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UEC President Casa Visits Mayor Altay

By **Ahmet Özkan**

The President of the Union Européenne de Cyclisme (UEC), Enrico Della Casa, who was in Konya for the "2026 UEC Elite European Track Cycling Championships" hosted by the European Cycling Capital Konya, paid a visit to Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay together with Turkish Cycling Federation President and UCI Solidarity Commission Member Emin Müftüoğlu. Stating that Konya has recently hosted very important sports organizations, Mayor Altay said, "Such championships increase interest in sports and cycling in the city. They also make a very significant contribution to Konya's visibility and brand value."

Speaking during the visit held at the Metropolitan Municipality Taş Bina, Mayor Altay expressed his pleasure in hosting Casa in Konya.

"KONYA HAS RECENTLY HOSTED VERY IMPORTANT SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS"

Thanking Casa for his support in the organization, Mayor Altay said: "Konya has recently hosted very important sports organizations. In this context, we were selected as the 'World Sports Capital' in 2023. This year, we were also selected as the '2026 European Cycling Capital.'"



UEC delegation during the official visit at Metropolitan Municipality Taş Bina.

"SUCH CHAMPIONSHIPS GREATLY CONTRIBUTE TO KONYA'S BRAND VALUE"

Noting that cycling has a very important history for Konya and that they are making significant efforts to promote widespread bicycle use, Mayor Altay stated: "We have built 680 kilometres of bicycle paths. Such championships increase interest in sports and cycling in the city. They also make a very significant contribution to Konya's visibility and brand value."

THE CHAMPIONSHIP IS BROADCAST LIVE ACROSS EUROPE EVERY NIGHT

UEC President Enrico Della Casa expressed his happiness at being in Konya and stated that the "2026 UEC Elite European Track Cycling Championships," in which more than 310 cyclists from over 30 countries are competing, is broadcast live across Europe every night.

"VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE PROMOTION OF KONYA AND THE VELODROME"

Emphasizing that the championship is very important for promoting Konya and especially the velodrome, Casa said: "There are two important points: children and tourism. In terms of tourism, this is also an important promotional tool for your city."

PRAISED KONYA'S ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Stressing that one of the key factors in increasing Konya's popularity is competition, Casa continued: "You can host very important programs here. Your velodrome is highly suitable and excellent for this purpose. This will provide you with a strong partnership and an important advantage."

DELEGATION VISITED THE BICYCLE MUSEUM

Following the visit, Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay gave UEC President Enrico Della Casa and Turkish Cycling Federation President and UCI Solidarity Commission Member Emin Müftüoğlu a tour of the Velespit Museum, established by the Metropolitan Municipality in Meydan Evleri.

Cycling Championship in Konya European Track 2026

The championship, held from February 1–5, brought together the continent's top elite cyclists in thrilling competition and showcased Konya as a major hub for international cycling. Organized under the auspices of the Union Européenne de Cyclisme and supported by the Turkish Cycling Federation, Türkiye's Ministry of Youth and Sports, Konya Governorship, and Konya Metropolitan Municipality, the event featured 22 disciplines across men's and women's categories and drew elite riders from more than 30 countries.

RECORD-BREAKING PERFORMANCES AND HIGH-LEVEL COMPETITION

The championships saw multiple world records broken in the early stages of competition. In the women's individual sprint qualifying, British cyclist Emma Finucane set a new world record with a time of 9.759 seconds, improving on the previous mark set in Konya in 2025. Later, the British women's team pursuit squad also broke the world record with a time of 4:03.634, highlighting the velodrome's fast conditions and high level of competition.

On the final day of the championship, riders competed fiercely in the keirin and madison races to determine the last medals of the event.

– KONYA VELODROME — A STAGE FOR ELITE CYCLING -

The Konya Velodrome, Turkey's first modern indoor cycling track, hosted the event with full stands and high spectator engagement, marking another successful international sporting event for the city since its opening in 2022.

Throughout the five days of racing, athletes, officials, and fans praised both the organization and the level of competition, reinforcing Konya's place on the international cycling calendar.

RAMADAN TRADITIONS IN THE SELJUK ERA



By **Mustafa Akgöl**

The history of a geography is as significant as its natural riches, and its culinary culture also holds great importance. Konya is one of the rare and distinguished cities in this regard, and it has managed to carry some of its Ramadan traditions and customs down to our time.

During their transition to settled life, the Seljuks attached particular importance to kitchen and food culture. A separate section similar to today's kitchens existed and was called aşevi, aşhane, aştaamı, aş ocağı or aşlık, later known as "mutfak" derived from "matbah." Seljuk Palace kitchens had head chefs, and kitchens contained many utensils such as pots, ladles, mortars, plates and sieves.

The Seljuks preferred two meals a day—late morning and evening—and commonly consumed pastries with honey, molasses and grapes. When needed, sherbet, ayran and fruit were taken at midday, but during Ramadan mealtimes changed.

As the capital of the Anatolian Seljuks for a long period, Konya preserved many Ramadan customs and showed great reverence for the holy month. Special efforts were made so that no one suffered poverty; iftar gatherings were organized and alms were distributed carefully without distinction between Muslims and non-Muslims.

Bread consumption was central in Seljuk society, and ovens and tandoori existed widely in Anatolia. During Ramadan, strict inspections were carried out: the Muhtesib monitored flour–loaf balance and enforced cleanliness and hygiene.

During the reign of Sultan I. Gıyâseddin Keyhüsrev, it was stipulated in the Şemseddin Ebû Said Altunaba Madrasah that in Ramadan sheep should be purchased and desserts prepared. It was also stated that jurists should receive daily provisions including bread and essential support, and that tables should be set during Ramadan and feast days; bread was additionally purchased and distributed to the poor.

