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**THE CALL OF THE AZERBAIJANI  
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**Dear Colleagues,**

Shortly after the collapse of the Soviet Union in late 1991 and the recognition of the independence of Armenia and Azerbaijan in the international arena, military operations and attacks by Armenia against Azerbaijan intensified. Armenia started a war against Azerbaijan, occupied Nagorno-Karabakh and seven adjacent regions by force, expelled up to a million people from their ancestral lands<sup>1</sup>, pursued a policy of ethnic cleansing in the occupied territories, committed other serious crimes during the conflict and established a separatist organization in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan.

Over the past 27 years, the ceasefire has been repeatedly violated by the Armenian armed forces, and dozens of civilians and children, including a two-year-old toddler, have been killed as a result of the shots fired from the occupied territories<sup>2</sup>.

After Nikol Pashinyan became a prime minister, Armenia became more aggressive in resolving the conflict; statements such as "Nagorno-Karabakh is Armenia", organisation and participation in military exercises in Nagorno-Karabakh and other occupied territories by him and his wife have dealt a serious blow to the negotiation process<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [I-42864.pdf \(anl.az\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-40504373>

<sup>3</sup> <https://jam-news.net/nagorno-karabakh-protest-inauguration-president-armenian-leadership/>

On September 27, 2020, the Armenian armed forces violated the ceasefire and tried to occupy new territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as a result of which military clashes broke out between the armed forces of the two countries. With the signing of a tripartite statement<sup>4</sup> between the parties to the conflict and the Russian Federation on November 10, 2020, the military operations between the parties ended in a victory for the Azerbaijani Army.

I would also like to inform you that the Armenian nationalists, who have historically dreamed of realizing territorial claims against neighbouring countries and creating a "Greater Armenia", have pursued a policy of genocide and terrorism against humanity and committed hideous crimes. They committed not only crimes against people and crimes of special cruelty, but also a "genocide" against ancient and historical monuments.

The museums of the region looted by the Armenian invaders collected valuable items related to the history and the culture of the Azerbaijani people, works of art and culture, world-famous carpets, memorabilia of prominent Azerbaijani personalities and other treasured materials. Cultural objects that make up the cultural heritage of Azerbaijan in the occupied territories were destroyed with special cruelty. 12 museums, 6 art galleries, 9 palaces of historical significance were looted and burned in the occupied territories. 40,000 museum treasures and exhibits of unique historical significance were looted. The remaining 152 places of worship, temples, as well as 62 mosques in the occupied territories became victims of Armenian aggression. 4.6 million books and unprecedented manuscripts were destroyed in 927 libraries which were razed and burned<sup>5 6</sup>.

The Armenization of some architectural monuments in the liberated territories of Azerbaijan and the vandalism of others is a matter of serious concern. As a result of these illegal actions of Armenia, the Islamic religious monuments, gardens, parks and architectural ensembles left in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan have long been destroyed by the Armenians and become history. Islamic religious monuments, i.e. mosques, tombs, shrines and other places of worship were the most destroyed and ruined by the Armenians. One of the reasons for the particularly ruthless destruction of historical Islamic monuments in the occupied territories is the presence of inscriptions with Muslim epigraphy on them. That is because it is impossible to Armenize these monuments and present them as non-Azerbaijani relics. Thus, 63 of the 67 mosques officially operating in Nagorno-Karabakh and surrounding areas were completely and 4 were partially destroyed. Only as a result of pressure from international organizations, the walls of the Aghdam Juma Mosque, Ashagi Govhar Agha, Yukhari Govhar Agha and Saatli mosques in Shusha were preserved<sup>7</sup>.

Demonstrating another example of vandalism and immorality, Armenians exhibited their hatred and insults against Azerbaijanis and the Islamic world in general by keeping pets, including pigs, inside mosques in Agdam, Zangilan and Gubadli<sup>8</sup>.

