

## EDITORIAL NOTE

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In the first article of this issue, entitled 'Facts and Comments', the relations between Turkey and Armenia as well as some developments regarding the Armenian genocide allegations in Bulgaria, Argentina, Canada, France, Belgium, the United States, the Netherlands, Czech Republic and Poland in the first half of 2006 are covered. What is more, the violations of freedom of speech in the United States within the context of Armenian question are emphasized.

In his article entitled 'Reflections of the Second Proclamation of the Ottoman Parliamentary System on Eastern Anatolia and Its Effect on the Armenian-Kurdish Relations', Assist. Prof. Dr. Fatih Ünal explains the Armenian perception of the re-proclamation of the Ottoman parliamentary system and the implications of this new regime on the Armenian-Kurdish relations in Eastern Anatolia.

Mustafa Serdar Palabıyık analyzes the establishment and activities of the French Legion d'Orient, which had mainly been composed of Armenian soldiers, until November 1916 in his article 'Establishment and Activities of French Legion d'Orient (Eastern Legion) in the Light of French Archival Documents'. The activities of this legion up until the end of First World War would be examined later.

In her article entitled 'Turkish-Armenian Relations in the Shadow of 1915', Assist. Prof. Dr. Yelda Demirağ comments on the historical development of the Armenian Question and its implication on the contemporary Turkish-Armenian relations.

German Federal Parliament adopted a resolution recognizing the Armenian genocide allegations on June 2005. In his article entitled 'On the Reasons of the German Federal Parliament's Recognition of the So-Called Armenian Genocide and the Role of Political Protestantism', Burak Gümüş examines the underlying reasons of the adoption of this resolution and the role of political Protestantism within this context.

As a result of the increasing interest on the Armenian question, many universities in Turkey organized panels, seminars or conferences. In this issue, there are essays reviewing the conferences organized by İstanbul University, Bilgi University (İstanbul), Erciyes University (Kayseri), Marmara University (İstanbul) and Başkent University (Ankara).

There are also two reviews of the books written by Samuel Weems entitled *Armenia: Secret of A "Christian" Terrorist State*, and edited by Mustafa Çalık entitled *The Armenian Genocide Allegations: When Improper Calculation Departed from Talat and Relocation* as well as a list of recent publications.

In this issue there are three archival and two contemporary documents regarding the Armenian question, which give significant insights to the reader.

With best wishes...

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