In the Seljuk period, it was requested that places be illuminated with candles on Ramadan evenings and on special nights such as Kandil. Records note candle ceremonies at Karatay Madrasah and Karatay Mosque on nights like Regaip, mid-Sha'ban and Laylat al-Qadr.

Sources mention breaking the fast with dates and salt, as well as various Ramadan entertainments. Turkish cuisine is regarded as one of the three richest cuisines in the world, and Konya's culinary depth is known to date back to the Seljuks and the Oghuz Turks.

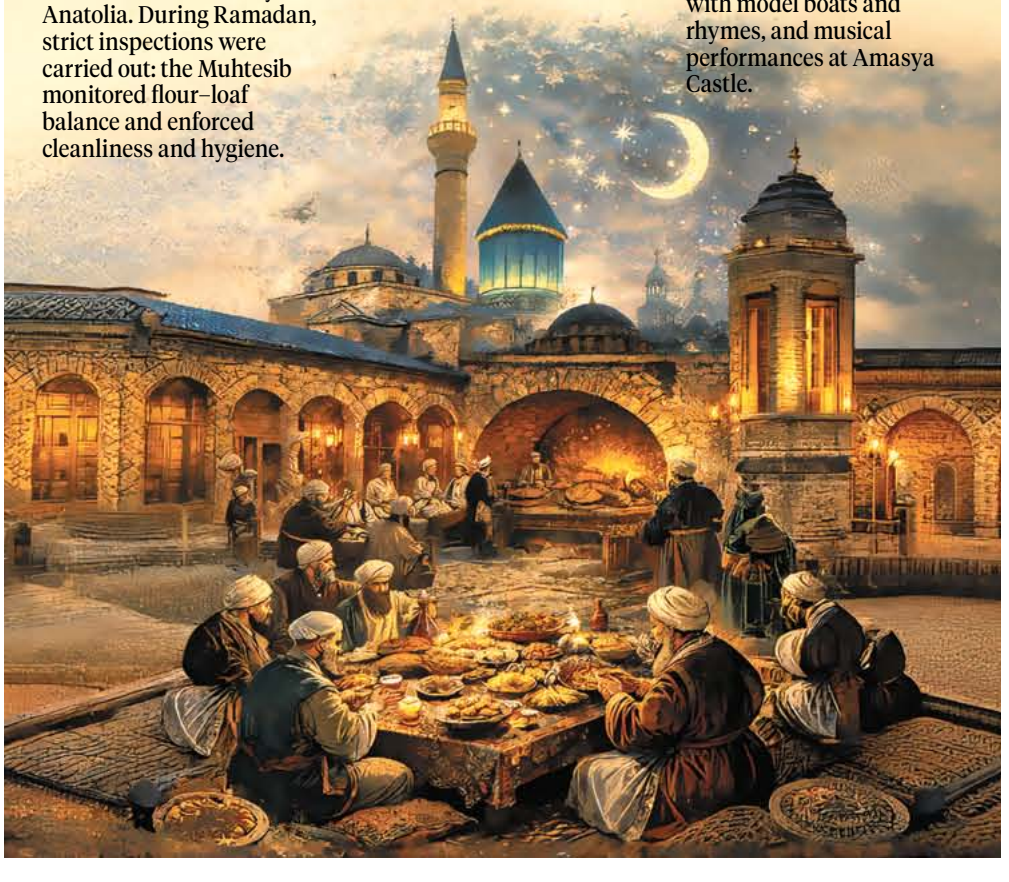
WHAT WAS EATEN AT RAMADAN IN THE SELJUK ERA

During the Seljuk period, saffron zerde rice is mentioned as a special dish served at Ramadan and religious festivals, and saffron was cultivated in Konya. Tirit was among the most popular dishes, and game birds were also consumed; honey halva is noted among desserts and was sold in markets as well as prepared at home.

Soups such as tarhana, trotter soup, cabbage soup and porridge mixed with ayran or milk were consumed. Main dishes included sheep, goat, lamb, fish and poultry; kebab, meatballs, stew and tirit were common, alongside pastırma, roasted meat and soudjouk.

On special days, dishes like herise (keşkek) and borani were served, and desserts included saffron-colored zerde, peluze and rose-and-sugar gülbeşeker. Beverages included rose sherbet mentioned in Rumi's works, sirkencübin, honey sherbet and nardenk sherbet; fruits were widely consumed as well.

Some traditions inherited from the Seljuk period continue not only in Konya but also in certain other cities. Examples include communal first-iftar gatherings in Kozluören (Bursa), the Helasa tradition in Sinop with model boats and rhymes, and musical performances at Amasya Castle.





RAMADAN "SULTAN OF ELEVEN MONTHS"

KONYA IS READY
IN A DAZZLING DISPLAY

Konya Metropolitan Municipality has illuminated key locations across the city—most notably Mevlana Square, Türbeönü Bazaars and the Historic Bedesten—making the city centre shine with special lighting dedicated to the holy month. For the first time this year, the interior of the Metropolitan Municipality's Stone Building has also been adorned with Ramadan-themed lights.

Adopting an aesthetic approach in harmony with Konya's historical and spiritual identity, Mevlana Square and Mevlana Street, Zafer Square and Kazım Karabekir Street were also illuminated.

Crescent-and-star motifs and traditional lantern decorations reflect the atmosphere of unity, sharing and peace, giving the city a dazzling evening appearance and helping residents and visitors experience the spiritual enthusiasm of Ramadan more fully.

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Our Hallmark

Every time you leave Konya, you also get the opportunity to look at the city from the outside...

