

Avrupa'da sağ ve gelişen ırkçılık

Racism threatening European values

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While new attacks and cease-fires are being discussed in the Middle East, a dirty war in which hospitals and residential areas are being bombed and civilians are mercilessly slaughtered, is raging on unabated. Flood of refugees from Syria is continuing and these people who want to save their lives are facing even more difficulties. The problem of refugees, to whom Europe has closed its doors and for which Turkey is now assuming sole responsibility, has shown the world that is failing the "humanity" test. The United Nations and the European Union may have adopted the policy of pushing their responsibility toward Turkey by saying, "We will not admit them, nor help, nor give you any money, but you must open your doors to them all," but history will never forget this.

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I have discussed the refugee problem many times in this column, and will continue to do so. The issue under scrutiny in today's column is another major problem that emerges together with that of the refugees – racism. One wonders whether this problem that is increasingly raising its head in Europe is causing more harm to the refugees, or to Europe itself.

The electoral victory of the National Front in France last year showed how much stronger the rising new trend of racism in Europe had become. The system of ideas that led the way to racism and Islamophobia in particular has found a new sphere to operate inside Europe; the reaction to the refugees suits the purpose of some political groupings.

The situation is not restricted to France. According to Pew Research Center's polls conducted in November 2015 in seven EU countries, the aversion to minorities focused mostly on Romans, Muslims and Jews. This trend is particularly visible in right leaning countries like Greece, Italy and Poland.¹ Furthermore, the politicians from this spectrum of the political arena are increasingly adopting a hostile tone. For instance, the words of Danish People's Party MP Soren Espersen, "Let's bomb women and children"² where Daesh is located, make the situation very clear.

This situation exacerbated the racist tendencies in certain European countries. The racist propaganda by some rightist movements in Europe has come close to being considered legal these days. A German citizen who talked to Sputniknews claims that German police tolerates racist rallies and is unnecessarily strict with foreigners.

"Normally, in Germany, a police officer never allows any rally even if it consists of 20 or a thousand people. Therefore, he mobilizes city's entire constabulary for this. But, such occasions do not occur in racist or radical right movements. Those people organize marches reminiscent of the Nazi marches with torches before World War II. Police only watches those unlawful marches. Migrants' camps are being burned..."³

Ozan Ceyhan, who served as an MEP during the European Parliament's 4th and 5th terms, says that prejudices toward Muslims and refugees have led to more than 100 seats in the parliament being occupied by anti-Islamic and racist politicians. Ceyhan also says that these prejudices are really harming, not Muslims

Yabancılara, mültecilere ve özellikle Müslümanlara yönelik artan bu karşıtlık, aslında Avrupa toplumları arasında da ayrışmayı körükleyen unsur haline geldi. Ülkeler içinde rahatsızlıklar ve mutsuzluk oranları artmış, birlik - beraberlik ruhu büyük ölçüde zarar görmüş durumda. Güzel bir medeniyet örneği olan Avrupa'nın böyle bir olumsuz çizgiye gelmesi ise, zaten kargaşa içindeki dünyayı daha büyük karamsarlığa götürebilir. Gerçekten de Avrupa içinde gelişen bu ırkçılık, Avrupa'nın kendi halkına ve demokrasisine zarar getiriyor olabilir.

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