
**PRESS RELEASE REGARDING THE DECISIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS ON THE EVENTS OF 1915**

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We strongly condemn the decisions of the Dutch House of Representatives recognizing the events of 1915 as genocide.

The baseless decisions of the House of Representatives of a country who was a bystander to the Srebrenica genocide, an undying pain in the middle of Europe, have no place either in history or in justice. Thus, they are neither legally binding nor have any validity.

Turkey's position on the events of 1915 is based on historical facts and legal norms. The established jurisprudence in European law and the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights affirm our rightfulness.

Even so, we take note of the Dutch government's statement that it will not follow the House in its assessment recognizing the 1915 events as genocide and that being represented at a commemoration ceremony in Yerevan would not imply recognition of the events as genocide.

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