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New Jersey Becomes 10th U.S. State to Recognize Artsakh



New Jersey officially became the 10th U.S. state to recognize Artsakh, reported the Armenian National Committee of America Eastern Region (ANCA-ER). ANC of New Jersey led a grassroots advocacy effort to secure recognition alongside New Jersey State Senator Joseph Lagana who first introduced the legislation, SCR.71, in the New Jersey State Senate in 2020 and reintroduced it in the 2021 session with the support of New Jersey State Senators Vin Gopal, Holly Schepisi and Nicholas Scutari.

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Top Foreign Relations Committee Members and Appropriators Demand Answers from Biden Administration on Section 907 Waiver of Restrictions on U.S. Aid to Azerbaijan; Armenian POWs



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Armenian Caucus Demands U.S. Sanctions on Turkey and Azerbaijan ahead of Biden-Erdogan Meeting



Congressional Armenian Caucus leaders today called on President Biden to confront Turkey’s President Erdogan during their upcoming June 14th meeting, pressing him to tell the Turkish leader that the U.S. will “withhold security aid and implement targeted economic sanctions unless Azerbaijani forces are removed from Armenian territory and all remaining Armenian detainees and prisoners of war are released from Azerbaijani custody,” reported the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA).

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ANCA Testimony Stresses Need for Expanded U.S. Aid for Artsakh and Armenia in the Aftermath of Azerbaijan/Turkey Attacks

Increasing Artsakh (Nagorno Karabakh) aid and blocking U.S. assistance to Azerbaijan are key components of the Armenian National Committee of America’s (ANCA) testimony, submitted to the U.S. House panel drafting the Fiscal Year 2022 foreign aid bill. The request for Artsakh aid was part of a broader \$350 million targeted assistance

package to both Armenia and Artsakh, recovering from the aftermath of the Fall, 2020, attacks by Azerbaijan and Turkey, which left over 5,000 Armenians dead and displaced over 100,000 civilians.

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U.S. House Appropriators Raise Alarm Over Biden Waiver of Section 907 Restrictions on Arms and Aid to Azerbaijan



Biden’s waiver of Section 907 restrictions on U.S. aid to Azerbaijan and the disparity in military assistance between Armenia and Azerbaijan must be addressed by Secretary of State Blinken, stated the report accompanying the Fiscal Year 2022 Foreign Aid Bill, presented and adopted by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations earlier this week, reported the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA).

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Nevada Governor Signs Holocaust and Genocide Education Bill onto Law

A bill strengthening and mandating Holocaust and #ArmenianGenocide education in Nevada, which passed both houses of the state legislature with unanimous support, was signed into law by Nevada Governor. ANCA-Nevada, together with coalition partners and legislative sponsors, was instrumental in the adoption of AB 231

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Հայ դատի Կանադայի հանձնախումբը ևս հիմնական աշխատանքները կենտրոնացրել է հայ ռազմագերիների ազատ արձակմանը նպաստելու, ադրբեջանական զինուժի կողմից ՀՀ ինքնիշխան սահմանի խախտումները բարձրաձայնելու ուղղությամբ: Որոշակի զարգացումներ կան Թուրքիային կանադական ռազմական նշանակության տեխնոլոգիաների վաճառքի շուրջ պետական հետաքննության վերաբերյալ: Մասնավորապես, հունիսի 21-ին Կանադայի Համայնքների պալատի արտաքին հարաբերությունների և միջազգային զարգացման հանձնաժողովը, Թուրքիային կանադական ռազմական տեխնոլոգիաների վաճառքի շուրջ սեփական հետաքննությունն ավարտելով, այդ հարցը ներառել է օրակարգում և կառավարությունից պահանջել պատճառ պարզաբանումներ: Հավելեք, որ Հայ դատի Կանադայի հանձնախմբի տևական ջանքերի արդյունքում, շաբաթներ առաջ կանադական կողմը դադարեցրել էր Թուրքիային կանադական ռազմական նշանակության տեխնոլոգիաների վաճառքը: Խոսքը մասնավորապես գնում է WESCAM ընկերության տեսադիտարկման համակարգերի մասին, ինչը «Բայաքթար» անօդաչու թռչող սարքերի առանցքային դետալներից մեկն է:

Ավելի վաղ, հունիսի 16-ին Համայնքների պալատի անդամ Գարնեթ Ջենիոսը ներկայացրել է խնդրագիր, որով կառավարությանը կոչ է արվում առարկայական գործողություններով նպաստել բոլոր հայ գերիների ազատ արձակմանը, դատապարտել Ադրբեջանին և Թուրքիային պետական հովանավորչությամբ քարոզվող հայատյացության համար, ինչպես նաև մարդասիրական օժանդակություն տրամադրել Հայաստանին և Արցախին:

