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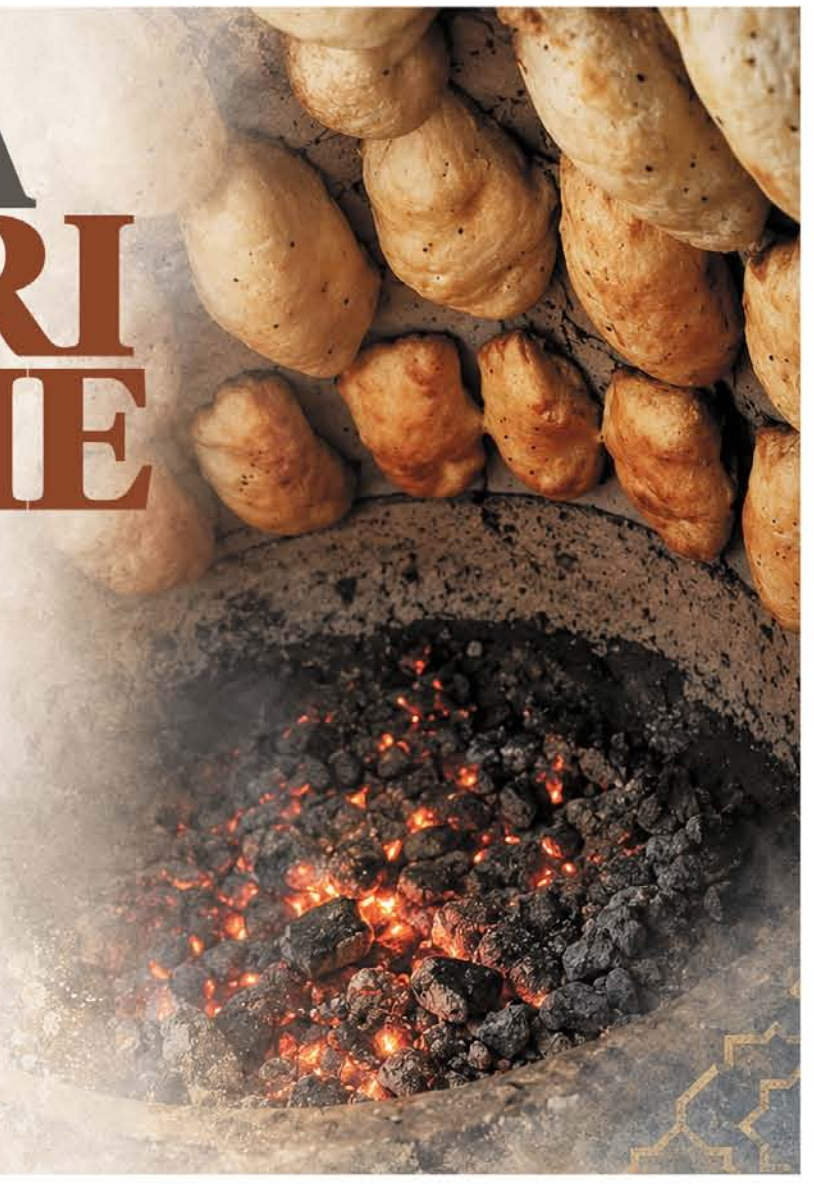
KONYA TANDOORI PIE

In nearly all of the old Konya houses, there were tandooris. At least once a week, bread was baked in these tandooris in order to meet the needs

When people fired tandooris, beside bread, different meals were also cooked. Especially "tandoori pie" (a special kind of pastry with various ingredients) was baked to eat freshly. The ingredients were usually cheese and meat inside and butter on top.

This taste has been missed by people who are fond of eating delicious food. Nowadays, although there have been tandooris in the gardens of detached houses, the places which bake tandoori pie is almost vanished. Some entrepreneurs try to continue this forgotten tradition in the tandooris they have built up.

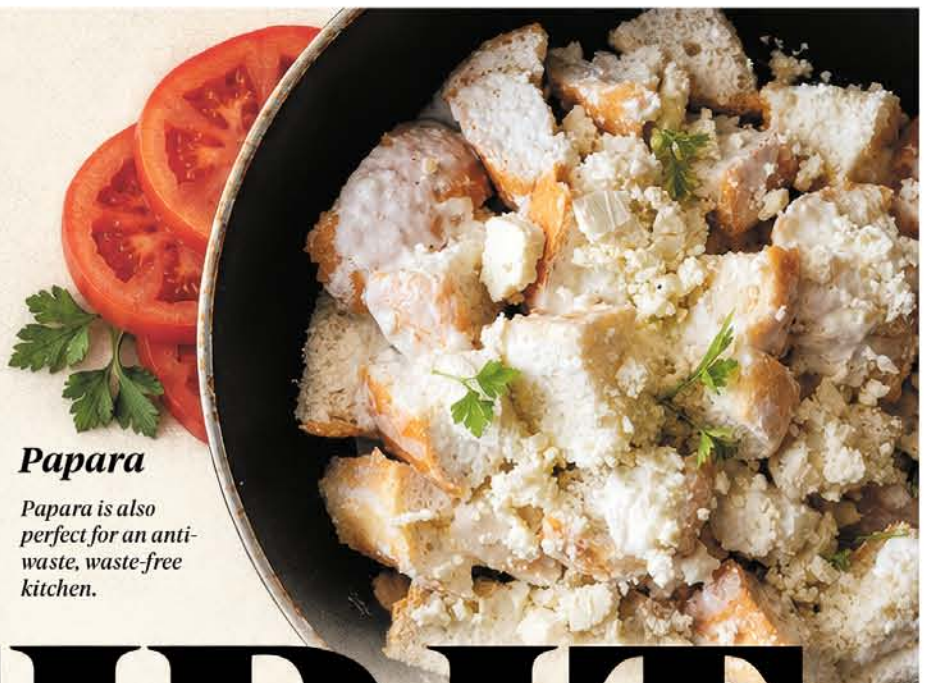
The bakeries produce daily tandoori bread and the people who don't like the standard bread come to these bakeries to buy this traditional bread. When they come to buy bread, they taste the tandoori pies which they have missed a lot.



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They are both based on dry bread and sauces. In addition to a few unique recipes of Tirit, Papara has hundreds of recipes and methods. In fact, "Papara" and "Tirit" are two different Konya dishes, which are very similar but not related to each other.



Papara

Papara is also perfect for an anti-waste, waste-free kitchen.

TIRIT ≠ PAPARA

Tirit and Papara are Different from Each Other

Similar roots. Different traditions.

Tirit

Tirit, is described as one of the local flavors in many cities in Turkey. There is also a trick that makes Tirit cooked in casserole with meat and herbs in it so delicious. While the tirit is made, the broth of the meats remains in the casserole. You can go to many cities to try Tirit, but you shouldn't say I ate Tirit without trying the Tirit dish as Konya style. It creates a feast of taste with the spices specific to Konya and the method of preparation.

