

Recognition of genocide is vital for peaceful future

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April 24 is the Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day for the Armenian people and the world paying tribute and remembering one and half million innocent souls martyred during the 1915 genocide under Ottoman-Turkish rule and their allies in this period. One century later, Armenian people and native Christian communities of Mesopotamia and the Black Sea region continue to remember, commemorate and ask for the recognition of genocide perpetrated against Christian communities during 1915.

From the year 1914, Ottoman-Turkish authorities with the leadership of the Committee of Union and Progress put their systematic plan of the Christian genocide of the native communities and carried out their plan amid criticisms and disapproval from various calls of the international community of the time. During the genocide of 1915 more than 3 million Christians have been killed, forced to death marches forced exile, and conversion while hundreds of religious places, churches, monasteries, cultural, social, and economic assets have been confiscated, seized, and changed mains.

Recognition of genocide and past massacres and atrocities is primordial for a peaceful future, establishing long-term relations, and leaving a rightful heritage for future generations. While recognition of the genocide is a step toward establishing the truth is also a path forward for a better future. The international community and states have a moral obligation to recognize the 1915 genocide against Armenian, Chaldean-Syriac-Assyrian-Aramean and Greek Pontic people and force Turkey to stop its attacks on native people of the Middle East and Armenia. From the beginning of the Syrian uprising until now, Turkey harboring and supporting jihadist elements and forces in Syria while occupying cities notably Afrin and in Gozarto, and its continued attacks in Iraq and the Sinjar region causes suffering to local populations.

On this day of April 24, ESU remembers all martyrs of the Armenian genocide and pay tribute to their

memories and asking European Union, US Administration, and the international community to stand with truth and justice and asking our people to support activities works, conferences, and other events in regard 1915 genocide.