President Ilham Aliyev mentioned this issue in an interview with France 24 television channel, saying that "they keep pigs there and thus insult the feelings of not only us, but all Muslims."<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> <https://president.az/articles/45924>

<sup>5</sup> [Damage to cultural heritage \(mfa.gov.az\)](https://mfa.gov.az)

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.armenianvandalism.az/az\\_general.html](https://www.armenianvandalism.az/az_general.html)

<sup>7</sup> [https://azertag.az/xeber/Dunya\\_ictimaiyyeti\\_Ermenistanin\\_tarixi\\_ve\\_dini\\_abidelerimizin\\_mehvine\\_yonelmis\\_terror\\_siyasetini\\_keskin\\_sekilde\\_pislem\\_elidir-1651089](https://azertag.az/xeber/Dunya_ictimaiyyeti_Ermenistanin_tarixi_ve_dini_abidelerimizin_mehvine_yonelmis_terror_siyasetini_keskin_sekilde_pislem_elidir-1651089)

<sup>8</sup> <http://azeridaily.com/reality/59123>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhXEJ0RLu4>

The protection of cultural property during wartime is mainly regulated by a special international agreement, the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, to which more than 60 countries are party. Destruction and intentional damage of our historical and cultural monuments by the Armenian occupiers in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan is a violation of this Convention, as well as the 1992 European Convention for the Protection of Archaeological Heritage<sup>10</sup> and to the 1972 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage<sup>11</sup>.

Acts of vandalism are unequivocally prohibited under international law and conventions. The Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, adopted in The Hague in 1954, is the first international treaty on the protection of cultural property during wartime. Under this Convention, the attacking party has an obligation not only to respect and protect cultural property, but also to take constructive steps to prevent the theft of such property in the occupied territories. It should be noted that Armenia's acts of vandalism during the armed conflict are a gross violation of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of the Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and the Second Protocol annexed to this convention in 1999. Article 9<sup>12</sup> of this Protocol obliges the occupying party to prevent trade of cultural property and antiques in the occupied territories, to prevent their smuggling, and to prohibit the systematic or intentional alteration of cultural, historical, as well as scientific monuments and features.<sup>13</sup> The Convention binds parties with the protection and defense of movable and immovable cultural values, such as architecture, art, historical monuments, archeological excavations, located in the territory of each state and in the territory of the opponent during military conflicts. Executive regulation defining the rules of application of the Convention and a protocol prohibiting the exportation of cultural values from the occupied territories was adopted for the Hague Convention.

The member states of the Convention agree to "prohibit, prevent and, if necessary, put an end to acts of vandalism against cultural property, theft, robbery and misappropriation of cultural property<sup>14</sup>."

The Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954, adopted in 1999, further expanded the scope of protection of cultural property during armed conflicts. In particular, in the context of the occupation of Azerbaijani lands by Armenia, Article 9 of the Protocol prohibits the occupying party from illegal trade in cultural property, any archeological excavations, their removal, alteration or destruction of cultural, historical and scientific evidence, as well as the prevention of cultural property "in relation to the occupied territories".

Simultaneously, according to the established provisions of the Paris Convention of 1970 on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property and the 1995 Convention on the Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects, illegal acts against cultural property and cultural heritage during armed conflicts are considered a war crime under international criminal law. As a member of international institutions, Armenia is responsible for acts of vandalism against the religious and cultural heritage of Azerbaijan in the occupied territories.

I would like to note that in addition to the "terror" committed by Armenians against our cultural monuments, they also committed environmental terrorism in the territories of

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<sup>10</sup> <https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/rms/090000168007bd25>

<sup>11</sup> <https://whc.unesco.org/en/conventiontext/>

<sup>12</sup> [http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=15207&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=15207&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

<sup>13</sup> [http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=13637&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13637&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

<sup>14</sup> [http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=13637&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13637&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Azerbaijan. Thus, according to the tripartite statement signed by the leaders of Azerbaijan, Russia and Armenia on November 10, the Armenians undertook to return the Aghdam, Kalbajar and Lachin regions of the Republic of Azerbaijan<sup>15</sup>.

