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Kerem İŞKAN
Executive Editor

Konya is at work...!

Konya symbolizes the ancient fertile lands where the common heritages of humanity are gathered at every stage and in almost every field of world history.

With the beginning of life, the whole world is watching the **Çatalhöyük** excavations by holding their breath. On the other hand, the call of Rumi, who whispered to the spirit world of humanity centuries ago, "Come, come again, whatever you are," continues to be a hope for billions of people from **different** geographies, different nationalities and races.

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On the other hand, being the **capital of Seljuks**, gives a different charm and a **different color** to the city. Sharing all its knowledge such as its cuisine, industry, culture, music, sports and agriculture with the world, Konya, the **"Capital of Tolerance"**, is preparing to host many different organizations in this sense.

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The 2021 Islamic Solidarity Games, which could not be held due to **the pandemic**, will be held in Konya between 9-18 August 2022 with the participation of nearly **3 thousand** athletes from 56 countries. On the other hand, with the announcement of Konya as the **2023 World Capital of Sports** in the program of the European Sports Capitals and Cities Federation, we are entering a period in which **the eyes of the world are turned to Konya** once again in terms of sports. Just as Konya has worked for centuries for the common benefit of humanity, it **continues to work** with the same enthusiasm today...

Dams are full

The occupancy rates of the dams in Konya increased with the snow waters that started to melt after the heavy snowfalls in the winter season. Due to the high occupancy rate in Altınapa Dam, evacuation is made from time to time.

The drought experienced in the past years and the precipitation below the seasonal norms adversely affected the water levels in the dams in Konya. The occupancy rates in the dams have increased with the snowfall and snow melting this winter. The occupancy rate of Altınapa Dam near the city center reached 100 percent.

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Azerin: Turkey is always on the side of the oppressed

Famous artist Azerin, who gave a concert in Konya stated that "Turkey has always been on the side of the oppressed against the oppressor. The Turkish Nation, which has always been on the side of right in the world, was with Azerbaijan yesterday and is with Azerbaijan today. We will continue to be one nation and one state. Turkey and Azerbaijan won the 44-day war of Azerbaijan together. May God have mercy on all our martyrs, may God give health to our veterans."

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Damlaplast is all over the world

Damla Plast has been successfully continuing to work in Konya since 2002 as one of the most mentioned companies in the sector with its extrusion lines producing drip irrigation pipes.

Selman KON, CEO of Damla Plast, stated that "We owe this success to our performance tests before installation, our fast service network, our insistence on quality, our innovative work, our love for our work and our valued customers. Today we have created a huge family with our customers all over the world."

A Ramadan Tradition: MAHYA



Mahya is a Ramadan tradition that has lived for centuries. The mosque ridges, which were given great importance especially in the Ottoman period, were carefully prepared and eagerly awaited.

It was made by hanging small oil lamps from a rope stretched between two minarets. The purpose of this tradition was both to make people experience the joy of Ramadan and to remind them to express their gratitude.

Indispensable taste of Ramadan in Konya: Pita with tahini



Pita made of dough and tahini, unique to the Kadınhanı district, adorns the tables in Ramadan. The interest in tahini pita, which can be eaten as a dessert by pouring sherbet on it or consumed as a pita with tea, is quite high.

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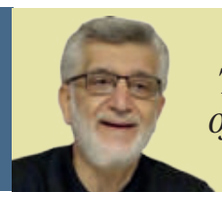


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Prof. Dr. Yavuz Selvi

Our Blind Spots

Why does nobody confess his faults?
Because even now he remains within them: only after men have awakened can they relate their dreams.
Montaigne

An arrogant person considers himself pefect. This is the chief harm of arrogance.
It interferes with a person's main task in lifebecoming a beter person.
TOLSTOY

However, we are not arrogant and stubborn. We thought of someone around us that we don't like. Maybe you, reading these lines, are arrogant and stubborn. Who knows? Who really knows? Can we understand? Would it help us if we understood?

It's not just about arrogance and stubbornness. We have many features that can be described as good or bad. These are our identities. Intelligent, modest, pretentious, intriguer, self-seeker, judgmental, boring, extravagant, honest, introverted, gossipy, extroverted, rude, whimsical, meticulous, clingy, anxious, acold, vindictive, disloyal, gentle, generous, shy, unhappy, lazy, indecisive, suspicious, carefree, irritable, patient, greedy, idealistic, skilful, impatient, pessimistic, conservative, tolerant, confident, sly, agreeable, weird, careless, ungrateful, mysterious, sociable , dissocial, courageous, arrogant, selfish, dependent, cunning, strong, inconsistent, arrogant, pretending, hardworking, dignified, irresponsible, quarrelsome, narrow-minded, mild-tempered, dreamy, easily fooled, cheerful, realistic, clumsy, negligent, impetuous, ambitious, obsessive, emotional, unstable, slow...

We can understand with an unbiased look whether we have these positive or negative features or not. However, a person's view of himself always contains a bias. Who can attribute the characteristics of a gossipy or a tricky to himself? Similarly, we cannot see some positive traits in ourselves. A young person who was brought up in an environment where s/he is not allowed to express her/himself or whose talents are not discovered will live without discovering his/her potential, assuming that s/he does not have the characteristics such as intelligence and strength.

We unintentionally use a filter when evaluating ourselves and others. We become prejudiced. **In fact, it is so interesting that we think that we are less prejudiced and more objective than other people, and that we evaluate events and people more clearly. This is where our blind spots come into play.** The identity structure we develop in childhood, adolescence and beyond causes us to look at the world with defences, barriers and a marked bias. It's hard to change, face and break out of patterns. Who wants this, you might ask? However, remember that the key to a peaceful life where the right choices are made, away from internal conflicts and indecisions, is knowing yourself. Self-knowledge is possible by recognizing blind spots and attaching a "sensor" to these spots...

What about our prejudices, the tricks our minds are playing on us? Can we understand what we see and experience, without adding or subtracting anything, as pure and unadulterated reality? No. Our mind distorts this reality and presents it to us by incorporating our intentions, expectations, experiences, and emotions. Thus, a great difference arises between the external reality and our realities arising from this delusion. What happened, what did you understand? We will be able to understand ourselves and life more accurately as we get to know the tricks our mind plays on us and our blind spots.

Our blind spots are features that other see in us but that we cannot see or even deny in ourselves. People make similar mistakes throughout their lives, fall into the same traps and are bitten in the same place because of their blind spots in the identity development process. The same blind spots lead to the same weaknesses and mistakes. Sometimes, even if it is thought that lessons have been learned, the environment that allows similar mistakes to be made is unconsciously recreated. Desires, fears and impulses push the person to create a similar environment, similar friendships, similar habits, similar behaviours and therefore similar mistakes. Similar problems are the product of the same unfulfilled hungers. The chain of events that you think is a coincidence appears as a choice of your unconsciousness. Many years pass, cities change, people change, but the way of life you think you have chosen with your absolute will continues, with minor differences.

For this reason, we have to know our weaknesses, desires, prejudices and evaluate the events that make us feel guilty. Why did I choose this or why did I not choose this? After each regret, we copy another one from ourselves and injure it with our arrows, that is, ourselves. However, your regret exactly indicates you. **Tell me your regret and I'll tell you who you are and who you can't be. Here is a good opportunity to find and brighten your blind spots.** What were you thinking at that moment and why did you do that? What prompted you to make such a decision? Note your discouragement. See your faults. What else could you do at that moment and why couldn't you? Examine these in detail. Meditate. Attach a sensor to the source of your regret, this blind spot. If the same chain of events happens again - and it will - this sensor will warn you. It's getting closer again, you're approaching, and don't make the same mistake.



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> Minister of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change Institution stated that "The final declaration will be a roadmap for increasing renewable energy sources, ensuring energy efficiency and reducing fossil fuels."

Minister Kurum: Climate Council final declaration will be a roadmap



At the closing ceremony of Turkey's first Climate Council held at the Selçuklu Congress Center by the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, the council chaired by the Minister Murat Kurum convened. Following the reading of the recommendations in the council, the Minister Kurum put the 217-item recommendations to the vote. In its speech after the unanimous adoption of the recommendations, Kurum thanked those who contributed to the Climate Council, which put the fight against climate change threatening the world at its center and signed the proposals that will shape Turkey's 100 years. The Minister Kurum thanked the chairman and members of the commission who signed 217 decisions, 76 of which were priority, and all the participants who enlightened the way.

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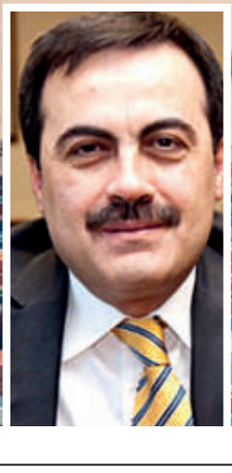
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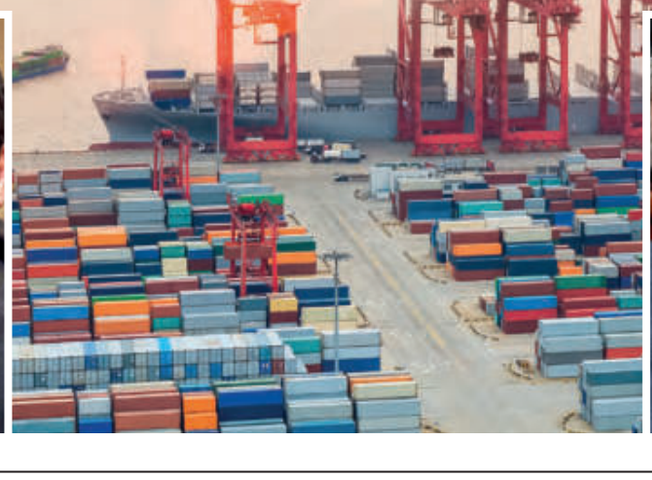
Turkish Exporters Assembly (TIM) announced the export figures of the cities of Turkey in March.

Konya Chamber of Commerce (KTO) Chairman Selçuk Öztürk and Konya Chamber of Industry (KSO) President Memiş Kütükcü discussed the figures. Öztürk, in his written statement, said that Konya's exports on a provincial basis increased by 2.49 percent compared to the same month of 2021. Noting that Konya exported 288.081.957 dollars in March, Öztürk said that "Our export figure for the first three months of 2022 increased by 11.1 percent compared to the same period of the previous year and reached 770 million 648 thousand 776 dollars. Konya's exports in the last 12 months amounted to 3 billion dollars. Our export keeps increasing in 2022. Konya reached the highest export figure in its history in this March. I congratulate all our traders, industrialists and exporters who contributed to this success."

