

BLIND PATRIOTS DAMAGE ARMENIAN CAUSE

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He even met the grandson of the Armenian who killed Cemal Pasha in Tbilisi. But Even before his return to Turkey, the famous Turkish journalist came under attack by "patriotic" groups for his "betrayal" of his nation. However, Turkey wasn't the only country where Cemal came under attack. In Armenia--far right groups such as the "Aryans" and "Eagles"--viciously criticized the brave Turkish journalist who has spent time in jail for his progressive ideas. The scandalous--almost violent--behavior of these so-called Armenian patriots is no different from that of the murderous Grey Wolves of Turkey. Their ignorance and extremism harms the Armenian Cause.

While Turkey and Azerbaijan are gearing up for a massive anti-Armenian, anti-Genocide recognition campaign next year, these so-called Armenian patriots are damaging the Armenian cause by persecuting this great friend of the Armenians. They owe a big apology to the brave and enlightened Cemal and to the Armenian people.