Armenians who settled illegally in Aghdam set shops and houses on fire as they left<sup>16</sup> 17. By this, they have once again proved their barbarism.

Furthermore, while Azerbaijan extended the deadline for the withdrawal of Armenians from the Kalbajar region, which was supposed to be November 15, by 10 days, the Armenians committed ecological terror by burning houses and forests here as well.<sup>18</sup> <sup>19</sup> <sup>20</sup> <sup>21</sup> This, in turn, contradicts to a number of UN conventions.



Smoke rises from a burning house as cars and trucks stuck in a huge traffic jam climbing along the road from Kalbajar leaving the separatist region of Nagorno-Karabakh to Armenia. AP

## Ecological terror': Azerbaijan delays takeover, Armenians torch homes<sup>22</sup>

<sup>15</sup> <http://kremlin.ru/events/president/news/64384>

<sup>16</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Avl0mSLpzGI&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Avl0mSLpzGI&feature=emb_title)

<sup>17</sup> [Villagers burn Karabakh houses ahead of Azerbaijan takeover \(opoyi.com\)](https://www.opoyi.com)

<sup>18</sup> [Azerbaijan delays takeover, denounces fleeing Armenians \(smh.com.au\)](https://www.smh.com.au)

<sup>19</sup> [Azerbaijan delays takeover of Nagorno-Karabakh, denounces fleeing Armenians for burning houses | FR24 News English](https://www.fr24.com)

<sup>20</sup> [https://apnews.com/article/azerbaijan-armenia-de83aa9dae982b8bda76a4c370d8af09](https://apnews.com)

<sup>21</sup> [https://vestikavkaza.ru/analytics/armanskij-vandalizm-v-kelbadzarskom-rajone-azerbajdzana-porazil-mir.html](https://vestikavkaza.ru)

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.smh.com.au/world/asia/ecological-terror-azerbaijan-delays-takeover-denounces-fleeing-armenians-20201116-p56eu6.html>



**Armenians cutting down trees in Gubadly and Kalbajar before leaving districts <sup>23</sup>**



Smoke rises from a burning house in an area once occupied by Armenian forces, but soon to be turned over to Azerbaijan,... [MORE](#)  
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**Armenians burn their homes rather than turn them over to Azerbaijan<sup>24</sup>**

One of the terms of the tripartite statement of November 10 is the return of Lachin region to the Republic of Azerbaijan on December 1.<sup>25 26</sup> However, the Armenians commit the same vandalism that they have committed in the territory of Kalbajar here as well. They burn down houses as they leave.

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/Rezaphotojournalist/posts/210832143747093>

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.chicagotribune.com/nation-world/ct-nw-armenia-azerbaijan-nagorno-karabakh-20201114-ol2ospj7ujgcliqk5piihajca-story.html>

<sup>25</sup> <https://en.president.az/articles/45924>

<sup>26</sup> <http://kremlin.ru/events/president/news/64384>



### Lachin region on the eve of transfer to Azerbaijan<sup>2728</sup>

These actions of the Armenians are called “scorched earth” tactic<sup>29</sup>. Scorched earth tactics have been widely used by invaders in world history, such as the Nazis during World War II. The Wehrmacht's order to burn all the villages to destroy them in order to deprive the enemy of the roof over their head is well known (Paul Karel. Eastern Front "Burnt Earth". P. 397 - Document 4).

Three “everything” policies are also recognized in history as scorched earth tactics. The three concepts of "everything", also called "Turning to Ashes", meant “kill everything“, ”burn everything“, ”rob everything“. As a result of the “scorched land” policy of the Armenian fascists, the occupied Azerbaijani settlements were also turned into ruins and deserts. In this regard, it should be noted that the tactics of “scorched land” are explicitly prohibited under Article 54 of Protocol No. 1 of the Geneva Convention of 1977, and Article 55, in turn, prohibits causing harm to the environment.

