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Azerbaijani Canadian Community Commemorates the Day of Genocide

On March 30, several Azerbaijani community organizations from Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto associated with the Assembly of Canadian Azerbaijani Associations gathered at the Parliament Hill to commemorate the Day of Genocide of Azerbaijanis. The day is referring to the tragic events that happened on March 31-April 1, 1918 when Armenian nationalists murdered 8,000-12,000 Azerbaijanis in Baky and other settlements. In one of the first comprehensive scholarly studies of the tragedy, Prof. Firuz Kazemzadeh wrote: "This three-day massacre by Armenians is recorded in history as the "March Events" and thousands of Muslims [Azerbaijanis], old people, women and children lost their lives" ("The Struggle for Transcaucasia, 1917-1921", New York, 1951, p. 69). In its proclamation the Azerbaijani organizations have stressed: "The position of Azerbaijani-Canadians is that thousands of Azerbaijanis have been massacred in the 20th century as the result of Armenian genocidal campaign."



Scholarly Conference on Azerbaijan

On March 28, 2008 in the University of Toronto a scholarly conference on Azerbaijan's Foreign Policy and Security was held jointly by the Centre

of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies at the Munk Centre and the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Canada. The guest speakers list included: Professor Thomas Goltz, author of Azerbaijan Diary, a much-acclaimed account of Azerbaijan's immediate post-Soviet years, Mr. Yashar Aliyev, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to the United States, Mr. Farid Shafiyev, Charge d'Affaires of Azerbaijan to Canada, Dr Taras Kuzio, Professor at the University of Toronto and Mr. Aslan Amani, on behalf of the Assembly of Canadian Azerbaijani Associations. The presentations were followed by commentaries of CERES' professors Dr. Robert Austin, Dr. Lucan Way and Dr. Edward Schatz.

Photo Exhibition on Destroyed Azerbaijani Monuments

On March 26 at the Ottawa University the Azerbaijani Community of Ottawa launched a photo exhibition titled "Preserving Riches of History – A Photo Expose on the Destruction of Cultural Heritage and Ancient Monuments" displaying Azerbaijani monuments destroyed by Armenian armed forces on the occupied territories. The photo exhibition is located at 85 University Street, University Center at the Lounge (area near Student Federation Office) and will last until April 6, 2008.