Papara

Papara is one of the most used methods for evaluating stale bread in Konya. Papara is also perfect for an anti-waste, waste-free kitchen. We see the Papara flavor, which is created with a sauce consisting of a mixture of stale breads, yoghurt and tomato paste and spices, on the tables most during Ramadan. Unlike Panzanella and Dakos, Papara is a dish served hot, not cold. When it comes to papara, it is difficult to say "this is the recipe", as it has lots of recipes.



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It creates a feast of taste with the spices specific to Konya and the method of preparation.



Vice President Yılmaz warns in Konya: Social media is making us more isolated

Vice President Cevdet Yılmaz has warned about the growing social effects of digital platforms, describing social media as, in reality, "antisocial media."

Speaking in Konya, Yılmaz said young people should develop strong skills in digital technologies, particularly artificial intelligence, while ensuring that these technologies do not lead them towards social isolation.

He stressed the importance of embracing technological progress without losing real-life social interaction and human connections.

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53 TASTE POINTS

Konya Sets a New Gastronomy Record



Konya has set a new record on the gastronomic route of the Türkiye Culture Route Festival. With 53 locations selected as part of the "Taste Point" project launched by the Türkiye Tourism Promotion and Development Agency (TGA), Konya became the city with the highest number of designated Taste Points among all Culture Route Festival destinations to date

Known for its rich culinary heritage, ranging from furun kebab and etliekmek to okra soup and mould-ripened cheese, the city impressed the festival's host chef, Somer Sivrioğlu, who said, "Even 53 Taste Points were not enough for Konya."

In Konya, one of Türkiye's leading gastronomic cities, 53 Taste Points were selected under the guidance of MasterChef judge and chef Somer Sivrioğlu. Referring to the difficulty of the selection process, Sivrioğlu said that "Limiting our choices to only three flavours was extremely difficult. This is as one of the most distinctive gastronomic characteristics separating Konya from other cities."

LOCAL FLAVOURS ADD VALUE TO GASTRONOMY TOURISM

Sivrioğlu said that "the Taste Points would introduce international visitors to restaurants and food venues already well known among local residents, offering them a wider range of cultural experiences. All these products carry significant value for the city's gastronomy tourism."

THE CENTURIES-OLD SECRET OF KONYA FURUN KEBAB

Mehmet Emin Özarpa, the fourth-generation owner of Ehil Fırın Kebap, which continues Konya's centuries-old furun kebab tradition, said his family remained committed to preserving its culinary heritage. The Culture Route Festival, organised by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, makes an important contribution by helping international visitors discover Konya, experience its culture and taste its local dishes.

KONYA'S DEEP-ROOTED CULINARY TRADITIONS ARE BEING PRESERVED

Emine Keleş, owner of Tandırcı Emine Abla, which has been preserving Konya's traditional flavours through tandır bread and pastries since 2007, said that "mould-ripened cheese, roasted kaşar cheese and a product known as "atom" were among the most popular items at the establishment. The Türkiye Culture Route Festival had made an important contribution to the city and would enable more visitors to discover Konya's traditional flavours."

Mevlüt Tellioğlu, Operations Manager of Maruf Türbeönü Restaurant, also stated that "Konya cuisine possesses a strong heritage stretching from the Seljuk period to the present day. The restaurant was working to preserve and present the city's geographically indicated dishes in the best possible way."

FarkFest 2026 BRINGS STREET FOOD CULTURE TO KONYA

FarkFest 2026 brings the traditional culture of street food to the open-air area of the Konya Selçuklu Congress Centre (SKM), transforming it into a vast and lively "Street Food Market and Cultural Festival Ground".

160 INDEPENDENT STREET FOOD VENDORS

A total of 160 independent and skilled street food vendors from different regions of Türkiye have come to Konya to serve freshly prepared, authentic dishes based on their own special recipes.

FIVE THEMED FOOD STREETS

Visitors are able to take a regional culinary journey through five themed streets, including Konya Local Pastries, Istanbul Seafood, Aegean Street Food, Black Sea Cuisine and Southeastern Kebab Street.

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JUNE AND JULY

Every year in June and July, cheeses carefully prepared by local villagers are placed in caves known for their natural coolness and humidity.

A FLAVOUR MATURED WITH PATIENCE

Local women begin work at first light, processing the milk, separating the fat, heating it, adding rennet and filling the curds into tuluks after days of careful preparation.

A CENTURIES-OLD CULINARY JOURNEY

BEGINS AGAIN IN KIZILÖREN

The centuries-old journey of Kızılören tuluk cheese, matured through patience, hard work and the unique harmony of nature, has begun once again

4–5 MONTHS

They mature there for approximately four to five months without any additives, relying entirely on the conditions provided by nature.

THE SECRET OF THE TULUK: THE BLESSING OF THE CAVE

The tuluks, traditionally made from goat or sheep skin, allow the cheese to breathe, while the natural climate of the cave gives it a distinctive aroma.

END OF OCTOBER

At the end of October, the cheeses are brought back into the open.

MAYOR KAVUŞ: "WE ARE EAGERLY PREPARING FOR THE CHEESE REMOVAL FESTIVAL"

This event carries the traces of hard work.

Most importantly, it carries the wisdom of Anatolia, which has withstood the passage of time and survived unchanged for hundreds of years.

"Nature, time and patience will work together. When the cave doors are reopened at the end of October, it will not only be the cheese that emerges, but also a centuries-old culture that is reborn each year.

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MERAM'S HISTORIC TREASURES

Nete discoveries at Larende Gate, Karahöyük and Lystra reveal Meram's deep past and a powerful future for cultural tourism.

Meram Municipality continues to invest in history and tourism, working to preserve the district's deep-rooted heritage for future generations. Inspecting the ongoing archaeological excavations at Larende Gate, Karahöyük and the ancient city of Lystra, Meram Mayor Mustafa Kavuş said, "We are building our future by protecting our past and opening Meram's historic treasures to the world."

Meram Municipality continues to support projects aimed at uncovering the district's thousands of years of history and strengthening its tourism potential.



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LARENDE GATE

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KARAHÖYÜK SETTLEMENT

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LYSTRA PATHWAY







MAYOR KAVUŞ: "THE WINNER WILL NOT BE MERAM OR KONYA ALONE, BUT THE ENTIRE REGION"

The main purpose of all these efforts is to protect our thousands of years of history and bring this heritage together with the public. Every artefact uncovered adds value to the cultural heritage of Meram, Konya and our country. Konya and Türkiye's tourism sector as a whole will also gain.