Armenian vandalism and crimes do not end there. Historically, when the Armenians occupied the territories of Azerbaijan, they inflicted a bloody blow on the local population living here. The most horrible of these is the Khojaly genocide.<sup>30 31</sup>

On February 26, 1992, Armenian military units committed an act of genocide in the city of Khojaly, with a population of 7,000. Only about 3,000 people remained here when Armenian troops attacked the city. Because of the blockade for more than 4 months during the siege, a large part of the population was forced to leave the city. During the Khojaly genocide, 613 people, including 106 women, 63 children and 70 elderly people were killed, 1,000 civilians of different ages became disabled from gunshot wounds. 8 families were completely destroyed, 25 children lost both parents and 130 lost one parent. On the night of the tragedy, 1,275 civilians were taken hostage, and the fate of 150 of them is still unknown.<sup>32 33 34</sup>

<sup>27</sup> <https://ria.ru/20201126/karabakh-1586398156.html>

<sup>28</sup> <https://ria.ru/20201126/karabakh-1586398156.html>

<sup>29</sup> Villagers burn their houses in Nagorno-Karabakh ahead of Azerbaijan takeover | Al Arabiya English

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/reports/1993/WR93/Hsw-07.htm>

<sup>31</sup> <https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/blogs/237407/arrest-former-armenian-president-kocharyan-khojaly-genocide/>

<sup>32</sup> <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/europe/-khojaly-genocide-one-of-darkest-pages-in-20th-century-1744271>

<sup>33</sup> <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-17179904>

<sup>34</sup> Bloodshed in the Caucasus, “Human Rights Watch” (formerly “Helsinki Watch”) report, September, 1992, pp. 19-24



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# The Guardian

Terrorists plan to blast Ulster on to election agenda

## IRA threat to step up bombings

**David Sharrock and Owen Bowcott in Belfast**

**T**HE IRA accompanied its third bomb in London within 48 hours yesterday with a warning that it will step up its mainland campaign and blast Northern Ireland on to the political agenda in the run-up to a general election.

The threat came as the weekend's biggest sporting fixture — the Football League Cup semi-final between Tottenham Hotspur and Nottingham Forest — got under way after being delayed for an hour following the discovery of a bomb on railway tracks close to White Hart Lane stadium, north London.

The Home Secretary, Kenneth Baker, said the sound of bombs would not drown the voice of democracy. "Thirty-five thousand people going to a football match on a Sunday afternoon are not a military or political target," he said.

He later backed a proposal to scrap publication of election candidates' addresses on ballot papers or nomination forms as a security measure.

The Irish prime minister, Albert Reynolds, said he totally rejected the IRA's political claim. Northern Ireland had already been placed at the top of the agenda by John Major, and by political leaders north and south in Ireland. "There is no need for violence to achieve that," he added.

Police said the small device on the railway tracks was made safe by an explosives officer after it was spotted by a passenger standing on the platform at White Hart Lane station.

The head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, Command-

er George Churchill-Coleman, praised public vigilance in thwarting the attack. "With help from London citizens like this, half the battle is won."

In a statement issued from Dublin, the IRA said: "These attacks signal our determination and resolve to focus the Government's attention on their war in Ireland."

"As they face into a general election, our volunteers will continue to force their occupation of part of our country on to the British political agenda."

The statement reflects republican belief that the political situation in Northern Ireland is highly volatile. With later-party talks possibly reconvening before the election, Sinn Féin, the political wing of the IRA, has once again been excluded because of its stance on violence.

The apparent strengthening of the close working relationship between Mr Major and Mr Reynolds, has led many people to believe that some new government initiative on Northern Ireland may be in the offing.

