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Today, Armenians are the target of the denial of the crime of which their parents were innocent victims.

Scorned, bruised, exasperated, but nevertheless Armenian, we have to tell the world, once and for all, that the time for geopolitical procrastination has passed. We are not claiming to be victims, but protesters for simple justice. The first of these is to allow us to pay respect to our graveless parents' remains. We will do this on April 24, as we have done every year since 1916. In the absence of burial sites, www.inhomage.com , website I created in 2005 (only online), enables every one of us to write in the names of those who lost their lives on our ancestral soil. Once this has been done, another task will be invoked: to insure the permanent recognition of the

Brought to task, the Turkish government has embarked on an unprecedented campaign of denial of strength of which Armenians would again be the victims.

Therefore, on the occasion of the 100th commemoration of this human cataclysm, we call upon each of you to resist falling into silent consent by visiting the website now at www.inhomage.com to see for yourselves and to help show that our dead have names. This is our duty.

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