Doctor of Economic Sciences, Professor Tatul Manaseryan.

During the meeting, the sides exchanged views on the current situation in the country, its challenges and the solutions to overcome the situation.

Speaking about the current crisis and the painful casualties we suffered during the war, President Sarkissian stressed that as people and state we have no choice but to stand up together holding hands. He noted that to move forward, one must first soberly and accurately assess the situation and capabilities; we must realize that we have faced a number of crises; we must accept the reality and think of effective ways out.



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15.12.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with the ARF leadership

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with Hakob Ter-Khachaturyan, representative of the ARF (Dashnaktsutyun) Bureau and Ishkhan Saghatelyan, representative of the ARF Supreme Body of Armenia. They discussed the current situation in the country.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/15/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Ishxan-Saghatelian/>



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10.12.2020

**President Armen Sarkissian met with the second President of the Republic of Armenia Robert Kocharyan**

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/10/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Robert-Qocharyan/>

President Armen Sarkissian met with the second President of the Republic of Armenia Robert Kocharyan. They discussed the current situation in the country.





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12.12.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with Vazgen Manukyan, the RA former Prime Minister

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with Vazgen Manukyan, the joint candidate for Prime Minister of the movement consisting of parliamentary and extra-parliamentary parties. The current situation in the country was discussed.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/12/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Vazgen-Manukyan/>



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07.12.2020

## The President hosted a group of French Doctors

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/07/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-doctors/>

President Armen Sarkissian hosted a group of French doctors on a humanitarian mission in Armenia, who are showing assistance to the military and civilians, injured during the war. President Sarkissian thanked the doctors for standing by our people in this severe and difficult time, and showing medical assistance to the injured.

Issues related to the treatment of servicemen injured and disabled in the war, their recovery, and limb prosthetics were discussed at the meeting. President Sarkissian especially praised the work of all the centres, expanding their activities in this direction, and noted that during these years, especially after the April war, they carried out immense work and still have a lot of work to do today. According to the President, taking into account the large number of the injured and those in need of medical assistance, today it is necessary to support such centres, bringing the latest technologies to Armenia, and working in cooperation to carry out the process of prosthetics of the servicemen who need such assistance on the spot. The Pres-

ident of the Republic noted that he is ready to fully support such centres: to create an opportunity for cooperation with similar centres and specialists of different countries, including specialists of France, and also, if necessary, to organize the local production of relevant items in the future.

The French doctors spoke about the work they have done with their Armenian counterparts these days, emphasizing that their visits will be regular and that the issue of organizing further treatment of some soldiers in France is under discussion. They especially stressed that they are impressed by the work of Armenian doctors and their high professional quality. "Armenian doctors, like Armenian soldiers, are real heroes," they said.



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12.11.2021

## President Armen Sarkissian received Baroness Caroline Cox

President Armen Sarkissian received Baroness Cox, Member of the House of Lords of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

President Sarkissian thanked the Baroness for being by the side of Armenia, Artsakh and the Armenian people during these difficult days as well.

The Azerbaijani-Turkish aggression unleashed against Nagorno-Karabakh, the Karabakh issue and the current situation in Artsakh were the focus of the meeting.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/12/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-meeting/>



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16.12.2020

**President Armen Sarkissian met with representatives of the executive staff of the “Armenian PR Association.”**

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian hosted the executive staff representatives of the scientific-informational non-governmental organization “Armenian PR Association,” headed by its President Astghik Avetisyan.

During the meeting, they talked about the situation in the country. President Armen Sarkissian stressed the need to unite around the statehood in these difficult times and act together. He noted that it is impossible to think and talk about the future without raising today's issues and outlining their clear solutions.

The participants of the meeting voiced concern about their problems. They considered the proper work in public relations important to avoid polarization in the society, to target existing problems correctly, and to avoid communication crises.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/16/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-members-of-PR-associates/>





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16.12.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with a group of intellectuals, representing the spheres of science, education, and culture

On the evening of December 15, President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian met with a group of intellectuals, representing the spheres of science, education, and culture: Director of the NAS Institute of History Ashot Melkonyan, Director of the NAS Institute of Literature after M. Abeghyan Vardan Devrikyan, Director of the NAS Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Law Gevorg Poghosyan, Dean of the YSU Faculty of Oriental Studies Ruben Melkonyan, Director of the "Armenian Encyclopedia" Publishing House SNCO Hovhannes Ayvazyan, Director of the Charents Museum of Literature and Art Karo Vardanyan, Director of the National Library of Armenia Anna Chulyan, Founder and Head of the "Hover" State Chamber Choir, and Rector of Komitas State Conservatory of Yerevan Sona Hovhannisyan, Head of the G. Gurdjieff Folk Instruments Ensemble Levon Eskenian, and historian and archivist Amatuni Virabyan.

