MEXICO AND THE ARMENIAN DILEMMA (2)

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It is to be seen that the reactions of Armenia against the inauguration of a monument of the deceased President of Azerbaijan H. Aliyev in an exclusive section and boulevard of Mexicos capital Mexico City and likewise the monument erected in commemoration of the victims of the Khojaly Genocide in a park renovated by the Azerbaijani Embassy is geared to be turned into a campaign whereby it has found echo in the global publication of one of the USs leading newspapers the New York Times/International Herald Tribune.

In an article issued by a writer named E. Malkin on November 12 and published on the online version of the newspaper on November 13, the monument is being targeted through words disparaging Aliyevs personality and the scribe of the shield on the Khojaly Genocide monument is being criticized. As could be recalled from an article published earlier on the AVIM website on this issue, this approach is not surprising. However, now it can be seen that not only the words inscribed on the monument, but the statue itself also constitutes the target. As it is it clearly evident from the picture of the monument published in the newspaper, as an inseparable part of the monument, a map of Azerbaijan is seen in the background that includes Nagorno Karabakh and the seven regions of Azerbaijan under Armenian occupation. As could be assumed, the writer has preferred to direct his resentment towards the founding father of the country Aliyev rather than towards the map which symbolizes the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan.

The identity of the writer is unknown to AVIM. Since she is able to express Armenian views and allegations with such sincerity, opposes Azerbaijan classifying the Khojaly events as genocide and is able to ignore the decision of the Mexican Senate condemning the Khojaly Genocide, it seems possible to assume that she does not reject the allegations put forth by Armenians as a product of the same logic and does not pronounce any words of objection regarding the hate monuments erected by the Armenians. To ask her why would obviously be pointless.

A similar thought could also be applicable to the newspaper in which the article was published. Being a prominent newspaper of the US and of the world does not guarantee this status that is sustainable. Masses are able to reach out at information in the globalizing world more easily and comprehensively. The credibility and reliability of newspapers have started being measured with more accurate and unbiased publications than ever. As an example relevant to the article in question, AVIM finds it noteworthy to observe whether the NYT/IHT newspaper will display a similar reaction to the monument

of hatred planned to be erected by the Armenians in the small town of Troy in the state of New York. The statement issued by the President of Turkish-American Associations E. Kırlıkovalı on November 5 regarding this undertaking is enlightening.

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