01

LARENDE GATE AND THE HISTORIC CITY WALLS

Mayor Kavuş's first stop was the excavation area at Larende Gate and the surrounding historic city wall remains, where work is continuing as part of the Şükran Urban Transformation Project. The excavations are being carried out in cooperation with the Konya Museum Directorate, Konya Metropolitan Municipality and Meram Municipality.

Kavuş said that "The project aims not only to uncover the past but also to restore historic structures. Both excavation and restoration work will continue until the end of this summer. Soon, people will be able to see the historic richness uncovered here with their own eyes."





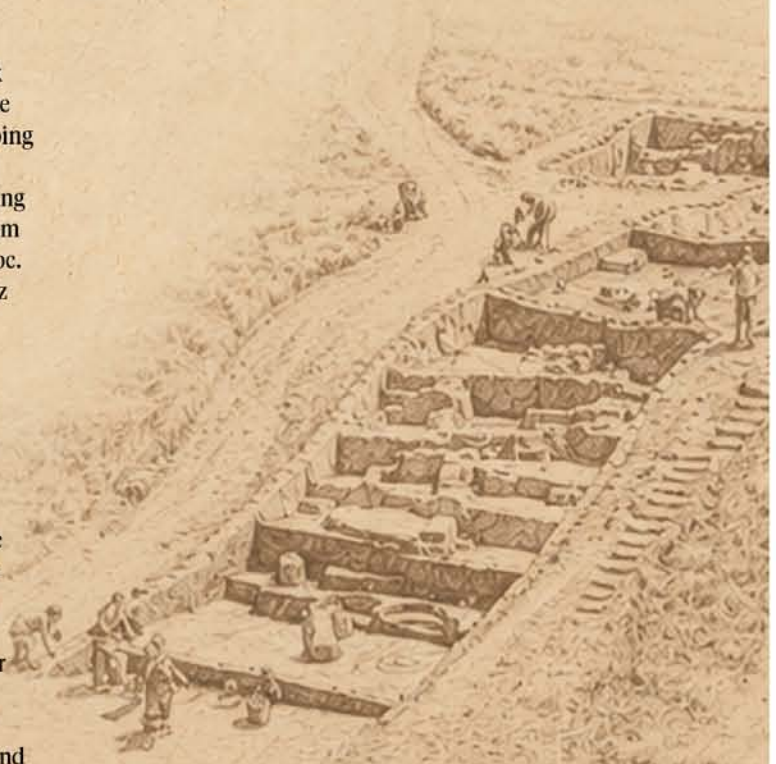
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"KARAHÖYÜK: A TRADE CENTRE OF ANATOLIA FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS"



Mayor Kavuş's second stop was the Karahöyük excavation site. There, he examined both the ongoing work and the artefacts uncovered so far, receiving detailed information from excavation director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gönca Dardeniz Arıkan.

Highlighting Karahöyük's history stretching back to the third millennium BC, Kavuş described it as one of Anatolia's most significant ancient trade centres. He said that "At Karahöyük, a city with thousands of years of history is emerging layer by layer. Very valuable remains from different periods, beginning around 2500 BC and extending to later centuries, are being uncovered. We are finding houses, workshops and many objects related to daily life. With its historical richness and tourism potential, Karahöyük is set to become a major attraction in the future."



03

LYSTRA: A NEW CENTRE OF GLOBAL FAITH TOURISM

Lystra is one of the places mentioned in the Bible and is associated with the journeys of Saint Paul, giving the site considerable spiritual importance in the Christian world. He received information about the excavation from Assoc. Prof. Dr. İlker Mete Mimiroğlu and underlined Lystra's international cultural significance.

Mayor Kavuş said that "Academics, students and tourist groups from different countries are already visiting the area even while excavations are still underway. Because it is mentioned in the Bible and Saint Paul visited this area, people from all over the world are curious about Lystra. Once the work is completed, we expect a much greater increase in visitor numbers not only to visit Lystra, but also Kilistra, Karahöyük and other historic sites in Meram."



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THE HIDDEN HERITAGE OF ÇATALHÖYÜK GOES ON DISPLAY IN KONYA





A collection of 322 objects discovered during excavations at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Çatalhöyük has gone on display at the Konya Archaeological Museum

Opened on 24 July under the title "The Hidden Heritage of Çatalhöyük", the exhibition offers insights into the daily life, beliefs, artistic understanding and burial customs of Neolithic communities. The collection includes everyday objects, jewellery, figurines and significant archaeological finds, some of which are being displayed publicly for the first time.

The first scientific excavations at Çatalhöyük began in 1961. Research conducted at the site has since provided the international academic community with valuable information about the development of settled life, early architecture and community organisation.

By bringing these objects together in one place, the exhibition enables visitors to see Çatalhöyük not simply as an archaeological site, but as a living record of the experiences of people who lived thousands of years ago.

The exhibition is expected to remain open until 31 December 2026.

322 OBJECTS

- Daily Life
- Jewellery
- Figurines
- Burial Traditions

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THE 11TH KONYA SCIENCE FESTIVAL

The 11th Konya Science Festival, organised by Konya Metropolitan Municipality, welcomed hundreds of thousands of visitors from Konya and beyond over four days

Konya Science Festival, described as Türkiye's largest science festival, attracted hundreds of thousands of science enthusiasts from both the city and other parts of the country



VISITORS EXPLORED TECHNOLOGIES FROM DEFENCE TO SPACE AND AVIATION

During the festival, visitors had the opportunity to discover projects and technologies in a wide range of fields, including the defence industry, space and aviation, artificial intelligence, robotics, astronomy and energy technologies.

The festival stands gave participants a closer look at current scientific and technological developments while providing opportunities to engage directly with experts, institutions and innovative projects.