The participants of the meeting presented their opinions and views on the current situation in the country, and touched upon the ways to resolve it.

Speaking about the painful losses suffered during the war, the lack of trust, and the current crisis, the intellectuals noted that, as a people and a state, we have no choice but to get out of the situation with joint forces. To advance, it is first necessary to soberly and accurately analyze and evaluate the situation, compile the list of challenges, accept the existing realities, and think about efficient ways-out of the situation.



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President Sarkissian especially emphasized the need for systemic solutions, noting in particular: "We must renounce wishful thinking, renounce lies and falsehood, face the truth, learn from today's mistakes and advance, making efficient steps." The President noted that we must have a vision of development, strategy, and program for all spheres: "We have a long way to go. We must build our state institutions and strengthen our statehood through daily, consistent work and discipline."

The participants of the meeting noted that the role of the Presidential Institution and the President of the Republic is crucial in overcoming the current situation.

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24.12.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian received the team of Startup Armenia Foundation

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the team of Startup Armenia Foundation.

They touched upon the situation in the country, as well as its impact on various fields and branches of the economy, including prospects for the development of the startup ecosystem. The representatives of the Foundation informed the President about their plans and activities.

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/24/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-meeting/>



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**24.12.2020**

**Issues related to representing the interests of Armenia and RA citizens in the international instances discussed with President Armen Sarkissian**

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/24/President-Armen-Sarkissian-had-a-meeting/>

Continuing the discussions on the issues related to representing the interests of the Republic of Armenia and its citizens on international platforms, President Armen Sarkissian met with Yeghishé Kirakosyan, the Representative of the Republic of Armenia in the European Court of Human Rights, human rights activists Siranush Sahakyan, Levon Gevorgyan and politologist Irina Ghaplanyan.

During the meeting, they discussed issues related to the legal processes of responsibility for human rights violations and war crimes committed by Azerbaijan during the war and in the post-war period, and representation of the interests of Armenia and its citizens in international courts, and referred to the steps taken and to be taken in that direction.



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08.12.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian proposes to look at the reality soberly and to overcome the difficul- ties together

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[https://www.president.am/en/press-release/  
item/2020/12/08/President-Armen-Sarkissian-  
meeting/](https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/08/President-Armen-Sarkissian-meeting/)

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian held a remote meeting with representatives of a number of cultural, educational, and public youth organizations of Shirak region and the city of Gyumri and answered their questions.

The questions, particularly, referred to the vision of Armenia's development after the war, the steps to make the country powerful, as well as the role of education and reforms of the sphere, and the preservation of national and historical-cultural heritage.

Referring to the situation in the country, the President said that we are living in a period of crisis; moreover, we are talking about several crises, the first of which is the defeat in the war. The President pointed out the demographic crisis as well, emphasizing, in particular, that over the past twenty-six years, Artsakh should have had at least three or four times more inhabitants.

The President also spoke about the economic crisis, which, apart from the war and before that, had already been caused by the coronavirus, thus giving rise to the health crisis as well.

According to the President, if people have a strong system of self-defense, they overcome difficulties and get out of them stronger and more protected.

The President of the Republic emphasized that without science there will be no defense tomorrow.

The President of the Republic once again emphasized that we, the Armenians, are the greatest wealth, but do we allow the Armenians to achieve success?



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**17.12.2020**

**President Armen Sarkissian continues to meet with  
political forces**

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/17/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Radik-Karapetyan/>

President Armen Sarkissian continues consultations with parliamentary and extra-parliamentary forces.

President Sarkissian met with the Secretary of the Social Democrat Hunchakian Party Radik Karapetyan, Chairman of the Ramkavar Azatakan Party Hrachya Karapetyan, Chairman of the Greens Party Armenak Dovlatyan, Chairman of the National Cultural Foundation "Pashtpan Hayrenyats (Defender of the Fatherland) Gagik Safaryan, Chairman of the "Hayots Hayrenik" (Homeland of the Armenians) Party Anahit Yeghoyan and Chairman of the "Justice" Party Arthur Baloyan.