Yesterday's bomb was the only one of the three not to detonate.

On Friday, a device containing 150g of Semtex went off in a public seat at London Bridge railway station, injuring 28 people, four seriously. On Saturday night a similar device slightly injured a woman passer-by outside the Crown Prosecution Services offices in High Holborn in central London.

The weekend's events have fuelled arguments about IRA policy on civilian targets. The police claim the IRA has switched its tactics to maiming or killing innocent civilians.

Commander Churchill-Coleman called Friday's bombing "a callous act designed to kill".

The warning, given in code to a

television station, had been vague and too late to do anything but cause confusion.

But the IRA accused Blair being "mischievous" in claiming the bomb was meant to cause disruption.

Security alerts which paralysed London's West End Saturday are a routine part of life in Belfast. A bomb at Crampton Junction last December was estimated to have cost million in disruption.

The plan to stop publication of election candidate addresses would require amendment to the Representation of the People Act.

Mr Baker said: "I have clear advice that terrorists should be denied easy access to information of the sort — trust there will be all-party support for this measure."

A Labour spokesman said: "Measures need to be brought forward, but we will not do it in the way."

A suspected package in a phone booth near High Street Kensington Underground station in London was exploded by police last night. It was thought to have been a bomb.

In Dublin, police were questioning two men early today after eight pistols, a shotgun and IRA manuals were found.

**Presbyterians meet UDA, page 5**

Survivors tell of killings by Armenians in Azerbaijan enclave

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New wounds... An Azeri refugee from the town of Khojali in Nagorno-Karabakh tears her face in grief. Her family was killed in a slaughter which the survivors say was carried out by Armenians. Reports, page 6. PHOTOGRAPH: FREDERIQUE LINGAUME

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## Car sales boost and lottery on Budget agenda

**Alex Brummer and Simon Beavis**

**A**N easing of taxes on new cars and a lottery designed to raise funds for the arts and environmental projects are high on the agenda of

Under the scheme — which could raise £1 billion for sport, arts, environmental projects and charities — each lottery ticket might include a small surcharge which would make up for any drop in football pool tax revenue.

The case to help the bele-



## Cash lost in ivory sting

**Paul Brown Environment Correspondent**

**A**RHINO HORN and ivory trading "ring" run from London by ex-SAS men to trap smugglers has collapsed amid allegations of fraud.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, a former president of the World Wide Fund for Nature, funded the operation with £200,000 obtained from selling a painting, but now more than half the money is missing.

The SAS men were employed

no knowledge of the financial aspects of the operation.

The SAS mercenaries working for RAS Enterprises, whose managing director, Colonel Ian Crooke, won a DSO in the Falklands campaign, spent four years from 1987 in undercover operations in southern Africa.

By 1990, with the operation going wrong, Prince Bernhard complained to the Duke of Edinburgh, president of WWF, that his money was not accounted for. Scotland Yard was called in. Details of Operation Lock, as it was called, have emerged

uncover their own government's involvement in the illegal trade to finance guerrilla movements destabilising neighbouring states.

The papers are embarrassing to South Africa and other states named as tolerating smuggling in their efforts to remove protection from the elephant and restart international ivory trading. If the ban is lifted at the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) meeting starting today in Japan these countries will see big in-

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## COLUMN ONE

### Vietnam's Hold on America

■ Even after a generation, the emotional baggage of the war has not been set aside. The presidential race has released old demons.

When people speak to you about a preventive war, you tell them to go and fight it. After my experience, I have come to hate war. War settles nothing.

— Dwight D. Eisenhower

By DAVID LAMB  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON—Seventeen years after the last helicopter lifted off from the roof of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, the Vietnam War still plays games with our national psyche, opening wounds we thought were healed and forcing us to re-examine all that we tried to forget.

