

Universal Peace Federation Türkiye honours Turkish Korean War Veterans

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The Chairman of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Europe and Middle East, Dr. Michael Balcomb and delegates from UPF Middle East and UPF Türkiye, visited the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Ankara, Turkey on Monday, 8th July, 2024. The President of the Korean War Veterans Association Türkiye, Mr. Beyazit Yumuk and Dr. Balcomb laid a wreath of flowers on the Memorial. More than ten thousand Turkish soldiers fought in the Korean War and seven hundred lost their lives. The bodies of some of the fallen were never returned home and, to this day, still remain on North Korean ground.



The delegation also visited the Veteran Association's office and listened to testimonies of the veterans given by Mr. Yumut. Dr. Ali Denizli, a retired military officer and renown historian of the Korean War

shared his upcoming book, Peace in the Korean Peninsula.



Dr. Balcomb expressed his gratitude to the founders of UPF, Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and thanked them for their unflinching work to protect Korea. He presented the Veterans Association with Dr. Hak Ja Han's Memoir, Mother of Peace, as well as various books about the Little Angels Folk Ballet of Korea. The UPF delegates were taken round the Korean War Museum after which tokens of mutual respect were exchanged. Delegates who took part were Mr. Umberto Angelucci, President of UPF Middle East; Mr. Yoshihiro Yamazaki, Coordinator of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) Europe and Middle East; and Mr. Binod Paudel, President of UPF Türkiye.



The UPF Delegation visited the mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, Founding Father of the Türkiye Republic, to pay their respects. UPF Türkiye is working on a programme which aims to help and assist the thousand Korean War veterans who are now living in poverty. Together with UPF Korea the plan is to

find one thousand Korean Ambassadors for Peace who will be willing to take the veterans' families under their wings and give them the support and aid they need.



In the Korean War, Türkiye was one of the stronger allies in the United Nations Command (UNC) which supported South Korea. The Turks fought in Anju, North Korea against the Chinese military. General Douglas MacArthur thanked them for their commitment.

