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## **Aram I Declares 2018 'The Year of Independence' to Mark the Centennial of First Republic**

ANTELIAS, Lebanon—His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, has declared 2018 “The Year of Independence” to mark the centennial anniversary of the first Republic of Armenia.



Catholicos Aram I (Photo: Arsineh Valladian)

Aram I's Pontifical Encyclical was read on Sunday, Jan. 14, during the Holy Liturgy at St. Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral in Antelias, as well as and in all Armenian Orthodox dioceses and parish churches under the jurisdiction of the Armenian Catholicosate of Cilicia.

In the Pontifical Encyclical, His Holiness provides a brief account on the events that led to the creation of independence and highlights the fact that the Armenian Church had a significant role in the creation of Armenia's independence.

“Centuries of history testify that regimes are temporary—nations with their faith, fatherland, and culture are eternal” reads a part of the Encyclical.

“The strengthening of Armenia and Artsakh is the foundation of our national...”

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## Armenia Officially Condemns Yazidi Genocide, Calls for the Perpetrators to be Held Accountable

YEREVAN (A.W.)—Armenia's National Assembly voted on Tuesday to officially condemn the [Yazidi Genocide](#) perpetrated by ISIS/ISIL and other terrorist groups in Iraq. The resolution, which was supported by all four parliamentary factions, was adopted with 91 votes for and none against (one abstention).



Defend International provided humanitarian aid to Yazidi refugees in Iraqi Kurdistan in Dec. 2014 (Photo: Defend International)

The adopted resolution emphasizes efforts of the international community aimed at implementing the provisions of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and highlights the responsibility of states to respect the rights of ethnic and religious minorities stipulated by international law.

The resolution also reiterates Armenia's commitment to fight to prevent genocides and other crimes against humanity and calls for an investigation of the crimes against the Yazidi people through international structures and hold the...

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## Artsakh Solider Sustains Fatal Gunshot Wound; Circumstances Unclear

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According to a statement published by the Artsakh Defense Ministry, Khachatryan was killed at an Artsakh military unit in the northern direction of the Line of Contact (LoC), under yet unclear circumstances.

An investigation is currently underway to figure out the details of the serviceman's death. The ministry also expressed its grief and offered condolences to the soldier's family, loved ones, and fellow servicemen.

The post [Artsakh Solider Sustains Fatal Gunshot Wound; Circumstances Unclear](#) appeared first on [The Armenian Weekly](#).



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## Historic Ordination: Tehran Diocese of the Armenian Church Ordains Deaconess

The Primate of the Diocese of Tehran (under the jurisdiction of the Catholicosate of Cilicia) ordained a young woman as a deaconess in Tehran's St. Sarkis Mother Church on Sept. 25, 2017. Even as the office of deaconess had existed in Armenian Church convents for centuries, this was a historic first. It is the first time that a lay woman, not a nun, was ordained a "parish deacon."



Twenty-four year old Ani-Kristi Manvelian was ordained on Sept. 25, 2017 (Photo: MEHR/Iman Hamikhah)

Twenty-four year old Ani-Kristi Manvelian, an anesthesiologist by profession, was ordained—along with Mayis Mateosian—by Archbishop Sebouh Sarkissian, the Primate of the Diocese of Tehran.

"What I have done is in conformity with the Tradition of the Church and nothing else," said Archbishop Sarkissian. This was his personal initiative as a diocesan primate in order, as he explained, "to revitalize the participation of women also in our church's liturgical life," adding, "do not be..."



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## The Akh'tamar Dance Ensemble of New Jersey to Return to Armenian Heritage Cruise Stage

PALISADES PARK, N.J.—The Akh'tamar Dance Ensemble of New Jersey will be returning to the Armenian Heritage Cruise stage for the second time. Under the artistic direction of Sylva Asadourian, the Akh'tamar Dance Ensemble has been determined to dictate the Armenian story through dance for over 20 years.



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January 20-28, 2018

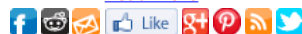
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The Armenian Heritage Cruise XXI will be taking place Jan. 20-28 aboard the Royal Caribbean's Freedom Of The Seas, which will be traveling to St. Kitts, St. John's Antigua, San Juan, and Labadee.

The ensemble meets each Friday evening to not only master choreography, but to also nurture a steadily growing family. Akh'tamar Dance Ensemble welcomes members of all ages as it caters to both children and young adults.

Over the last few years, Akh'tamar has greeted audiences in the New York metropolitan area, California,...

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## MacArthur Fellow Greg Asbed on the Power of Organizing in Immigrant Communities



A photograph from one of CIW's rallies in 2016 (Photo: Coalition of Immokalee Workers)

Many of us would like to believe that the power to change the world lies in the hands of consumers—but does it actually?

That's a question I posed recently to Greg Asbed, a [recent recipient](#) of the highly coveted MacArthur Fellowship—the so-called “Genius Grant”—which awards \$625,000, no-strings-attached, to individuals with outstanding talent “as an investment in their potential.”

Asbed has dedicated the last few decades of his life to transforming an oft-neglected sector of the food industry: labor. More specifically, his work has centered on the plight of farm workers in Immokalee, Fla., where 90 percent of the United States’ winter tomatoes are picked and whose farms supply countless fast food enterprises.



Greg Asbed, first-generation Armenian American, co-founder of Coalition for Immokalee Workers, and 2017 MacArthur Fellow (Photo: MacArthur Foundation)

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