During the meeting, an exchange of views took place on the current situation in the country and ways to resolve it. Party representatives expressed their views and approaches to the situation.



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24.12.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian received the leaders of the DPA and Heritage

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President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian received the Chairman of the Democratic Party of Armenia (DPA) Aram Sargsyan, and the Deputy Chairman of the Heritage Party Gagik Margaryan.

The leaders of the parties expressed their concern about the situation in the country and on its borders, considering it extremely worrying and dangerous. They stressed the urgency of resolving the crisis, noting that in the face of the current threats, the delay could lead to more serious dangers. Expressing that they support the proposal of the President of the Republic to form a transitional government of national accord and to hold extraordinary parliamentary elections, they considered the role of the President of the Republic important in the current situation. They suggested holding a larger meeting to discuss the ways-out of the situation.

Touching upon the presented concerns, President Sarkissian emphasized the importance to resolve the situation legislatively and constitutionally. The President considered important the establishment of state institutions, state thinking and state discipline to overcome the most serious and diverse challenges facing our country.



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24.12.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian received the representatives of the “Democratic Alternative” party

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/24/President-Armen-Sarkissian-meet-with-Suren-Surenyan/>

President Armen Sarkissian received the representatives of the “Democratic Alternative” party headed by the party leader Suren Surenyants.

The representatives of the party conveyed their concern about the current situation to the President of the Republic. They spoke about the ways-out of the situation and overcoming the challenges. The leader of the party Suren Surenyants noted that they agree with the steps proposed by the President of the Republic on resolving the crisis in the country.





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28.12.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with public representatives in Gyumri

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/28/President-Armen-Sarkissian-in-Gyumri/>

Considering the country's interest a priority, the President particularly emphasized: "It is important to me to put the country onto the right path at least a little bit." President Sarkissian noted that he had met with the Prime Minister, and his opponents; he would continue to meet them, trying to bring everybody to one table. "From the first day, as President, I have proposed a solution that is very simple and ordinary. The Government resigns because it is very difficult to continue when you have lost," said President Sarkissian. "At this, if the Government were not to blame at all, all the same that page should be closed and started again in order to give hope, because people live with hope. In the early 1990s, there was no gas, no wood, and people were hungry, but they hoped that we would win the war, and have a state, etc.

We have a huge potential to move the country forward. And if we do not wake up today, and do not decide to use our "oil", our wealth, i.e. our people, we will suffer a greater defeat in five-ten years. We are one of the very few nations that are a small state, but a global nation; we must be able to use that advantage.

The hardest thing for me in these two and a half years has been the fact that I worked every day, but I gave this country three percent of my potential, I am not an Executive President. My only tool is my word, and the word gives people hope. My dream is to create conditions for the next generation to come to power with their mindset, attitude, culture, devotion, and honesty, and these people to lead the country ten, twenty years forward."

The participants of the meeting asked various questions to the President of the Republic.



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29.12.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with representatives of youth organizations

During the two-hour conversation, President Sarkissian and over forty participants of the meeting: young scientists, representatives of education and culture, business and public spheres, exchanged views on the situation in the country, presented their concerns and views, and discussed ways to resolve the current crisis.

“As a president and an individual, I have a lot of worries,” said President Sarkissian, addressing the youth. – “One of the worries is related to your generation because if you, being educated and developed, do not see your future in this country, there will be a painful outflow. You are really the future of this country. Today, all the talks about it are actually about you. They are not about what to do today or tomorrow, whom to elect or not, but about what to do for the country to have a future, and that future is you.”

The participants of the meeting asked various questions to the President of the Republic.

Answering the question on the demarcation of the borders, and GPS or similar methods used, President Sarkissian said that it is a very painful issue, the consequence of our defeat in the war, as well as the fact that many state institutions do not work, and demarcation does not happen by itself.



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As the President says: "We need to revalue the traversed path; to do this, we need auditing in all spheres: from state-building to the army, sports, and culture, and first of all, education and science. Because in the 21st century, "agriculture", "tourism", and "e-industry" will be digital; everything will depend on how effectively you can manage.

