



RAPHAEL LEMKIN

Monument & Armenian-Polish Platform





A prominent human rights defender; played a key role in introducing the legal term "genocide" into the UN Convention. His passion for law was ignited by his discovery of the Armenian Genocide



MONUMENT TO RAPHAEL LEMKIN IN YEREVAN

Competition for the Best Sketch Design

From June 24, 2025

Monument Dimensions

Up to 2 x 2 meters

Monument Materials

Bronze sculpture

Stone elements

Projected Opening Date

April 24th, 2026

(Armenian Genocide Remembrance day)



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Raphael Lemkin (Polish: *Rafat Lemkin*; 24 June 1900 – 28 August 1959) was a Polish lawyer who is best known for coining the term genocide and initiating the Genocide Convention. Lemkin's interest in this problem arose after he learned about the Armenian Genocide and discovered that there were no international laws to prosecute the leaders of the Ottoman Empire who committed these crimes. His work contributed to the creation of international institutional mechanisms to deter and prevent genocides in the world.

Armenia and Genocide prevention

Today, Armenia is an active participant in the international process for the prevention of genocides around the world. Armenia is committed to international principles of human rights protection as a fundamental condition for the prevention of crimes against humanity.

The Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute and Polish WSG University are partners in the Raphael Lemkin monument project and are involved in its implementation.



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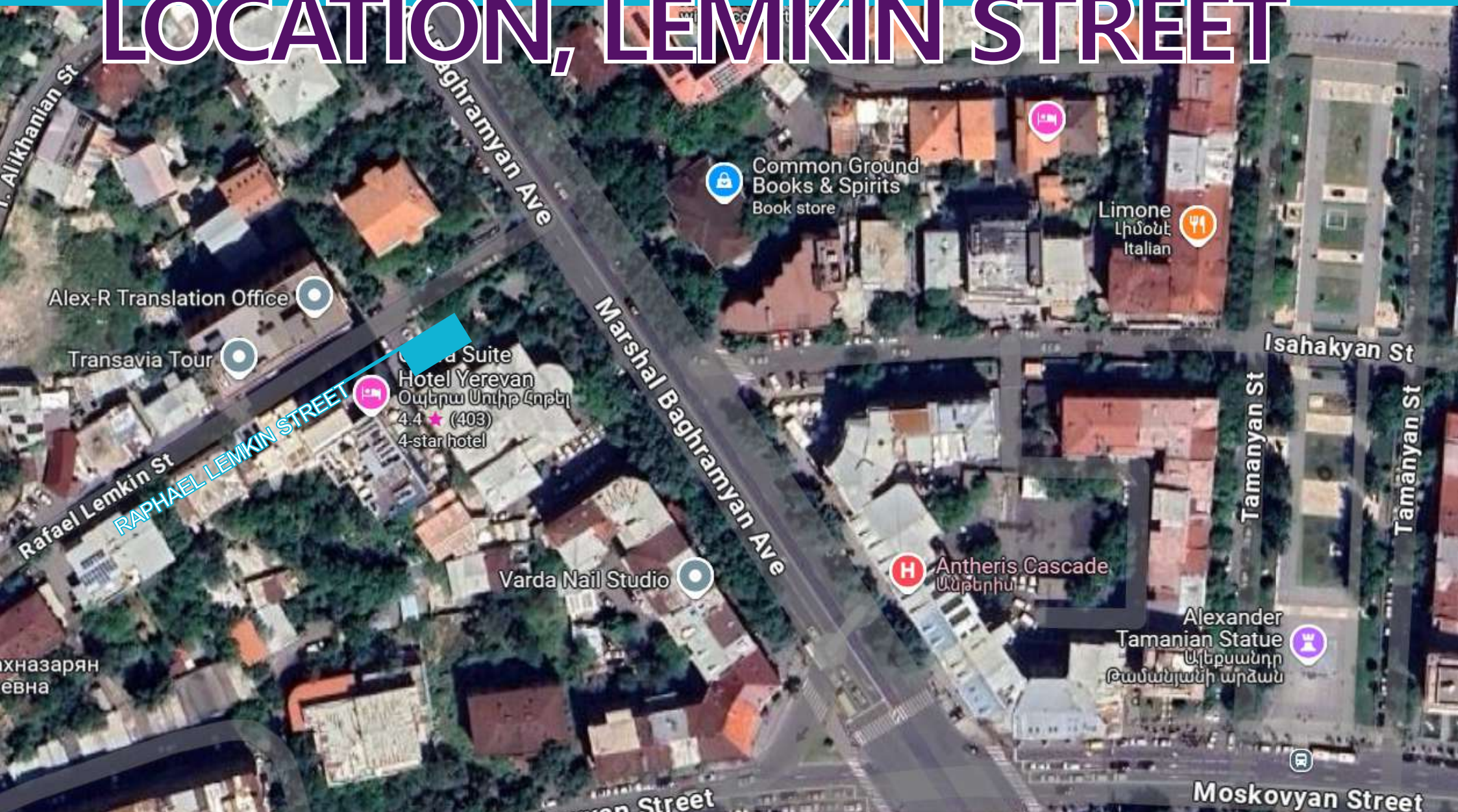
Because Raphael Lemkin's huge contribution to the institutional protection of human rights and the introduction of the legal term Genocide into international legal conventions, the **NATIONAL CENTER Development Foundation together with the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute Foundation** and **Polish WSG UNIVERSITY**, initiated the creation and installation of the Monument in his honor in Yerevan.