"These actions taken by the Azerbaijan government infringe the sovereign rights of Armenia and threaten to create further instability in the region."
 Read the letter from the Chair of the Canada-Artsakh Parliamentary Friendship Group, Rachael Harder, MP to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Marc Garneau, urging the government to condemn Azerbaijan's actions and support peace efforts.
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The Hon. Stéphane Dion Appointed as Canada's Special Envoy to Armenia

ANCC welcomes the appointment of the Honourable Stéphane Dion as Special Envoy to Armenia and are looking forward to working with Mr. Dion as he embarks on this important mission.

"At such crucial times, when Armenia is facing unprecedented challenges - caused by Azerbaijan's Turkish-backed aggression in Artsakh - increased engagement from Canada can play a pivotal role in strengthening Armenia, addressing post-war challenges and contributing to a fair and just resolution to the conflict in Artsakh that respects the indigenous Armenian population's right to self-determination and desire for independence.

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Հայ դատի Ավստրալիայի հանձնախումբ



Հայ դատի Ավստրալիայի հանձնախումբը, տևական ժամանակ հատուկ աշխատանքներ է իրականացնում Ավստրալիայի կողմից Հայոց ցեղասպանության պաշտոնական ճանաչմանը հասնելու համար: Առավել քան մեկ տարի է, Ավստրալիայի հայկական, ասորական և հունական կազմակերպությունները միավորել են իրենց ջանքերը հասնելու երեք ժողովուրդների ցեղասպանությունների ճանաչմանը, այդ նպատակին հասնելու համար երեք համայնքների կողմից ստեղծվել է հատուկ հարթակ, որին միանում են Ավստրալիական հասարակական-քաղաքական դեմքեր:

Հատկանշական է, Ավստրալիայի արտգործնախարար Մարիս Փայլեն առաջին անգամ, հունիսի 11-ին հայտարարել է, որ Հայոց ցեղասպանության ճանաչման հարցում ֆեդերալ կառավարության դիրքորոշմանը վերանայման ընթացքում է:

Մարիս Փայլեն, մայիսի 21-ին, խորհրդարանական հարց

ու պատասխանի ժամանակ, ի պատասխան ընդդիմության արտգործնախարարի թեկնածու Փենի Վոնգի բարձրացրած հարցի, քննադատել է ադրբեջանական ուժերի ներխուժումը Հայաստան:

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Federal Parliamentary Friends Call on Australian Government to Publicly Condemn Azerbaijan's Invasion of Armenia

The co-convenors of the Federal Australia-Armenia Inter-Parliamentary Union (Friendship Group), Trent Zimmerman MP and Joel Fitzgibbon MP have appealed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon. Marise Payne to



release a statement regarding Azerbaijan's ongoing invasion of the Republic of Armenia, reported the Armenian National Committee of Australia (ANC-AU).

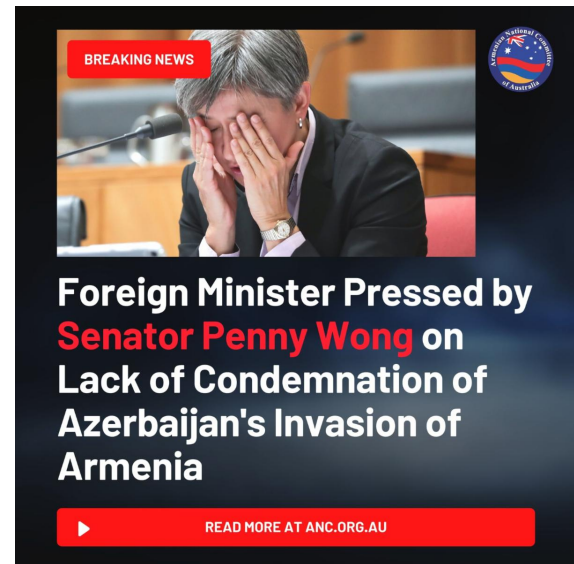
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A delegation from the Armenian National Committee of Australia met with the Russian Federation's Ambassador to Australia, Dr. Aleksey Pavlovsky at his Canberra residence, on 22 June.

They discussed the latest developments in the Caucasus since the conclusion of the 2020 Artsakh War, which was negotiated between Azerbaijan and Armenia by Russia, whose peacekeepers currently guarantee the security of Nagorno Karabakh.

