

OIC documents not serious without Iran signature, expert says



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The recent summit of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation held in Istanbul exposed events and developments notable and important for Armenia.

The whole summit turned into a diplomatic “special operation” run by Saudi Arabia and Turkey targeted at Tehran, when Riyadh and Ankara according to the preliminary agreed steps and plan attempted to leave the Islamic Republic, a major Muslim nation, on the sidelines of at least the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation - however inconceivable it may seem. In broader sense the move was aimed at weakening Iran's leverage among the Islamic states – mostly in the Middle East.

The Turkish-Saudi alliance is gradually acting in a more aggressive manner against Iran - a fact obviously revealed during the OIC Istanbul session through the establishment of the cooperation Council between the two which as a matter of fact is designed to coordinate the further action plans against Iran.

The Iranians on their part determined the disposition of all the sides through active meetings and in the end

boycotted both the final session and the declaration itself, thus actually making the old idea of Islamic solidarity disappear into thin air, fully delegitimizing not only anti-Iranian but also anti-Armenian unfair provisions, introduced into the mentioned document.

No doubt, without the leading Islamic state, such as Iran, any document adopted by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation may not have, to put differently, the necessary level of legitimacy and seriousness. Another important circumstance relevant to us was related during the meeting between Iranian and Azerbaijani presidents, when Iranian President highlighted the necessity to solve the regional issues and conflicts through negotiations and prevent any intervention from outside forces. Hassan Rouhani's comments came as an obvious hint at the unacceptability of any Turkish involvement in Artsakh conflict.

Of even more relevance was the remark that "efforts should be aimed at maintaining ceasefire in Karabakh conflict" told to Aliyev which in case of a closer inspection shows that the crux of the diplomatic message, that is a call to adhere to the ceasefire, was addressed to only and exclusively Azerbaijan not "the two parties" as such calls are often formulated.

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