"Armenia must become a country of quality; what we produce must be of the highest quality; we must make the best use of our advantage and the greatest resource: the human potential."

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30.12.2020

## President Armen Sarkissian met with representatives of organizations and groups that volunteered during the war and the post-war period

President of the Republic Armen Sarkissian met with the representatives of various organizations and groups that initiated volunteer activities in the social support, security, information, and other spheres during the war and the post-war period.

Answering the questions of the participants of the meeting, the President of the Republic noted that our approach to the state and statehood should change.

Answering the question on consolidating the Diaspora, President Sarkissian noted that people should be involved and citizenship barriers removed. "The state must have a clear program," said the President, "Speaking about our country, we must speak about the entire people: the Armenians from St. Petersburg to Los-Angeles, and elsewhere. We have a task to make a radical change in Armenia-Diaspora relations. In this respect, the President of Armenia should be the President of all Armenians; the Government of Armenia should be the Government of all Armenians; listen to them and involve them. Today is the time. It is a crucial moment: we need to change our approaches. There, too, I am ready to work with you, with all the structures of the Diaspora.



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We are a talented people; our talent is flourishing everywhere except our country. Let us do our best to develop this country. As President, I must do the utmost to make our country stable and move forward without significant losses. I hope that these misfortunes and difficulties will make us rebuild the state because a lot is missing. In many areas, we can start from scratch and build rightly. If we do not radically change, and try to make patches, we will be back where we started. I offer to cooperate, of course, for non-political purposes. I have made it clear that I am not going to be Prime Minister; I am not going to form a party; I know I have responsibilities sitting in this building. Especially now, when there is a crisis, this institute is becoming more important."

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**REFERENCE TO THE WAR UNLEASHED BY AZERBAIJAN AGAINST ARTSAKH. INTER-  
VIEWS GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC**

During the 44-day war unleashed by Azerbaijan against Artsakh, President Armen Sarkissian gave interviews to about 40 journalists from leading international TV channels, newspapers and online periodicals, presenting the situation, the position of Armenia and Artsakh, and condemning the Turkish-backed hostilities.

President Armen Sargsyan gave interviews to such authoritative international media as CNN, CBN News, Fox News, BBC, Bloomberg, Indian WION TV, Financial Times, France 24, Australian SBS, Arabic-language "Al Jazeera" and "Al Arabia", Egyptian Al-Ahram Weekly, Russian RBC, RT, "Dozhd" tv stations.

President Armen Sarkissian also spoke at various international conferences about the need to end the war unleashed by Azerbaijan and the reasons for Turkey's involvement in the Nagorno Karabakh conflict.

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## VISITS

21.10.2020

### Meeting with the President of the European Council Charles Michel

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<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/21/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Charles-Michel/>

On a working visit in Brussels, President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian, met with the President of the European Council Charles Michel on October 21.

The President of Armenia spoke in detail about the large-scale military aggression of Azerbaijan against the Republic of Artsakh, which was launched on September 27, Turkey's involvement and military-political assistance to Azerbaijan.

"Violence in Nagorno-Karabakh must be stopped," said the President of the European Council Charles Michel. He inquired about the regional developments taking place in the context of the conflict. The President of Armenia presented the situation at large and noted Turkey's destabilizing policy in the region, which is a serious threat for its stability and security.

The interlocutors expressed deep concern with the ongoing military activities which might result in a huge humanitarian crisis. Charles Michel said that the ceasefire must be observed and negotiations must resume without preconditions.

President Sarkissian stressed the importance that international partners understand the essence of the conflict and make clear appeals to stop the war. "Ceasefire is an absolute necessity, while Turkey must withdraw from this conflict," the President of Armenia underscored.

President Sarkissian considered it very important that the international partners fully understand the essence of the conflict and make a clear call to end the war.



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21.10.2020

# Meeting with the Secretary General of NATO Jens Stoltenberg

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/21/President-Armen-Sarkissian-in-Brussel/>

President of the Republic of Armenia Armen Sarkissian met with the Secretary General of NATO Jens Stoltenberg at the headquarters of NATO in Brussels, on October 21.

President Armen Sarkissian spoke of the situation ensuing from Azerbaijan's military aggression against the Republic of Artsakh and on the border with Armenia, and especially of his concern with NATO member Turkey's explicit military-political assistance to Azerbaijan.

