"NAGORNO-KARABAKH: ENDANGERED ARMENIAN HERITAGE" PHOTO EXHIBIT HELD IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

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YEREVAN, 25 MAY, ARMENPRESS. On May 21, the Honourable Greg Fergus, Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada, and Her Excellency Anahit Harutyunyan, Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to Canada co-hosted a photo exhibit in the House of Commons, entitled "Nagorno-Karabakh: Endangered Armenian Heritage".

According to the Canadian Embassy in Armenia, the exhibit included works of Canadian Armenian photographer Hrair "Hawk" Khatcherian from his book "Artsakh: The Photographer's Eye".

In her opening remarks, Armenia's Ambassador thanked the Speaker and other colleagues for fruitful cooperation. Ambassador Harutyunyan emphasized that Azerbaijan is currently erasing all the traces of the presence of indigenous Artsakh Armenians through the destruction, appropriation, and desecration of the Armenian cultural and religious heritage of Artsakh. In that context, the Ambassador drew parallels with the systematic policy of Azerbaijan which led to the destruction of almost 99% of the Armenian historical and cultural heritage in Nakhichevan.

While stressing the significance of preserving Armenian cultural heritage in Artsakh, she attached great importance to urgent international efforts towards that aim, as a global responsibility. Speaker Fergus touched upon the inadmissibility of destruction and desecration of the centuries-old Armenian heritage in Nagorno-Karabakh.

He underlined the importance of fighting to prevent such actions as the mentioned items constitute part of the heritage of mankind. The exhibit was attended by the members of Parliament, and Senators, including members of Canada-Armenia Parliamentary Friendship Group, the Honorary Consul of Armenia in Quebec, as well as other public officials, and guests.

There are no comments yet.