# THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE **TURKISH METHODOLOGY** Extermination

## **October**, 1916

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson, acting on a resolution of the US Congress, proclaims October 8 and 9 as "Armenian Relief Days."

Surviving Armenians of the Eastern provinces, liberated by the Russian armies, start resettling in their homes.

January, 1917 Mr. Goppert, a German Embassy official, visits Enver, Talaat and Halil to convey that forcible Islamization had no connection with military necessity or security, and must be stopped.

# **March, 191**7

Reacting to Turkish atrocities, Al-Husayn Bin Ali, descendent of Prophet Mohammed and Sheriff of Mecca, issues an edict instructing his Muslim subjects to save and protect Christian Armenians from Turks.

Ernst E. Cristoffel, a German missionary in Malatia and an eyewitness to the massacres estimates that 1,000,000 Armenians have been murdered.

*April, 1917* In view of American official protests against the treatment of the Armenians, Turkey breaks diplomatic relations with the U.S.

*October, 1917* Beginning of the Russian Revolution.

*November, 1917* Russian soldiers begin abandoning their positions in eastern Turkey. Chaos and disorganized retreat ensues. Surviving Armenians are left alone to confront the Turkish army.

**January**, 1918 Turkish armies initiate a second massacre of the Armenians in the Eastern provinces.

"...the sudden unhinging of men's reason; the conflagration; the shooting of victims in the city; the ruthless searches through the houses and in the countryside; the hundreds of corpses found every day along the exile road; the young women converted by force to Islam or exiled like the rest; the children torn away from their families and from the Christian schools and handed over by force to Moslem families, or else placed by the hundreds on board ship in nothing but their shirts, and then capsized and drowned in the Black Sea and the River Deyirmen Dere - these are my last ineffaceable memories of Trebizond, memories which still, at a month's distance, torment my soul and almost drive me frantic."

Italian Consul-General In Trebizond.

"It is obvious that the banishment of the Armenians is due not solely to military considerations. Talaat Bey, the Minister of the Interior, has quite frankly said that the Turkish Government intended to make use of the World War and deal thoroughly with its internal enemies. Turkey's goal was to "resolve its Armenian *Question by the* destruction of the Armenian race.

**Baron Hans von Wangenheim** *German Ambassador to Turkey.* 









On June 8, 9 and 10, new convoys left, in all 20,000 to 25,000 people. We soon learned that the Kurds had attacked the miserable convoy and had looted it completely.... On June 11, regular troops were sent to "punish the Kurds". Instead of carrying out their mission, the troups massacred the unfortunate convoy which was totally defenseless and consisted mainly of women and children. Mrs. Thora Von Wedel-Jarlsberg and Mrs. Eva Elvers, Red Cross Nurses stationed at Erzingan.





## March, 1918

Bolshevik rulers of Russia sign the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk and agree to end war. Armenians of the Russian-controlled territories are left to the mercy of Turkish armies.

Enver, Minister of War, orders the killing of all Armenians over five years of age within 48 Hrs.



"One of the most terrible sights ever seen in Aleppo was the arrival early August, 1915, of some 5,000 terribly emaciated, dirty, ragged and sick women and children...these people were the only survivors of the thrifty and well to do Armenian population of Sivas, carefully estimated to have originally been over 300,000 souls!"

Jesse B. Jackson American Consul at Aleppo, Syria.

While Turks and Kurds had declared a Jihad against Armenians, Sheriff Husein Bin Ali, the highest spiritual authority of Islam-- direct descendent of the Prophet Mohamed and guardian of its holiest places, Mecca-- issued this decree making Armenians "A Protected People of Islam". The call for the protection from Turkish atrocities was only a reflection of the true values of Islam and its relationship with their Christian neighbors.



### Translation of the Arabic text

## THE HASHEMITE ROYAL COURT

In The Name of God, The Compassionate, The Merciful We Thank Only God And No One But God

From Al-Husayn Ibn'Ali, King of the Arab Lands and Sharif of Mecca and its Prince to the Honorable and Admirable Princes-Prince Faisal and Prince Abdel-Aziz Al Jarba – greetings and the compassion of God and his blessings.

This letter is written from Oum Oul-Quora [Mecca], on 18 Rajab 1336 [A.D. 1917], by the praise of God and no God except Him. We ask peace upon God's Prophet, his family, and his companions. We inform you that in our gratitude to him we are in good health, strength and good grace. We pray God that he may grant us and you His abundant grace.

What is requested of you is to protect and to take good care of everyone from the Jacobite [Christian] Armenian community living in your territories and frontiers and among your tribes; to help them in all of their affairs and defend them as you would defend yourselves, your properties and children, and provide everything they might need whether they are settled or moving from place to place, because they are the Protected People of the Muslimsabout whom the Prophet Muhammed (may God grant him His blessings and Peace) said: "Whoever takes from them a rope, I will be his foe on the Day of Judgment". This is among the most important things we require of you to do and expect you to accomplish, in view of your noble character and determination.

May God be our and your guardian and provide you with His success. Peace be upon you and with the mercy of God and his blessings.

Al Husein Ibn'Ali (Sheriff of Mecca)



.the massacre of Armenian Ottoman subjects [during the Sultan Hamid era, 1894-1896] was amateur and ineffective compared with the largely successful attempt to exterminate the Armenians.'

# **Arnold Toynbee**

Reporter and author of a comprehensive report Submitted to the British Government.

Leaders of the Ittihad party and Turkish army officers inspecting the progress of their genocidal crime