Secretary General of NATO Jens Stoltenberg expressed concern with the situation and particularly with the targeting of the civilian population. He expressed hope that the parties would respect agreements on ceasefire and would get back to the table of negotiations under the co-chairmanship of the OSCE Minsk Group.

After the meeting, President Armen Sarkissian and Secretary General of NATO Jens Stoltenberg made a statement for the press.





VISITS

22.10.2020

## Meeting with the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Josep Borrell

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/22/President-Armen-Sarkissian-in-Brussels/>

On a working visit in Brussels, President Armen Sarkissian, met with the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Josep Borrell on October 22.

In detail, President Sarkissian touched upon the large-scale military aggression unleashed by Azerbaijan on September 27, with the military and political support of Turkey against the Republic of Artsakh, and targeting of settlements, civilians and civilian infrastructures of Artsakh by the Azerbaijani military force.

The President of Armenia noted that all this was taking place with Turkey's direct and immediate involvement, which was also manifested in bringing armed Islamic terrorists to the region. Both regional and international stability and security are seriously endangered.

Josep Borrell expressed deep concern with the ongoing military activities and the existing situation. He stressed the necessity of reducing tension, establishing a ceasefire and returning to the table of negotiations with the mediation of the Co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group.



## VISITS

23.10.2020

### **Meeting with President of France Emmanuel Macron**

The meeting of President of Armenia Armen Sarkissian and President of France Emmanuel Macron took place at the Élysée Palace. At the meeting, they discussed the situation in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone.

President Sarkissian expressed gratitude to President Macron and noted that Armenia highly appreciates the efforts of France, as a Co-Chair of the OSCE Minsk Group, and personal position of President Macron in the resolution of the conflict.

President Sarkissian underscored that the large-scale military aggression unleashed by Azerbaijan with the support of Turkey against Artsakh/Nagorno-Karabakh, and targeting of the settlements, civilian population and civilian infrastructures of Artsakh continue, which causes deaths and injuries among civilians. The President of Armenia expressed deep concern with Turkey's military and political assistance to Azerbaijan and underlined that Turkey's, as the third party, involvement of such magnitude makes the situation worse, endangering the stability and security in the region. President Sarkissian said that the Islamic terrorists, brought by Turkey to Azerbaijan and enlisted in the armed forces of that country to be used in the military actions against Artsakh, pose a particular threat for the region. There is also a possibility that some time later, they might appear in other countries, including in Europe.

President Macron also expressed concern with the ongoing military actions and ensuing situation.



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President Sarkissian and President Macron concurred that there is no alternative to a peaceful resolution and stressed the importance of implementing agreements on ceasefire.

The Presidents underlined the role of the OSCE Minsk Group in the resolution of the conflict and stressed the importance of getting back to the negotiations under the co-chairmanship of the Minsk Group.

The Presidents of Armenia and France also stated with satisfaction that privileged Armenian-French relations, based on the centuries-long ties and friendship of the two nations, continue to develop in the spirit of friendship and mutual understanding.

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Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/23/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Emmanuel-Macron/>



VISITS

24.10.2020

**Meeting with ARF Bureau member, Co-Chair of the Coordinating Council of the Armenian Organizations of France Murad Papazian and Chairperson of the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU) France and AGBU Europe Nadya Gortsunian**

On October 24, President Armen Sarkissian, who is in Paris on a working visit, met with ARF Bureau member, Co-Chair of the Coordinating Council of the Armenian Organizations of France Murad Papazian and Chairperson of the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU) France and AGBU Europe Nadya Gortsunian.

President Sarkissian spoke of the large-scale aggression unleashed by Azerbaijan against the Republic of Artsakh with the military and political support of Turkey and presented the current situation. Stressing the importance of the past and present activities of the Armenian structures in the Diaspora, as well as joint and diverse support of the Armenians of the Diaspora to the Fatherland, the President of Armenia hailed the work of the Armenian structures of France, in this context.



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At the same time, President Sarkissian noted that there is still much to be done to deliver the truth about the NK conflict and the Azerbaijani-Turkish military aggression to the international community and heads of different states and peoples, as well as to help the Fatherland. The President of Armenia said that the recent events revealed once again the unity and self-organizing qualities of our people.

Murad Papazian and Nadya Gortsunian noted that the Armenian Organizations of France, and the whole Armenian-French community would continue to assist the Fatherland, and would exert all efforts to convey truthful information about the real situation to the French public.

