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Turkish President Says Putin Wrong to Call Armenian Killings a 'Genocide'

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Turkey's President Tayyip Erdogan

ANKARA — Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said Monday that Russia should account for its actions in Ukraine and Crimea before calling the 1915 mass killing of Armenians by Ottoman Turks a "genocide."

"It's not the first time Russia used the word genocide on this issue. I'm personally sad that Putin took such a step. What is happening in Ukraine and Crimea is evident. They should firstly explain these before calling it genocide," he told a news conference in Ankara.

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