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THE ISRAELI CABINET'S DISTORTION OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR EVENTS AND PASHINYAN'S STATEMENTS

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Recently, the Israeli cabinet accepted a proposal brought forward by the Minister of Foreign Affairs regarding the recognition of "the events of 1915" as "genocide." The Republic of Türkiye was accused of distorting history by the said minister who submitted the proposal, and it was stated that the so-called genocide was the subject of an organized campaign carried out for the purpose "denial and trivialization.[1]

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan, who reaffirmed confidence in the election held on 7 June and whose policies were once again proven to be supported by half of the Armenian electorate, made a statement upon a question regarding the aforementioned decision of the Israeli administration. Pashinyan stated that he did not feel the need to comment on the decision taken by the Israeli administration and that such decisions serve to turn the issue in question into a political tool. The Prime Minister added that such instrumentalization does not serve Armenias interests.[2]

□□□□ fact that the decision made by the Israeli cabinet is a political stance far removed from historical and legal reality is clearly observed in the examples where some states from time to time direct this malicious instrumentalization as a weapon against Türkiye regarding the implementation of the Law of Relocation and Resettlement. Steady progress toward peace in the South Caucasus region, and the resolute implementation of both the Azerbaijan-Armenia peace treaty and the Türkiye-Armenia normalization process by the will of the parties has increased the prosperity of the region and led to immediate positive outcomes for the regional countries, primarily for Armenia. It is a known fact that Israel, as a state that always prioritizes a conflict-oriented policy, is not pleased with these positive developments and. For this reason, the recognition of the events of the First World War as "genocide" by the Israeli cabinet as a reaction to the progress recorded in the region today has not been surprising.

The reaction of Pashinyan to the Israeli cabinet decision □□□□□□ making a brief

statement upon a received question and seeing no necessity to provide more detail □□□□□□□□□□□□ that the said decision is not taken seriously even by the country at the focal point of the decision and has neither political nor legal power. The positive course of bilateral relations among the regional countries themselves reveals that the active intervention of third states, as well as their conflict-oriented and discord-sowing statements, are not considered noteworthy. Israel evidently assumes a destabilizing role not only in the Middle East but also in the South Caucasus; however, due to the resolute stance of the regional countries, it faces the inevitable failure that other aforementioned states have also fallen subject to.

□□□ conclusion, the decision made by the Israeli cabinet is a malicious step taken to disrupt the balance established in the region. The stance of the regional countries in favor of peace, prosperity, and stability serves as an insurmountable wall against such provocative discourses and actions. Indeed, Pashinyans brief statement on the matter has been a noteworthy message to the international community as one of the significant building blocks of this wall.

*Image: ArmenPress

[1] İsrail, 1915 Olaylarını soykırım Olarak Tanıma Kararı Aldı, *Medyascope*, 29 June 2026, https://medyascope.tv/2026/06/29/israil-1915-olaylarini-soykirim-olarak-tanima-karari-aldi/ .

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