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Armenia's population should be at least 5 million by 2050 – PM

Armenia's population should grow to at least 5 million and 1.5 million new jobs should be created in the country by 2050. Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said at the Matevadaran on September 21, unveiling the strategy of Armenia's transformation in the next 30 years.

The premier attached importance to good education and work as a tool to stamp out poverty in the country.

In Pashinyan's words, the strategy eyes a seven-fold increase of the average salary and a 20-fold GDP growth.

He announced that by 2050 Armenia plans to have the most powerful army in the world per capita and one of the 10 most efficient intelligence services in the world.

Noting that one of the main goals will be to make learning a national way of life, the prime minister said at least 3 Armenian universities should make it to the list of



top 200 universities in the world. Also, he stressed the importance of turning Armenia into an industrial country.

In this regard, it is planned to have at least 5 technological companies worth \$10 billion and more and at least 10,000 working startups, he said.

Achieving 25 Olympic gold medals, making the Armenian football team a world or European finalist, getting an individual world chess champion and attracting 15

million tourists to the country are also among Armenia's strategic goals by 2050.

Pashinyan highlighted the national security strategy which lists the national values.

According to the premier, the first value is the Armenian statehood, which allows Armenians to make decisions about their own destiny, the second is the education, the next key value is the individual, as the individual is the only entity that forms a family, a society, people and a state.

The fourth value, according to Pashinyan, is work.

"Our national goals are based on these national ideas. The first of these goals is the eternity of the Armenian statehood. The next is the evaluation of an Armenian citizen. After all, what is statehood for? It is to ensure the welfare, security, freedom and happiness of Armenian citizens," the prime minister said.

France determined to support Armenia in reforms process: Macron sends congratulatory message

President of France Emmanuel Macron sent a congratulatory letter to Armenia's President Armen Sarkisyan on the occasion of the Independence Day, the Presidential Office told Noyan Tapan.

The message runs as follows:

"Dear Mr. President,

Dear friend,

On behalf of myself and the French people I address you my warmest congratulations on the occasion of Armenia's Independence Day.

France and Armenia can be proud of the mutual relations which are based on historic ties, joint memory and common vision. These unique ties are a wealth more than ever which we are ought to develop. They make us stronger to assist the chal-



lenges facing our countries.

I want to assure you that France is determined to support Armenia in this courageous process of reforms launched by the government of Armenia since 2018. France stands by you to contribute to the new progress of your economy, as well as to support

Armenia to invest in concrete long-term healthcare projects and the fight against climate change. More than ever the role players of our bilateral relations are ready to assist the reforms and participate in the economic progress. Despite the COVID-19 situation, I praise the latest achievements of our cooperation in university, educational and cultural spheres.

By using this chance, I want to state that France, as a Minsk Group Co-Chair, will spare no effort to achieve the quick resumption of negotiations between the sides, with the hope of peaceful and lasting settlement of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict.

Please, Mr. President, accept the assurances of my highest respect."

Armenia criminalizes "direct and public incitement of genocide"

The Armenian National Assembly voted unanimously on September 17 to criminalize the "direct and public incitement of genocide."

The Parliament passed relevant amendments to the Criminal Code with 121 votes in favor.

Direct and public incitement to genocide will be punished by imprisonment for a term of eight to ten years.

The same act committed through mass media or through a computer system or by a group of persons with prior consent will be punished by imprisonment for a term of

ten to fourteen years.

The act provided for in the first or second part of the above article, committed by an organized group or through abuse of official position, shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of fourteen to twenty years, or by life imprisonment.

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