



DERSIM 1937 – 1938

CONFERENCE AT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

ON THE 74TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKEY'S DERSIM MASSACRE, THIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE EXAMINES THE EVENT'S IMPORTANCE AND SEEKS JUSTICE FOR THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Thursday 26th May, 2011
Room ASP 07C050, 09h30 - 13h00
(Interpretation in Turkish & English, and "passive" French and German)

European Parliament - Rue Wiertz 60 - 1047 Brussels

DRAFT PROGRAMME

09.30 – 09.50 Opening Session

Lothar Bisky, *President of GUE/NGL Group*

Representative of Democratic Federation of Aleviti (*FEDA*) and Representative of *Association for Reconstruction of Dersim*

09.50 – 10.00 Documentary on Dersim

10h00-10h50

I- THE TURKISH REPUBLIC AND THE EVENTS OF DERSIM 1937 – 38

Moderators:

Speakers:

The History of Dersim and the Reality of 38

Ms. Ph.D. Nurşen Gürboğa, *Boğaziçi University, Department of History, Turkey*

The State's Plans for Dersim

Ms. Ayşe Hür, *Journalist, Turkey*

The Kurds, Dersim and Turkey

Mr. Şerafetin Halis, *MP Peace and Democracy Party BDP, Turkey*

10h50 – 12h00

II- DERSIM 1938 - THE POLITICS AND THE NEED TO CONFRONT REALITY

Moderators:

Mr. Edgar Auth, *Journalist, Germany*

Speakers:

Political Powers in Turkey and the Fact of Dersim 1938

Mr. Oral Çalışlar, *Journalist, Turkey*

Facing History in Turkish Politics

Mrs. Nuray Mert, *Journalist, Turkey*

The Actual Situation of Dersim

Mr. Ferhat Tunç, *Singer, Democracy and Freedom Block Dersim Independent Candidate, Turkey*

Questions and discussion followed by closing remarks by moderators

12.00 – 12.45

III- DERSIM 1938, INTERNATIONAL LAW AND COMPARATIVE EXPERIENCES

Moderators:

Ms. Maria Christin Vergiat, *Member of European Parliament*

Speakers:

The Dersim Massacre in the International Context of Genocide

Mr. Barry A. Fisher, *Lawyer and Human Rights Defender, USA*

Moving Forward: Dersim and the International Experience

Mr. Prof. Dr. Mithat Sancar, *Ankara University Faculty of Law, Turkey*

What Next for Turkey – The Perspective of International law

Mr. Erdal Doğan, *Lawyer, Turkey*

Questions and discussion followed by closing remarks by moderators

12.45-13.00

Closing Session

Adoption of a Final Declaration

MEP Jürgen Klute, *GUE/NGL Group, on behalf of the European Parliament - Kurds Friendship Group, Germany*

Aysel Tuğluk, *Co-Chair of Democratic Society Congress (DTK) and Democracy and Freedom Block Van Independent Candidate, Turkey*

Conference's secretariat: dersimconference2011@hotmail.com

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- 2) date of birth**
- 3) place of residence**

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