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90th Remembrance Day of the Armenian Genocide

April 24, 1915 marks the beginning of the genocide of the Armenians in Ottoman Turkey. On the evening on this day hundreds of Armenian intellectuals, teachers, doctors and political leaders were arrested and executed shortly after. This became the beginning of the annihilation of 1,500,000 Armenians, i.e. 75% of the Armenian population in the Ottoman Empire and almost 40% of the entire Armenian world population.

A French diplomat, in 1920, has allegedly said: "As long as the guilty parts of this criminal action escape justice, others will assume that this horrible crime pays off and these terrifying scenes will be repeated." His misgivings were confirmed in less than 20 years, in Hitler's Europe.

"The solution of the Armenian Question is not only connected to the decency of Europe, but also to its security and its interests".

Ashot Yergath, September 7, 1896



Armenian deportees starved to death, Deir-es-Zor, 1916
Picture taken by Armin T. Wegner, Eyewitness to the Armenian Genocide



Armenian Orphans at a Danish Orphanage
Picture taken by Armin T. Wegner,



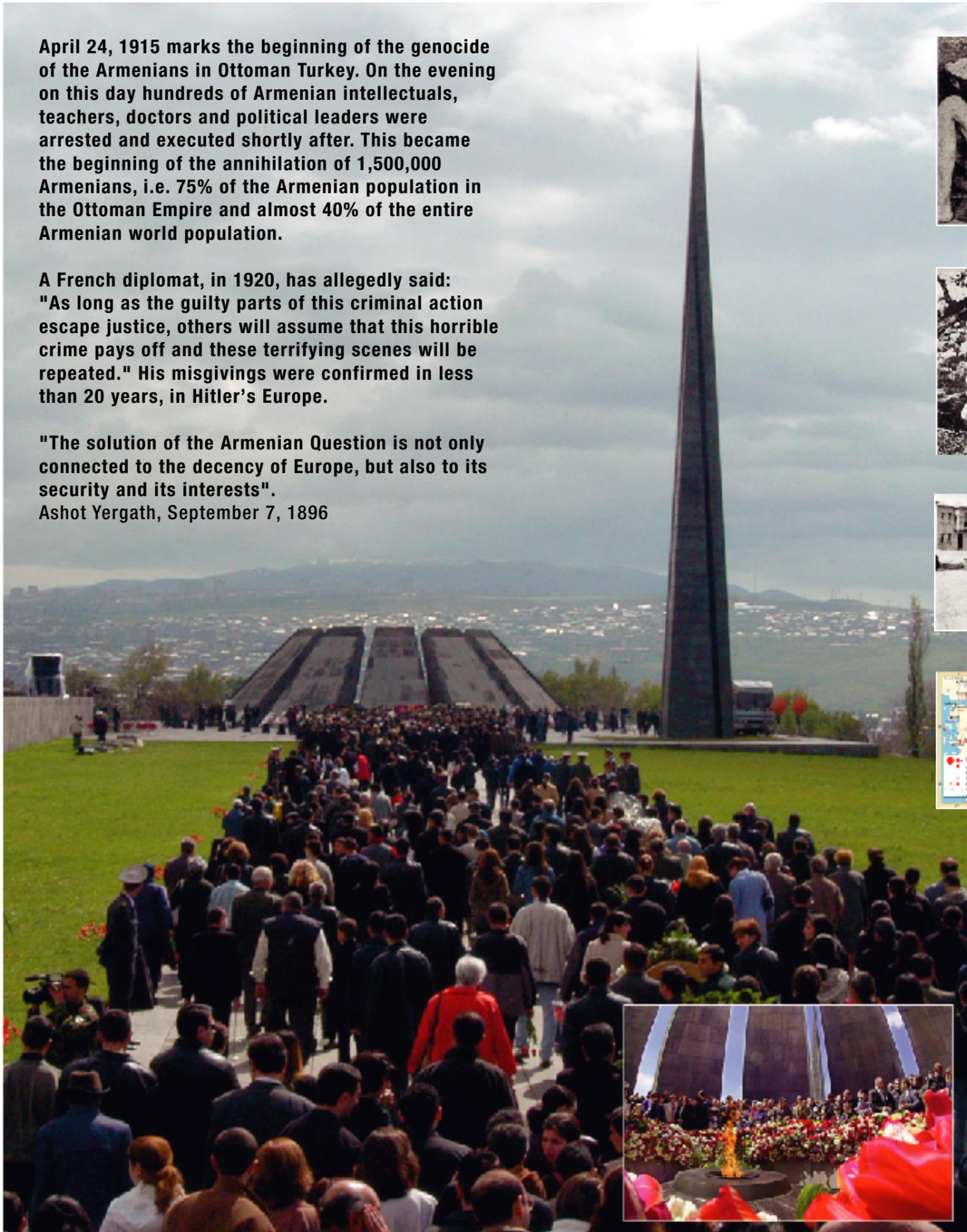
Armenian Deportations as seen through the window of the American Consulate in Harput



Map of The 1915 Armenian Genocide in Ottoman Turkey

International recognitions of the Armenian Genocide 1915

- Uruguay, 1965
- Cyprus, 1982
- European Parliament, 1987
- Russia, 1995
- Greece, 1996
- Lebanon, 1997
- Belgium, 1998
- France, 1998
- Sweden, 2000
- European Council, 2001
- Switzerland, 2003
- Argentina, 2003
- Canada, 2004
- Slovakia, 2004



The Armenian Genocide monument in Yerevan, Armenia

The path to prevention of crimes against human rights begins with recognition and reconciliation.

Turkey still denies categorically any charges regarding the genocide having ever taken place.

"Our force must be in our swiftness and mercilessness. I have ordered our special forces within the SS to cross the Polish border and murder their men, women and children without any discrimination. After all, who remembers today the genocide of the Armenians?"

Excerpt from Adolf Hitler's speech on August 22, 1939, in Obersalzberg to his commanders before the imminent invasion of Poland.