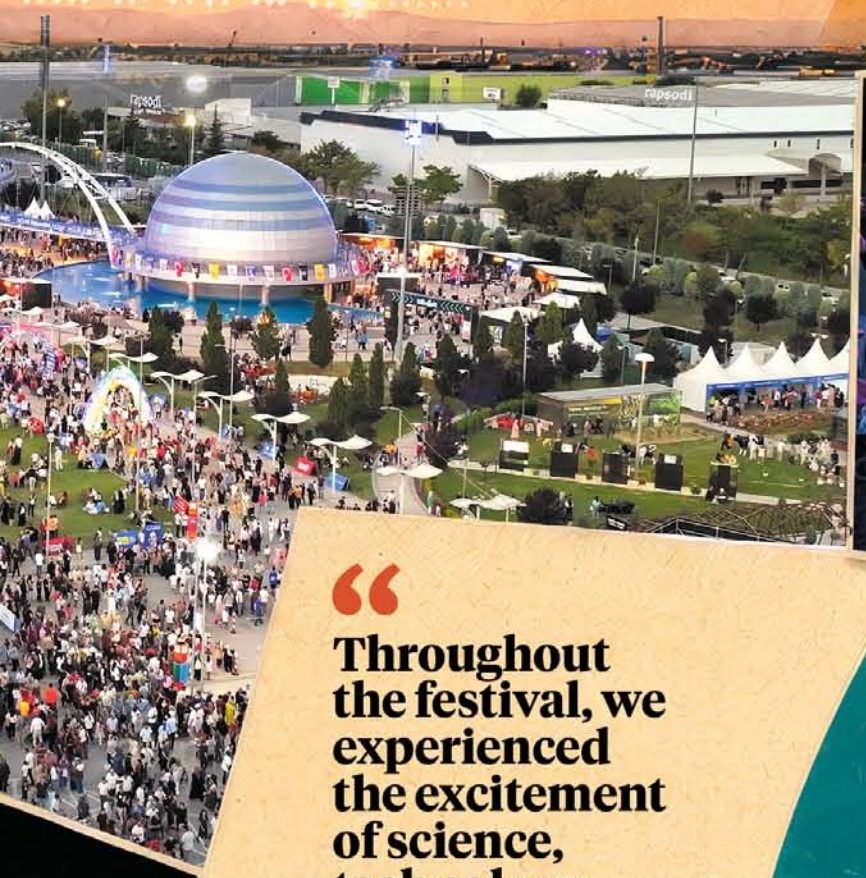
FOUR DAYS • ENDLESS DISC

TURKISH STARS AND A 1,000-DRONE SHOW CREATE A SPECTACULAR VISUAL EXPERIENCE

Science demonstrations and stage performances throughout the festival created memorable moments for visitors.

Among the highlights were the Turkish Stars aerial demonstration team and a spectacular show featuring 1,000 drones, both of which drew strong interest from the audience.

Other popular events included a paramotor show, bubble show, basketball show, Laserman performance, hologram displays and LED light performances.







“Throughout the festival, we experienced the excitement of science, technology and innovation together.”

Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay

THE EXCITEMENT OF SCIENCE COMES ALIVE IN KONYA

Over four days, the Konya Science Festival offered science and technology enthusiasts an engaging and memorable experience.

New technologies and scientific projects were introduced at stands throughout the festival area, while hands-on workshops enabled children and young people to conduct their own experiments and discover science through direct experience.

With a programme full of demonstrations, workshops, technology applications and scientific activities, the festival once again highlighted Konya’s ambitions in science and technology.



COVERY • LIMITLESS FUTURE

KONYA ACHIEVES ITS HIGHEST-EVER MONTHLY EXPORT FIGURE



Konya achieved the highest monthly export figure in its history in July 2026, with exports reaching 357.52 million US dollars

357.52 MILLION USD

According to data released by the Turkish Exporters Assembly, the city's exports increased by 11.8 per cent compared with the same month of the previous year. With this result, Konya accounted for 1.62 percent of Türkiye's total exports and rose to ninth place among the country's provinces.

The performance once again demonstrated the strength of Konya's diverse manufacturing economy, which includes agricultural machinery, automotive components, engineering, metal processing, food production and the defence industry. Companies based in the city export their products to markets around the world, increasing the international visibility of local production.

Commenting on the figures, Konya Chamber of Commerce President Selçuk Öztürk noted that local exporters continued to produce and enter new markets despite challenging global economic conditions. Future growth is expected to focus increasingly on higher-value and technology-oriented products.

The July figures strengthened Konya's position not only as an agricultural centre, but also as one of Türkiye's leading cities for industry and international trade.

+11.8 %
YEAR-ON-YEAR

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OF TÜRKİYE'S EXPORTS

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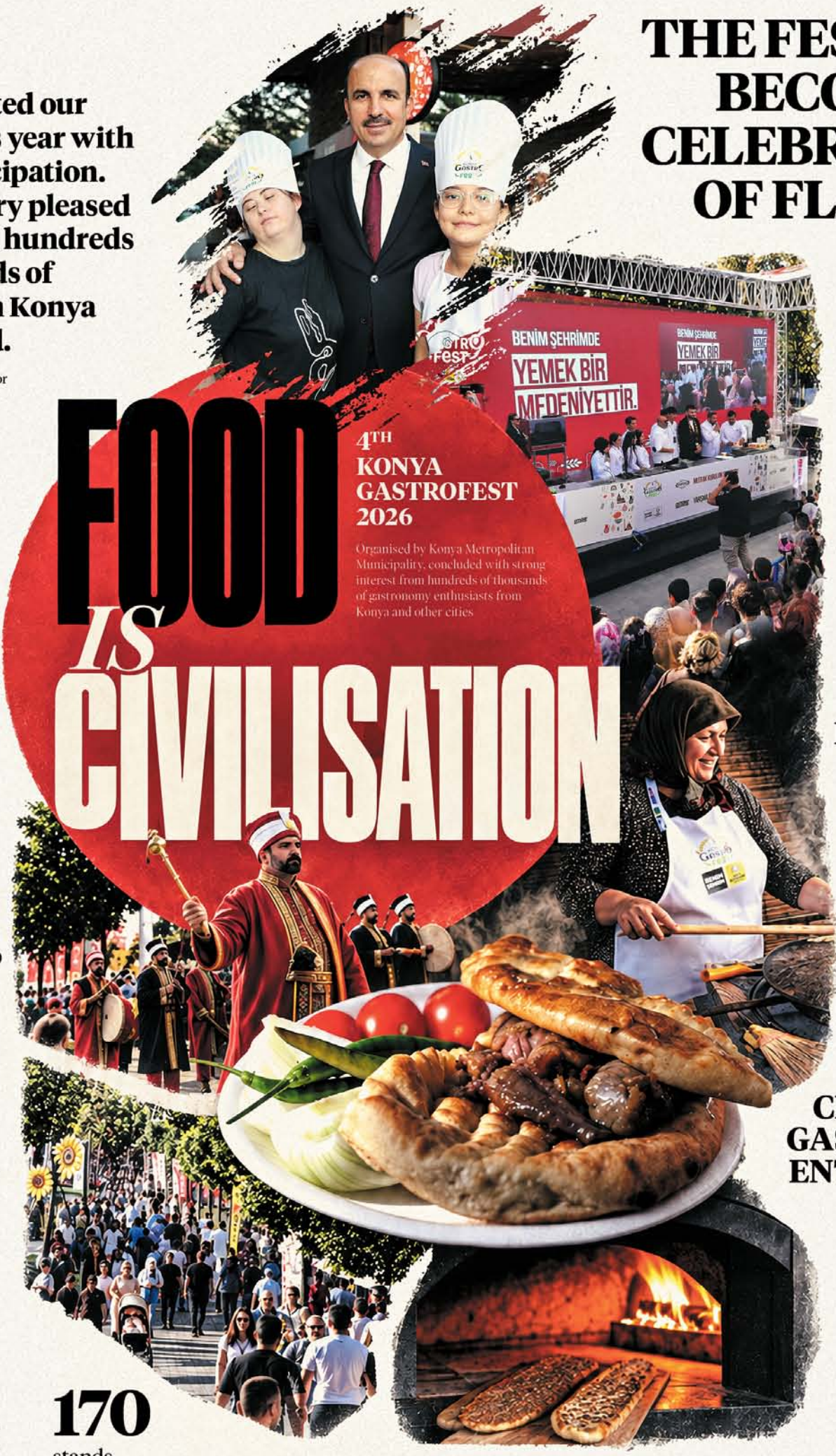
SELÇUK ÖZTÜRK
PRESIDENT, KONYA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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FOOD IS CIVILISATION

4TH KONYA GASTROFEST 2026

Organised by Konya Metropolitan Municipality, concluded with strong interest from hundreds of thousands of gastronomy enthusiasts from Konya and other cities



We completed our festival this year with great participation. We were very pleased to welcome hundreds of thousands of guests from Konya and beyond.

