

## **Ungrounded Armenian Claims for Genocide**

This is the true face of the events that the Armenian propaganda and the focuses of terrorism attempt to distort and proclaim as the first genocide of the 20th century. Armenians were not subjected to genocide, On the contrary, as will be seen from the archive documents, photographs, and the evidences from the excavations of mass graves carried out in 1986 at Oba, Iğdır and in Alaca, Erzurum; in 1988 at Dumlu Yeşil Yayla, Erzurum, in 1990 at Zeve, Van; In 1991 at Subatan, Kars and in 1993 in the Timar villages of Pasinler, Erzurum Armenians massacred Turks and committed atrocities against them, they carried out genocide systematically.

It is true that there have been Armenian losses during the clashes in Anatolia as well as in the course of resettlement. Nobody denies it. But one must bear in mind that there was a world war going on, war conditions were prevailing, there was an uprising against the State and a deplorable treachery, cooperation with the enemies of the Ottoman state, attempts to pull down the state and disintegrate the Empire and as a natural consequence of such activities an emerging absolute necessity of resettlement. Nowhere in the world, flowers have been presented to those who betrayed their state and used arms.

Hardships of wartime, heavy conditions of climate, epidemics, insufficiency of fuel, food, medicine and other means, and loss of lives occurring as a result of such conditions were applicable not only to Armenians but to Turks as well, perhaps more to Turks than to Armenians.

If those who are responsible for all this tragedy are to be looked for as demanded by Armenians, they are first of all those who cheated and used Armenians for their own imperialistic ends and then the Armenian revolutionary organisations and armed bands who, believing in vain promises, shed blood everywhere in Anatolia, committed savagery and atrocities against the Turks, subjected them to genocide and caused them to suffer immensely.

We do not intend to denigrate the Armenian nation, to blacken a nation with feelings of hatred and grudge and to attribute today the savagery, atrocities and genocide committed by the Armenian bands rising up against the State during the events in question and the Armenian voluntary regiments taking their place in the ranks of the Russian Army to the whole Armenian nation.

To cherish a vendetta, to commit crimes, and to take revenge is not compatible with our faith, with the historical honour and nobility of the Turkish nation. However, it should not be forgotten that it is a scholarly, historical, national responsibility for us to show the truth, to eliminate the one-sidedness on this matter, which is equally a moral obligation of ours toward our dear martyrs.

The powers and countries that provide support to the unfounded and imaginary Armenian claims of genocide should not forget that overlooking the inhuman atrocities, genocide and injustice suffered by Turks, as witnessed by history, makes them a supporter of the Armenian grudge and hostility.

The states upholding the unfounded Armenian claims must realize that by doing so they get themselves convicted before history for exploiting history for political reasons.