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To: Foreign Affairs Legislative Aide  
From: Aram Hamparian, Executive Director  
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**RE: Washington Post article**

Attached please find an article in today's Washington Post that underscores two key points:

1) Turkey has launched artillery and aerial attacks on Iraq, against the direct warnings of the U.S. government.

**This begs the question: “Why is our Administration so compliant in caving in to Turkey’s profoundly immoral pressure to oppose the Armenian Genocide Resolution, yet is essentially silent in the face of Turkey’s public rejection of our pressure that it not attack a sovereign nation allied with the United States?”**

2) The Kurds living in this region fear that Turkey will do to them what they did to the Armenians between 1915 and 1923. Please read the direct quote addressing this fear in the attached document.

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# The Washington Post

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## For Kurds In N. Iraq, A Familiar Foreboding

*Shelling by Turkey  
Leads Many to Flee*

By SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN  
*Washington Post Foreign Service*

“With artillery and bombs, we can hide. But if they launch an offensive, where can we hide?” said Yusef Ali, as he and his 5-year-old child picked up some bomb fragments.

“Turkey is practicing what Saddam was doing to us. That’s why we’re afraid,” said Fateh Mahmoud, 53, a farmer. Seconds later, he added: “The U.S. has always supported us. Why are they not applying pressure on Turkey to stop these attacks?”

In Deshtetek, Jamil Oraha is worried about the future. “The central government can’t protect itself. How can we ask it for help?” Oraha said, shaking his head. “We can’t go back to Mosul. We can’t go back to Baghdad. The cheapest house in Zakho is \$400 a month. Where can we go?”

Michael, Deshtetek’s mayor, is worried about history. He sees parallels with Turkish massacres of Armenian Christians in the waning days of the Ottoman Empire.

“We believe what happened in Armenia can happen to us at any moment,” Michael said.