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Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Penny Wong questioned Foreign Minister Marise Payne and Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT) officials if there was "an active decision not to" release a public statement condemning Azerbaijan's continuing invasion of the sovereign territories of the Republic of Armenia, reported the Armenian National Committee of Australia (ANC-AU).

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Australian Senator Rachel Siewert Pledges to Recognise Armenian, Greek and Assyrian Genocides

Senator for Western Australia, Rachel Siewert has joined the Joint Justice Initiative and pledged to recognise the Armenian, Assyrian and Greek Genocides.

Senator Siewert signed an affirmation of support for the Joint Justice Initiative, which



calls for Federal Australian recognition of the genocides of 1915.

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“ WE TAKE DUE NOTE OF YOUR PROPOSAL WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED IN OUR FURTHER WORK AIMED AT SUPPORTING MUCH NEEDED RECONCILIATION THAT SHOULD BE BASED ON AN HONEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PAST EVENTS. ”
MEP Marina Kaljurand on behalf of the EP President Sassoli

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27/05/2021
European Parliament
Delegation for relations with the South Caucasus
The Chair
European Armenian Federation for Justice and Democracy
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1040 Brussels
contact@eafjd.eu
Ladies and Gentlemen,
The President of the European Parliament, Mr David Sassoli, has asked me to reply on his behalf to your letter of 22 April, in which you propose to designate 24 April as an official Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day in the European Union.
As you know, the European Parliament continues to be committed to the recognition and commemoration of the Armenian genocide. This has been its consistent position since its ground-breaking resolution of 19 June 1987. It is of utmost importance that lessons of history are correctly learned so that such atrocities are never repeated.
Remembering and paying tribute to the victims is a key part of this necessary process of drawing lessons from the past for the sake of a better future. In my capacity as Chair of the Delegation for relations with the South Caucasus, I joined in this commemoration on 24 April and encouraged everyone in the international community to do the same. You will kindly find enclosed the statement I released on that occasion.
We take due note of your proposal which will be considered in our further work aimed at supporting much needed reconciliation that should be based on an honest acknowledgement of past events.
Yours faithfully,
Marina Kaljurand
Marina KALJURAND
Encl. Statement of 24 April 2021 on the occasion of the Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day

On 22 April the EAFJD sent a letter to the European Parliament President David Sassoli, proposing that April 24th be introduced as an official Remembrance Day of the #ArmenianGenocide in the #EU. Below you can find the official response of the MEP Marina Kaljurand, the Chair of the European Parliament Delegation for relations with South Caucasus on behalf of the EP President Sassoli. The EAFJD and its committees across Europe highly value the role of the European Parliament in standing up for justice.

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Henrikh Mkhitaryan in his club's football game in Baku in 2019 and the Azerbaijani police harassment towards supporters wearing the jersey of the Armenian player, the EAFJD has repeatedly called on the UEFA to decide against holding UEFA EURO 2020 games in Azerbaijan, in order to avoid any xenophobic and racist acts during the tournament. #Artsakh #NagornoKarabakh were denied access to the games currently taking place in Baku, Azerbaijan. Moreover, the Azerbaijani dictator AliyevErdogan will attend today's Euro 2020 game in Baku. Last year they were both responsible of inhumane, horrific war crimes and the death of thousands of Armenians in Karabakh, with the participation of islamist terrorist groups and Syrian mercenaries. These crimes were well-documented by some of the most prominent European media, and were firmly condemned by European governments and parliaments.



Aleksander Čeferin
UEFA President
Route de Genève 46, CH-1260 Nyon 2, Suisse
Brussels, 21 May 2019

Dear Mr. Čeferin,
I am writing to you in my capacity as the president of the European Armenian Federation for Justice and Democracy (EAFJD), concerning the 2019 UEFA Europa League Final that takes place in Azerbaijan's capital, Baku on May 29.

The EAFJD expresses its deepest concern regarding the fact that the Armenian player of Arsenal F.C. Henrikh Mkhitaryan was obliged to take the decision not to participate in the upcoming final game in Baku, considering the epidemic scope of anti-Armenian sentiment in Azerbaijan, which has been widely encouraged by the current Azerbaijani regime.

It is a pity that UEFA decided to hold the final match in a country with a devastating human rights record where the alarming scope of xenophobia and thus the potential of violence against anyone with an Armenian heritage is so high that it made a football player choose between his safety and carrying out his job.