By not revealing that you are from Konya, you have the chance to receive impartial evaluations about the city...

Seeing and listening to Konya through the eyes of someone with no connection to it is exciting...

The name of the city is great.

Its message is great as well...

There is such a distinct pronunciation of Konya on people's lips... When they say it, they adopt a different tone than for other cities...

As if saying, "I resemble no one; my essence is different..."

When describing Konya, they imply that it is mysterious, strong, gentlemanly, faithful, a city with secrets, always carrying within its bosom the seed of a capital, whose message has been traveling through these lands for centuries, the last fortress of an ancient civilization...

We are not perceived as Western... Nor can they quite place us within an Eastern profile...

The spirit of chivalry and refinement embedded in the city's character shatters all narrow stereotypes...

*OUR HALLMARK IS "**ELEGANCE AND DIGNITY.**"*

The elegance of the Seljuks in its essence preserves our surface after every firing... It polishes the people of Konya anew within those patterns...

I believe this is the mission we should brand ourselves with and hold on to... Our Seljuk side...

Selçuklu Municipality is one of the rare institutions in the city that has recognized this... In every message to be delivered beyond Konya, they weave this into it...

They embrace the heritage of the Seljuks with the right and determination of an heir... They move forward taking "Seljuk Civilization" as a reference... And they make their voice heard...

Is it not the simplicity and dignity beneath the unique elegance of the Seljuks that made Mevlana who he was, and Konya what it is?

An ancient civilization that illuminated its values without putting itself at the forefront...

This is the yeast in Konya's dough...

Like dough that cannot cling to the wall of the tandoori, in order to cling to the wall of history, we must polish our civilization...

Each time we are baked in the wrong fire, the reason we are no different from ordinary tandoori bread lies in this...

We are Seljuks...

Yet whenever we think like Seljuks but act like Ottomans, the splendor and display that may suit other provinces, even partially, sits awkwardly on us...

Our hallmark is "Elegance and Dignity."

Every time we lose it, we lose the city as well.

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Çebiç: Konya's Springtime Feast of Tradition and Fire

In Konya's culinary culture, some dishes are more than recipes — they are rituals and living memories. One such dish is Çebiç, a traditional lamb feast rooted in Central Anatolian heritage and prepared especially in spring. Although modern kitchens have adapted the method, Çebiç remains one of the most authentic expressions of Konya's rural food culture — connecting fire, land, and people.

The word "çebiç" refers to a young male goat or lamb, typically between six months and one year old. In Konya and its surrounding villages, springtime marked the beginning of Çebiç season. Historically, Çebiç was prepared during:
Spring gatherings
Shepherd celebrations
Wedding ceremonies
Religious and seasonal events
Village feasts after communal work

In rural communities, preparation was a collective effort: men managed the roasting pit and fire, while women prepared side dishes and breads. Çebiç was never an everyday meal — it was a celebration.

THE UNIQUE COOKING METHOD

The essence of Çebiç lies in simplicity and patience. Traditionally, the lamb is cleaned, lightly salted, and slow-roasted over wood fire for several hours, turned regularly for even cooking.
No heavy spices dominate the flavour — the goal is to let the natural taste of young lamb shine. The result is tender meat, crisp golden skin, and a deep smoky aroma.

INGREDIENTS

Authentic Çebiç requires very few ingredients:
1 whole young lamb or goat (çebiç)
Coarse rock salt
Optional: black pepper, thyme
Traditional accompaniments include thin flatbread, fresh onions, parsley, shepherd's salad, and ayran.

Modernization has changed some cooking practices, but Çebiç continues to be prepared for large family celebrations, spring festivals, cultural events, and rural tourism experiences. It remains a symbol of generosity and hospitality.

MORE THAN A MEAL

Çebiç is not simply roasted lamb. It is fire, community, and the scent of wood smoke carried across the plains of Konya — and when shared from a wide tray, it becomes memory.





Dr. Hüseyin Öksüz Receives The Living Human Treasures Award

In order to honour masters who carry the memory of culture, the "Ministry of Culture and Tourism Special Awards and Living Human Treasures Awards Ceremony" was held at the Presidential Complex. At the ceremony, Dr. Hüseyin Öksüz, an academic member of the Faculty of Fine Arts and Design at Konya Chamber of Commerce (KTO) Karatay University, received the "Living Human Treasures" award for his expertise in the art of calligraphy (husn-i hat). Hüseyin Öksüz received his award from President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Minister of Culture and Tourism Mehmet Nuri Ersoy.

During the ceremony, masters from various regions of Türkiye who are highly skilled in their respective fields were granted the title of "Living Human Treasures." Dr. Hüseyin Öksüz was among the distinguished names included on this prestigious list with his half-century of experience and works in the art of calligraphy. With this award, Öksüz's contribution to the traditional artistic heritage has once again been officially recognized by the state.

Prof. Dr. Fevzi Rifat Ortaç, Rector of KTO Karatay University, congratulated Dr. Hüseyin Öksüz on being deemed worthy of the Living Human Treasures award and stated that "This award is an important indication that Mr. Öksüz's artistic journey and his contributions to our cultural heritage have been recognized at the state level. On this occasion, I congratulate our esteemed professor and thank him for his contributions to traditional Turkish arts, the academic world and our university."

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Selçuklu



A Giant Hotel in the heart of Konya

Konya, the heart of industry and trade, is preparing for a major move in the field of tourism as well. The Aventura Prime Hotel project, which will be implemented in Selçuklu district with an investment value of 480 million TL, will bring new momentum to the city's accommodation capacity and economic vitality.

The project, to be constructed by Qalıya Yatırım İnşaat Geliştirme Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş. on an area of 11,377 square meters in Horozluhan Neighbourhood of Selçuklu, draws attention with its modern architecture, mixed-use structure, and social facilities.

