



The Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day



The Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day, or simply Atatürk Commemoration or Youth and Sports Day is an annual Turkish National Holiday celebrated on May 19 to memorialize the start of the Turkish War of Independence.



May 19, 1919 is the day Mustafa Kemal ATATÜRK, who would become independent Turkey's first president, landed on the main peninsula of Turkey to begin leadership of the liberation effort.



In early 1920, Mustafa Kemal convened the first Turkish Grand National Assembly in Ankara, and by 1922 all of Anatolia was freed from foreign rule. The independent Republic of Turkey was declared a year later.



During the course of his term as president, Atatürk himself proclaimed May 19 as "Youth and Sports Day.











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