

## **Pan-Turkism and Peace**

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Frankly, the Turkish-speaking community easily falls into the trap of populist slogans. I'm sorry about that. We have free people in the history of Azerbaijan and Western Anatolia. Unfortunately, Turk leaders have lost their identity. Five hundred years ago, they started the Chaldaran War for the sake of Shiia and Sunni. While this issue had nothing to do with them, and it was insignificant in the history of Islam, the Turks introduced it into the religious literature of the Muslims and both of them followed it with intensity and prejudice. Both the Shiia Azeri Turks led by the Safavids and the Sunni Turks of the Anatolian religion in the Ottoman Empire. And the Safavids and the Ottomans created many conflicts in the Middle East, Europe, Africa, and the Indian subcontinent. By inciting religious warfare between Muslims and Christians, Muslims and Jews, Muslims and Buddhists, and Muslims and Hindus.

Also by inciting a war between Islamic religions such as Shiia and Sunni war, Shiia and Baha'i war, Sunni and Alawi war, and Sunni and Ezidi war. They also waged nationalist wars. War with the Kurds, war with the Armenians, war with the Bulgarians, war with the Roman Cypriots, war with the Greeks, war with the Circassians, war with the Tat, and war with the Arabs.

And it is interesting that in the literature of Western Anatolia the Turks of Azerbaijan are called Ajam. That is, those who are inexperienced. And it is interesting that these, under the influence of Ataturk's nationalist ideas, have recently risen against their neighbors.

Last year, Azeri Turks in Iran accompanied the Turkish army in Syrian Kurdistan and celebrated the phosphorus bombardment against the Kurdish people with surprising behavior. They also showed the worst behavior in the independence referendum of Iraqi Kurdistan. Why?

Yesterday, some of them took to the streets chanting for the liberation of Karabakh ... No one can tell them that their rights are respected in Iran so that they feel national solidarity for the Turks in Turkey or the Caucasus? And basically, why can't you tolerate the existence of others? You were an immigrant and you came to be our neighbor, but what a bad feeling that you do not feel comfortable in this big world and you can not fit anywhere! Why is the world a narrow place for you?

Is this your high nature and ambition? No! Because if you were ambitious, you would invest in space travel, not brainwash your youth with the slogans of the nomadic age and steppe shamanism. Yes, the world can intervene, it can even severely isolate the governments of Turkey and Azerbaijan as they have done to Iran. The political isolation of a country will isolate its people. It takes years for an isolated country to return to the world community. But the people of these two countries and the people of Iran and the people of several other countries, such as Pakistan and Afghanistan, who are very fundamentalist, must learn the culture of tolerance. Look at the history of the Kurdish people, an ancient people without a state, because they could never act as a united nation and lost the opportunity of independence while their civilization was the oldest.

They were very stubborn and had little ability to adapt to external conditions. They are now far more adaptable than their neighbors, but they do not have the conditions to do so to the communities around them because they are not the government.

The Vikings, the Slavs, the Gauls, the Saxons, the Germans, the Normans, the Celts, and all the other tribes were old, but they learned to take over and change large parts of the world.

Unfortunately, in the Turkish-speaking community, both in Turkey and in the Republic of Azerbaijan and Azerbaijan of Iran, this kind of tolerance does not exist and is not visible. So, old or new, unarmed or armed, there is only one way for everyone: tolerance, peace, and friendship. Anyone who behaves outside this rule has endangered the fate of his people.