Export record in the first quarter

Konya Chamber of Industry (KSO) Chairman Memiş Kütükcü congratulated all exporting companies and their employees who increased Konya's exports. He also stated that "Konya broke the export record of all time on a quarterly basis. In the first quarter of this year, the machinery and accessories sector, which has held the lead for a long time, again ranks the first in our exports, followed by the automotive industry in the second place, and the cereals, pulses, oilseeds and products sector in the third place. Our city continues to increase its exports in the industrial sector despite all the difficulties. Konya exported to 176 countries in the first 3 months of the year. I sincerely congratulate all our exporters and their employees.





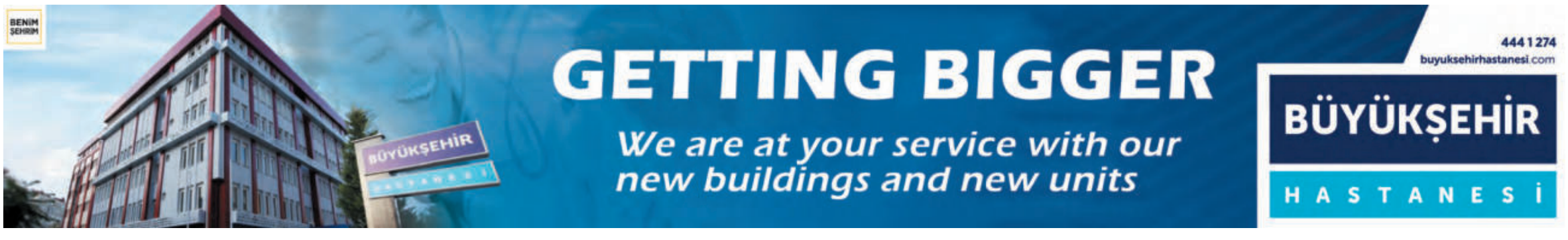


Snow fills the "Cula Hole" at an altitude of 1,700 in Konya

Citizens in Konya's Derebucak district filled the "Cula Hole" at the summit of Kocadağ, at an altitude of 1,700, with tons of snow for summer use.



Every year, at the beginning of the spring season, snow on the mountains is stored into the underground cave, which is about 13 meters long, known as the "Cula Hole". Citizens cut snow into cubes and fill it into the hole with the shovels and saws they brought with them for the activity called "snow-pressing". A few people go down into the hole, stack the snow by compacting it with shovels. During the snow pressing, local folk songs are sung with a tambourine. Families enjoy skiing with nylon and sledges on the slopes next to the hole.



Vigil for Sultans of Seljuk

In the Seljuk capital, Konya, a vigil is held by the Metropolitan Municipality after every Friday prayer at the Alaaddin Mosque Sultans Tomb, where the Seljuk Sultans are buried.



Konya Metropolitan Municipality has started a tradition for a vigil every Friday in the section where the tomb of the Seljuk Sultans is located in the Alaaddin Mosque. Uğur İbrahim Altay, Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor, stated that "Our Seljuk ancestors made great sacrifices and wrote epics of heroism in order to take root in Anatolian lands. This city was the capital of the Turkish Seljuk State and maintained this characteristic for nearly two hundred years. From the Seljuk Sultans who struggled for the truth to come and the falsehood to be destroyed; Eight Seljuk Sultans, Rükneddin Mesud I, Kılıç Arslan II, Gıyaseddin Keyhüsrev I, Rukneddin Süleyman Shah II, Alaaddin Keykubat I, Gıyaseddin Keyhüsrev II, Rükneddin Kılıç Arslan IV, Gıyaseddin Keyhüsrev III, were buried in the courtyard of Alaaddin Mosque."

Indonesian female producer shoots a series in Konya



Having known Rumi through a book that his father brought home when she was young, İşleyen read many of his books in a short time. Having a great love and admiration for Rumi thanks to his works and teachings, İşleyen also came to Turkey to visit the Mevlana Museum.

Ervina, who has produced many TV series and films for 20 years as a producer in Indonesia, has increased her interest in Turkey thanks to her Turkish husband Uğur İşleyen. While dreaming of shooting a TV series about Mevlana and Konya's spiritual atmosphere, Ervina İşleyen learned that she had cancer two years ago. Continuing her dream after her health improved after a difficult treatment process, 48-year-old İşleyen brought her script to the set with the cooperation of a Turkish production company, although her treatment continued.



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Prof. Dr. Sami Şener

The importance of concepts in our thought life

Concepts are important landmarks that shape our world of ideas and reveal our views on life. Our world of concepts is primarily shaped by our values and determines how we will behave by carrying them to our world of ideas.

This system really reveals an enormous relationship of spirit and idea. Because if our thoughts were disconnected from our value system, it would be empty and meaningless. What gives meaning to our thoughts are our values and values that emerge with our beliefs and morals. Although the idea and thought is a mental event, the basis of this activity is the feeling of accepting something as true and attaching oneself to it, which is called the system of values.

Although the idea and thought is a mental event, the basis of this activity is the feeling of accepting something as true and attaching oneself to it, which is called the system of values. Every person and society acquires values according to their knowledge sources and upbringing and lives in the direction of these values. Therefore, values may not always be positive, correct and positive factors. And human societies shape their philosophies of life in line with these values.

In this article, I would like to point out our carelessness in thinking and evaluating events with the concepts of foreign societies, which are not related to our own culture and philosophy of life.

Especially western philosophy, sociology and ideologies offer us different understandings of knowledge and life in this field, and therefore these understandings also put forward their own concepts.While expressing thoughts and beliefs in Turkey, we need to talk about a serious cultural disconnection. In the past, we were asked to take the concepts of the western world, to think with them, and even to live a life offered by them, while we were disconnected from our own cultural world by the choice of political groups.

It is a fact that social events never happens with force and pressure. The knowledge and cultures revealed by the political, economic and military pressures of the Western hegemony in Turkey and other countries could not find the opportunity to "sprout" in our own social environment, since they are artificial. As the system and ideas from the West are taken critically, it hasn't been able to develop new ideas in our souls and thoughts and as a result it couldn't create a reasonable system in our lifestyles. It only allowed the advertisement and propaganda of western ideas and systems without fundamental evaluations of them. Of course, such rhetoric could never reveal actions.

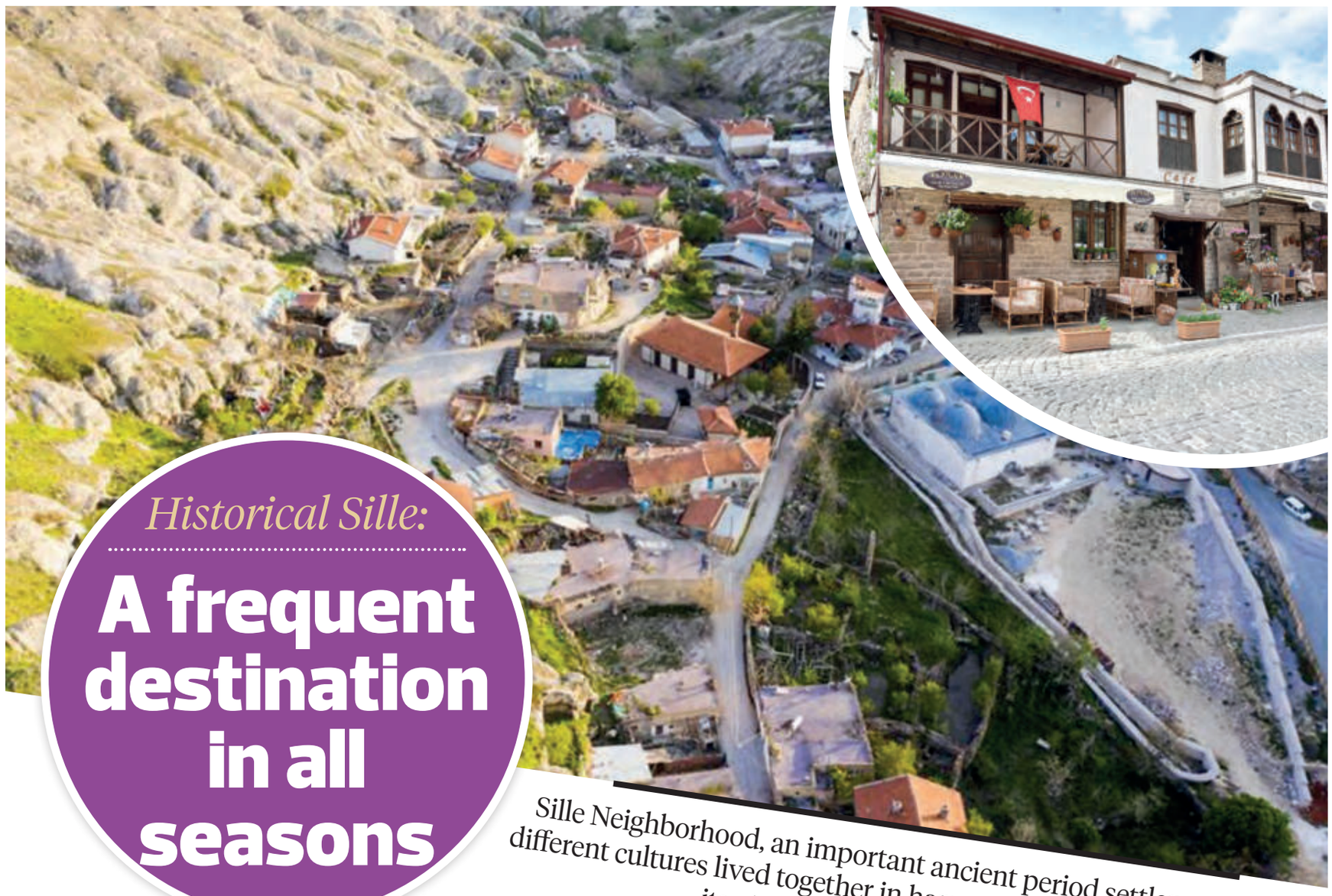
Transforming information into a system is different from receiving and transmitting or expressing it. In the first, knowledge is contemplated and its connection with the social system is established and that knowledge is constructed in a way that improves the social system. Here, there is both a spirit and integration with excitement and knowledge. However, our relationship with the western world has been only in the form of transferring the information and system there. This situation is clearly seen in the science, literature and political fields of the Tanzimat Era and especially the Constitutional Monarchy periods.

Here, it is necessary to dwell on the fact that the concepts used and the facts of the life and culture we live in overlap with each other. If the concepts cannot explain the life and can not carry the same spirit with it, a serious incompatibility should be mentioned here.

I would like to give some examples of the most used concepts such as theology, rationality, humanism, logic, democracy, globalism, universality.

