

AVİM
AVRASYA İNCELEMELERİ MERKEZİ
CENTER FOR EURASIAN STUDIES

RAPHAEL LEMKIN'S ARMENIANISM & 'G' WITNESSING UNFOLDED!

Şükrü Server AYA

Blog No: 14
20.08.2015

Şükrü Server AYA

Are you in the habit of believing easily in what you read in books, newspapers, academic publications? We all believed in the right to destroy Vietnamese because they defended their country, or removal of Saddam with dummy sketches shown on TV screens by most dependable authorities. The **Reno Evening Gazette** had written as early as November 14, 1915 about Armenian propagandas:

Ambassador Morgenthau appears to have fallen a ready victim to the smooth rascals that, by apocryphal tales of outrages, have procured contributions from their Armenian countrymen abroad and in this country and have lived in luxury on the proceeds for the last 30 years ☀ . If this country, therefore, does not want to appear foolish before the whole world, it will refuse to be duped by impossible tales and will let the Armenians severely alone.

Those who read my essays, books or debates most likely notice that I do not make conclusions of my own, but share the sources I have found and leave the final decision to the reader. Frankly, I have met so many arguments or have been shown evidencing photos/documents, (which nearly all of them have been doctored or fabricated) that it became my precautionary habit to cross check the information and the factual **possibility for the statement to have really happened as it is written.**

On the G fanfare that 1 or 1.5 million Armenians died or were killed during the period of relocation (average 90-120 days) which we hear every day, apparently no one took the trouble to divide 1 million in 120 days or 1.5 million in 150 days, which evidences to any

one, that you need to kill 10.000 persons every day for 150 days; you need a team of about 6.000 workers with shovels to open stadium size graveyards to take so many corpses every day but so far not even one such mass graveyard has been found. If you would kill by shooting you will need about 100 oxcarts or tons of bullets, which may not be even available. All you have to do is to use your logic and doubt and look for evidences! My book[1] details verbatim my doubts for the contents of the Ambassador Morgenthaus Story book in which words are skillfully put in mouths as if they were sound recorded. If you additionally read The Story Behind Ambassador Morgenthaus Story by Heath Lowry, the letter and later the book of the Assoc. Press Reporter George A. Schreiner who was in Istanbul and had eye witnessed the war and country sides, you can easily see too many distortions. When the Diary of Morgenthau was published later, it was easy to compare the distortions and lies of the book, with his own hand written notes in the diary

The propaganda and distortions to use Raphael Lemkins few statements which were handed to him by Armenians is no different and should eliminate the truth values which were labeled later. I will start with two examples, which all can double check from internet.

(1) The CBS interview with Lemkin on Feb.13, 1949 was at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzAexRmeZF]; this has been recently invalidated and replaced by < https://vimeo.com/125514772>. In this video Lemkin gives examples on Germans and says: **genocide happened to Armenians ☀after genocide Hitler took action** ☀ Lemkin does not mention the name of Turks, but says it was done by Hitler but again there is no clarification as regards what was the type of action taken by Hitler and against whom!

(2) Now let us elaborate on other distortions labeled on internet: http://watchersofthesky.com/raphael-lemkin/

As a young teenage boy, Raphael Lemkin was deeply disturbed by the massacre of the Armenian people in the Ottoman Empire in 1915. It was inconceivable to Lemkin that nearly 2 million innocent people could be exterminated simply because they were Christian. His obsession with understanding the Armenian genocide intensified when he realized that the perpetrators of the atrocities were not held accountable for their crimes.

a. Lemkin was born **Rafał Lemkin** in year 1900 in the village of Bezwodne during a period when it was part of the Vilna Governorate of the Russian Empire, now in the Vawkavysk district of Belarus. Not much is known of Lemkin's early life. He grew up in a Jewish family and was one of thet 3 children of Joseph and Bella Lemkin>.
Question: Can you believe that a Polish boy (Jewish) born in a tiny village of farmers, aged fourteen years could have possibly heard about Turks, Armenians or exterminating 2 million Christians? And at this age he was obsessed with the Armenian genocide? Can the readers be so stupid not to evaluate these simple palavers?

b. We are informed that in 1926 he returned to Lviv University to study Law and he became a Public Prosecutor for the district of Warsaw for the years 1929-1934. He

attended the Heidelberg University to study philosophy but this was much later in 1933 and was not related to law.

c. Let us remember that the area where Lemkin was born, has been disputed between Poles and Russians for ownership (todays Lithuania and Belarus) and Jews were about one third of the population and had good relations with local people, the Ukrainians. When WW-1 started in August 1914, the Russians had to retreat from this area against the advance of the German Army. Apparently there were several atrocities done to Jews by Russians when they pulled out, and the incoming German Army who saw the massacres invited American newspapers to see the barbarities of Russians, a partner of the Entente. We have the following quotation from Arnold Toynbee, in The New York American, dated 2.2.1916 just before he wrote the famous **Blue Book.**

The British Parliament published in 1916 the BLUE BOOK for a special purpose. Russian armies when retreating across the Polish Lithuanian frontier in the Spring of 1915, had committed many barbarities against the Jews there and the advancing German Armies tried to exploit it.>.