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Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/24/President-Armen-Sarkissian-in-Paris/>

# WORKING VISITS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC (APPENDIX 1)



**2020 JANUARY 12-16**

President Armen Sarkissian's working visit to the United Arab Emirates



**2020 OCTOBER 21-23**

President Armen Sarkissian's working visit to the Kingdom of Belgium



**2020 JANUARY 20-22**

President Armen Sarkissian's working visit to the Swiss Confederation



**2020 OCTOBER 23-26**

President Armen Sarkissian's working visit to the French Republic



**2020 JANUARY 23-26**

President Armen Sarkissian's working visit to the State of Israel



**2020 NOVEMBER 14-15**

President Armen Sarkissian's working visit to the United Arab Emirates



**2020 FEBRUARY 14-16**

President Armen Sarkissian's working visit to the Federal Republic of Germany



**2020 NOVEMBER 23-24**

President Armen Sarkissian's working visit to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

# THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND OTHER EVENTS (APPENDIX 2)



**2020 JANUARY 13**

The Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week International Forum, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates



**2020 JANUARY 23**

The 5th World Holocaust Forum in Jerusalem, the State of Israel



**2020 JANUARY 20**

The World Economic Forum conducted under the title Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World, Davos, the Swiss Confederation



**2020 FEBRUARY 15**

The Munich Security Conference in the Federal Republic of Germany

## DISTANT

**2020 APRIL 17**

Distant webinar entitled Quantum Leadership in the Time of Pandemic

**2020 JUNE 11**

CogX2020 "Global Leadership Summit and Festival of AI & Emerging Technology" Conference

**2020 JUNE 22**

"Horasis-India" International Conference. Topic entitled: "Changing Global Governance"

**2020 JUNE 24**

Distant webinar on "COVID-19. The Success and Pathways for Global Cooperation, Foundation for Armenian Science and Technology (FAST)



**2020 MAY 6**

Distant webinar on the topic “The World After the Pandemic: Transformation Scenarios,” Foundation for Armenian Science and Technology (FAST)



**2020 SEPTEMBER 5**

Global Manufacturing and Industrialization Summit (GMIS2020)



**2020 SEPTEMBER 28**

Cybersecurity International Forum  
CYBERSEC2020



**2020 SEPTEMBER 29**

Milano Finanza Digital Week Prestigious Conference



**2020 OCTOBER 10**

The Second Armenia Summit of Minds

**2020 OCTOBER 19**

Distant conference entitled “Crisis in the Caucasus and Causes of the War,” and organized by the Greek journalists’ Union JUDAN



**2020 DECEMBER 14**

Climate Ambition Summit, discussing issues of climate changes.



# REFERENCE TO THE WAR UNLEASHED BY AZERBAIJAN AGAINST ARTSAKH. INTERVIEWS GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC (APPENDIX 3)

## العربية

**2020 SEPTEMBER 30**

President Armen Sarkissian's interview to Al-Arabiya TV Channel.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/09/30/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview/>



**2020 OCTOBER 1**

President Armen Sarkissian's interview to the "Special Interview" program of "Al Jazeera" TV Company.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/01/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Al-Jazeera/>

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/02/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Al-Jazeera/>

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/02/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Al-Jazeera/>



**2020 OCTOBER 1**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an interview to the BBC Arabic Service.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/01/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-BBC-Arabic/>



**2020 OCTOBER 1**

President Armen Sarkissian's interview to the CNBC TV channel.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/01/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-CNBC/>



**2020 OCTOBER 2**

President Armen Sarkissian's interview to the Public Television.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/02/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Petros-Ghazaryan/>



**2020 OCTOBER 5**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an interview to the Sky News Arabia TV Company.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/05/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Sky-news/>



**2020 OCTOBER 3**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an interview to the Indian WION TV channel.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/03/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-WION/>



**2020 OCTOBER 5**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an interview to the Chinese Caixin Media.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/05/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Caixin-Media/>



**2020 OCTOBER 6**

President Armen Sarkissian' interview to the CNN TV Company.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/06/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-CNN/>



**2020 OCTOBER 9**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an interview to Bloomberg.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/09/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Bloomberg/>

**2020 OCTOBER 7**

President Armen Sarkissian met with representatives of the Russian mass media.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/07/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-journalist/>