These concepts are based on the problems, realities, needs and expectations of the western world. In a sense, they are the values of the western world. In other words, they are the natural results of the problems or pursuits in their lives. However, with a little attention; all of the concepts in which the value feature turns into the world of thought are related to the solution or systematization of a historical-sociological event. I mean, it is connected with the western lifestyle.

If we are looking for a unity in our own culture, moral and intellectual world, it would be wrong for us to form concepts related to our history, belief, morality and philosophy of life and to use the concepts that symbolize the events of other people's lives for our own thoughts. However, we can use it as an "external criteria" in measuring our own realities and civilizational existence.



Historical Sille:

A frequent destination in all seasons

Sille Neighborhood, an important ancient period settlement where different cultures lived together in harmony in Selçuklu district, awaits its visitors with its historical texture.

The neighborhood, which is one of the important centers of the Early Christian period and has hosted many civilizations with its 5,000-year old history, draws attention with its texture mainly composed of historical houses. Sille Neighborhood, which is one of the most frequented places of the people of Konya, has become an attraction center with intense social spaces with its transformation not long ago. After the rehabilitation works of the creek connecting to Sille Dam, the historical quarter, with the social spaces opened one after the other, entered the sightseeing route of local and foreign tourists. The neighborhood attracts visitors with its Karataş Mosque, Hagia Elena Church, Devil's Bridge, Time Museum, Turkish baths and many more.



Neolithic stairs found for the first time in Çatalhöyük archaeological excavations

Remains of 8500-year-old Neolithic wooden stairs in Çatalhöyük

Archaeological excavations in Çatalhöyük in Çumra District of Konya, which started in 1961 and have continued to be popular around the world, with the finds that left their mark on the history of archeology, left behind its 34th year of active work. The last two years of this work was held under the chairmanship of Assoc. Dr. Ali Umut Türkcan from Anadolu University. After 30 years of excavations under the direction of British Archaeologists in 60 years, Turkish scientist Assoc. Dr. Ali Umut Türkcan was appointed. Türkcan mentioned the important archaeological discoveries unearthed during the excavations carried out in the past two years. Turkcan said that "in addition to the classical Çatalhöyük figurine of which discovery was announced to the press last year and had a great impact, they have found a 5-centimeter-long reclining human-shaped, triangular prismatic marble figurine, which is very different. They also found out a wooden staircase and a piece of food made of fermented barley, which is thought to be a kind of bread most likely found on the side of the oven. This is only a preliminary determination and it will become clear after the analyzes to be made in Konya. Çatalhöyük is an exemplary settlement with an important archaeological site and exhibition areas in the World Cultural Heritage. I hope we will see a new Çatalhöyük this year, starting with new measures and practices, with a new welcome center and exhibition areas to be organized. We look forward to the opening of our new visitor center with our conservation and documentation efforts. We are striving to make Çatalhöyük worthy of its magnificence within its cultural history, with our new larger visitor center and sightseeing areas under construction by Konya Metropolitan Municipality. We aim to re-tell the Neolithic Period and Çatalhöyük culture primarily to Konya and Turkey so that it becomes more embraced."

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The EUVP program annually welcomes young leaders from outside the EU member states in Brussels and Strasbourg. Participants share their experiences with their EU counterparts and European Parliamentarians for a week. They also get the opportunity to get first-hand information about EU institutions, policies and values. After a week of personalized interviews, the program continues with cultural trips and webinars outside Brussels organized by the EUVP Office. Sinem Sinangil from Konya will hold meetings with the close team of European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen, as well as European Parliament Deputies Andrey Kovatchev, Anna Fotyga, and representatives of the Accession Negotiations of Turkey.





Rıza Konyalı sings his folk songs for his friends in a senior center



87-year-old artist Rıza Konyalı, who has released 450 records in his 67-year career in music, is a source of morale for his friends in the senior center where he lives. Konyalı was born in 1933 in Dolapcami, Konya and he has 2 children and 4 grandchildren. His interest in music started at a very young age. Influenced by his saz-playing cousins, Konyalı stepped into music by playing cura (a kind of traditional musical instrument). Realizing the talent of their children, the family sold their 2 horses and bought saz for Rıza at a very young age. Konyalı, who attracted attention in a short time with his voice and saz skill, started to appear on the stage in the following period. The artist, who settled in Izmir after his military service, made his first record in Istanbul through a friend. Gradually becoming famous, Konyalı shared the stage with many artists such as Müzeyyen Senar, Orhan Gencebay, İbrahim Tatlıses, Mustafa Keser and Neşe Karaböcek. Known for his compositions and folk songs, Konyalı has made 450 records throughout his career. After the death of his wife, Ecmel Konyalı, Rıza Konyalı moved to a senior center in İzmir Metropolitan Municipality Buca Social Life Campus last year. Despite his age, Konyalı, still plays his instrument and does not refuse the "music" request of the residents of the senior center. Rıza Konyalı has great time with his vaious kinds of songs and friends in the senior center.

The rosary, on which the muralist from Konya embroidered Hz. in Abraham parable, was sold



Inspired by the story of Balıklı Göl, which he listened to while embroidering a rosary in his workshop, Savanç began researching the tree that was rumored to have turned into a fish when it burned. Savanç, who went to Şanlıurfa for research, talked to Eyyübiye Municipality and the Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism and confirmed that the tree in question was an oleander. Savanç presented the rosary, which he brought from the region, handcrafted in 6 months, and decorated with emeralds and some precious stones, to collectors. Savanç's rosary, which was put up for sale at an auction attended by private collectors, made with candle fire as well as many techniques, was bought by a Turkish collector living in Germany for 80 thousand liras. Stating that the 33 habbes that make up the rosary, which are the main elements of the rosary, are in the form of fish, Savanç said that the work tells the story in all its details.



New clip from Aleyna Tilki



Aleyna Tilki's new English song "Take It Or Leave It" was released on April 15 by Warner Music.

Aleyna Tilki shared the teaser of the clip of the song "Take It or Leave It" on her social media account... The sharing has attracted great interest.

Who is Aleyna Tilki?

Aleyna Tilki was born on March 28, 2000 in, Konya. Her mother is from Trabzon and her father is from Konya. She was seen on television for the first time with her participation in the Yetenek Sizsiniz Türkiye contest. In August 2016, she took part as a vocalist in Turkish composer and arranger Emrah Karaduman's song "Cevapsız Çınlama". The clip of the song, which was published on YouTube, became the most watched video clip in Turkey in 2016 and was watched more than 480 million times in a year. Thus, it caught the title of the most watched Turkish song clip. The song peaked at number 2 on the MusicTopTR Official List. Tilki released her first solo track "Sen Olsan Bari" in July 2017 and became number 1 on the same list in Turkey.

A great performance by Funda Arar in Konya

Famous singer Funda Arar gave a concert in Konya. Queues formed for the Funda Arar concert, whose tickets were sold out.



Famous singer Funda Arar was at the stage at Konya Selçuklu Congress Center. Funda Arar, who came together with music lovers from Konya, wore a red dress signed by fashion designer Songül Sarpbaş. Famous singer had an enjoyable evening with his fans.

LONG QUEUES AT FUNDA ARAR CONCERT

All tickets for the concert of the famous artist are sold out. There were long queues at the gate of the concert area. Famous singer Funda Arar surprised one of the audiences when she learned that it was her birthday. Arar celebrated the birthday of her audience by hosting her on the stage. Arar sang lots of songs in many different styles for 2 hours.



Traditional felt art through the 4th generation

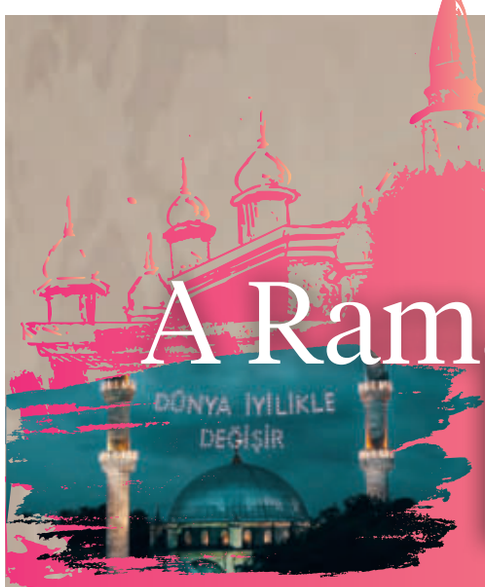
The felt art, which came to Anatolia from Central Asia with the Seljuk Turks and is identified with Konya and Mevlana, is passed down from generation to generation in the Girgiç family. Felt master Fevzi Girgiç inherited this art from his father and grandfather, when Girgiç's children did not continue this tradition, but his daughter-in-law, Fatmagül did.

Fatmagül Girgiç received the title of "traditional handicraftsman" from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism after learning and mastering the art 14 years ago, after her father-in-law passed away. Transforming wool into felt and then into dozens of products, Girgiç built a colorful atmosphere in her workshop. Girgiç makes many kinds of felt products by hand, including coins, haydariye vests, dresses, hats, ornaments and accessories.

The fourth generation representative of the felt maker family, 52-year-old Girgiç, said that felt making is a tradition of her family-in-law and she feels very proud and happy to undertake the task of continuing this.



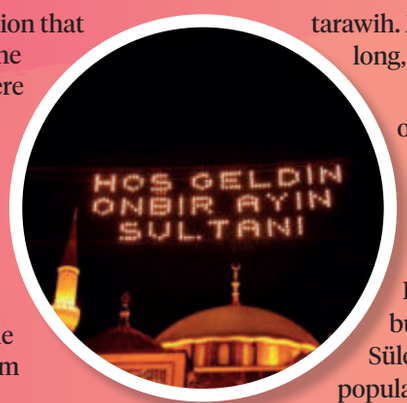
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A Ramadan Tradition: MAHYA

*Mosque ridges

Mahya is a Ramadan tradition that has lived for centuries. The mosque ridges, which were given great importance especially in the Ottoman period, were carefully prepared and eagerly awaited. It was made by hanging small oil lamps from a rope stretched between two minarets. The purpose of this tradition was both to make people experience the joy of Ramadan and to remind them to express their gratitude.



Ridges, which can be easily prepared with light bulbs today, used to be prepared as a result of a very laborious process. A thick rope was stretched between the balconies of the two minarets, hooks were attached to these ropes and hundreds of oil lamps were hung. It was also very difficult to light the oil lamps in the short time between iftar and tarawih. Mahya makers worked all day long, preparing different ridges.

Abdüllatif Efendi (d. 1877) is one of the most famous mahyagi with her "Hünkar Kayığı" ridge, which he installed on the minarets of the Süleymaniye Mosque on the 15th night of Ramadan. The mobile ridges built on the minarets of the Süleymeniye Mosque were also very popular with the public. In these ridges, moving boats and fish on the bridge and cars walking on the bridge were animated.

