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PREFACE

On 27 September, 2020, Azerbaijan, backed by Turkey and jihadist militant units brought in from Syria, unleashed a military offensive against the Republic of Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh).

In the ensuing six weeks of fighting, the Azeri-Turkish-Jihadist coalition, through the use of prohibited weapons under international law, such as cluster munitions and white phosphorus bombs, inflicted heavy casualties on the civilian population of Artsakh, not to mention the enormous environmental damage caused to various forested areas in the region.

These actions were accompanied by the well documented modus operandi of both Azeri and jihadist militants, of the torture and humiliation of both civilian and military captives, as well as trademark beheadings, followed by the wanton destruction of the Armenian cultural heritage.

On 10 November, 2020 a ceasefire between the warring parties was brokered by Russia. Contrary to the opinions expressed by many political and military analysts around the world that this latest conflict between Azeris and Armenians was a direct consequence of the dissolution of the Soviet Union (1988-1991), it is imperative to remind the world that the roots of the aggression by Azeris towards Armenians go much further back than the date of the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Over the period from 1905 until 1921, there have been continuous flare ups of aggression, murders and wholesale massacres of Armenians by Tatars (as Azeris were known then). In some cases, this aggression simply took the form of general localized conflicts between the two communities in many cities, towns and even villages in the Southern Caucasus, in particular at Baku, Shuchi, Nakhichevan and Zangezur.

Following the declaration of independence by Armenia and the establishment of the First Republic of Armenia (1918-1920), the Tatars were assisted by the Turkish nationalist forces, as well as local Kurds in their constant attacks on various Armenian settlements. At the time, many of these tragic events were reported in detail by the international press, including some of the more reputable American newspapers, such as The New York Times, The Boston Daily Globe, The Washington Post, The Christian Science Monitor, The Chicago Daily Tribune and The Los Angeles Times.

The present book is a compilation of such news reports.

These reports indicate that although over the past one hundred or so years the means of physical hostility against the Armenian people have changed, the ultimate goal of this carefully planned aggression has remained unchanged.

The weapons being used have certainly become more sophisticated and deadly, but Turkey's cherished Pan-Turanian plan, at the expense of the existence of the Armenian nation, has remained the same.

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This volume is an offshoot of the recently published volumes titled “The Armenian Genocide As Reported in the U.S. Press” compiled and edited by Ara Ketibian and Rev. Vahan Ohanian (Yerevan, 2018-2019).

The original newspaper articles included in this volume have been extracted from six major American newspapers: The New York Times, The Boston Daily Globe, The Washington Post, The Christian Science Monitor, The Chicago Daily Tribune and The Los Angeles Times.

The articles describe mainly the various conflicts between the Armenian and Tatar (now Azeri) populations at Baku, Karabakh (Artsakh), Zangezur and Nakhichevan over the period 1905 to 1921.

Although there are some obvious repetitions of articles that have appeared in more than one newspaper, these have been included in the present volume, for the purpose of providing the reader with a complete picture of the news coverage in the major American press of the time.

The material presented here has been converted into text form, has been annotated and is accompanied by an index of names and locations.

Where possible, all inaccuracies or misspellings in the original published articles, concerning mainly names of individuals and places, have been identified and corrected by way of separate annotations within square brackets next to each such entry.

When correcting entries, in some instances the correction has been done with the introduction of square brackets within the original text itself. This is particularly the case where certain letters have been omitted in the original text.

The articles have been presented in their original format, with the exception of some minor changes made to some of the original punctuation marks, in order to render the articles more easily legible to the modern reader.

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