For a generation of Americans—including the 3 million men who went to Indochina and the 13 million others who were eligible to go but did not—Vietnam was not a country as much as a state of mind. It was where our childhood ended and the long, dark shadows of the Ashau Valley began.

No conflict in our history lasted as long; only the Civil War was as divisive. And, somewhere between Dong Hoi near the DMZ and Ca Mau in the Mekong Delta, the character of an American era was defined. The era challenged the standards of World War II—the yardstick against which we had judged heroism and the rightness of battle for a generation—and turned society topsy-turvy with drugs, free love, political scandals and assassinations, interracial strife, protest demonstrations and the cry: "Hell, no! We won't go!"

Just when we thought the emotional statute of limitations had finally run out on Vietnam, as President Bush told us it had in his inaugural address, just when we thought our flash victory in Operation Desert Storm had buried lingering doubts about national resolve, out of the closet again pops the specter of Vietnam—this time to haunt the presidential aspirations of Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton.

If the war was so unpopular, if it was a misadventure, as is now widely believed, why should Clinton be penalized for deciding, as an anguished young man, not to rush off to the jungles of Vietnam? After all, John Wayne—deferred from the World War II draft because of

### Echoes of Tragedy



Relatives weep over the grave of a man who was among those killed in Khojaly, the town in the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region that was stormed by Armenian militants last week. A4

Associated Press

### Algerian Court Outlaws Islamic Political Party

By KIM MURPHY  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

CAIRO—Algeria's experiment with Islamic politics officially ended Wednesday when an administrative court banned the Islamic Salvation Front, the first Muslim fundamentalist political party ever legalized in the Arab world.

The administrative tribunal of Algiers accepted the new military-backed government's argument that the party had pursued "subversive activities whose objectives imperiled public order and the institutions of the state."

The Islamic Front has a week to appeal the ruling to Algeria's Supreme Court. But in a communique issued before the court decision, the front warned that any action to ban its operations would "drive the country toward an uncertain future" and force the public "to find other means of combatting oppression and realizing their aspirations."

"Whatever the judicial situation, the [Islamic Front] remains a legitimate Islamic political party, for it is in the prisons, the living rooms,

### Kerrey Ready to End Campaign for White House

By JONATHAN PETERSON  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON—Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey, the war hero whose bid for the presidency had initially sparked sky-high expectations, abruptly called off a campaign trip to Miami on Wednesday, ready to abandon his uphill quest for the Democratic nomination.

Kerrey scheduled a press conference today to announce his decision. But as he spent the day conferring with friends and colleagues at the Capitol, the direction of his thinking was apparent: He is thinking as KERREY, A15

### Infertility Doctor Is Found Guilty of Fraud, Perjury

By MARLENE CIMONS  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

### Tsongas-Clinton Rivalry Heads to Duel in Florida

By CATHLEEN DECKER  
and PAUL RICHTER  
TIMES STAFF WRITERS

MIAMI—Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton campaigned through Florida on Wednesday, seeking to persuade voters that former Massachusetts Sen. Paul E. Tsongas stands too far to the right on economic issues. Tsongas, who ended his day in the state, said he plans to concentrate on getting better known among the South's black and lower-middle-class voters.

Strategists for the two front-runners for the Democratic presidential nomination believe Florida, with its diverse population and unique mixture of Southern and non-Southern elements, is shaping up as the main battleground among the 11 states voting in next week's Super Tuesday slate of primaries and caucuses.

Former California Gov. Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr., meanwhile, embarked on a campaign swing through Arizona, Nevada and Texas seeking to capitalize on the newfound political credibility he

## 6 Drug Officers Partially Cleared

■ Scandal: Jury acquits 5 deputies, LAPD detective on 13 counts in corruption case. Jurors deadlock on other charges and more deliberations are ordered.

By VICTOR MERINA, TIMES STAFF WRITER

In a startling setback for government prosecutors, six Los Angeles County narcotics officers were acquitted Wednesday on 13 counts of civil rights and theft charges spawned by a federal corruption investigation.