The ridges would be written in the first 15 days of Ramadan and illustrated in the second 15 days. On the 15th day of Ramadan, ridges such as swings, towers and double boats were hung, which the children watched with adoration.

Traditional home-made fettuchini of Konya for iftar and sahur...

With the month of Ramadan, women in Konya begin to bake home-made fettuchini. This meal, which has become a traditional delicacy at iftar and sahur tables, is prepared by women by cutting them one by one with their hands.

Women in Konya prepare this home-made fettuchini in their homes to be consumed during Ramadan by collaborating together. Before the first sahur begins, women come together to make it to be consumed at the iftar and sahur tables. It is a very popular home-made food in our city.



Indispensable taste of Ramadan in Konya: Pita with tahini

Tahini pita, which is special in the Konya cuisine, attracts great attention during Ramadan. Fatih Yemenici, who has been making tahini pita for 50 years said that "We receive high demand both from Konya and from outside the province. Pita with tahini is called as the dessert of iftar dinners and the food that does not make you hungry and thirsty during the fast when you eat it at sahur period."



Pita made of dough and tahini, unique to the Kadınhanı district, adorns the tables in Ramadan. The interest in tahini pita, which can be eaten as a dessert by pouring sherbet on it or consumed as a pita with tea, is quite high.

Dessert for İftar, Pita for Sahur

Continuing his father's profession, pita maker Fatih Yemenici said that "we make all kinds of tahini pita. "My father has been doing this job for about 50 years. As the second generation, we try to continue it as much as we can. I have been with my father since childhood. Tahini is a widely consumed food item during Ramadan. Tahini pita is also a preferred food item in sahur, as it keeps you full in Ramadan and does not make you thirsty. In addition, we serve the sherbet together with pita, and when you pour the sherbet on, it becomes a dessert like kadayif. Pita with tahini is the dessert of iftar tables and the pita of sahur tables. It is a food that keeps you full and does not make you thirsty."

Produced with traditional methods in Konya:

Angel's Hair Dessert*

Hakan Güvez, who produces Angel 's Hair Dessert on a copper tray with traditional methods in Konya, is trying to catch up with the intense demand before the holiday. As he learned from his father, 57-year-old Güvez, who has been cooking this dessert for 40 years, starts his work early for orders and continues until late.

Angel's Hair, which is obtained by pouring the mixture prepared with flour and water into thin wires, sweetens the mouths after a long time of work. Hakan Güvez, who produces in a small shop in the historical covered bazaar, said that the highest demand is during the month of Ramadan, during the holidays and during the winter.

Güvez said that "he produces about 50 kilos of kadayif per day, "There is a nice demand before the holiday. Dozens of easy and delicious desserts can be made with it. Those who are fond of taste prefer fresh dessert rather than ready-made one.









* Angel's Hair Dessert: Kadayıf. An oven baked shredded pastry with pistachio filling in thick syrup.

The most comprehensive service in sports

Synergym, which provides the most comprehensive service among the brands providing services on fitness in Konya, makes its guests feel special with its good quality sports equipment, spacious halls and high hygienic structure. Stating that they provide service with 3 different branches, including Tokat and Çorum, with the Synergym brand, the first of which was opened in Konya, General Manager Serkan Aydoğan said, "We can say that we are the flagship of this business in the sector."



Serkan Aydoğan, Synergym General Manager, stated that "I have signed important projects in the sports sector, which I entered professionally for the first time in Konya. I have been interested in sports since I was about 7 years old. I came from my hometown, Kahramanmaraş, to Konya in order to study physical education and sports at university in 2006. After graduating in 2010, I first started working at Dedeman Life Style and entered this sector. As of 2011, I became a head coach. In 2016, we made a big move in Konya and created a brand called Synergym, and then we opened branches in Çorum and Tokat under this brand name. We are the flagship of this business in the sector. Later, we left Synergym for a period and established another brand. Currently, that brand continues its activities. I returned to Synergym and I have been working as the general manager."







3 DIFFERENT BRANCHES

Serkan Aydoğan stated that "Synergym continues its service with 3 different branches, in Konya, Çorum and Tokat. As we progressed within the hotel, we came up with the idea of branching out in the field of sports. Because this sector still needed to develop and grow like a baby in Turkey. When we made this decision in 2016, our boss, Nusret Argun, really supported us because he loves sports very much. We are friends with Dedeman Hotel, but as Synergym, we have a different management mechanism and we work independently. Then we have opened 3 different branches. We would continue to grow, but due to the conditions, we have 3 branches."









INCREASING IMPORTANCE TO SPORTS IN THE PANDEMIC

Serkan Aydoğan stated that "people inclined to sports more during the period when the impact of the coronavirus pandemic was high. The pandemic process has been very difficult for us economically. People avoided entering the public areas, but some of our members also thought about keeping their immune system strong and continued sports in this regard. Thankfully, we, as the Synergym family, have not encountered any cases since the day it first came out. We continued to work by keeping our metabolism alive. Of course, the pandemic process also caused a loss of members for us, but after the effects of the pandemic disappeared, we started to go back to the old days. The awareness brought by the pandemic caused people to do sports more and this has affected us positively. People have started to care more about themselves. Psychologically, those who do sports have started to be happier as a result of the hormone secreted."

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Selçuklu sheds light on Autism Awareness

Selçuklu Municipality held two meaningful events with the opening of the exhibition of marbling works made by the children with autism, and the iftar invitation given to the children with autism and their families, at the SOBE Foundation, on the occasion of April 2, World Autism Awareness Day.









Selçuklu Municipality, which continues to raise awareness about Autism with its works, organized two events within the scope of April 2 World Autism Awareness Day. The first of these events, the art of marbling made by the children studying at SOBE, was opened in the foyer area of Kent Plaza with the participation of the protocol. In the other event, children with autism and their families came together at the iftar hosted by the Selçuklu Municipality at the SOBE Foundation.

Ahmet Pekyatırımcı, Mayor of Selçuklu stated that "We raised SOBE like a child and brought it to where it is today. The first day of the month of Ramadan coincides with a meaningful day. In fact, we spend 2 April with lots of activities throughout the day. We carry out different activities both in SOBE and outside, but today, of course, we had to limit these activities because it coincided with the first day of Ramadan. With a little afraid, we planned such an iftar organization. It is the first day of Ramadan and we thought whether our guests would hesitate to attend on such a day, but I see that both our protocol and our valued guests showed great interest. I would like to thank all our guests for their participation. SOBE is perhaps one of the most important training centers for individuals with autism in the world, not only in Turkey. Thankfully, we have been carrying out training activities very intensely for 4 years.

Of course, as Selçuklu Municipality, we thank our Metropolitan Municipality Mayor and I would like to thank our foundation management and foundation chairman because they have a great effort. They and our education staff have made great efforts to bring SOBE to these days. We raise SOBE like a child. With new additions and branches in the upcoming period, we hope to expand our education center for individuals with autism. We will also carry out activities to provide education to more children. I would like to thank to all our donors."



SOBE Foundation President Mustafa Ak: "This year is full of success for SOBE"

SOBE Foundation Chairman of the Board Mustafa Ak pointed to the blessings of the beginning of Ramadan and the April 2 Autism Awareness Day coinciding on the same day. He stated that "This year is full of success for SOBE. On February 2, the beginning of three months, we received the status of foundations with tax exemption. On April 2, it coincided with the first day of Ramadan, I am very happy to welcome you here. I would also like to thank the protocol and our guests and I would like to thank our Selçuklu Municipality and Ahmet Pekyatırmacı, who has always supported us in the organization.

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All Eyes are on Konya



The countdown has begun for the fifth Islamic Solidarity Games, organized by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation and hosted by Konya. Uğur İbrahim Altay, Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor, stated that "We are looking forward to the games get started. We are ready for the organization with our infrastructure and facilities. The whole world will have seen more closely the magnificent hospitality of Konya, the city of tolerance and brotherhood."

The Fifth Islamic Solidarity Games 2021, which was postponed due to the pandemic, will be hosted by Konya between 9-18 August 2022.

Uğur İbrahim Altay, Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality, said that "the Islamic Solidarity Games will be the biggest organization ever organized in the city."

Mayor Altay stated that "as Konya, we will host nearly 3,000 athletes and tens of thousands of spectators from 56 countries at the Islamic Solidarity Games which was held in Saudi Arabia, Iran, Indonesia and lastly in 2017 in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. This organization is of great importance in terms of establishing brotherhood, unity and solidarity among Islamic countries. I would like to express my gratitude once again to our President, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, and to our Minister of Youth and Sports, Mehmet Kasapoğlu, who helped us bring the Games to our country and our city."

THE SPIRIT OF UNITY AND SOLIDARITY

Mayor Altay stated that "Konya was the capital of the Seljuks for about 200 years; at the same time, the city has a value in its heart that guides all humanity. He is the sultan of scholars, Mevlana Celaleddin-i Rumi. If we go back much earlier, in our city, we are also hosting Çatalhöyük, one of the most important values of humanity, which reshaped the history of the world with its discovery. As Konya Metropolitan Municipality, we are working hard to preserve all these values of our city in the best way and to transfer them to the next generations in a much better way. The 5th Islamic Solidarity Games, which will be held in Konya between 09 - 18 August 2022, which is one of the results of the dozens of works we have put into practice to make our city a cultural and sports capital, has been a very appropriate decision in terms of our universal 'come' message. Sport has a different language in itself and Olympics and similar sports activities are carried out to increase international solidarity, to strengthen the brotherhood between peoples and to create an atmosphere of deep tolerance through these games. In the Olympics that will take place in our city in an environment of brotherhood in addition to the athletes and countries competing with each other, the spirit of brotherhood, unity and solidarity that we really need today will hopefully be strengthened. For Islamic countries, these games are very important in terms of giving a unity message and it will be a special value when this message is delivered from Konya."



SYMBOL OF UNITY AND SOLIDARITY

Mayor Altay said that "Far beyond being an Olympics that includes sports activities, the Islamic Solidarity Games will be a symbol of unity and solidarity by bringing together athletes from the steppes of Asia that embrace the sun, the lands of Africa that are the beginning of humanity, and the ancient cities of the Balkans and Anatolia. At the same time, with gentle morals and real values; our young athletes who act with the spirit of competition, endurance and high hard work, will also have a good opportunity to demonstrate their skills and reach their ideals in sports such as; shooting, athletics, basketball, cycling, bocce, gymnastics, fencing, football, wrestling, weightlifting, handball, judo, karate, kick boxing, table tennis, archery, taekwondo, volleyball, swimming, traditional archery, para-athletics, para-table tennis, para-archery and para-swimming."