Aventura Prime Hotel will not only provide accommodation services but will also become a new address for the business world with 139 hotel rooms, 100 offices, and 15 commercial shops. The project will also include meeting rooms, restaurants, sports areas, a swimming pool, indoor parking, and various social facilities.

News from the hotels



Park Dedeman Konya Opened Its Doors!
A New Luxury Hotel for Konya

The introduction of Park Dedeman Konya, which has started operating in Konya, was held.

Chairman of the Board Prof. Dr. Özpınar stated that the hotel has a total indoor area of 14,500 square meters including the parking area and said, "We have brought a 51-room business hotel to life.

We could have built a 220-room hotel by using this area, but we preferred spacious, wide, and luxurious rooms befitting our city. Our hotel has 57 Superior French rooms, 6 accessible rooms for disabled guests, 43 Deluxe French rooms, 26 Deluxe Twin rooms, 4 Grand Deluxe rooms, 9 Deluxe suite rooms, and 6 family suite rooms of 80 square meters.

In total, we have a structure with 151 rooms and a capacity of 296 beds."

A Historic Hotel in the heart of Konya!
Full marks from Governor Akın...



Sırçalı Hotel, one of the exemplary projects implemented in the Suriçi Bazaar area in the heart of Konya, received full marks from Konya Governor İbrahim Akın. Here are the details...

Konya Governor İbrahim Akın visited Sırçalı Hotel, one of the vision projects implemented by Meram Municipality in the Şükran Urban Transformation area.



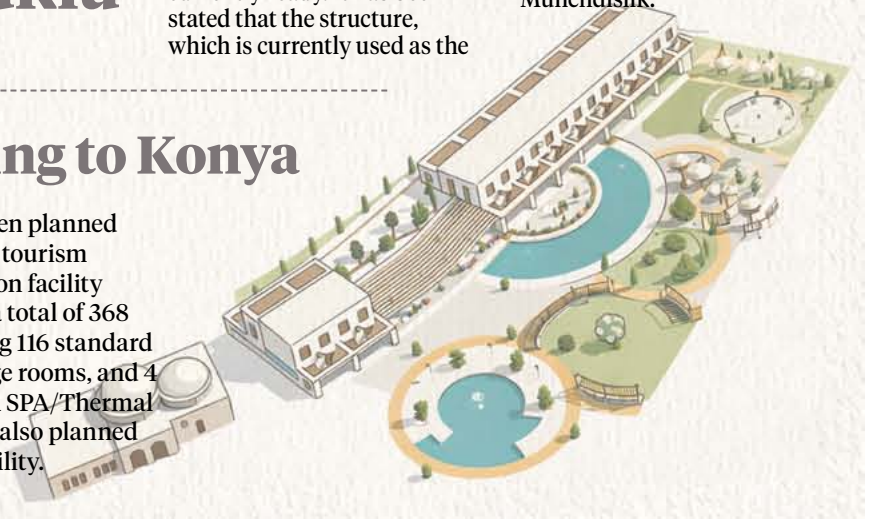
A 70-Room Hotel Investment in Konya Selçuklu

In Selçuklu district of Konya, a building located in Dikilitaş Neighborhood is being converted into a hotel operation. An investment of 84 million 450 thousand TL is planned for the project carried out by Dağ Mühendislik Müteahhitlik Tic. ve San. A.Ş.

The facility building is currently ready. It has been stated that the structure, which is currently used as the company's address, will be converted into a hotel through decorative and structural revisions in the rooms.

The projected cost for the hotel, whose Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process has begun, was announced as 84 million 450 thousand TL by Dağ Mühendislik.

A 150-Room Thermal Hotel is coming to Konya



A "No Environmental Impact Assessment Required" decision has been issued regarding the Capacity Increase Project for the 150-Room Thermal Hotel Operation planned by Günaylar Müh. Mim. İnş. San. ve Tic. Ltd. Şti. at 877 Ada 84 Parcel, İnönü Street, Ilıca Neighbourhood, Ilgın District, Konya.

Günaylar Müh. Mim. İnş. San. ve Tic. Ltd. Şti. plans to carry out the "150-Room Thermal Hotel Operation Capacity Increase" project in Ilgın District of Konya. The project has been planned as a 150-room tourism accommodation facility consisting of a total of 368 beds, including 116 standard rooms, 30 large rooms, and 4 suite rooms. A SPA/Thermal Cure centre is also planned within the facility.

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Population Figures in Konya

Türkiye's Population Reaches 86,092,168

UP BY **427,224** *from 2024*

By **Sıla İşkan**

As of 31 December 2025, the population residing in Türkiye increased by 427,224 compared to the previous year, reaching 86,092,168. The male population was recorded at 43,059,434, while the female population stood at 43,032,734. In other words, men constituted 50.02 percent of the total population, while women accounted for 49.98 percent.

According to the results of the Address-Based Population Registration System (ABPRS), the foreign population residing in the country increased by 38,968 compared to the previous year, reaching 1,519,515. Of this population, 49.3 percent were men and 50.7 percent were women.

POPULATION GROWTH RATE AT 5 PER THOUSAND

While the annual population growth rate was 3.4 per thousand in 2024, it rose to 5 per thousand in 2025.

KONYA'S MOST POPULOUS DISTRICT REMAINS THE SAME

Konya's most populous district did not change in 2025. Selçuklu maintained its leading position with a population of 703,449. It was followed respectively by Karatay (395,499) and Meram (349,685).