Despite the existence of a street named after Raphael Lemkin in Yerevan, most citizens do not know about the importance of this person for Armenia and the world. Our organizations intend to install a monument to Raphael Lemkin and create a platform of Armenian-Polish friendship. The best place for the project would be the **area next to Raphael Lemkin Street**. This will be an excellent basis for perpetuating the good memory of Raphael Lemkin, who made a huge contribution to the prevention of massacres and genocides in the world. It will also be a good platform for Armenian Polish friendship and development of relations.

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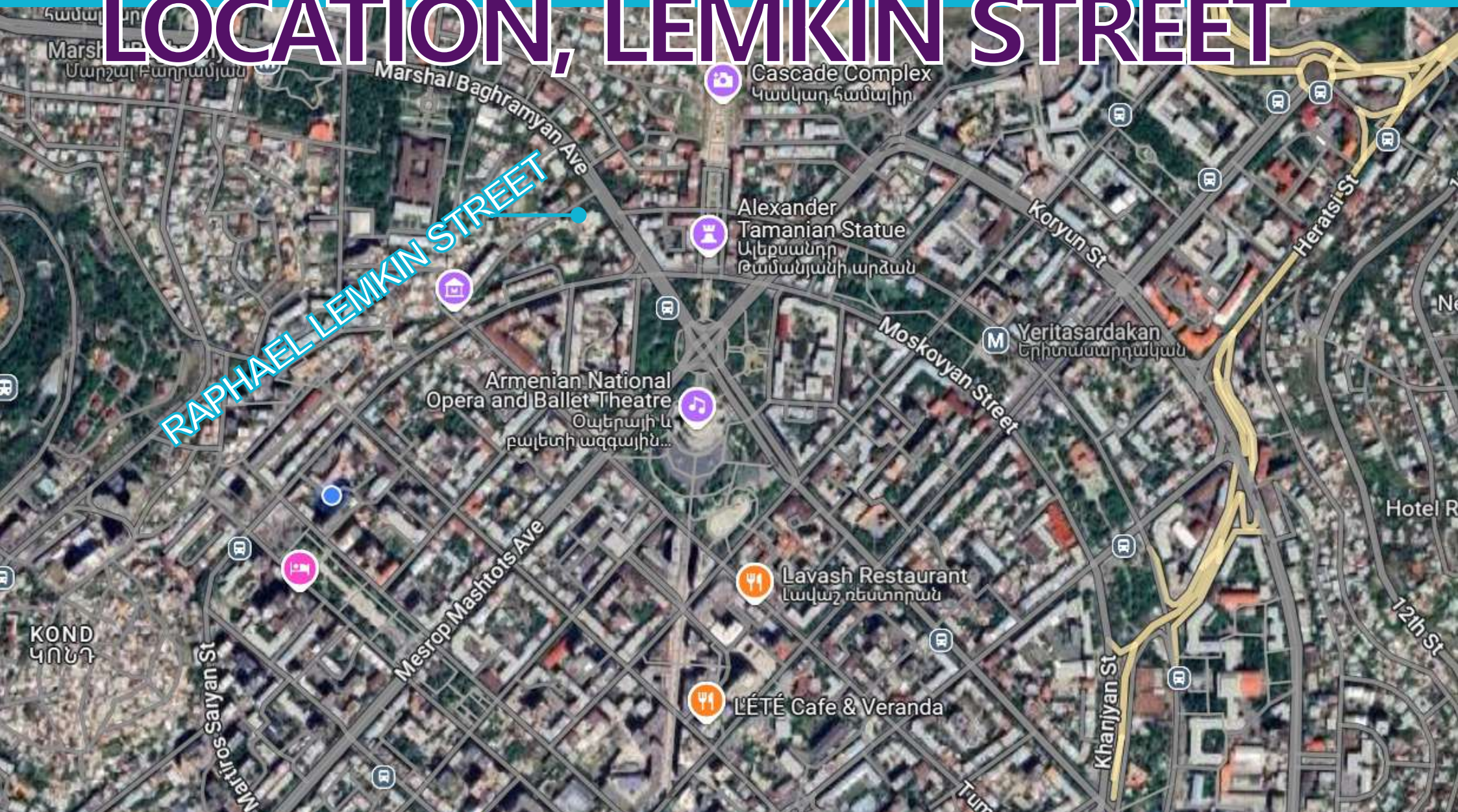
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