Ambassadors admired Konya



The delegation visited Konya Metropolitan Stadium, Tropical Butterfly Garden, Kalehan Ecdat Garden, Konya Science Center, Mevlana Museum, Alaeddin Mosque, Karatay Madrasa and Konya Panorama Museum within the framework of the two-day visit program, and also watched the semah show. Ambassadors also participated in the representative changing of the guard held every Friday at Alaeddin Mosque Sultans Tomb. Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality Uğur İbrahim Altay said, "I would like to express my great pleasure to host you in Konya. This city is the city of good people. The good manners of the citizens make this city better. Hopefully, on the occasion of our esteemed ambassadors, Konya will continue to be remembered with good words in every corner of the world. We will successfully hold the Islamic Solidarity Games together. As Konya, we are ready for this in every aspect." Pēteris Vaivars, Latvia's Ambassador to Ankara, stated that "they saw during their visit that Konya is a very beautiful city, and that they were particularly impressed by the Konya Stadium. We think the Islamic Solidarity Games will be great and successful."







Uğur İbrahim Altay, Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality, hosted ambassadors and foreign mission representatives from 40 countries in Konya. Ambassadors and foreign mission representatives, who participate in the promotional program of the 5th Islamic Solidarity Games to be held in Konya between 9-18 August, toured the city with their families.

WORLD CAPITAL OF SPORT 2023: KONYA

Konya was declared as the "2023 World Capital of Sports" by the European Federation of Sports Capitals and Cities (ACES Europe) at the 2022 Annual Awards Ceremony.

Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay, who participated in the award program organized by ACES Europe in Turin, Italy, stated that "As Konya, the 10,000-year-old city of Çatalhöyük, which is on the UNESCO World Heritage List, is preparing to host the Islamic Solidarity Games between 9-18 August this year. In this context, Konya was declared as the "2022 Sports Capital of Islamic Countries".

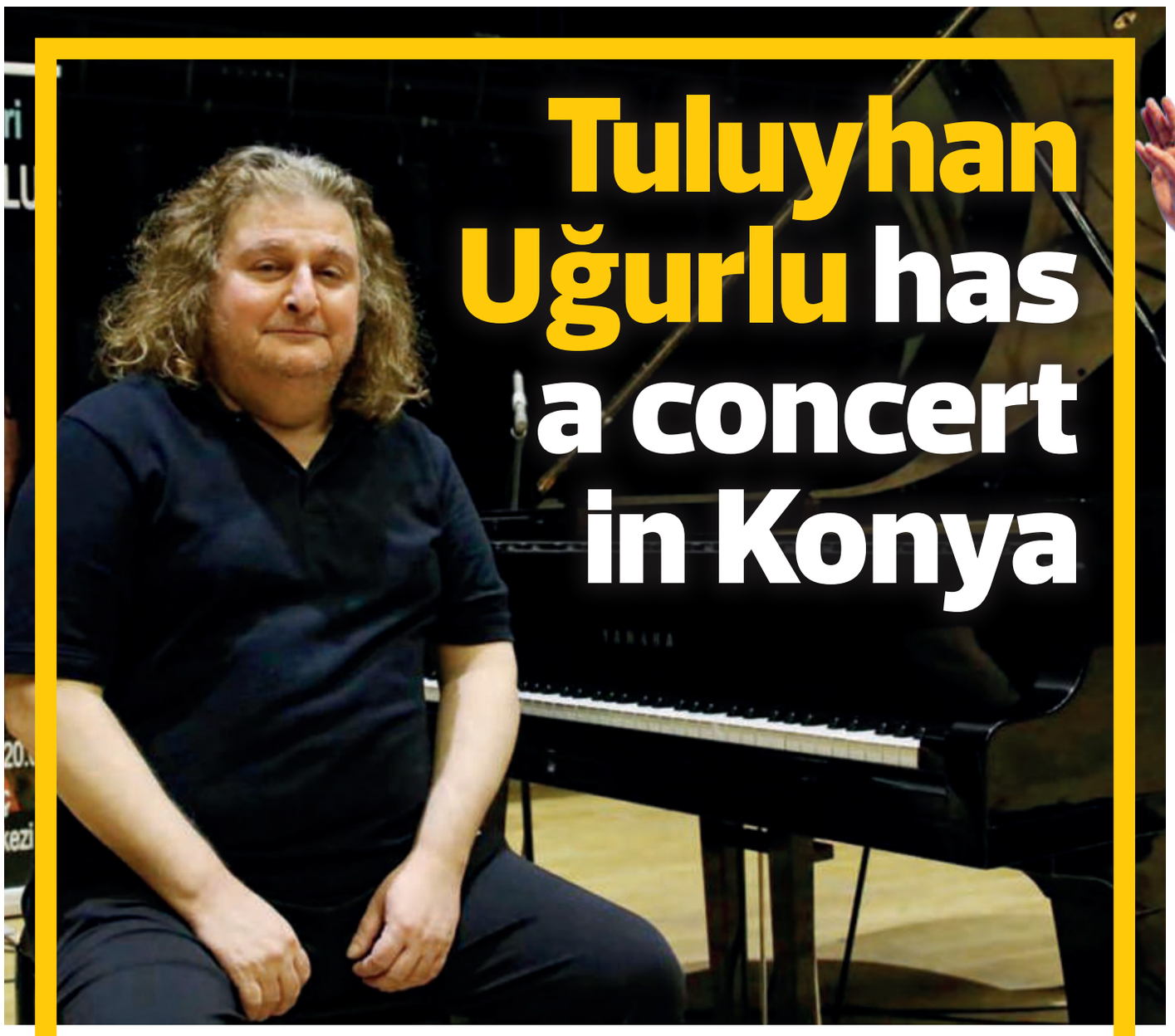
Mayor Altay congratulated the cities, Madrid, which was selected as the 2022 World Sports Capital, The Hague, which was selected as the European Sports Capital, Piemonte and Medimurje, which was selected as the European Sports Region. He uttedred that "I am also happy that Konya has been selected as the 2023 World Capital of Sports by the European Federation of Sports Capitals and Cities. Such organizations, which will contribute to the brand value of our city, also help our city's name heard in many organizations all over the world.

Mayor Altay also thanked President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Minister of Youth and Sports Mehmet Muharrem Kasapoğlu, Gian Francesco Lupattelli, Chairman of the European Sports Capitals and Cities Federation, and federation officials for their support for Konya to gain such a great title.

First in Turkey, Second in Europe

Konya has become the first city in Turkey and the second city in Europe, after Madrid, to receive the title of "World Sports Capital", one of the most prestigious sports titles on a global scale.

Konya, the city of history and culture, has been declared the "2023 World Sports Capital" by the European Federation of Sports Capitals and Cities.



Tuluyhan Uğurlu has a concert in Konya

The world-famous pianist Tuluyhan Uğurlu gave a concert with the theme of "Reflections of Love from Horasan to Anatolia" hosted by the central Selçuklu Municipality of Konya.

Selçuklu Municipality continues its concerts as part of its cultural activities. In the program organized by Selçuklu Municipality, famous pianist Tuluyhan Uğurlu met with his fans at Selçuklu Congress Center. Tuluyhan Uğurlu performed his works in the concert themed "Reflections of Love from Horasan to Anatolia", while two students from Konya Çimento Fine Arts High School presented the works of famous pianists to the audience. Tuluyhan Uğurlu, who expressed his satisfaction for the great interest shown in the organized piano concert, also thanked Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatımcı for giving him the opportunity to perform in his hometown Konya.



Azerin: Turkey is always on the side of the oppressed

Famous artist Azerin, who gave a concert in Konya stated that "Turkey has always been on the side of the oppressed against the oppressor. The Turkish Nation, which has always been on the side of right in the world, was with Azerbaijan yesterday and is with Azerbaijan today. We will continue to be one nation and one state. Turkey and Azerbaijan won the 44-day war of Azerbaijan together. May God have mercy on all our martyrs, may God give health to our veterans."

An international award to the Chef from Konya

Chef Ulaş Tekerkaya, from Konya, is this year's winners in Gourmand, one of the most prestigious cookbook competitions in the world. Turkey and Konya Gastronomy has won an international award.

The 2022 list of "Gourmand Awards", which is known as the Nobel of cookbooks and was established by Edouard Cointreau, has been announced. This year's winner in Gourmand, one of the most prestigious cookbook competitions in the world, has been Chef Ulaş Tekerkaya from Konya. An International Award has been given to Turkey and Konya Gastronomy.

THE PRIDE OF KONYA: ULAŞ TEKERKAYA

The 10,000-year-old Çatalhöyük and Boncukluhöyük Culinary Culture Gourmand A06, prepared by one of the Turkish cuisine chefs, Ulaş Tekerkaya, after long research and published by Karatay Municipality Karatay Cultural Publications, was deemed worthy of an award in the special awards category. The Gourmand special award will be presented at a ceremony to be held in Umea, Sweden, on 2-5 June.





A life dedicated to lute

The musical life of the master lute player Necati Çelik from Konya has become a documentary. In the documentary titled "Sahibini Arayan Ud" (Lute Searching for Its Owner), the process of evolution of musical interest, which started with bağlama at a young age, into lute is explained.

Ministry of Culture and Tourism Istanbul State Turkish Music Ensemble lute artist Necati Çelik's life became a documentary. Bringing the lute adventure that started with bağlama in Konya at a young age to the world, Çelik became one of the most popular names in his field. In addition to the concerts he gave around the world, the albums he released, he also brought his art to large masses with the students he trained. Thanks to his interest in Şerif Muhittin Targan, the lute and plectrum skills he learned on his own made Çelik's name among the masters.



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Mentions About His 3 Years as Karatay Municipality Mayor

KARATAY BELEDİYESİ

Mayor Hasan Kılca stated that "In the past 3 years, we have acted with the understanding that "the one whose two days are equal to each other is wasted" and we have brought new projects and investments to our Karatay almost every day. We reached the goals we set 3 years ago ahead of time and set new goals. May our 362.000 citizens stay at their homes peacefully because their relics are always in safe hands".

In the program, which also includes promotional videos about the projects and services implemented by the Karatay Municipality in a three-year period, Karatay Mayor Hasan Kılca emphasized the importance of Karatay for Konya and our country. He stated that "Our distinguished district of Konya, Karatay, is a blessed district that embraces Rumi, the sultan of hearts and lovers living in these lands blessed with the Islamic climate, and Şems-i Tebrizi. Karatay is also the name of unity and solidarity, brotherhood and tolerance.

We keep our history and the heritage of our ancestors

"Every year, millions of local and foreign tourists visit our city on this occasion. We are at a very good point in our Karatay Thermal Holiday Village, which we have brought to our city to develop our region, which is one of the important centers of tourism, to increase tourism diversity and to contribute to accommodation. We hosted more than 100 thousand guests from 34 countries in a short period of 1.5 years at Karatay Thermal Holiday Village. We have also made great progress for a new thermal hotel. Our project, which will have a capacity of 200 beds, will include many more features such as aquapark and congress center.





