

Condemnation

We strongly reject the term “genocide” employed by the President of the USA in his statement made without considering the background and the aftermath on 24th April 2021 to describe the events that occurred during the implementation of the decision of “Dispatch and Settlement Law” passed by the Ottoman Government under the conditions of war in 1915 and we regard it as a gross slander upon the Turkish nation and our history.

The reason for the mutual suffering between Armenians and other peoples, who preserved their own culture, maintained and developed their national existence during the millennium they lived together under the Ottoman Empire rule, is the seeds of enmity that the Western colonial powers sowed and cultivated during the 19th century. Unfortunately, the latest political statement is another example of the same malicious and intentional approach that is tried to be continued today.

It is clear that these kinds of statements and approaches, which lack any intellectual and scientific grounds and do not correspond to any historical facts, and which are clearly made with political motivation, will give harm to the relations among nations that have an experience of coexistence for more than a millennium and lived in peace despite the external interventions, and this will damage the peace and cooperation efforts.

We would like to announce to the national and international communities with respect that we, as an honourable university of the Republic of Turkey, reject this unfair, groundless and deliberate blame towards our nation; that we own our whole history with honour; that we denounce these kinds of political attempts that aim to distort the truth and discredit our nation and in spite of the fact that the truth is waiting in the national archives to be discovered with its true evidence for the good intentioned and sensible people who would like to see the truth in the obvious light of intellect, science and truth; and that we, as the university components, are determined to struggle against these kinds of statements in all respects.