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Dublin Ireland

Rwandan Genocide Commemoration on 25.04.2015 in Dublin

On the occasion of the 21st Anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide during which it is estimated up to One Million members of the minority Tutsi were killed, Mr. Ohan Yergainharsian, the Armenian Honorary Consul to Ireland was invited to address members of the Rwandan community representatives in Ireland.

The 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide was commemorated on the 24th of April this year.

Mr. Yergainharsian presented the facts and explained the background of the Armenian Genocide and explained that the 'the pain and suffering associated with genocide never stops and is carried on through future generations unless the perpetrator admits guilt, apologises and makes amends'.

In the case of Armenia and Armenians, continual Turkish denial of the Genocide has trapped the Turkish people in a time warp whereas the rest of the world is now moved on and coming to terms with the veracity of the Armenian Genocide and asking Turkey to stop their futile denials and make amends.

Genocides are so far beyond cruel and barbaric that they cannot be termed 'inhuman' as genocide is actually uniquely 'human'. We humans are the only species in the animal kingdom that commits genocide.

It is the responsibility of all people to strive to prevent genocides. It is particularly incumbent on the survivors of genocides and their descendants to stand together to struggle for justice and revival and prevention of further genocide.

Mr. Ohan's speech was followed by the speeches of The Ambassador of Rwanda to the UK and Ireland and the Ambassador of Kenya to Ireland.

Mr. Ohan was invited to speak at next year's Rwandan commemoration and invited the Rwandan participants in turn to join the Armenian community in commemorating the Armenian genocide anniversary in 2016.