Konya Metropolitan Mayor
Uğur İbrahim Altay

The 4th Konya Gastronomy Festival, organised by Konya Metropolitan Municipality to promote the city's culinary values on both national and international platforms, attracted a large number of visitors.

"AT OUR TABLES, HEARTS ARE NOURISHED, FRIENDSHIPS GROW STRONGER AND BONDS OF BROTHERHOOD DEEPEN"

Altay said that "At our tables, hearts are nourished, friendships grow stronger and bonds of brotherhood deepen. That is why we see protecting Konya cuisine as protecting the memory and cultural heritage of our city."

"WE WERE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF VISITORS FROM KONYA AND BEYOND"

Altay said that "We are expanding our Gastronomy Festival every year in order to preserve this unique heritage, keep it alive and introduce it to Türkiye and the world. We were delighted to welcome hundreds of thousands of guests from Konya and other cities."

THE FESTIVAL BECOMES A CELEBRATION OF FLAVOUR

At 170 stands set up throughout the festival area, Konya's geographically indicated products and local delicacies were introduced to visitors. Talks, food presentations, tasting events, workshops and various other activities also offered enjoyable experiences for gastronomy enthusiasts.

CHILDREN ENJOY A FUN-FILLED FESTIVAL

The festival attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors from Konya and other cities, with especially strong participation from families and young people.

FAMOUS CHEFS MEET GASTRONOMY ENTHUSIASTS IN KONYA

Popular and experienced figures from the gastronomy world shared their knowledge and expertise with visitors through workshops organised as part of the festival programme.

170
stands

91
geographically indicated products

4
days

hundreds of thousands
of visitors

"IN KONYA, FOOD IS CIVILISATION"

Konya Governor İbrahim Akın also addressed the significance of the city's culinary heritage. He said that "We know very well that in our city, Konya, food is civilisation. Today, this heritage is represented by 91 geographically indicated products in Konya, from okra soup and furun kebab to etliekmek and tirit. Each of these flavours continues to reflect our hospitality and our sense of community."

Following the speeches, "Loyalty Awards" were presented to local tradespeople who have contributed for many years to preserving and promoting the city's traditional culinary culture.

TÜRKİYE'S LARGEST ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE

"A REFLECTION OF A CITY'S CONSCIENCE"

Türkiye's largest Active Living Centre for People with Disabilities, together with Karatay Accessible Living Park, has officially opened, bringing education, rehabilitation, day-care and social life services together for individuals with special needs and their families.



Mahinur Özdemir Göktaş
Minister of Family and Social Services

"The model we are implementing here is, in fact, a model that will set an example for Türkiye."

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The centre includes special education rooms for individuals with pervasive developmental disorders, intellectual disabilities, specific learning difficulties, hearing impairments and visual impairments.

The day-care unit, with a capacity of 60 people, will support the care, education and development of individuals with special needs throughout the day under the supervision of professional staff.

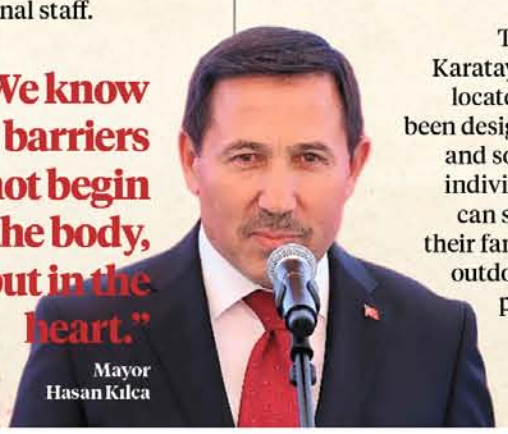






AN ACCESSIBLE SOCIAL SPACE WITH KARATAY ACCESSIBLE LIVING PARK

The 15,000-square-metre Karatay Accessible Living Park, located next to the centre, has been designed as a safe, accessible and social environment where individuals with special needs can spend time together with their families. The park includes outdoor sports areas, walking paths, large green spaces, recreation areas and agricultural practice zones.



"We know that barriers do not begin in the body, but in the heart."
Mayor Hasan Kılca

SUPPORTING PRODUCTION, SKILLS AND SOCIAL PARTICIPATION THROUGH WORKSHOPS

A wide range of workshops has been created to help individuals with special needs discover their interests, develop new skills and participate more actively in social life.

Through these activities, participants will both engage in production and receive training that supports their personal development.

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KARATAY'S BEAUTIES LEAVE

Stories of People in Nature

A LASTING IMPRESSION

Thousands of visitors to the Karatay Lavender Garden and Mevlana Rose Park have expressed their admiration for Karatay through heartfelt messages written in the guestbook



Developed by Karatay Municipality, the Karatay Lavender Garden and Mevlana Rose Park continue to welcome thousands of visitors during the summer season with their striking purple lavender fields and colourful roses.

Visitors spending time surrounded by nature have preserved their memories not only through photographs but also through emotional messages in the guestbook.

HEARTFELT MESSAGES IN THE GUESTBOOK

Thousands of visitors have recorded their unforgettable memories of the Karatay Lavender Garden and Mevlana Rose Park through emotional notes left in the guestbook.

One of the most meaningful messages in the guestbook came from Mahmut Kesik, who wrote:

"I would like to thank Karatay Municipality for winning our hearts with roses. I am grateful for this beautiful service that appeals both to the eyes and to the heart."

In hundreds of other messages, visitors praised the natural beauty, peaceful atmosphere, cleanliness, organisation and activities at the gardens.

KILCA: "OUR VISITORS' SATISFACTION MOTIVATES US TO DO EVEN MORE"

Karatay Mayor Hasan Kılca said that "We are pleased to see growing interest in the Karatay Lavender Garden and Mevlana Rose Park each year. The sincere messages written in the guestbook are especially meaningful to us. Seeing the satisfaction of our visitors gives us strength and motivation to create new social spaces for Karatay. We will continue to create peaceful and safe living spaces in Karatay where people can spend time surrounded by nature."