KONYA'S LEAST POPULOUS DISTRICT ANNOUNCED

According to data from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TÜİK), Yalıhüyük was identified as Konya's least populous district, with a population of 1,704. Despite this, Yalıhüyük stood out among the districts in terms of its population growth rate.



▲ MOST POPULOUS DISTRICTS

703,449	Selçuklu
395,499	Karatay
349,685	Meram

Nearly half of Konya's population lives in just three central districts.

▼ LEAST POPULOUS DISTRICTS

1,704	Yalıhüyük
3,947	Halkapınar
3,954	Derbent

The population gap between Konya's largest and smallest districts exceeds 400-fold.

CENTER vs PERIPHERY

Central districts (3): ~1.45 million people

Remaining districts (28): ~850 thousand people

Konya's population growth shows a strong urban concentration pattern, rather than a balanced regional spread.

KONYA BÜYÜKŞEHİR BELEDİYESİ

Sustainable Infrastructure Investments

Wastewater Treatment and Power Generation





Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay stated that 73 million 854 thousand kilowatt-hours of electricity were generated in 2025 at six methane gas-based electricity generation facilities operating under the Metropolitan Municipality; the total amount of electricity produced from these facilities to date has reached 938 million 998 thousand kilowatt-hours.

Konya Metropolitan Municipality continues to contribute to a sustainable environment by offering solutions to energy needs through environmentally friendly projects.

Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay said that with the "Konya Model Municipality" approach, they are working meticulously to respond not only to the needs of today but also to those of the future.

Emphasizing that they act with the Zero Waste target in waste management and attach great importance to energy recovery projects, Mayor Altay said, "Within the scope of our recycling efforts, in 2025 we collected 8 thousand kilograms of waste batteries and 7 thousand litters of waste oil."

> Mayor Altay: "We generated 73.854M kWh of electricity at 6 facilities in one year"

TOTAL ELECTRICITY GENERATED TO DATE REACHES 938 MILLION 998 THOUSAND KILOWATT-HOURS

Highlighting that they also contribute to the national economy through environmentally friendly projects, Mayor Altay said, "In 2025, at our Konya Solid Waste Regular Storage Site and at the Aslım, Ereğli, Cihanbeyli and Akşehir Solid Waste Regular Storage Sites, as well as through methane gas generated during the formation of sludge obtained from wastewater treatment by our KOSKİ General Directorate, we produced 73 million 854 thousand kilowatt-hours of electricity. The total amount of electricity we have generated from methane gas to date has reached 938 million 998 thousand kilowatt-hours. We will continue to decisively implement sustainable projects centered on the environment in order to leave a cleaner, more livable and stronger Konya to future generations."

Konya Metropolitan Municipality has also established solid waste transfer stations in Selçuklu, Altınekin, Kulu, Cihanbeyli, Sarayönü, Çeltik and Ilgın.

99.8 Million m³ of wastewater for reuse

Konya Metropolitan Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay stated that the Advanced Biological Wastewater Treatment Plants in Ilgın, Çumra, Doğanhisar, Derebucak and Taşkent were completed and put into service in 2025, adding: "In 2025, 99 million 839 thousand 191 cubic meters of water were treated at our wastewater treatment plants in Konya and reintroduced for reuse. In addition, 4 million 476 thousand 286 kilowatt-hours of electrical energy were generated from waste sludge."

Emphasizing that KOSKİ has constructed a total of 14 wastewater treatment plants across Konya since 2018, Mayor Altay said, "With the completion of the latest investments, the total number of wastewater treatment plants across the province has reached 49."

"In 2025, a total of 99 million 839 thousand 191 cubic meters of wastewater were treated at our facilities in Konya and reintroduced for reuse. Additionally, 4 million 476 thousand 286 kilowatt-hours of electrical energy were produced from waste sludge. We will continue our environmental investments in areas where needed."





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DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AWARD

for Konya Metropolitan Municipality and Koski



The "Mobile Assistant Application" implemented by Konya Metropolitan Municipality and the "Online KOSKİ Project," launched by the General Directorate of KOSKİ to advance digital service processes and digital transformation in water management, were deemed worthy of awards at the Public Digital Transformation Summit organized by the Public Informatics Association.

Konya Metropolitan Municipality has achieved another significant success with the projects it has implemented in line with its vision of digitalization in public services and data-driven governance.

In the competition held within the scope of the Public Digital Transformation Summit organized by the Public Informatics Association, the projects of Konya Metropolitan Municipality and the General Directorate of KOSKİ were honoured with awards.

On the first day of the two-day event held at the Information Technologies and Communication Authority (BTK) Campus in Ankara, a detailed presentation titled "Data Journey and Mobile Assistant Application" was delivered, introducing numerous applications implemented by Konya Metropolitan Municipality within the framework of Data-Driven City Management.

Comprehensive information was provided about the Data Warehouse Workshops conducted to create a data inventory within the institution and across the city, the Local Data Inventory Platform, the Datavision Application used to monitor service performance, the Konya Monitoring Application that tracks internet-connected sensors in real time, and other applications evaluated as resources. It was stated that the Mobile Assistant Application, Open Data Portal, and Business Intelligence applications are used as display interfaces for municipal administration, field personnel, and citizens.

On the second day of the event, a presentation was delivered regarding the Online KOSKİ Project. A detailed introduction was made about this exemplary digital transformation project, which includes subscription processes, billing procedures, invoice creation and correction, e-instalment services, distance subscription agreements, infrastructure status certificates, corporate memberships and official institution transactions, the mobile headman application, as well as malfunction and outage notifications.

Within the scope of the Public Digital Transformation Summit competition, Konya Metropolitan Municipality's "Mobile Assistant Application," developed to support data-driven decision-making mechanisms, and the "Online KOSKİ Project," implemented by KOSKİ to enhance digital service processes and digital transformation in water management, were awarded. The awards were presented during the Summit.