This maneuver was very successful; attentions were shifted from actual Russian atrocities did to Jews, to alleged atrocities by Turks to Armenians, not seen or evidenced. These incidents which happened in the village surroundings of Lemkin in his early childhood, seems to have left a great effect on his personality and in the next years when he grew up and studied law, he was **obsessed by barbarities** (of Russians and later of Germans) done to minorities (the Jews in the area).

(3) The next important step in Lemkins career was his **Additional explications to the Special Report presented to the 5th Conference for the Unification of Penal Law in Madrid (14 -20 October 1933)**. This is the time and place when Lemkin argued internationally on barbarities done by States and which go unpunished! Armenians imply that he defended Armenian barbarities at this conference, which was the start before he coined the word genocide. This is another huge palaver for two important reasons.

a. This Conference was organized by the League of Nations. The Leagues General Secretary Sir Eric Drummond had made a statement on March 1, 1920 reading: [**Further, in Turkey, minorities were often oppressed and massacres carried out by irregular bands who were entirely outside the control of the central Turkish Government.]** Question: Isnt very abnormal that a village boy heard of Armenian genocide when he was 14 but when he became 20, he did not know the League of Nations, Turks or Armenians?

b. The speeches Lemkin made at the Madrid Conference as late as 1933 are available on internet; nowhere can you find the words of Armenians or Turks. http://www.preventgenocide.org/lemkin/madrid1933-english.htm

c. The speeches he made at the conference attacking Russians and Germans has infuriated both delegations and they walked out of the conference which was a scandal.

d. In 1934 under pressure of the Polish Foreign Ministry and because of the Madrid

Conference he had to resign and become a private solicitor.

(4) Now, let us come to the next important step in Lemkins life. Shortly after WW-II started his village area was under German advance and in 1940s the first movements of Jewish concentration camps started. In 1940 Lemkin crossed to Sweden through Lithuania and lectured at the Stockholm University, until he was permitted to enter USA in 1941.

After arriving in the United States, at the invitation of McDermott, Lemkin joined the law faculty at Duke University in North Carolina in 1941.[12] During the Summer of 1942 Lemkin lectured at the School of Military Government at the University of Virginia. He also wrote Military Government in Europe, which was a preliminary version of his more fully developed publication Axis Rule in Occupied Europe. In 1943 Lemkin was appointed consultant to the U.S. Board of Economic Warfare and Foreign Economic Administration and later became a special adviser on foreign affairs to the War Department, largely due to his expertise in international law.>

In 1944, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace published Lemkin's most important work, entitled **Axis Rule in Occupied Europe,** in the United States. This book included an extensive legal analysis of German rule in countries occupied by Nazi Germany during the course of World War II, along with the definition of the term genocide.[13] Lemkin's idea of genocide as an offense against international law was widely accepted by the international community and was one of the legal bases of the Nuremberg Trials. In 1945 to 1946, Lemkin became an advisor to Supreme Court of the United States Justice and Nuremberg Trial chief counsel Robert H. Jackson>

Much that Armenians try to insert the g word everywhere in Lemkins works, there is not a word of Turks or Armenians in this book written in 1943 and published in USA. This is not the only paradox; let us see others.

Lemkin did not know what happening in Europe was after 1941; he was not even aware that his Jewish relatives were probably rounded by the **Armenian Legion in the Nazi Army founded in 1941** under command of General Kanajan (the butcher). The Legion later became a force of 22.000 men, 4.800 of them SS! Apparently he knew of Armenians far away in Turkey when he was 14 years old but did not know the 22.000 Armenian Nazi Legions when he was aged 41 and writing a book on the Nazi AXİS Rule! He either had not seen or heard of the Nazi Armenian Newspaper HAYASTAN of February 1945, with Hitlers photo and his victory just two months before committing suicide.

Strangely there is not a word of Armenian or Lemkin in the most complete book < **The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich: A History of Nazi Germany,** a non-fiction book by William L. Shirer.

