

Message of Deputy Prime Minister Mr Bülent Arınç on the occasion of 27th January Holocaust commemoration day 2014

I would like to thank you for the invitation to International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust on 27 January. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend this meaningful ceremony due to my pre-scheduled diary requirements.

Holocaust has left its shameful mark in the history of mankind. Such organizations have great importance not only for recalling those who were murdered in this tragedy but also for raising awareness and creating a strong belief against this kind of grievous incidents and to prevent them from reoccurring.

It is one of our government's priorities to provide peace, security and welfare for our Jewish citizens that we have lived together for centuries. I avail myself of this opportunity to convey my gratitude to our Jewish citizens who play significant role in the fields of trade, science and education.

Our government, in power since 2002, has spared no effort to solve the problems of the Jewish foundations and has also accelerated the renovations of the synagogues which were ignored for a long time even though they constitute our common heritage. We will continue our constructive and positive approach in this regard.

I would like to once more convey my regards to the Jewish community that has contributed to this ceremony and to share the grief of the Holocaust tragedy which has been a remarkable failure in the human conscience and send my best wishes to our Jewish citizens.