Operating under the "Konya Model Municipality" approach, Konya Metropolitan Municipality continues to serve as a model and pioneer with numerous projects and Smart City Applications, while maintaining its role as a benchmark for many local administrations through its innovative and digital solutions.





Konya has the most affordable student transport

Konya Metropolitan Municipality continues to stand out with the most affordable public transportation fares in a city known for its large student and youth population.

Mayor Altay noted that with its public transportation pricing, the municipality once again demonstrates the people-centered "Konya Model Municipality" approach.Emphasizing that making life easier for young people and students is one of their primary responsibilities, Mayor Altay said, "Our greatest strength is our youth. To support their dreams and educational journeys, we make every effort possible, especially in educational support. In addition, Turkey's most affordable student transportation is in Konya. We have maintained the student public transportation fare at 9 liras since August 2025. As in the previous year, we are happy and proud to continue offering Turkey's most affordable student transportation in Konya in 2026."

KONYA AMONG THE MOST AFFORDABLE CITIES FOR FULL FARE AS WELL

Mayor Altay also highlighted that the full fare remains among the most affordable compared to other metropolitan cities. "In public transportation, which closely concerns all our citizens, we continue to keep prices at reasonable levels without compromising service quality. With the full fare set at 22.5 liras, we remain one of the cities offering the most affordable transportation among metropolitan municipalities. Our goal is to provide an accessible and sustainable transportation system that considers the budgets of everyone—from students to workers, from retirees to tradespeople. As in every field, Konya will continue to set an example in transportation as well," he said.

STUDENTS ARE VERY SATISFIED

Students studying in Konya also stated that transportation in the city is more affordable compared to other cities and that it is easy to reach anywhere in the city by bus and the existing tram network.

Emphasizing that being a student in Konya is a very positive experience with many advantages, students noted that Konya is a student-friendly city.





SEMA CEREMONY IN AUSTRIA

Konya Metropolitan Municipality Turkish Sufi Music and Sema Ensemble performed a Sema Ceremony at the Akzent Theater in Vienna.

The ensemble was invited to the program organized at the Akzent Theater in cooperation with the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB), the Yunus Emre Institute, Verein Gemeinsam Für Wien Association operating in Austria, and the Vienna Chamber of Labour (AK Wien).

In order to introduce Mevlevi and Sufi culture particularly to a foreign audience that does not speak Turkish, the moderation of the event was conducted entirely in German. In the first part of the program, a local Sufi music ensemble performed; in the second part, the Mevlevi and Sema Ceremony were presented.



RAMADAN IN KONYA OF
Our Childhood

TIME, FLARE, CANNONS, ADHAN

Among the attar shops, SaatçiMuvakkit Ali Efendi—known as the man who knew how to set the time—would adjust the time, and at iftar hour he would fire a flare in front of his house near Shams. Seeing this, the official at Alaaddin would fire a blank cannon to announce iftar. Immediately after that, the official in Köyceğiz would also fire the cannon. The reason for firing two cannons was so that the villages on the Meram side could also hear it. One minute after the cannon shots, the call to prayer would begin. Some of the public did not rely on the cannon shot and would wait for the adhan(azan).

RAMADAN LIGHTS AND MAHYA

Konya would be decorated with lights and candles during Ramadan. At the beginning of Ramadan, they write "Welcome, the Month of Ramadan" would be hung between the twin minarets of our Aziziye and Sultan Selim Mosques, and at the end of Ramadan, these lights write "Farewell tothe Month of Ramadan" would be displayed.

AFTER TARAWIH: DONDURMACI ŞABAN

At the corner of Aziziye Mosque, Dondurmacı Şaban would sell soda on blocks of ice after the tarawih prayer, and those leaving the mosque would run to Şaban.

HOME IFTARS AND THE FIRST COURSES

In those days, iftar tables were never without guests. But these were not restaurant invitations; they were home invitations prepared with care and effort. Iftar appetizers such as pastrami, sausage, jam, cheese and olives would be placed in the centre on a small tray, and the fast would be broken after the cannon was fired. Then yogurt soup would be served, followed by a dish called Orta made from lamb ribs with eggplant, and then pastry (suböreği) turned repeatedly on the grill.

> A flare near Shams, two cannons echoing to Meram, mahya lights between twin minarets, and the rush to Dondurmacı Şaban after tarawih—Konya's Ramadan childhood lives in a chain of sounds, lights and shared tables

DESSERTS, THEN OKRA SOUP

When it was time for dessert; in the early years telkadayıf (shredded wheat in syrup) was served, and in later years "ekmekkadayıf" (crumpets in syrup) with clotted cream adorned the tables. After dessert came okra soup.

STUFFED LEAVES, RICE, COMPOTE, TEA

Stuffed grape leaves, accompanied by sheep's yogurt (in winter stuffed cabbage, in summer stuffed grape leaves), followed by rice with meat, and finally apricot or sour cherry compote depending on the season would complete the meal. Five minutes later, strong brewed tea would be served.

EVENING PRAYER, TARAWIH ROUTES

In between, the evening prayer would be performed, and for tarawih some would go to Kapu Mosque while others went to Bulgur Tekke. The congregation of Bulgur Tekke among the spice sellers were known as the "early-goers." Shopkeepers who needed to open their stores and those who wanted to go to the cinema would hurry to Bulgur Tekke.

COFFEE, CONVERSATION, RADIO "DONNN"

After tarawih, people would return home and drink Turkish coffee. Those were the years without television, filled with conversation. Occasionally, when the news hour arrived, the radio would be turned on to listen to the bulletins that began with the "donnn" sound. Meanwhile, fruit would be served, followed by another round of tea. Late at night, everyone would return to their homes.