600.000 tons of Asphalt and 623 km Road in 3 years

Kılca uttered that "Only in the last 3 years, we have carried out a total of 623 kilometers of road work as hot asphalt, surface coating and parquet roads. In our hot asphalt works, we break our own record every year."

Discover the Potential of Athletes

Reminding that they revived Karatay Belediyespor Club in 2019, Mayor of Karatay Hasan Kılca continued his speech as follows: "Our club, running from success to success with its licensed athletes in 12 branches, sends players to our national teams in many branches and proudly carries our national flag. We have also completed our project for the Trainer Center, which will be used extensively in the Islamic Solidarity Games and we delivered the construction tender. We had started the construction of 30 new carpet pitches in our district. We have completed 8 carpet pitches and 11 of them are still being constructed."

New health centers

Kılca also said that "We have completed the construction of our family health center no. 15 in Selim Sultan Neighborhood with an investment of 3.1 million liras and put it into service. We are carrying out another health investment in our Karakulak Neighborhood. The construction process of Family Health Center 51, for which we allocated a budget of 4.1 million lira and laid the foundation in 2021, is progressing rapidly. Another investment that strengthens the health infrastructure of Karatay is the Sedirler Family Health Center No. 16. We provide project support here as a municipality."



A different Konya in Ramadan















With its spiritual atmosphere, historical background, thousands of traces and signs of past civilizations, Konya takes on a completely different atmosphere in Ramadan. Many local and foreign tourists plan their travel dates according to Ramadan in order to observe this spiritual atmosphere in Konya, which is one of the rare cities where the spirit of Ramadan comes to the fore compared to metropolitan cities.

In addition to its mosques, madrasas, dervish lodges, natural beauties, as well as viewing places, theme parks, historical covered bazaars, volcanic lakes, waterfalls, Konya is completely different with its iftars and sahurs in Ramadan.

Iftar and sahur in Konya

The city of Konya is the place where the best examples of Selçuklu cuisine and iftar traditions are experienced. As with all other values, there has been almost no change in the cuisine and Ramadan culture, despite centuries. This is a situation that comes to the fore especially in Konya lowland villages. We wanted to talk about the old and new iftar dishes and Ramadan traditions of Konya, one of the precious cities with the richest culinary culture in Anatolia, in these days when we are experiencing the joy of Ramadan with pleasant sounds.

In ancient times, Ramadan was a month of worship from beginning to end just like now. It was so important to live those days in the spirit of worship from beginning to end; feverish work started days ago. People used to do the cleaning, prepare noodles, bake breads, and buy what they needed in the kitchen. There was no cause to worry about for the widows and poor families who need money and food, because there were neighbors who kept their cellars fuller than ever before. That's why the month of Ramadan is experienced very differently in Konya. Both the richness of locations to visit and different tastes are revealed this month.

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Two important meetings before Konya Islamic Solidarity Games

Before the 5th Islamic Solidarity Games to be hosted by Konya, the Supervision and Coordination Meeting and the Heads of Deployment Meeting were held in Konya. Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports and Konya 2021 General Coordinator Prof. Dr. Halis Yunus Ersöz and International Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation Vice President Hamad Kalkaba evaluated the meetings and stated that Konya will successfully hold the games.





Turkish World Music Echoes in Konya

An unforgettable musical feast featuring musical motifs from all parts of the Turkish world was presented by the TURKSOY Folk Instruments Orchestra at the New Day Nevruz Festival Folk Instruments Concert, organized in cooperation with the Konya Metropolitan Municipality and the International Organization of Turkish Culture, as part of the Newroz Festival, the herald of spring.

With the cooperation of Konya Metropolitan Municipality and the International Organization of Turkish Culture (TÜRKSOY), the New Day Nevruz Festival Folk Instruments Concert was held. Making the opening speech of the concert held at the Metropolitan Municipality Mevlana Cultural Center, TURKSOY Secretary General Dusen Kaseinov stated that nature, which started to revive with Nevruz, the herald of spring in the Turkish world; symbolizes abundance, fertility, peace, love, brotherhood, sharing, friendship and peace.





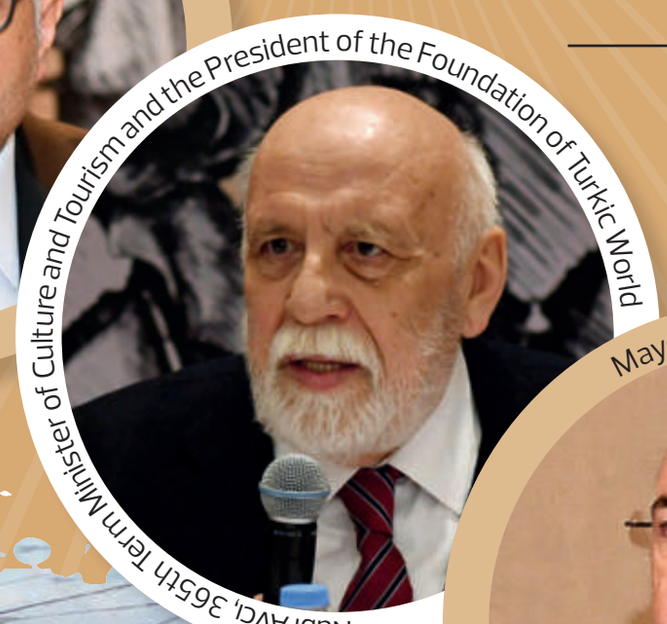
The History of Arrow, Brigader, Pen and Sword

The History of Turk, the Wind-Winged Warrior

The Heritage of the Turks Project, which is being implemented under the auspices of the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye, under the project ownership of the Konya Intellectuals Committee, has started a project consisting of 18 episodes of documentaries and 17 volumes of corpus.











The project is carried out under the leadership of Konya Selçuklu Municipality with the project partnership of institutions such as the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, Selçuk University, Anadolu University, Vakıfbank, THY and TRT.

The project covers the historical period of Turkish history from the mythological ages to the end of the Anatolian Seljuks. Anatolian Principalities and the Ottoman Empire will be evaluated within the scope of future studies.

The main theme of the project

The history of arrow, brigader, pen and sword

The history of Turk, the wind-winged warrior

Project General Coordinator İbrahim Dıvarcı made the following statement on the subject;

Perhaps the most crucial point in our story is Bilge Kağan's saying, when his brother dies, he says, 'I realized that human beings come to the world to die, the owner of time is only God who lives time. 'While we are telling the story, we actually want to explain where the idea of 'Red Apple' and then 'Ilaı Kalimatullah' is in the civilizational conception of Turks, and we say, 'History is calling us back. 'Why is history calling us back at the point we come to today? We see the latest events. The 'Loyal Turk' has to return! We need a civilization that will restore justice and the practice of people's coexistence; In other words, Turks have to return to the great responsibility that history has imposed on them. Although we forget this, recent developments show that the world does not forget it. So, the 'Loyal Turk' must return, and when the Loyal Turk returns, it must rebuild this order of justice.

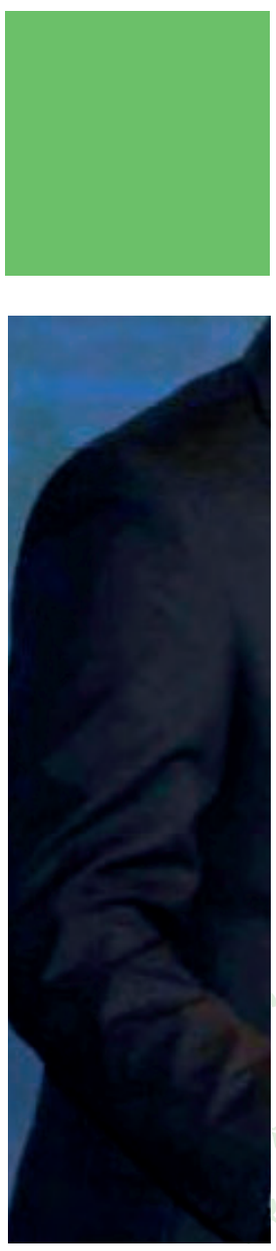
Dıvarcı stated that "When you look at the endless source of ignorance called social media, you may encounter strange people who do not accept half of the Turks as Turks, and even do not accept the Ottomans as Turks. If we are not able to convey our own civilization, our own story, our own knowledge, the idea that "There was once us and them in the world, there was no one else" to the new generations, then we must be making a mistake somewhere.

In fact, that is the main reason for the preparation of corpus and documentary, I mean the written and visual materials! To tell the story correctly, to do this job in a way that will put our own story at the service of all humanity, while remaining loyal to our own resources is our obligation."

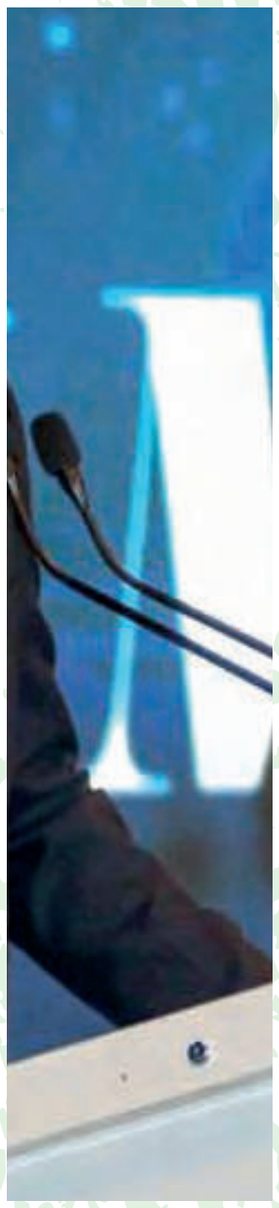
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Three years full of investments, initials and records

Mustafa Kavuş, Meram Municipaltiy Mayor, mentioned all the works, investments and projects they have put forward in the last three years at the press conference. He stated that "We collected not only numbers but also hearts, beauties, artifacts and services on the blessed path we set out by saying, "Meram deserves art, service and municipalism of the heart."





