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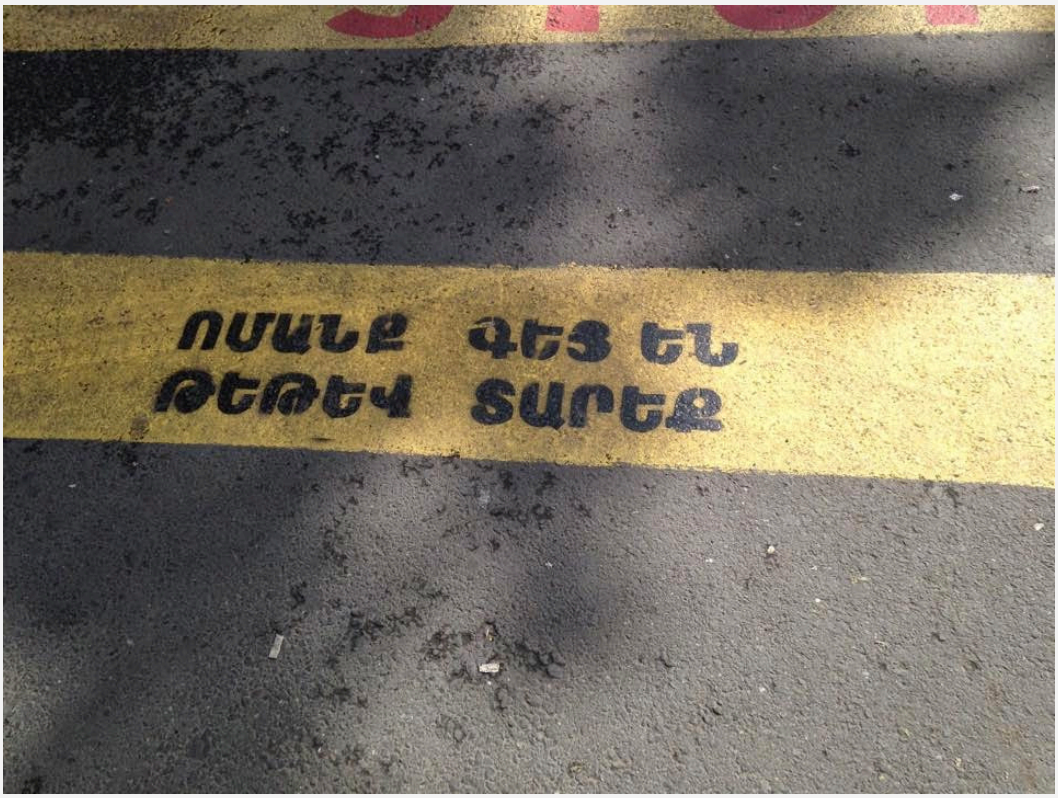



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# Reaching Out to All Armenians: ‘Equality Armenia’ and the Fight for LGBTQ Rights

*Special to the Armenian Weekly*



Activists in Yerevan posted the Armenian version of LGBT rights charity Stonewall’s message “Some People are Gay. Get Over it!” across various parts of Yerevan, including street crossings, to mark the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia in 2015 (Photo: gayarmenia.blogspot.com)

Almost anyone who has grown up in and around an Armenian community knows that LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer) Armenians often walk on eggshells. Until recently, they have had to deal with all manner of negative portrayals. The classic line, to a gay man: “Yes, but why don’t you just get married, *jan* (dear).” They mean to a woman, of course. And the classic to end all classics—total erasure: “There are no gay Armenians”—a comment as absurd as it is common, especially within the Republic of Armenia itself. As for Armenian lesbians and transgender people, they have often been left out of the…

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# AYF-YOARF Eastern U.S. Outlines 2018 Activities

WATERTOWN, Mass.—Armenian Youth Federation-Youth Organization of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation (AYF-YOARF) Eastern United States Central Executive published the following statement on Feb. 5, outlining the organization's plans and activities for 2018.




2018 marks the 85th anniversary of the Armenian Youth Federation (Photo: AYF-YOARF Eastern U.S.)

The statement can be read in its entirety below.

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*Sireli Ungerner* (Dear Comrades),

With 2018 well on its way, the Armenian Youth Federation-Youth Organization of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation (AYF-YOARF) Eastern United States Central Executive has begun its year after the conclusion of the organization's Annual Convention and with the gathering of regional councils to set forth a plan for the year. The annual AYF-YOARF committee weekend kicked off what promises to be a year highlighting many significant memories. Councils discussed this year's seminars, athletic games, how to optimize efficiency within our...

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# Two Armenians Reportedly Injured in Damascus Mortar Attack

DAMASCUS, Syria (A.W.)—Two Armenian siblings—Loris and Hagop Demirjian—were injured on Monday, in a mortar attack in Damascus, reported Yereavan-based News.am.



A scene from the aftermath of one of the attacks (Photo: SANA)

According to local sources, including the state run Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA), at least two civilians were killed while 13 more were injured on Monday due to shelling attacks by armed groups targeting Damascus and surrounding areas.

It was reported that armed groups fired mortar shells on the Bab Touma neighborhood and the Mariamite Cathedral in Damascus. Two more shells fell on al-Ameen Street in al-Shaghour, and another shell landed in al-Dwila'a neighborhood, causing extensive material damage.

The Armenian Weekly will be following developments and providing updates as they become available.

The post Two Armenians Reportedly Injured in Damascus Mortar Attack appeared first on The Armenian Weekly.

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# Artsakh Ombudsman Appoints Beglaryan and DerGrigorian to New Posts

SHUSHI, Artsakh (A.W.)— Artsakh Ombudsman (Human Rights Defender) Ruben Melikyan has appointed Artak Beglaryan as the Head of Department and Babken DerGrigorian as an Adviser.

“It is a great honor and pleasure,” Beglaryan said, “since I get to serve the people of Artsakh and defend their rights.” Beglaryan, who is a specialist in politics and public administration, previously worked as the Assistant then as the Press Secretary to the Artsakh Prime. Most recently, he served as Advisor to the State Minister.




(L to R) Artak Beglaryan and Babken DerGrigorian

Under the new “Law Regarding the Human Rights Defender,” passed by the Artsakh Parliament on Dec. 21, 2017 and enacted on Feb. 1, the Ombudsman’s staff has been restructured into two administrative units—the Department and the Secretariat.

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