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In our culture, traditions related to the month of Ramadan are quite numerous and continue to be practiced from past to present. These traditions are so old that today only the eldest members of families may fully remember their origins. Every child who has grown up in Türkiye knows these Ramadan customs closely and recalls those memories with a smile. Although some have diminished over time, the spirit of this blessed month remains unique. So let us indulge in a little nostalgia! Here are 7 traditions that remind us the month of Ramadan has arrived.

01 Mahya

A mahya (a kind of lightening) is an art form in which messages expressing Ramadan are written with oil-filled lamps strung between the twin minarets of mosques. This tradition has been passed down from the Ottoman era to the present day. In earlier times, the arrival of Ramadan was announced to the public in this way. Today, mosques enlightened during Ramadan continue to reflect the joy and spiritual atmosphere of the holy month.

02 Ramadan Drummer

Undoubtedly one of the oldest and most cheerful Ramadan traditions is the sahur drummers. This tradition is unique to Turkish and Islamic culture. In earlier times, throughout Ramadan, a group including the Ramadan drummer would walk through the streets, reciting traditional Ramadan rhymes in turn. Today, although they may walk alone, they continue to enliven the night with their drums and verses.

03 Iftar Cannon

The tradition of firing a cannon at imsak and iftar times began during the reign of Sultan Mustafa III at Rumeli Fortress. It later spread throughout the country. Today, cannons are still fired in cities to announce the evening call to prayer and inform people that it is time to break their fast.

7 Ramadan traditions that remind us the holy month has arrived

By **Ezgi Ulu**



04 Karagöz Hacivat

In earlier times, celebrations and fairs were organized during Ramadan. This tradition continues to be maintained in some cities and regions today. Squares would be transformed into fairgrounds, and various entertainments would be held until the end of the tarawih prayer. Although the tradition of watching Karagöz and Hacivat shadow plays has begun to fade, it is still kept alive through various events.

05 Pide Queues

One of the most delicious foods that reminds us of Ramadan is undoubtedly pita bread. Although it is produced in bakeries and pastry shops throughout the year, during Ramadan people enrich their tables with warm pita bread instead of regular bread. This flavour, which has survived from the past to the present, makes its presence known with the long queues forming near iftar time.

06 Güllaç

Another sign that Ramadan has arrived is the appearance of güllaç in bakery and pastry shop windows. Güllaç is a lightly sweetened riced wafers made with milk. It is decorated with nuts, pistachios, pomegranate seeds and seasonal fruits. This wonderful dessert that sweetens Ramadan tables makes the arrival of the holy month even more evident.

07 Olives & Dates

Breaking the fast with olives and dates is one of the oldest Ramadan traditions. This custom continues today and remains among the essentials of Ramadan tables. The history of all these Ramadan traditions that continue today actually dates back to the very beginnings of Islam.

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Tantavi Culture And Arts Center hosts Bilal Erdoğan

Necmettin Bilal Erdoğan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the İlim Yayma Foundation, met with university students at the Tantavi Culture and Arts Centre, hosted by Meram Municipality. The program, organized under the title "Youth Meeting from Konya to the World" and moderated by Mustafa Tatlısu, attracted significant interest from students of Selçuk University, Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya Technical University, KTO Karatay University, Konya Food and Agriculture University, and Karamanoğlu Mehmetbey University. At this important gathering, Bilal Erdoğan responded to the students' questions directly and sincerely.

"A STRONG TURKEY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE"

Stating that the global system has moved away from producing justice, Erdoğan emphasized that Turkey must be strong in order to establish peace and fairness in the world. Recalling the words of the late Necip Fazıl Kısakürek, he said that "Wolves do not make this division even if lambs become kings," Erdoğan underlined the importance of a civilization vision centred on humanity. "We cannot be content with a horizon confined to 780 thousand square kilometres. We must adopt a perspective that also embraces our spiritual geography." Erdoğan also mentioned about the strategic and cultural importance of Istanbul on a global scale.

"GAZA AND JERUSALEM ARE A HUMAN AND CONSCIENCE ISSUE"

Addressing questions regarding Gaza and Jerusalem during the program, Erdoğan stated that the Palestinian issue is not only a regional matter but also a humanitarian and moral one. Pointing to the importance of increasing social awareness, Erdoğan emphasized that each individual must fulfil their responsibility. Highlighting that cultural and civilizational awareness is of vital importance for young people, Erdoğan said, "The deeper our roots, the higher our branches will rise," stressing that historical consciousness and a vision for the future must be built together. Referring to developments in the fields of defence and technology, Erdoğan also emphasized the importance of making the best use of the opportunities of the age by following in the footsteps of the ancestors who achieved great breakthroughs in the past.





MAYOR KAVUŞ THANKS BILAL ERDOĞAN

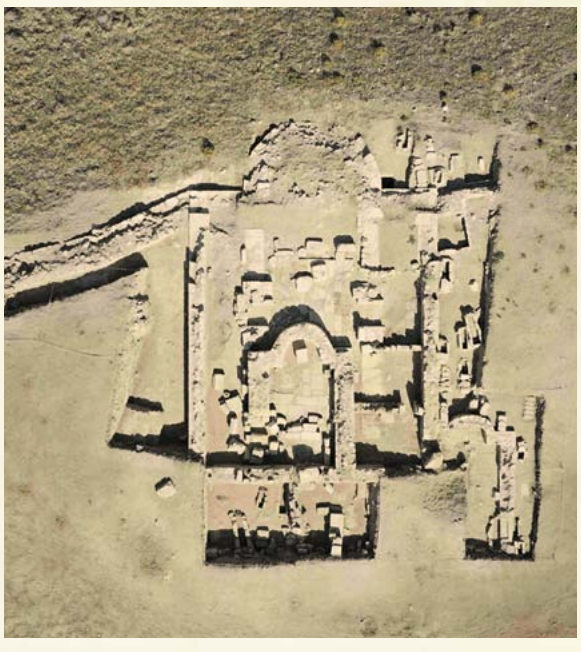
Meram Mayor Mustafa Kavuş, in his statement regarding the program, said, "We were very pleased to host Mr. Necmettin Bilal Erdoğan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the İlim Yayma Foundation, at our Tantavi Culture and Arts Center as part of the Youth Meeting. I would like to express my gratitude to him for his sincerity and heartfelt conversation."

