



First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Ivica Dacic estimated as utterly hypocritical the statements made by Bosniak and Turkish politicians on Srebrenica referring to Serbia.

"Instead of attacking Serbia, they should remember that, in 2010, the Serbian National Assembly adopted the Declaration condemning the Srebrenica massacre. As the initiator of the Declaration, the then President, Boris Tadic, informed us at the time that he had agreed upon the text with the then Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Haris Silajdzic and Turkey's Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu. It is a disgrace that, six years on, Bosniaks and Turks are lecturing Serbia, the only Balkan country which has adopted a parliamentary declaration on a crime committed against a people of another country. No one in the territory of the former Yugoslavia has ever passed any legal acts condemning the crimes against Serbs.

I would like to remind my Turkish counterpart Cavusoglu, who has said that "Turkey cannot sleep peacefully while Bosnia is crying", of the Turkish wrongdoings against the Serbs during the five centuries of Ottoman rule. Cavusoglu ought to start crying also before the Skull Tower in Nis that was built from the skulls of the Serbs slain in the Battle of Cegar in 1809. Serbian mothers, too, must have felt the pain when their children were taken away from them as the so-called blood tax to make janissaries out of them. A Turkish official might also get down on his knees in front of the Skull Tower and apologize to Serbs for all the crimes committed during those five centuries.

What would be the reaction of Turkey if Serbia were to condemn the killing of a million Armenians and call it a genocide? And why would not Bosniaks condemn the crime against Armenians, and call it a genocide, like many countries have done worldwide? And why would not Boris Tadic say publicly with whom he agreed the wording of the Declaration we adopted in the Assembly, since it surely was not passed without prior consultation?

It is really high time that everyone realized that Serbia was ready for reconciliation, peace and forging a common future, but that it would not let anyone humiliate it."