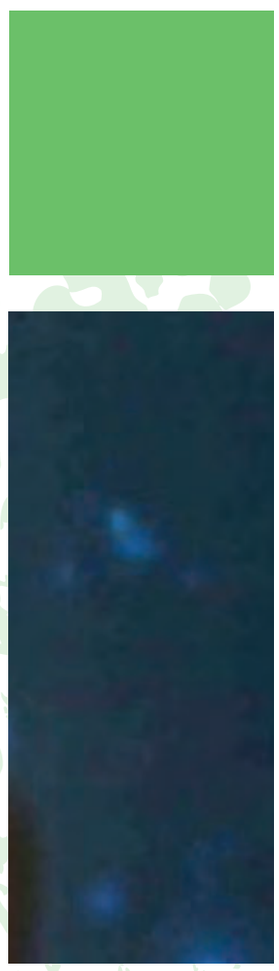












He added that "When we look back today, we see that we have have got not only numbers but also hearts, beauties, works and services on this blessed road that we set out by saying, Thank God, Meram deserves work, service and municipalism of the heart. Every investment and project made in this process is a pride not only for us but also for Meram. I would like to express my gratitude to the great Meram Municipality family of 1450 people, who have the biggest share in the formation of this picture of pride, for their hard work and dedication."

GOOD NEWS FOR MERAM

Reminding that Aydoğdu, Uzunharmanlar, Alpaslan and Aymanas Neighborhoods have pioneered in getting natural gas, Mayor Kavuş stated that "if these neighborhoods become subscribers, they will start using natural gas in 2022. "With the cooperation of Konya Metropolitan Municipality and Meram Municipality, we will add a new facility to the Konevi Cultural Center area located on our Meram Yaka Street. Yaka Social Facility, which will include Youth Center, Swimming Pool, Pensioners' Club, Sports Facility, Parking Lot and Commercial Areas, will bring a new identity to our region. I would like to give good news for Aydınçavuş Hill, which is one of the historical areas of Meram. One of the most beautiful spots in Konya, the hill will regain its former glory. As Meram Municipality, we will bring a new social area to Meram with the landscaping and restaurant project we will carry out in Aydınçavuş."

MEGA INVESTMENTS FOR THE FUTURE

Kavuş stated that "We care about every investment made in education, youth and our children and we plan our work accordingly. We continue to serve all our students in Meram, from pre-school to young people preparing for university. Within the scope of MEGA, we are running a different project for every age group, starting from kindergarten to 8th grade. We take the feedback of our support in the best possible way. While Meram Municipality Science Worm students ranked second in Teknofest 2021, they reached the first place in the organization held in 2022. In addition to what we do, we also have things to do. We bring Konya's first E-Sports Center to Meram. The project, which has been prepared with a budget of 2 million TL, will also include YouTube Academy and Digital Game Design Workshop. I want to give the good news of this here. We carry out not only education but also sports projects for youth. As a result, our Meram Municipality sport, which includes 2589 licensed athletes in 11 different branches, has made history with 131 medals won in national and international competitions. We have also built carpet pitches to the gardens of 10 schools across the district."

FACILITIES NOW PROVIDE MORE FUNCTIONAL SERVICE

Noting that Meram has also taken important steps in establishing the facility in the three-year period, Mayor Mustafa Kavuş continued his words as follows: "Meram has had significant investments in healthcare. Perhaps the most important of these is the Oral and Dental Health Hospital. We allocated our 20 million TL land to the Ministry of Health for Aksinne Oral and Dental Health Hospital, which will serve with a capacity of 75 units. We make plans in line with the needs of our citizens. In this context, we are bringing family health centers to Dedemli Neighborhoods, which are newly included in Aymanas, Kozağaç and Meram. Of course, our facilities are not limited to health investments."





Dr. Mahmut Sami ALDUR

Give the devil his due

Whether primitive or modern, almost all societies have come to life within the framework of a political system that is unique or not unique to them in the historical process in which they have maintained their existence. Throughout the long history of humanity, it has also been witnessed that these political systems were transformed under certain conditions. In fact, there is even a branch of science that tries to explain the transformation of this collective structure called "society", which is based on the will of people to live together from the first moment, in the light of **historical events, geography, economic developments and ideological acceptances:** Political Anthropology.

Indeed, the collective structure we call society has a changing/transforming appearance by exhibiting a movement that is rapidly identified with the new conditions and whose continuity does not end. Of course, it is possible to monitor this change in various parameters such as clothing styles, culinary culture, the language used, the quality of communication, the expectation and responsibility perception at the individual level, the level of social awareness and the legal order to the quality of life standards. You will appreciate that the analysis of the change and transformation of Turkey in the last quarter century witnessed by our generation goes far beyond the scope of this article. However, one of the most fundamental dynamics in the process that our country has been going through during this time is the **search to meet at common points** with societies and political wills that are similar to us in terms of religion, racial, economic, cultural and geographical aspects beyond the borders of the country.

An attractive term in terms of usage, "internationalization" finds its widespread use in the context of trade relations. International brands and companies are effective at this point. However, it is possible to see that this expression is frequently used to explain what is happening about the new in almost every field. Sport is also on the list.

Our city, Konya, is preparing to host the fifth Islamic Solidarity Games organized by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation. It is a source of pride that an organization that transcends national boundaries and national identity is being held in a blessed Anatolian city like Konya. There is no doubt that sport is the most appropriate theme to bring together people from different nationalities who share the same world of belief. Bringing sports together with the masses on this occasion in a city like Konya, which is kneaded with the right theme and a spirit suitable for this theme, will undoubtedly make great contributions in terms of meeting, embracing and re-discovering our intersection points with societies of different religions. **Bringing sports culture to the agenda by including other Islamic societies at a level that goes beyond the borders of the country in a city like Konya, which is known as the capital of tolerance, will be written on the plus side of the city in terms of the socio-cultural atmosphere.** I believe that this meaningful organization will transform the perspective of the people of the city towards sports. And of course, this organization will leave a mark in the political/social memory of the city.

It is necessary to appreciate the self-sacrificing efforts of all individuals and institutions that work and make an effort, and allocate resources for such a great organization to make the Fifth Islamic Solidarity Games to be held in our city. It can be clearly said that at the point we have reached today, Konya proves that it is a city that exceeds national borders as well as exceeds its own borders in the field of sports.

The largest in Europe: Karapınar GES

Karapınar SPP, which will be the largest in Turkey and Europe when completed, will increase the share of solar energy in electricity production in Turkey to 20 percent.

When Karapınar SPP is completed, it will meet the electricity needs of 2.5 million people. When Karapınar SPP, which will be the largest solar power plant in Turkey and Europe and the 5th largest in the world, is completed, an important threshold in renewable energy potential will be met. Karapınar SPP, built on an area the size of 2,600 football fields, will increase the share of solar energy in the country's electricity production to 20 percent when completed.

Employment for 3000 People

The power plant, which has reached 600 megawatts, will reach an installed power of 1348 megawatts by the end of 2022. Karapınar SPP is equipped with domestic and national solar energy panels, which will reach 3.5 million in total. A total of 3,000 highly qualified jobs are expected to emerge. When Karapınar SPP is completed, it is planned to prevent carbon emissions of more than 2 million tons per year.

The machine world in Konya on 11-13 May



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4 different fairs together

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The fair, which is the meeting place of domestic manufacturers and international purchasing groups from machinery and related sectors, has a key role in bringing the production power of the sector and the country's exports to the highest levels. This year, a total of 118 brands, 213 companies and their representatives from 23 countries are going to take part in the fair.



Konya e-commerce is in top 10

The compilation which was made by the Ministry of Commerce Electronic Trade Information System (ETBIS) data revealed Turkey's e-commerce scorecard.

After it was announced that the e-commerce volume increased by 69 percent compared to the previous year and reached 381.5 billion liras, and the number of orders increased by 46 percent to 3 billion 347 million units, the details of this volume were also revealed. Accordingly, the share of e-commerce in gross domestic product in 2021 increased by 24 percent compared to the previous year and reached 5.1 percent. November was the month with the highest ratio of e-commerce to general trade with 20.4%, with intense e-commerce campaigns. May followed this month with 19.9 percent. Last year, e-commerce expenditure per capita for 18-70 year olds in Turkey increased by 69 percent and reached 4 thousand 749 liras compared to the previous year. The city with the highest number of enterprises carrying out e-commerce activities is Istanbul with 40 percent, followed by Ankara with 8 percent, Izmir with 6.5 percent, Bursa with 4 percent, Antalya with 3.5 percent and Konya with 2 percent.

EU Ambassador Meyer-Landrut: What we see is shocking

Ambassador Nikolaus Meyer-Landrut, Head of the Delegation of the European Union (EU) to Turkey, who came to Konya to examine the projects supported by the European Union and to make various visits, visited the implementation of the project to include Syrians under temporary protection in the economy.

