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De l'oppression à l'extermination : l'écrivain turc Taner Akcam le 17 juin 2019 à l'Abajian Hall

OPPRESSION TO EXTERMINATION: REVISITING THE FINAL DECISION



A PRESENTATION BY PROFESSOR TANER AKÇAM

Dr. Bahattin Şakir, the head of the *Special Organization* tasked with carrying out the genocide, wrote on March 3, 1915, that the Committee of Union and Progress "*has decided to free the homeland from the inordinate ambitions of this accursed nation....[and] to annihilate all of Armenians living within Turkey, not to allow a single one to remain.*" Until now, Şakir's letter has not been considered authentic and has been ignored by researchers.

Based on recently uncovered archival sources and documents, Dr. Akçam will shed light on the role played by provincial governors in pressing upon the central government to adopt an empire-wide policy of extermination. The first decision to exterminate Armenians was taken on December 1, 1914 in Erzurum.

Join **Taner Akçam** as he demonstrates, for the first time in a public forum, the letter's authenticity, revisits the timing of the final decision, and examines their significance in deconstructing Turkey's denialist façade.

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019 @ 7:45 P.M.

St. Leon Armenian Church / Abajian Hall

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THE EVENT IS FREE. A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE DISCUSSION.

De l'oppression à l'extermination : une présentation du Pr turc Taner Akçam : Dr Bahattin Sakir , chef de l'Organisation Spéciale (Teshkilat y Mahsusa en turc) écrivait "nous avons décidéd'annihiler tous les Arméniens vivant en Turquie sans en autorisant un seul..." . Cette lettre n'était pas considérée authentique jusqu'à présent...

La 1ère décision de "génocider" les Arméniens a été prise à Erzeroum le 1er décembre 1914...

Une présentation du Pr Akçam au Abajian Hall