

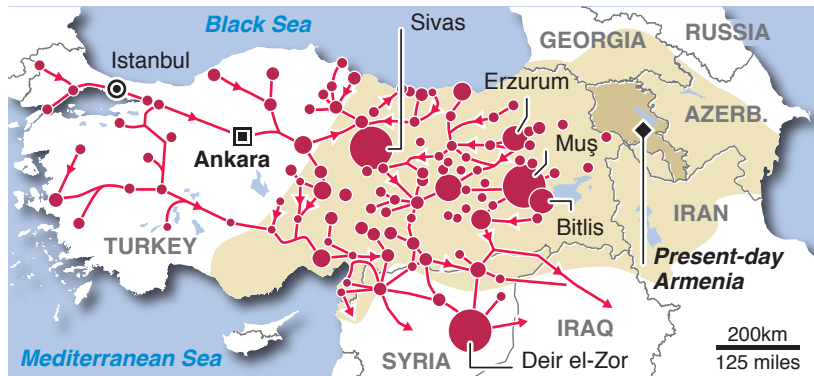
Germany to recognise Armenian genocide

Germany, Turkey's top EU trading partner and home to millions of Turks, is set to reverse its resistance to using the term genocide to condemn the mass killing of Armenians by Ottoman Turks 100 years ago

Massacre sites: Symbol size relates to scale of deaths (exact figures not known)

Armenian deportation routes

Historical extent of Armenian homeland



Hundreds of thousands of Armenians were killed in 1915 by forces of disintegrating Ottoman Empire. Many died in massacres while many others were deported to barren desert regions where they died of starvation or thirst

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE DISPUTE

■ Armenia says up to 1.5 million people were killed. Turkey says death toll is inflated and that large numbers of both Armenians and Ottoman Turks died in civil unrest

■ Most non-Turkish scholars and more than 20 countries, including France, Italy, Russia and Canada, regard events as genocide

■ Turkey rejects genocide term, insisting there was no orchestrated campaign to wipe out Armenians by Ottoman authorities

Source: Genocide Museum

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