KARATAY BELEDİYESİ

A NEW CENTRE FOR KONYA'S CULINARY CULTURE



A cooperation protocol has been signed for the "Anatolian Konya Culinary Culture Museum and Experience Centre", a project to be implemented jointly by Karatay Municipality and the Mevlana Development Agency (MEVKA).

KONYA'S CULINARY CULTURE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Through the "Anatolian Konya Culinary Culture Museum and Experience Centre", Konya's rich culinary heritage will be documented and preserved.

KILCA: "WE WILL CARRY KONYA'S CULINARY HERITAGE INTO THE FUTURE"

We will document the culinary culture that Konya has preserved for centuries and bring our local flavours that are at risk of being forgotten back into the spotlight.

HISTORIC DISTRICT AROUND

THE MEVLANA MUSEUM

IS BEING REVITALISED

Work is continuing on the Urban Renewal Project Behind the Mevlana Museum, which aims to protect historic buildings and restore the original character of the surrounding district





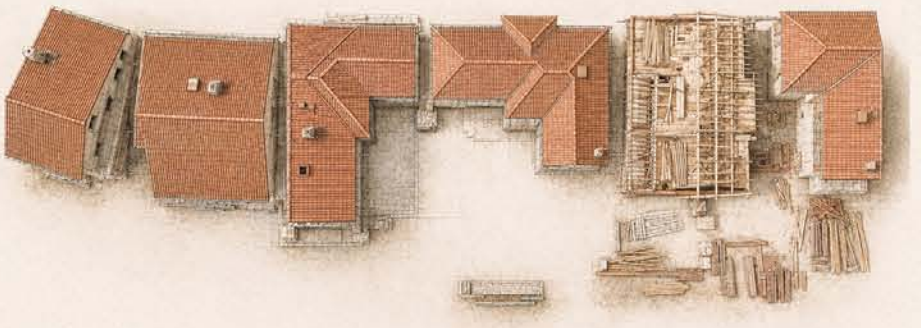
The project aims not only to improve the physical appearance of the area, but also to revive its traditional streetscape and historic urban culture.

The Mevlana Museum welcomes large numbers of visitors from Türkiye and around the world every year. Protecting the buildings around it will allow visitors to experience Konya's Mevlevi heritage within a more complete and historically meaningful setting.

Supported by the Ministry of Environment, Urbanisation and Climate Change and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the project is being carried out in cooperation with Konya Metropolitan Municipality and Karatay Municipality.

Karatay Arasta was completed during the first phase. The second phase includes the reconstruction of six registered historic buildings in the Aziziye neighbourhood in accordance with their original architectural characteristics.





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Konya Carries Its PRODUCTION STRENGTH into the Future with Higher Added Value

KTO President Selçuk Öztürk said:

Our goal is to carry Konya's production strength into the future through higher technology, greater productivity, higher added value and stronger brands.

"GLOBAL ECONOMIC COMPETITION HAS ENTERED A NEW PHASE"

Öztürk noted that 2025 was a year in which uncertainty and fragility continued to shape the global economy.

"Despite all the challenges, our country continued to grow thanks to its strong production infrastructure, export capacity, entrepreneurial human resources and the private sector's ability to adapt to changing conditions."



The 2025 Konya Economic Report, published by the Konya Chamber of Commerce (KTO), provides a comprehensive overview of the city's strong and diversified economic structure

"OUR REPORT IS A COMPREHENSIVE ROADMAP FOR THE FUTURE"

"Our report is a comprehensive roadmap that demonstrates Konya's current economic strength, draws attention to the risks it faces and identifies priorities for the future."

He emphasised that water and climate risks, access to finance, diversification of export markets, qualified human resources and high-value-added production will be among the city's main priorities in the coming period.

"OUR GOAL IS TO MOVE OUR PRODUCTION STRENGTH TOWARDS HIGHER ADDED VALUE"

"Our goal is to transform Konya's economy into a structure that generates higher added value and is driven by technology and productivity."

GREATEST ADVANTAGE OF KONYA

"Our long-established commercial culture, advanced industrial infrastructure, agricultural production capacity, skilled human resources and entrepreneurial business community are among our city's greatest strengths."

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REPORT

12 Organised Industrial Zones and 150 Industrial Estates

As of 2025, Konya has 12 organised industrial zones and 150 industrial estates.

Exports to 209 Countries and a $1.74 Billion Foreign Trade Surplus

Konya recorded $3.36 billion in exports and $1.62 billion in imports, generating a foreign trade surplus of $1.74 billion.

Konya exported to 209 countries in 2025, while manufacturing accounted for 96.8 per cent of total exports.

Konya Produces 27.5% of Türkiye's Certified Seeds

This represented 27.5 per cent of Türkiye's total certified seed production, while production in the city increased by 25 per cent compared with the previous year.

Water and Climate Risks Have Become Economic Issues

The report identifies efficient use of water resources, wider adoption of modern irrigation systems, development of drought-resistant crops and tighter control of groundwater use as strategic priorities for the city's future.

Konya Leads Türkiye in Solar Energy

Konya's unlicensed electricity generation capacity exceeded 1,544 megawatts in 2025.

With this figure, Konya ranked first in Türkiye in installed unlicensed solar power capacity.

A Strategic Centre for Transportation and Logistics

With a 4,417-kilometre network of state, provincial and divided roads, Konya ranked first in Türkiye.

Selçuklu Municipality Arts Academy offered audiences an unforgettable evening with its 2000s Turkish Pop Concert, held at Kelebekler Vadisi Park



SOUNDS OF 2000s TURKISH POP

Selçuklu Municipality continues to bring residents together through a wide range of cultural and artistic events. As part of these activities, the open-air concert attracted a large audience and filled the park with nostalgia, music and summer-evening energy. The performers, all trainees of the Selçuklu Municipality Arts Academy, presented a selection of popular songs that left their mark on Turkish pop music in the 2000s. Audience members enthusiastically sang along to familiar favourites, creating a lively and warm atmosphere throughout the evening. Families and music lovers were able to relive the nostalgia of the 2000s while enjoying an evening of live music together in the open air.