Lemkin, an expert (?) writer on Nazi History, was of course also unaware of the 15.000 Turkish Jews saved from Vichy France by Turkish diplomats. < http://sefarad.org/lm/044/5.html>. **<stanford j.="" shaw,="" turkey="" and="" the="" holocaust:="" turkey's="" role="" in="" rescuing="" turkish="" european="" jewry="" from="" nazi="" persecution,="" 1933-1945. =">**

Now, let us see why and how Mr. Lemkin (almost completely unaware of WW-II events by Nazis in Europe) became involved with Armenian genocide.

· When USA was sending a delegation for the Nuremberg trial, Lemkin applied to be included in the committee and due to his knowledge of German language and Axis Rules etc, he was included in the commission.

· The existence of former Armenian Legion soldiers which all the sudden became displaced persons was a heavy burden to explode during the 1945-1946 Nuremberg Trials where he made his g word officially accepted.

· A document was submitted to the court supposed to be a speech given by Hitler in August 22, 1939, ending with the sentence <Who all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?. This document (L-3) was not accepted by the Court as valid. This fabricated document can be seen at: http://www.cwporter.com/gl3.htm . See < http://armenians-1915.blogspot.com/2013/01/Did-the-Armenian-Genocide-Inspire-Hitler-Turkey-Past-and-Future.html>. Lately the US Military records also confirmed that : http://armenians-1915.blogspot.com/2012/02/3337-armenians-or-jews-dont-exist-in.html.

· However, this fake document helped Lemkin to push you see ☀ there was older genocides argument and indirectly made him a defender of Armenian genocide but he could not tell if Germans or Turks did it, when, why and how! This document and publications however, made the Armenian Legion soldiers victims of war and poor displaced persons. Even General Kanajan, which the Russians were trying to catch, was admitted into USA.

For the large operation of admitting these (some 20.000 displaced Armenians) into USA as immigrants refer to article by Arthur Derounian (John Roy Carlson) in Armenian Affairs 1949*50, Vol.1, No.1. See also Ch.21 in: <http://armenians-1915.blogspot.com/2008/04/2429-new-e-book-genocide-of-truth-based.html>

Apparently after the Nuremberg Trial he lost his job at the US Government and became a lecturer in Yale, Rutgers and Princeton universities. In 1950 and 1952, he was a nominee for the Nobel Peace. He died in August 1959 in New York in a bus stop. He was living in for long alone in a hotel room, penniless and friendliness!

Lemkins exploitation or diluting the g word and applying practically in several cases (to support his fame) has caused many complications in defining genocide and if the act should be classified legally as genocide or else. The term **dolus specialis** (intent) has been heavily stipulated in p.843-844 of the report on http://armenians-1915.blogspot.com/2005/12/486-60th-anniversary-of-genocide.html.

United Nations so far acknowledged only the Jewish Holocaust (Nuremberg Trial) and the Rwanda genocides both standing on authorized court verdicts. The UN has a special advisor [http://www.kaiciid.org/files/he-mr-adama-dieng-un-under-secretary-general-special-adviser-prevention-genocide] for serious and official claims on genocide. But Armenian diaspora (and several self authorized writers, priests, parliaments, etc.) prefer

to make **genocide a subject of gossip instead of applying formally to the authorized Office**. How much or deep the Turkish scholars or authorities are aware of these settled rules which must be followed by all, is unknown.

Now after six decades, Raphael Lemkin has been turned into another **legendary hero of the Armenian genocide** ☀Readers are most welcome to make their decisions after reading the authentic connections.

On my part this is how I see the subject and ☀**Refuse to be duped by impossible tales**.

---

[1] http://armenians-1915.blogspot.com/2012/11/3379-book-review-preposterous-paradoxes.html

About the author:

To cite this article: Şükrü Server AYA. 2026. "RAPHAEL LEMKIN ARMENIANISM & A WITNESSING UNFOLDED!." Center For Eurasian Studies (AVİM), Blog No.2015 / 14. August 20. Accessed November 22, 2026. https://www.avim.org.tr/public/index.php/Blog/RAPHAEL-LEMKIN-S-ARMENIANISM-G-WITNESSING-UNFOLDED

Süleyman Nazif Sok. No: 12/B Daire 3-4 06550 Çankaya-ANKARA / TÜRKİYE
Tel: +90 (312) 438 50 23-24 • **Fax**: +90 (312) 438 50 26
@avimorgtr
https://www.facebook.com/avrasyaincelemelerimerkezi
E-Posta: info@avim.org.tr
http://avim.org.tr

© 2009-2025 Center for Eurasian Studies (AVİM) All Rights Reserved