Inhumane acts, such as the brutal murder of the Armenian Lieutenant Gurban Magaryan with an axe by Ramil Saliyev in 2004, his glorification by the Azerbaijani authorities, and the mutilation of three elderly innocent Armenians by the Azerbaijani army in 2016 in the village of Talish are just few examples of blind anti-Armenianism in the Azerbaijani society. Unfortunately, Azerbaijan is a dictatorship that has committed countless human rights violations and political crimes that undermine European values and violate the rule of law.

In the light of the above-mentioned facts the European Armenian Federation for Justice and Democracy urges UEFA to decide against holding any major events in Azerbaijan, such as the upcoming Euro 2020 games. Xenophobia and racism have no place in sports the goal of which must be to bring people together regardless of their nationality, origin or skin color and not to divide them.

Sincerely,
Kaspar Karamehmetian
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Unfortunately, the UEFA has once again went against its own values and has chosen Azerbaijani oil money and petrodollars over Human Rights, peace and respect.

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The EU High Representative and head of European External Action Service - EEAS #JosepBorrell, answered the written question sent by Member of the European Parliament Costas Mavrides on the position and the acts the EU is willing to take about the so-called Azerbaijani ‘Trophy Park’. The park is a provocative exhibition of war trophies organized by the Azerbaijani Government in Baku, showing confiscated or destroyed Armenian machinery, equipment and armaments during the 2020 war, as well as humiliating helmets of Armenian soldiers killed in the war and degrading wax mannequins of Armenian military personnel.

While we welcome the stand of the EU on this issue, we would like to remind that the so-called Azerbaijani

‘Trophy Park’ is nothing but another demonstration of decades long state policy of #Armenophobia in Baku. Unfortunately, thanks to the #xenophobic regime of Baku, the sentiment of hatred towards anyone or anything Armenian is now anchored deeply in the Azerbaijani society, including children, teenagers and army men, which led to well-documented war crimes against the Armenians of Artsakh-Nagorno Karabakh.

The EU must take more concrete actions and use political pressure at the highest level in order to prevent the spreading of anti-Armenian hatred and racism by the Azerbaijani Authorities. And this begins by releasing all the #ArmenianPOWs (Prisoners of War) and shutting down the so-called park of trophies.

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Tim Loughton MP has received a response from the UK government against Azerbaijani aggression outlining their stance on Azerbaijan's continued retention of Armenian POWs and illegally stationed troops along the Armenian border

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ANC UK's latest newsletter is out, covering London's protests to Free Armenian POWs, our work on Genocide Recognition in the UK and other news from the UK's Armenian Community.
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A group of British politicians who are members of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Armenia have written to the UN on Azerbaijan's aggression and denial of war crimes.
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Members of the Armenian Committee of Cyprus Hagop Kazandjian and Simon Aynedjian met with Political and Economic Counselor of the United States Embassy in Cyprus Daniel Wartko and Section Officer William Stange on June 7 at the US Embassy in Nicosia.



The Armenian Cypriot representatives extended their gratitude for United States President Joe Biden's announcement regarding the acknowledgment of the Armenian Genocide and extended their views on how the century-old political standoff between the descendants of the Armenian Genocide and Turkey could come to a closure. They noted that President Biden's announcement was as example of how the issue of Genocide should be addressed and acknowledged, without upsetting alliances

and causing unnecessary tensions. Kazandjian and Aynedjian briefed the Embassy officials on the agenda pursued by the political network of the Armenian National Committees, as well as their regional offices in Washington DC, Brussels, Moscow, and Beirut. The current situation in Armenia, the captives still held in Baku seven months after the war, as well as the evolving political landscape in the eastern Mediterranean and the Caucasus, was

also discussed.

They also shared their thoughts on the peace process and the solution to the Cyprus problem before extending an invitation to both senior Embassy officials for a tour of the Armenian community's organizations and institutions throughout Cyprus.

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ALC announces seven new POW cases filed before the ECHR



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The International & Comparative Law Center (ICLaw) in partnership with the Armenian Legal Center for Justice & Human Rights (ALC) has filed seven new cases with the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) requesting the application of “interim measures” for prisoners of war (POWs) taken captive by Azerbaijan in violation of international humanitarian law and the November trilateral ceasefire statement. “Azerbaijan’s continued failure to acknowledge the existence of all Armenian POWs is an

outrage and yet another example of its depraved indifference to human life,” stated ALC chairperson Kenneth Hachikian. “It is time for the international community to stop emboldening dictator Aliyev and demand that Azerbaijan comply with its obligations under the 1949 Geneva Conventions.”

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