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Subject: Truth and Consequences: Armenians, Turks and Jews

Dear David,

In your blog at http://blogcentral.jpost.com/index.php?cat_id=7&blog_id=64&blog_post_id=1426 You say that "THE BASIC ARMENIAN ARGUMENT WAS THAT UP TO 1.5 MILLION ARMENIANS WERE DELIBERATELY TARGETED AND MASSACRED BY THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE, EIGHT YEARS BEFORE THE MODERN TURKISH REPUBLIC CAME INTO BEING." Not quite !

The strategy of the Armenian side, from its very inception has been to implicate the Republic of Turkey in the events which preceded its foundation, by extending the period of the alleged genocide from 1915 to 1923, instead of 1918. Moreover, they do not hesitate to forge documents and photos for sustaining that argument. The venue of such a recent attempt of forgery was UCLA " University of California Los Angeles, (April 14, 2005 UCLA talk entitled "The Face of Denial Does Not Lie,") where a photo of Ataturk' with a dog at his feet was manipulated and the dog substituted with a corpse of a civil war victim.

An undeniable fact is that Ataturk and the leaders of the Turkish national uprising were the rivals of the Ottoman Government led by the politicized triumvirate of the Committee of Union and Progress party which were those politically responsible for whatever happened between 1915-1918. It is a historical fact too, that the Turkish independence war (1919-1922) fought against the Greeks did not end in a bloodbath for the autochthonous Greek civilians on Anatolian soil. A second undeniable fact is the implication of European powers in the Eastern Question (The dismemberment of the Ottoman Empire into ethno-national states to the detriment of the dominant Turkish element) and the incitement of Armenians by these to a rebellion in time of war. Such a rebellion would be considered as treason even with today's weights and measures. The USA for its part, was indirectly involved in the dismemberment of the Ottoman Empire through its missionary schools network where young Christians (Greeks and Armenians) were made aware of their respective identities and where their patriotic sentiments were fueled and fanned. So, the Turkish Government's stance requesting the unconditional opening of the archives of all concerned parties, including the Ottoman Empire, Czarist Russia, Imperial Germany, The Austro-Hungarian Empire, the United Kingdom, France, Italy, the USA and the Armenian archives scattered here and there, regarding whatever happened during the 1915-1918 period is definitely justified. Moreover, the role assumed by the local Kurdish and Arab tribes in the plundering and murdering of the Armenian deportees should be clarified as well.

Only then, a correct picture of whatever happened could be retrieved and the respective shares of responsibility of each involved party could be established.

To conclude, the Armenians should make it plain whether they incriminate the Republic of Turkey as well, or not, along with the Ottoman Empire for the tragedy that befell on them.

This is essential for the sake of justice to prevail for all who died during that period.

Yours sincerely,

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