

We witness recently that Azerbaijan's recapture of its occupied lands mobilized the Armenian Diaspora, As a result of the attacks initiated by Armenia, which violates international law. We are highly disturbed by the defamation campaign being carried out against Turkey and our president Erdogan because of Turkey's

This situation poses a threat to Turkish communities abroad. In the recent days, Armenians living in Canada have begun a smear campaign against Turkey after the liberation of the occupied territories by Azerbaijan. On October 4, 2020, the demonstrations in Montreal, which contained hate and insults, posed a threat to the Turkish community living in the region. The attack on the Yunus Emre Mosque on October 3 showed the extent of the threat.

Demonstrations were organized by French-Armenian separatists aiming to burn the national symbol of our country in front of our foreign missions in France. Particularly the public demonstration by some members of the Armenian community which took place in Paris and Lyon was a manifestation of hatred, insult, and intolerance. In addition, our associations, which were in Paris on 4 October, were also targeted by these groups.

We are worried about our citizens living abroad due to the silence of the French and Canadian government in the face of this kind actions by Armenian groups.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to draw attention to the fact that western states, which openly express their support to Armenia at every opportunity, should treat all citizens in their countries equally.

As TÜGVA family, we would like to state that we defend our citizens living abroad, especially our youth, against all kinds of racist attacks and inequality.