

Hiding Genocide: A Turkish Shame

1 Hiding the fact that: Turks were invaders

In 1064 Alp Arslan's Seljuk Turks invaded from Central Asia, killing 50,000 indigenous Christians in the Armenian capital of Ani (city of 1001 churches)

2 It was a nine century campaign of extermination

After invasion, the Christian population declined to ~25% before WW1 by ethnic cleansing, including the 1894-96 Hamidian Massacre (~300,000) & 1909 Adana Massacres (~30,000); today, Turkey is only 0.2% Christian

3 Turkification was the Ottoman leader's Final Solution

Of the 3.2 - 3.5 million Ottoman military & civilian WW1 deaths, 2.2 - 2.5 million (63 - 78%) were Christian civilians (Armenians ~1.5 million, Assyrians ~300,000 & Greeks ~700,000) -murdered in the most gruesome ways imaginable in places far from the battlefield, & blamed on the Allied invasion (Turkish military losses were only about 775,000 in comparison)

4 Armenians paid for their own genocide

A 1915 law enabled the permanent theft of 'abandoned' victim's property - paying those who did the killing & for German war supplies (this blood money was later exchanged for US Treasury Bonds by the UK & France)

5 The Ottoman's own courts & allies recognize truth

On 10 June 1919, Turkish Courts found the Ottoman Empire's WW1 leaders guilty of crimes against humanity & sentenced them to death - today 30 States recognize the Armenian genocide, including allies Austria & Germany

6 Armenian culture extermination went on post-WW1

2,549 Christian religious sites were destroyed & place names obliterated

7 Turkey has a long history of human rights oppression

Turkish Penal Code 301 allows severe punishment of people mentioning the genocides, shamefully denying a crime against humanity for more than a century (the 2016 Press Freedom Index ranked Turkey 151 out of 178)

