

HAFIZ BEY TOUKAN: In the same manner as his Excellency feels he must act towards his Government in order to apply its policy, so we also have a duty to perform, and that is to give advice to the population of this country, and we feel that if the nation participates in the elections it will be the assassination of the nation. With regard to the point which his Excellency raised as to the use of threats in order to influence the people, we would say that we are only too eager and anxious to comply with the provisions of the law and regulations as much as, if not more than, the Government officials, and we shall not commit any actions which may be contrary to the law, as we are agreed to comply with the law.

SIR HERBERT SAMUEL: I am very glad to hear that expression of opinion from Hafiz Bey Toukan. Certainly the Government will not overstep on its side the bounds of constitutionalism, and I am glad that, as hitherto, we can look to you to use your influence in the same direction. It is quite clear that if the nation is, as you say, unanimously of opinion that it ought to abstain from the elections, there will be no need to use any threats to induce them to do so, or indeed to conduct any agitation at all.

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