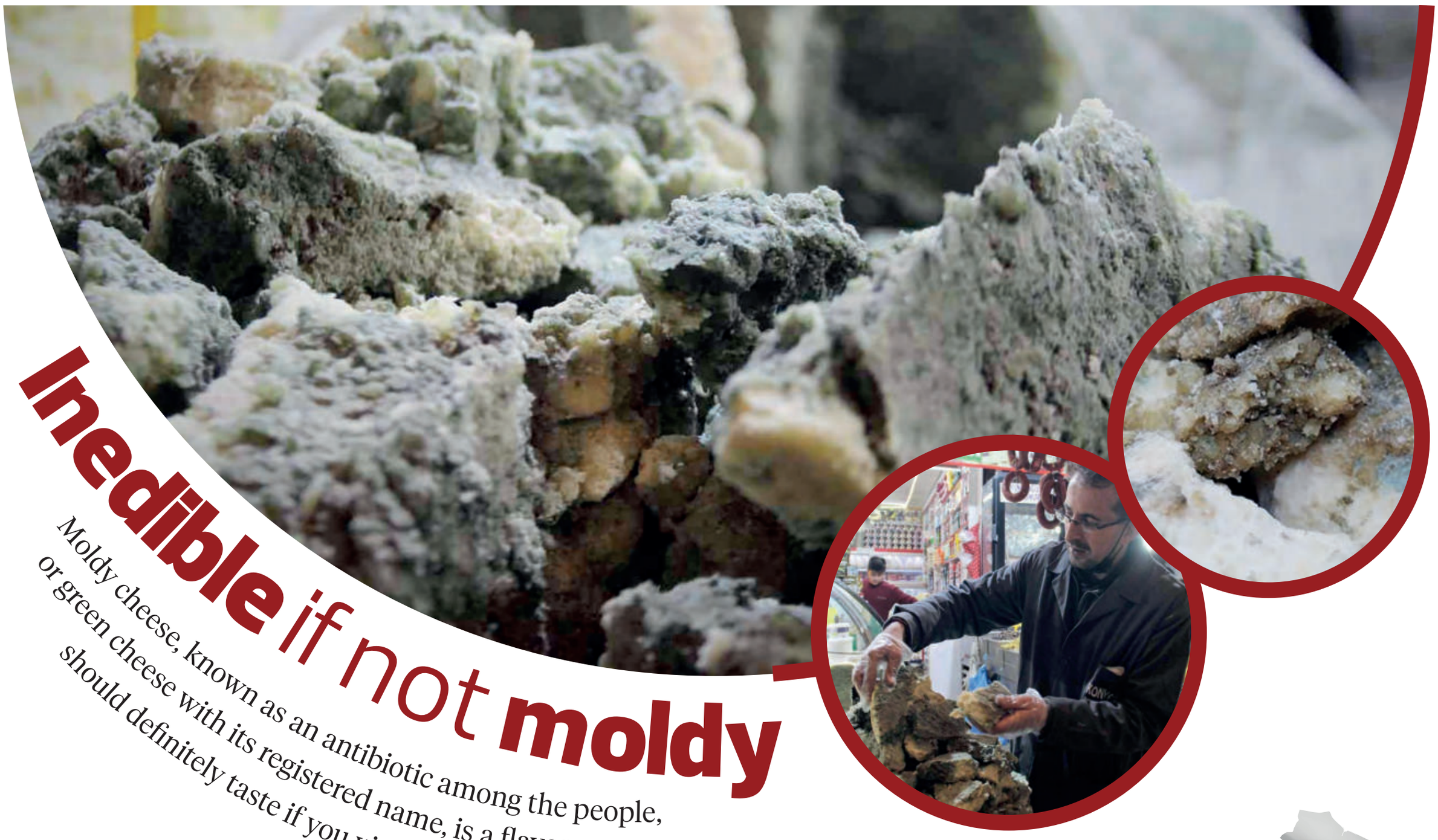


THE EUROPEAN UNION WILL INVESTIGATE WAR CRIMES

After the visit, Meyer-Landrut made a statement at the Konya Chamber of Commerce. He uttered that "What we saw after the departure of Russian forces from the Russian-occupied areas in Ukraine is truly shocking. Statements came from the President of the European Commission and European institutions that the European Union would take part in the steps to be taken to investigate these crimes. There have been statements that war crimes should be brought to justice."

On the other hand, many refugees who left Ukraine due to the war were settled in various addresses in Konya.

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Inedible if not moldy

Moldy cheese, known as an antibiotic among the people, or green cheese with its registered name, is a flavor you should definitely taste if you visit Konya.

"Useful For Diseases"



Osman Duydu, who has been selling cheese for 30 years in his shop in the historical Tuz Pazarı in Bursa, said that green mould cheese is a strong antibiotic like penicillin. Stating that this cheese also strengthens the immune system, Osman Duydu said, "This cheese is a local cheese produced in Konya Ereğli. It comes in the form of "tulum" and its name is 'Konya green mouldy cheese'. They shred this cheese and mold it in special rooms. It is very useful for diseases in winter and replaces antibiotics and penicillin. In the past, in Ottoman times, before wars, soldiers used to eat this moldy cheese so that they would not get sick and be fit and strong. This cheese is a non-fat, additive-free, highland natural cheese consisting of only milk and yeast. While producing, they first press the overalls. Then they take it out of the overalls and cut it and mold it in special rooms. Then the product turns green and comes to us. This cheese comes to us from Konya Eregli.

Moldy cheese, which has been produced in Konya for years, is known as a kind of local and healthy cheese. Moldy cheese continues to be loved and consumed by citizens today.

Known as an antibiotic

Bünyamin Kurucu, a tradesman in Konya's Melike Hatun Bazaar, which is popularly known as the Women's Market and selling moldy cheese for years, said, "This is an indispensable cheese in Konya.

When we look back to the history, it is a cheese that has been consumed in Konya for almost a century. In fact, molding started to be done in the highlands. Afterwards, when the public loved this cheese, production was started. It is a very good registered cheese in taste and is known as an antibiotic among the people. It is also used in breakfast and pastries as it tastes well. Proprietary green cheese, which is now among the most consumed ones in Konya, is one of the kinds that does not contain any additives and is definitely organic.

BACTERIA DOES NOT GROW IN THE MOLD

Cheese mold acts like penicillin. As it is known, in the 1700s, Scottish scientist Alexander Fleming, while washing moldy pots, saw that bacteria did not grow around the mold, and he separated this substance from the mold and named it "penicillin".

GREEN MOLDY CHEESE PASTRY

In addition to being consumed for breakfast in the morning, Green Mouldy Cheese, is widely used in Konya pastries called Tandoori Pastry, Loaf with butter, Fırın pastry and Recai are made.





Kanuni gave it to his army

According to the information given by Nurhan Osmanoğlu, the 4th generation granddaughter of Abdülhamid Han, Suleyman the Magnificent used to give green moldy cheese to his soldiers during the winter months so that they would not get sick. In addition, before antibiotics were found, it is recorded in the historical records that green moldy cheese was applied to the wounds of soldiers. Moldy cheese, which is a strong antibiotic for the body thanks to the antioxidants it contains, makes the body more resistant against diseases when consumed regularly. As with all dairy products, green moldy cheese, which is rich in calcium, provides great benefits for bones and joints. When moldy cheese is eaten regularly, it also heals wounds in the mouth and prevents diseases such as rheumatism and osteoporosis.

The gala of the 100th anniversary celebrations of İttifak Holding Konyaspor was held at Konya Dedeman Hotel.

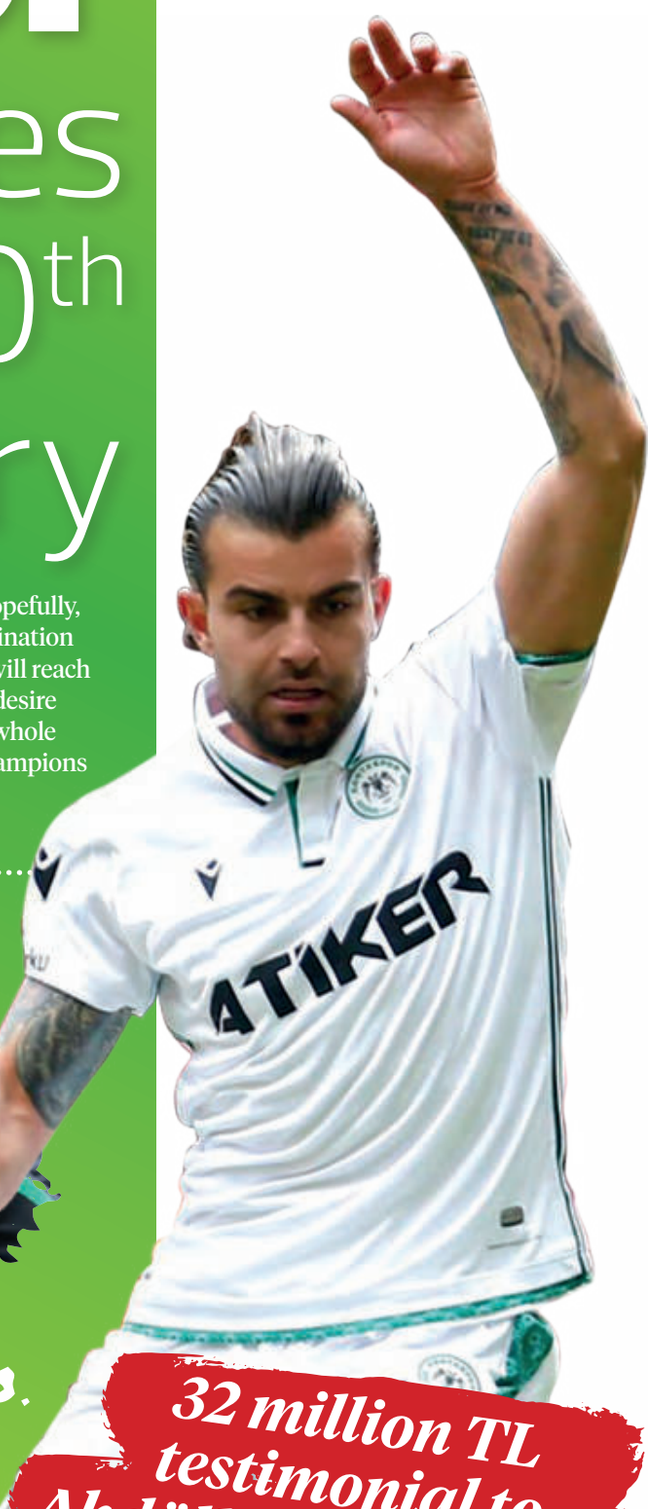




Konyaspor celebrates the 100th anniversary



Fatih Özgökçen, the Chairman of Ittifak Holding Konyaspor Club, stated at the gala that "As of the 31st week, our football team has experienced the most successful season in its history. Everybody admires and applauds our team. Hopefully, if we show our determination to fight as a team, we will reach our goal and have the desire and effort to have the whole Konya listen to the Champions League music in our stadium in Konya."



32 million TL testimonial to Abdülkerim Bardakçı

Green light to Beşiktaş

Beşiktaş management, which plans to allocate a budget of 2 million Euros for the player, who played 29 matches with Konyaspor this season and performed 4 goals and 3 assists, wants to add the 27-year-old football player to his squad as soon as the league ends. Although the successful football player is on the radar of many clubs, especially the leader Trabzonspor, he determined his priority as Beşiktaş. He said that he is ready to wear the Black and White uniform if the clubs agree. Abdülkerim Bardakcı played for Konyaspor this season with 4 goals and 3 assists in 29 games.



Muay Thai Turkey Championship

In the Muay Thai Turkish Championship in Nevşehir, where 500 athletes participated, a gold and a silver medal has come to Konya. Zeliha Çetinkaya and Hafize Beren Özkan has become the pride of Konya.

2021-2022 School Sports Muay Thai Junior, Toddler and Stars Girls-Boys Turkey Championship was held in Damat İbrahim Paşa Sports Hall in Nevşehir.

Approximately 500 athletes from Antalya, Ankara, Yalova, Çorum, Muğla, Adıyaman, Mardin, Bolu, Hatay, Mersin, Konya, İzmir and Kayseri participated in the competitions. Zeliha Çetinkaya, from Mareşal Mustafa Kemal Secondary School Athletes, has become the first in the Stars category and became the owner of the gold medal. Hafize Beren Özkan, one of the athletes of Private Konya Nesibe Aydın Secondary School from Konya, has become the second in the Juniors category and got a silver medal.



Guilherme: We are Konya

Brazilian left-back Guilherme in Konyaspor said that "We, on the pitch, and you, in the tribunes, must once again show Turkey that Konya is a football city."

Konyaspor, who does not want to deviate from the Champions League aim with 6 weeks before the end of the Super League, wants to make up for the defeat of Rizespor with Gaziantep FK. Brazilian left-back Guilherme Sitya called for Konya to unite. The 32-year-old experienced football player said that "Until now, we have struggled against everyone and everything that could not accept our position. Konyaspor is my family. Do not forget that together we are stronger and we are Konyaspor."