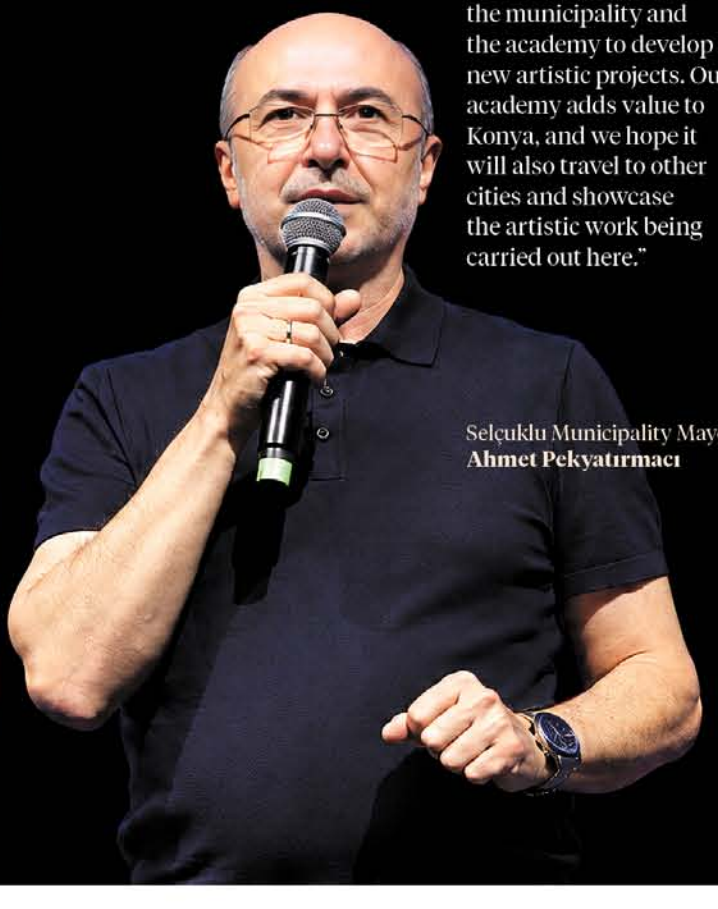






An Important Contribution to the Cultural Life of Our City

Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı said that "The municipality would continue to organise events that make art accessible to all sections of society and enrich the cultural life of the city. Our Arts Academy continues to contribute to art, music and culture in our city. The academy has become an important part of Konya's cultural life, while also providing opportunities for participants to develop their talents and confidence. The enthusiasm shown by audiences encourages the municipality and the academy to develop new artistic projects. Our academy adds value to Konya, and we hope it will also travel to other cities and showcase the artistic work being carried out here."



Selçuklu Municipality Mayor **Ahmet Pekyatırmacı**

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136 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM 11 COUNTRIES

OUR COMMITTEE AIMS TO BUILD A STRONG PLATFORM FOR COOPERATION AMONG MUNICIPALITIES.

The committee's roadmap, policy document and programme of activities

The committee's work should be practical, inclusive and results-oriented

Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı chaired the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Committee during the UCLG-MEWA Innovation and Food Systems Forum, hosted by Selçuklu Municipality


Ahmet Pekyatırmacı
Selçuklu Mayor



As part of the forum, Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı chaired the first Executive Board Meeting of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Committee. The meeting, attended by UCLG-MEWA Secretary General Mehmet Duman and committee members, focused in detail on the committee's roadmap, policy document and programme of activities.

As mayors, we cannot simply wait for change to reach our cities. We have to understand change correctly, manage it effectively and turn it into benefits for society.

Local governments should go beyond their traditional role as service providers and become institutions that support new ideas, strengthen entrepreneurial ecosystems, use technology effectively for the public good and lead local development.

Our committee aims to strengthen a culture of innovation in local governments, support entrepreneurship ecosystems and create a strong basis for cooperation among municipalities.

Together, we can turn this committee into a strong platform where best practices are exchanged, joint projects are developed and municipalities inspire one another.



URBAN SECURITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

As part of the initiative, camera security systems compatible with the Urban Security Management System, known as KGYS, are being installed in 18 major parks across the district in cooperation with the Provincial Police Department.

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Nine Days of Culture and Art Transform the City

The Konya Culture Route Festival brought art lovers together through 148 events held across the city from 18 to 26 July 2026



148 EVENTS

9 DAYS

18—26 JULY 2026

The nine-day programme included concerts, exhibitions, theatre performances, public talks, traditional arts and activities for children. Historic buildings, public squares, museums and cultural centres hosted a wide range of artistic disciplines throughout the festival.

Alongside major outdoor concerts attracting large audiences, visitors were able to explore exhibitions covering painting, photography, traditional crafts and contemporary art.

Using Konya's historic and spiritual spaces as cultural venues gave visitors a new way to discover the city. The festival also contributed to cultural tourism and increased activity for local businesses.

TÜRKİYE KÜLTÜR YOLU FESTİVALİ



OPEN-AIR CINEMA EVENINGS CONTINUE

Organised by Konya Metropolitan Municipality, "Cinema Evenings" offers residents of Konya the opportunity to enjoy open-air film screenings every Friday and Saturday at Kalehan Ecdat Garden until 5 September.

As part of this initiative, "Cinema Evenings", held at Kalehan Ecdat Garden, has attracted great interest from residents thanks to its historic atmosphere and open-air setting.

Cinema Evenings

Friday, 24 July	Nasreddin Hodja – The Time Traveller Series
Saturday, 25 July	Sadık Ahmet
Friday, 31 July	Rafadan Tayfa
Saturday, 1 August	Kesişme: İyiki Varsın Eren
Friday, 7 August:	Tay 2: The Abubil Team
Saturday, 8 August	The Migration Documentary
Friday, 14 August	Heaven Lies Beneath the Feet of Mothers
Saturday, 15 August	Nefes: Ground Minus Two
Friday, 21 August	A Pinch of Cloves
Saturday, 22 August	Adile – Adile Naşit
Friday, 28 August	The Handmia Missile Club
Saturday, 29 August	Turkish Ice Cream
Friday, 4 September	The Overcoat That Came Too Large
Saturday, 5 September	The Jerusalem Adventure – The Secret

