

Turkey Condemns Putin for Calling 1915 Armenian Massacre a 'Genocide'

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Russian President Vladimir Putin (R) listens to explanations as he visits the Tsitsernakaberd Memorial Complex while taking part in commemoration ceremonies marking the centenary of the mass killing of Armenians by Ottoman Turks in Yerevan, Armenia, April 24, 2015.

ISTANBUL — Turkey said Friday that it rejected and condemned Russian President Vladimir Putin calling the 1915 mass killings of Armenians by Ottoman Turks a genocide.

"Considering the mass killings, exiles ... that Russia has carried out in the Caucasus, Central Asia and in eastern Europe over the past century ... we think it should be the one that knows best what a genocide is and what its legal dimensions are," a foreign ministry statement said.

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