

UCSB Hist 133D 2010, L 4:

The Armenian Genocide, 1915-1918

- Enrollment; textbooks; Fritzsche; (survey)
- 1. Namibia conclusion & photos
- 2. Context: The Ottoman Empire
- 3. Timeline 1914-1915
- 4. Causes

Ottoman Empire

- 1299 – 1923/24: 600 years
- 1520-1566: Suleyman the Magnificent
- 1699- : lost to Austria, Egypt, Algeria
- 1789-1807: Selim III's military reform
Janissary revolt; Serb & Greek uprisings
- 1876: Young Ottoman constitution
- 1877-78: Russo-Turkish War; Treaty of Berlin
- 1895-6: Hamidian massacres, 1-300,000 Arm.
- 1908, July: Young Turk coup; 1909, Apr.: counter-coup
- 1911 & 1913: Balkan wars



Punch, June 17, 1876: Russia ready to unleash Balkan "dogs of war" on Ottoman Empire.

John Bull: "Take care my man! It might be awkward if you let 'em loose!"



Contemporary French cartoon: '(Sultan) Abdul Hamid II, Butcher First Class'



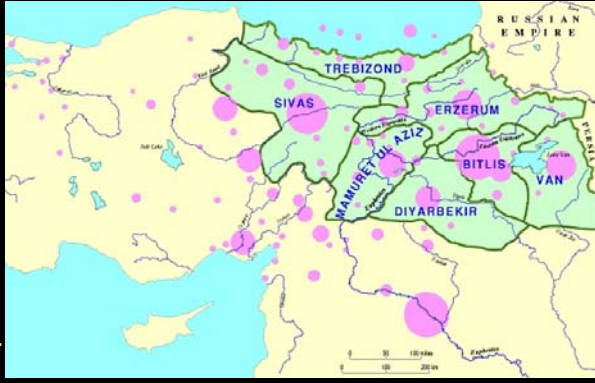
Minister of War Enver Pasha (1881-1922)

- 1908 Military leader
- 1911 vs. Italy in Libya
- 1914: "3 Pashas" rule

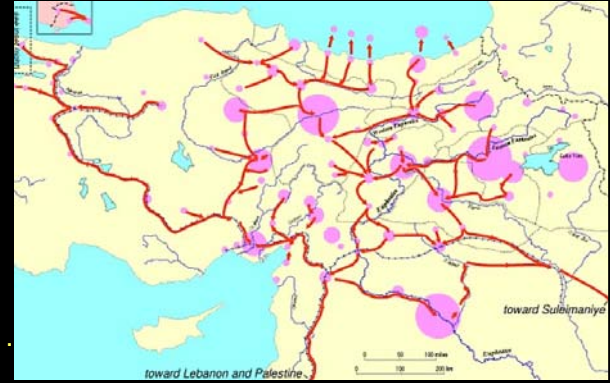
Timeline 1914

- Feb.: Ittihadists declare boycott of A. businesses
- Aug.: Germany declares war; Turkey concludes secret treaty
- Sept: Turkey revokes rights of Europeans
11: Armenian Nat'l Assembly: Stay Calm
- Oct: Looting; arrest of Armenian notables
- Nov. 2: Russia declares war on Turkey
18: Jihad proclamation read
19: mass executions of Armenian soldiers
- Dec.: Lootings, lynchings, forced labor

Eastern Regions



1915 Deportation Routes



Timeline 1915

- Jan.: Execution of all soldiers in Van prov.
- Mar. 3: Ittihad Cen'l Cmte orders extern. Mass arrests begin
 - 12: Enver leaves for Berlin to meet Kaiser
 - 30: mass deportations from Zeitun begin
 - > war is going poorly for Turks
- Apr. 15: Refugees tell Van of massacres
 - 80 villages obliterated, 20,000 dead: 3 days
 - 17-May 23: Van holds out til Russians come
 - 20: Deportation of 25,000 from Zeitun complete
 - 24: 250 Armenian intell.s in Const. arrested
- May: 3,000 British & French arrested in Const.



Apr. 1915: armed Armenian forces hold out at Van

Timeline 1915

- May 2: 3,000 British & French arrested in Const.
- 9: Lord Grey to Enver: personally responsible
- 27: Promulgation of "Temp. Law of Deportation"
- June 13: Kemakh massacre of 25,000
- July: murders of laboring Armenian soldiers
- Aug. 1: 20,000 refugees arrive in Aleppo
- 3: 15,000 arrive in Der el-Zor, 60,000 Aleppo
- 3: circular telegram in response to German warnings: no attacks on highways
- 7: Gov't requests list of seized Arm. properties

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