



A CENTURY OF REMEMBRANCE



'We will never forget'

FRESNO: Thousands gather on campus for unveiling of new Armenian Genocide Memorial

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On the eve of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, more than 4,000 people gathered at Fresno State to unveil a monument which stands as a reminder of the mass killing of 1.5 million Armenians.

Located on the school's Maple Mall, the monument is built with nine pillars to represent the victims who lost their lives at the hands of the Ottoman government in 1915.

Fresno State President Dr. Joseph Castro called the unveiling of the monument one of the most important events at Fresno State since the school's founding in 1911.

"Tonight, we unveil our magnificent Armenian genocide monument, the first monument of its kind on a university campus in the entire United States," Castro said. "The

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THE SCENE:

More than 4,000 people crowded Maple Mall on Thursday night for the unveiling of the Armenian Genocide Memorial. The ceremony brought out a flurry of emotions from a crowd there to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the genocide.

Photo by Paul Schlesinger.

ISTANBUL: Separate ceremonies in Armenia and Turkey underscore years of friction

By Roy Gutman | McClatchy Foreign Staff

In a somber pageant of color and ritual, Armenia's national church Thursday honored the victims of the Ottoman Empire's deportations and massacres of a century ago by canonizing them en masse as martyrs.

In Istanbul, meanwhile, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan chided Armenia and the Armenian diaspora for focusing only on their losses during what he called "a relocation of the Armenian population to the farther parts of the empire."

"Thirty million people died, and why are you highlighting the Armenian citizens?" he said. "More than 4 million Muslims died during the war."

Karekin II, who carries the titles Supreme Patriarch

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ONLINE: Watch a video of the dedication and view photos from Thursday's scene at fresnostate.edu/collegian