

La négation du génocide par les dirigeants turcs (qui ne sont pas éternels) est une menace pour l'Arménie

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France committed to fighting against Armenian Genocide denial – Macron

French President Emmanuel Macron has sent a letter to Armenian President Armen Sarkissian on the occasion of the 105th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

Macron conveyed his brotherly and friendly wishes to President Sarkissian, and the Armenian people.

"On April 24, France commemorates the massacre of 600 Armenian intellectuals in Constantinople, which marked the beginning of the genocide. Today, more than ever, France is committed to protecting the memory of its victims, fighting against denial, and learning a serious lesson from the pages of this tragic story, Macron said in the letter.



"Last year, my country followed my commitment to declare April 24 as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day. I have decided that, strictly adhering to the instructions dictated by the current health situation, this year the day should also be marked in Paris with a brief ceremony in the presence of members of the French government," the French President said.

"That legacy, and the shared memory between our two countries, is the basis for such a unique relationship. Today, the world's coronavirus epidemic is forcing us all to face new health, economic and social challenges. We will face these challenges together. And I am convinced that France and Armenia will work together in the international arena for the benefit of more effective multilateralism and newly established solidarity," Emmanuel Macron stated..

Turkey's consistent denial of Armenian Genocide a threat to Armenia's security – FM

The sincere recognition of truth and remembrance of the past are essential requirements for upholding justice, human dignity, combating impunity and uniting in international solidarity, Foreign Minister Zohrab Mnatsakanyan said in an address on the 105th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

He said "Turkey's consistent denial of the Armenian Genocide and its justification, the land blockade imposed on Armenia and the overt anti-Armenian position in the context of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict threaten the security of the Republic of Armenia and the descendants of the victims of the Armenian Genocide."

Below is the full text of the statement:

This year on April 24 Armenians from all over the world will join with the friends of the Armenian people and all of humanity to solemnly commemorate the 105th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, paying tribute to the memory of 1.5 million holy martyrs of the Armenian Genocide.

This heinous crime, committed with the intent to destroy in whole the Armenian people and deprive them of their homeland, stands as the first genocide of the 20th century. This crime of genocide impacts on security of the Armenian people today as well.

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nian Genocide and its justification, the land blockade imposed on Armenia and the overt anti-Armenian position in the context of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict threaten the security of the Republic of Armenia and the descendants of the victims of the Armenian Genocide.

Beginning 105 years ago, despite the pledges and promises of international security guarantees, the Armenian people were abandoned and defenseless in the face of this crime of genocide and vulnerable to the unrelenting atrocities of its perpetrators. The Armenian people suffered through the horrific ordeal of Genocide, but against all odds they survived.

In the wake of their genocidal trauma, these heroic survivors were not only able to preserve and promote their national identity everywhere they sought refuge and safety, but also managed to restore and regain the Armenian statehood. For each day since, the primary mission and main responsibility of the Republic of Armenia has been to ensure the security of its people on the territory of their historic homeland

The decades-long struggle for the international recognition of the Armenian Genocide demonstrated that there is no single force capable of opposing the quest for historical justice and truth. The increasing number of countries recognizing the Armenian Genocide stands as the most important affirmation of this maxim. It is also

particularly relevant that those nations who have made significant contributions in saving and providing refuge to the survivors of the genocide have been the most recent countries to join others in recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

The recognition of the past is essential for the present and the future, to serve as deterrence in order to prevent any recurrence of such atrocity or genocide elsewhere.

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Today, once again bowing to the solemn memory of the holy martyrs of the Armenian Genocide, we reiterate and reaffirm our commitment to the promotion of historical justice and the prevention of new genocides.

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