But the jurors told a federal judge that they remained hopelessly deadlocked on the remaining 14 counts against five sheriff's deputies and a Los Angeles police detective who are accused of skimming drug money, beating drug dealers and planting cocaine on suspects.

U.S. District Judge Robert M. Takasugi ordered the jury to resume deliberations but not before announcing the acquittals—which mark the first major court defeat for prosecutors in the 3½-year-old money-skimming investigation known as Operation Big Spender.

Prosecutors previously had obtained 11 convictions, including four guilty pleas from sheriff's deputies in one of the worst corruption scandals in local law enforcement history.

The current trial, which is in its seventh month, involves members of a joint LAPD-Sheriff's Department anti-drug team, which operated in Southwest Los Angeles in the mid- to late 1980s and had been praised for its effectiveness against drug traffickers.

The narcotics officers later became targets of the Big Spender investigation and were accused of beating drug dealers with fists and flashlights, skimming hundreds of thousands of dollars in drug cash and falsifying police reports.

During their trial, the government found its chief witness contradicted repeatedly by federal agents. The judge moved at one point to declare a mistrial because FBI agents had destroyed some accounts of key interviews. The defense hammered at the credibility of drug dealers who were testifying for the prosecution.

After deliberating for 16 days, Please see DRUG, A20

## Bush to Boost Water Flow to State's Farmers

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WASHINGTON—President Bush today will direct the Interior Department to immediately make available 1 million acre-feet of water to drought-starved farmers in the Central Valley. The Times has learned.

Bush today will also sign emergency drought relief legislation allowing California communities to use federal projects to transfer and store new sources of water, knowledgeable Administration sources said.

The presidential order, to be unveiled in Sacramento, will furnish water to 7,000 Central Valley farmers who last month were told their federal water deliveries would be eliminated following six years of drought. It also will provide 100,000 acre-feet of water to assist federal efforts to save a threatened winter run of chinook salmon in the Sacramento River.

"The Central Valley farmers made this request and the President heard what they were saying," said Steve Goldstein, spokesman for Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan. "We believe this can provide a little more security for their livelihood."

The announcement will be an opportunity for Bush to boost his Please see WATER, A22

## Early Primaries Feature Candidate Role Reversals

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If anyone wanted to make a movie about the first stages of the 1992 presidential race, the title

role reversal: Buchanan is posting his strong numbers in part by pummeling Bush with the same kind of issues—primarily race and taxes—with which the President

The Bar Association of the Republic of Azerbaijan appeals to foreign bar associations and legal societies, international organizations and embassies to condemn the criminal acts committed by the Armenian state.

**Appendix:** List of historical and cultural monuments located in the territories of Azerbaijan occupied by Armenians.

Sincerely,

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Chairman



## Appendix

### Architectural monuments<sup>35</sup>

Name of the monument	Date	Location
The tomb of Kutlu Musa oglu	1314	Aghdam district, Khachinderbatli village
Genceser monastery	1216-1238	Kalbajar district, Vangli village
Khudavang monastery	XIII century	Kalbajar district, Vangli village
Khudafar Bridge with 11 arches	XI—XII century	Jabrayil district, Gumlag village
Khudafar bridge with 15 arches	XIII century	Jabrayil district, Gumlag village
Shusha Historical-Architectural Reserve	XVIII-XIX centuries	Shusha city

### Archaeological monuments<sup>36</sup>

Name of the monument	Date	Location
Azykh cave	Paleolithic period	Khojavend district
Taglar cave	Paleolithic period	Khojavend district
Uzerliktepe residence	Bronze Age	On Aghdam-Agjabadi road, Rajab Gozalov Street
Khojaly mounds	Bronze-early Iron age	Khojaly city
Niftali mounds	Bronze age	Jabrayil district

<sup>35</sup> <http://www.e-qanun.az/framework/2847>

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