

Deportation of the Armenians from their homes in the vilayets of eastern Anatolia, and their resettlement in other regions is implemented cruelly...

... it becomes obvious that deportation of the Armenians arises not only from military necessity. The internal minister Talaat Bey told about it honestly to Doctor Mortsman, who is employed at the empire embassy now. Talaat said: "the Sublime Porte intends to make use of the world war for cleaning the whole country from internal enemies, the local Christians, so that foreign countries won't hinder doing it by their diplomatic interference. This measure will serve to the interests of all allies of Turkey, especially the Germans and so the latter will be able to consolidate. ...

-Hans Von Wangenheim, "Report of Wangenheim, German Ambassador in the Ottoman Empire, to the Reichkanzler Behlmann-Hollweg" (1915)