**2020 OCTOBER 9**

Financial Times spoke with the President Armen Sarkissian's interview to the famous British periodical Financial Times.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/09/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interviews-with-Financial-Times/>



**2020 OCTOBER 9**

President Armen Sarkissian's interview to the American Fox News Channel.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/09/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Fox-news/>

**2020 OCTOBER 13**

President Armen Sarkissian's interview to a group of European journalists.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/13/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-journalist/>



**2020 OCTOBER 10**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an interview to the Arabic-Language Al Ghad TV Company.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/10/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Alghad-Tv/>



**2020 OCTOBER 14**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an interview to the German periodical Bild.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/14/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-Bild/>



**2020 OCTOBER 13**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an exclusive interview to the RT TV Company.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/13/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-RT/>



**2020 OCTOBER 14**

President Armen Sarkissian's interview the Russian "Rain" TV Company.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/14/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview/>



**2020 OCTOBER 15**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an interview to the Kuwaiti Arabic-language daily Al-Jarida.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/15/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Al-Jarida/>

**2020 OCTOBER 19**

President Armen Sarkissian participated in the conference organized by the Greek journalists' Union JUDAN, entitled "Crisis in the Caucasus and Causes of the War".

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/19/President-Armen-Sarkissians-had-a-conference/>



**2020 OCTOBER 16**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an interview to the American CBN News TV Company.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/16/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-CBN/>



**2020 OCTOBER 19**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an interview to the Russian periodical "Kommersant".

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/19/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Kommersant/>



**2020 OCTOBER 16**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an interview to the British The Critic periodical.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/16/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Critic/>



**2020 OCTOBER 19**

President Armen Sarkissian conversed with Politico periodical analyst Ben Judah.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/19/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Politico/>



**2020 OCTOBER 20**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an interview to the French FRANCE 24 TV Company.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/20/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-France24/>



**2020 NOVEMBER 3**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an exclusive interview to the Russian RBK TV Company.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/03/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview/>



**2020 OCTOBER 24**

President Armen Sarkissians interview to the Egyptian periodical Al-Ahram Weekly.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/24/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Al-Ahram/>

**2020 NOVEMBER 4**

President Armen Sarkissian met with Armenian and foreign politicians and public figures, also representatives of authoritative international media from the Diaspora and various countries.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/04/President-Armen-Sarkissian-met-with-journalists-from-the-Diaspora/>

**NationalJournal**

**2020 OCTOBER 26**

President Armen Sarkissians interview to The National prestigious periodical.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/10/26/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-The-National/>

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**2020 NOVEMBER 5**

President Armen Sarkissian's interview to Sweden's Public Sveriges Radio AB.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/05/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Sverige-radio/>

**La Libre**

**2020 NOVEMBER 7**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an interview to Christophe Lamfalussy, the special correspondent of the authoritative Belgian periodical La Libre Belgique.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/07/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-La-Libre-Belgique/>

**Diário de Notícias**

**2020 NOVEMBER 9**

President Armen Sarkissian's interview to the Diário de Notícias.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/09/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-/>

**УКРАЇНА 24**

**2020 NOVEMBER 8**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an interview to the Ukraine 24 TV Company.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/08/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-Ukrain-24/>

**Η ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΗ**

**2020 NOVEMBER 9**

President Armen Sarkissian's interview to the Greek Kathimerini daily.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/09/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Kathimerini/>

**SBS TV**

**2020 NOVEMBER 9**

President Armen Sarkissian gave an interview to the prestigious SBS TV Company.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/09/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-SBS/>

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**2020 NOVEMBER 12**

President Armen Sarkissian's interview to the Israeli Yedioth Ahronoth authoritative periodical.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/12/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Yedioth-Ahronoth/>

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**2020 NOVEMBER 20**

President Armen Sarkisian's exclusive interview to Aravot daily.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/20/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-with-Aram-Abrahamyan/>

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**2020 NOVEMBER 25**

President Armen Sarkissian's exclusive interview to the News Program of the Public TV Company.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/11/25/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview-/>

CIVILNET

**2020 DECEMBER 11**

President Armen Sarkissian's exclusive interview to the CivilNet.

Link:

<https://www.president.am/en/press-release/item/2020/12/11/President-Armen-Sarkissians-interview/>