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# Too Early to Speak About Overcoming the Crisis

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We continue presenting to the reader political scientist ALEXANDER ISKANDARYAN'S viewpoints on Armenia's internal political 'status-quo'

'If the pro-Ter-Petrosyan forces hold a 'big demonstration' on June 20, the day of the opening of the PACE summer session, will this be another argument testifying to the fact that the authorities have made a progress towards the implementation of Resolution 1609?'

'Certainly it will. But it doesn't mean that the restrictions are hereafter ruled out or they didn't exist in the past. It only means that there is some progress, a positive development. This is just what the Europeans want to see. They do not require us to ensure full democracy in the country.'

Everybody realizes that it wouldn't be realistic at present. All they need is to see Armenia make steps in that direction, and the authorities do really try to do so. And the Europeans, as a rule, appreciate 'the kind intentions' and welcome the people for making efforts towards relaxing the post-electoral tension.'

'Is Armenia facing a political crisis as such?'

'I believe that the crisis has not been overcome yet. And the absence of relations between the authorities and the opposition is one of the components of such crisis. The opposition won't recognize the legitimacy of the authorities, and the authorities won't recognize the candidate who, according to official data, received votes from each 5th citizen.'

What is it if not a crisis? Besides, I see problems both inside the pro-Government party and the opposition. It also testifies to the fact that it's still early to speak about the normalization of the situation.'

'Why do you think the Masonic circles demonstrated such a strong interest in our country? Perhaps we are really dealing with some 'well-organized force' which is implementing scenarios of colored revolutions with the help of its agents?'

'What is happening in Armenia is a phenomenon characteristic to this particular country. Let's assume, for a moment, that such Masons exist and they are distributing money in bags for staging a colored revolution or coup d'État in this or that country. Do you think they will be able to repeat the scenario of the March 1 events in a country like Switzerland?'

There too, the people would go to the streets and again 10 people would die as a result of clashes. I believe the answer is obvious. They wouldn't be able to do that.'

'Why should the Masons set such a task for achieving the same in Switzerland. They might try to solve certain political issues by way of overthrowing the present-day government, for instance?'

`Do you mean they will manage to do that if they want? I don't think so. The problem, in my opinion does not consist in Levon Ter-Petrosyan or Arkadi Vardanyan. A large part of society is, for different reasons, dissatisfied with the authorities. There was the social background, and the outburst of the mass dissatisfaction resulted in the tragic events of March 1.

And factors such as poverty, the social conditions, as well as the fact that Armenia has still much to do for developing as a democratic country, strengthening the statehood and accomplishing the political system had their role in this process.'

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