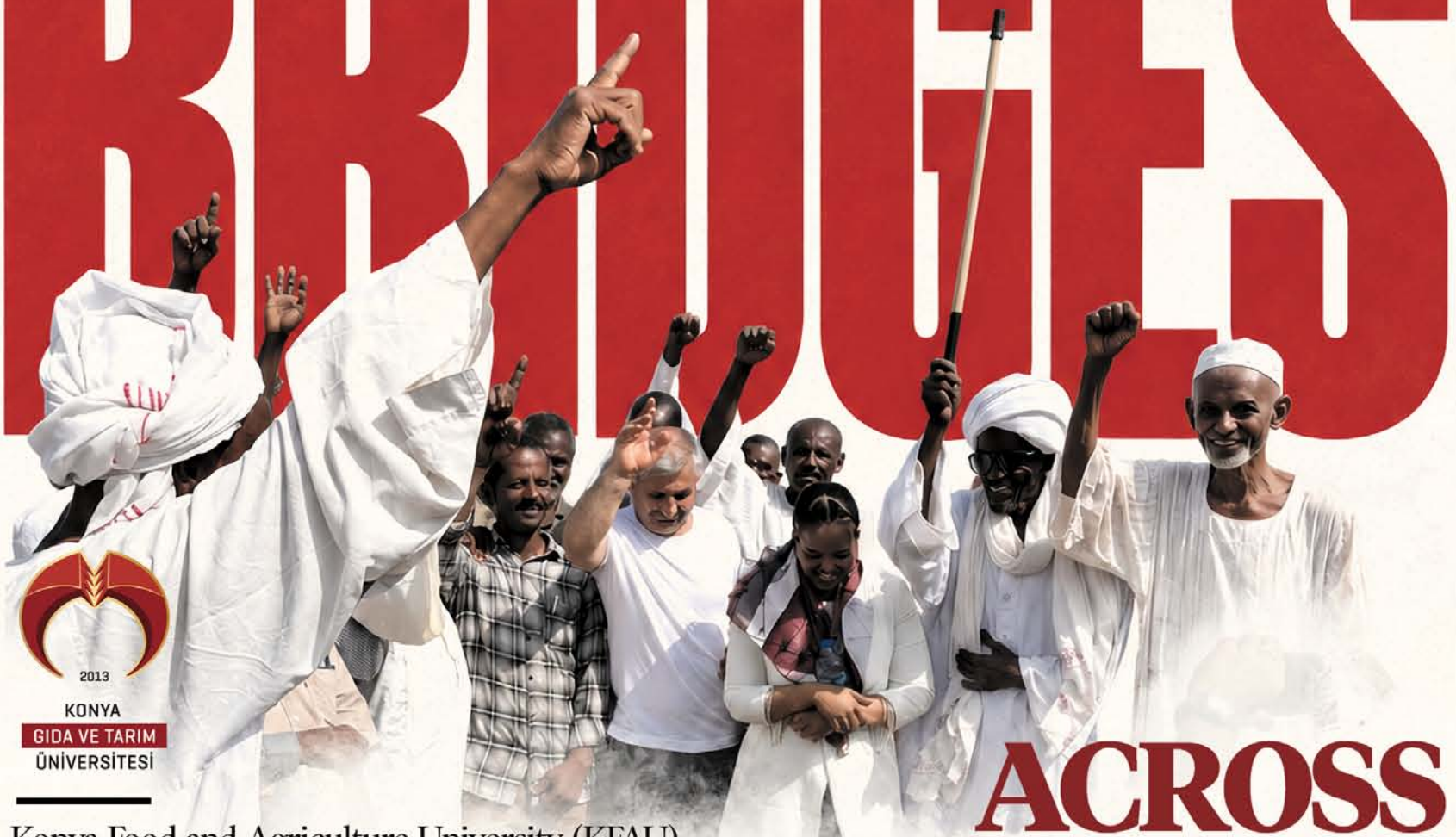
The Nostalgic Atmosphere of Open-Air Cinema Is Revived

Organised by Konya Metropolitan Municipality to encourage people to spend time together, the event revives the nostalgic atmosphere of open-air cinema and turns summer evenings into unforgettable moments.

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NEW ACADEMIC AND AGRICULTURAL

BRIDGES ACROSS AFRICA



2013
KONYA GIDA VE TARIM ÜNİVERSİTESİ

Konya Food and Agriculture University (KFAU) continues to expand its international academic relations and share its expertise in agriculture with institutions in different countries

01 GEZIRA

One of the major steps was a cooperation agreement between KFAU and the University of Gezira, one of Sudan's prominent universities. The protocol covers education, research and agricultural cooperation. The agreement was signed with the participation of Prof. Dr. Mehmet Kılıç, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of KFAU, and representatives of the University of Gezira. The partnership aims to develop joint academic and scientific research projects, increase staff and student exchanges, and establish cooperation in agricultural investments.





02 EL-GADARIF

Another important initiative in Sudan was carried out with the University of El-Gadarif. The protocol was signed at the university's rectorate by Prof. Dr. Mehmet Kılıç on behalf of KFAU and Rector Prof. Dr. Ibtisam Eltayeb Eljack Ahamed on behalf of the University of El-Gadarif. The partnerships with the two Sudanese universities are expected to contribute not only to academic cooperation, but also to increasing Sudan's agricultural production capacity, developing sustainable agricultural technologies and strengthening existing agricultural relations between Türkiye and Sudan.

03 GHANA

KFAU has also extended its international engagement in Africa to Ghana. A university delegation visited the Embassy of Ghana to strengthen international relations and explore new opportunities for academic cooperation. During the meetings, the parties discussed potential joint projects in agriculture and food, student and academic staff exchange programmes, and cooperation in research and innovation. They also exchanged views on Ghana's agricultural potential and its developing education infrastructure.



Through the agreements signed in Sudan and the talks held with Ghana, Konya Food and Agriculture University aims to share Türkiye's knowledge and experience in agriculture and food at an international level, develop joint scientific studies and establish new partnerships that will contribute to sustainable development.

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1,300 ATHLETES TAKE ON THE FIRST ULTRA TRAIL

Athletes competed along routes passing through Gevale Castle and Altınapa Dam in the first marathon organised by Konya Metropolitan Municipality



Five Different Race Categories

The Sille-based event featured five race categories covering distances of 74 kilometres, 55 kilometres, 30 kilometres, 16 kilometres and 5 kilometres. Designed to welcome athletes of different ability levels, the races attracted considerable interest.

The 74-kilometre race began at 6.00 a.m., followed by the 55-kilometre race at 6.15 a.m., the 30-kilometre race at 6.30 a.m., the 16-kilometre race at 7.00 a.m. and the 5-kilometre race at 9.00 a.m.

The Konya Ultra Trail routes passed through Gevale Castle, Ak Manastır, Altınapa Dam and the natural landscapes surrounding Sille. The courses offered participants both demanding stages that tested their physical endurance and an opportunity to discover Konya's distinctive geography.

Athletes from across Türkiye and several other countries also had the chance to experience Sille's historic character and the region's natural richness throughout the race.

By supporting the development of outdoor sports, Konya Ultra also contributed significantly to promoting the city's historic, cultural and natural heritage on national and international platforms.

Athletes Praise Konya's Organisational Skills and Support for Sport

After the race, participating athletes said they greatly enjoyed the sporting events held in Konya and followed them with interest.

They praised the city's organisational ability and the value it places on athletes, adding that running among Konya's natural and historic attractions had been a highly enjoyable experience. They also thanked Konya Metropolitan Municipality for organising the event.

An award ceremony was held at the finish area in Sille for the athletes who achieved the highest rankings. Awards were presented by local sports officials and sports administrators from Konya Metropolitan Municipality.

Cycling Brings Sport and Urban Culture Together



As the 2026 European Capital of Cycling, Konya is using a year-long programme of events to make cycling a shared part of sport, transport and urban culture.

A Bicycle Orienteering event held in July brought together people interested in both outdoor activity and sport. Participants cycled along designated routes while also using navigation and map-reading skills.

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