



Turkey attaches importance to the attitude of the international community ahead for 2015 and immediately responds to the references about the Armenian genocide in foreign countries.

Turkish parliament speaker Cemil Çiçek responded to the German parliament Bundestag speaker Norbert Lammert's speech in an event organized on July 3, entitled as "100 years of the First World War," in which he said that "by the deportation of the Armenians, their mass carnage and elimination turned into a means of war."

In this regard, in his letter to Lammert, Çiçek wrote. "I think our fellow Germany knows that the deportation during the World War II was made on the basis of military necessity," and noted that Turkey expects "impartial attitude" on the part of Germany ahead for 2015. Çiçek said in the letter that, allegedly, there were historical arguments for the deportations of the Armenians. In regard to the phrase "historical facts" made by Çiçek, Ayhan Aktar, the professor of the "Bilgi" University said, that as a formal argument Turkey applies the fact that the Armenians were deported from the eastern front in order to "prevent their cooperation with the Russians." Aktar also noted that in that case the question remains unanswered as to why the Armenians were deported also from the regions far away from the eastern front. Aktar recalled that at that time the chief of the Ottoman Empire's armed forces was the German Shelendorf, and the German consulates in were regularly informing Berlin about events taking place in the region. Turkish professor thus hinted that Germany turned a blind eye on the happenings at that time.

Commenting Çiçek's letter sent to Lammert, the Turkish retired Ambassador Volkan Vural noted that the Turkish parliament speaker wanted to say that in 2015 they expect "Impartial attitude" towards them on the part of Germany.