At the end of the program, Mustafa Kavuş presented Necmettin Bilal Erdoğan with a calligraphy artwork as a gift.

Archaeological excavations at the Ancient City of Lystra, supported by Meram Municipality, continue to reveal structures and artifacts. Most recently, a bronze amulet believed to date to the Seljuk period, glazed inkwells, coins, and turquoise beads were uncovered

MERAM BELEDİYESİ

Lystra continues to be unearth









First Graduates at Dosd

Down Syndrome Individuals Life Support Centre (DOSD) Meram, which launched vocational employment training programs to support the employment of individuals with special needs, celebrated its first graduates. Meram Mayor Mustafa Kavuş said this education would open the doors of working life to individuals with special needs.

Implemented under the leadership of Meram Municipality, DOSD Meram marked another proud moment. The first-term graduates of the Service Staff (Commis) Training Program, carried out with the Meram Public Education Centre, received their certificates at a ceremony attended by local officials and representatives.

Held between October 13 and January 20, the program lasted 274 hours. Eighteen individuals aged 16 and above participated, and 16 trainees successfully completed the training and earned their certificates.

Participants received both theoretical and practical instruction related to working life, including service techniques, work discipline, and communication skills. The program also strengthened social participation and self-confidence.

The ceremony was memorable for trainees and their families. The event once again demonstrated that individuals with special needs can take part in every area of life when provided with the right support and opportunities.



After three months of training, the young participants showcased their service skills to the audience. Certificates were presented to the graduates by protocol members.

MAYOR KAVUŞ: "THESE CERTIFICATES ARE A STRONG SIGNATURE PLACED ON LIFE"

Mayor Kavuş said they were celebrating not only the end of a program but also effort, patience, and determination. "These certificates are a powerful signature placed on life by our special individuals, saying 'I am here too,'" he said.

He noted that DOSD Meram reflects a people-centered approach to municipal service. He described the program as a valuable initiative showing that individuals with special needs can stand on their own feet.

Thanking everyone who contributed, Mayor Kavuş said the success belonged to the trainees, their families, and the instructors. Addressing the graduates, he said they had shown that obstacles can be overcome when given opportunity and supported with love.

He added that they envision a Meram where individuals with special needs participate in employment, produce, and succeed. He concluded by thanking all institutions and stakeholders involved.

DEPUTY MAYOR UZBAŞ: "THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SERVICE IS THE ONE THAT TOUCHES PEOPLE"

Konya Metropolitan Municipality Deputy Mayor Mustafa Uzbaş said attending the ceremony was a source of happiness and pride. He emphasized that municipal service also includes social services that touch people and described DOSD Meram as meaningful in this regard.

PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL EDUCATION YİĞİT: "INVESTMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION IS A SIGN OF DEVELOPMENT"

Konya Provincial Director of National Education Murat Yiğit said the progress achieved in just two years was encouraging. He noted that the quality of special education services reflects a country's level of development and congratulated the students.

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT MUNLAFALIOĞLU: "OUR EDUCATION PROCESS IS PROGRESSING STEP BY STEP"

DOSD Meram Association President Mehmet Munlafalıoğlu said vocational employment training has been a key goal since the association's establishment. He stated that they advanced step by step, adding that they aim to support families and help children continue learning through sports and vocational skills.

At the end of the ceremony, protocol members and the graduates posed for a commemorative photo.

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Excavations at Lystra (Listra), within the borders of Hatunsaray and Botsa neighbourhoods, continue with permission from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and support from Necmettin Erbakan University (NEÜ), Konya Metropolitan Municipality, and Meram Municipality. Led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. İlker Mete Mimiroğlu, the site is known as one of the places visited by Saint Paul.

"SELJUK-ERA GLAZED INKWELLS, COINS, AND TURQUOISE BEADS WERE FOUND"

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mimiroğlu said the second-year excavation projects had been completed. He noted that work in the main church showed the site was part of a large building complex, where a chapel and another Late Antique church structure were uncovered.

"Nearly 80 graves were identified in the upper church. In graves belonging to Christians living during the Seljuk period, Seljuk-era glazed inkwells, coins, and turquoise beads were found."

"AN AUSTRIAN SILVER COIN WAS FOUND"

Mimiroğlu stated that the excavations were not limited to the church area. He reported that residential structures and pithoi dating to the Ottoman period were identified on the slope area, and that a 17th-century Austrian silver coin was found inside one of them.

A SELJUK-ERA BRONZE AMULET WAS UNEARTHED

Mimiroğlu said a Seljuk-period find attracted particular attention. "In a residential structure we believe dates to the Seljuk period, we found a green-glazed inkwell, and next to it a bronze amulet," he said, adding that restoration is ongoing and the inscriptions will be interpreted after they are read.

MAYOR KAVUŞ: "THOUSANDS OF VISITORS ARE COMING TO LYSTRA EVEN THOUGH THE EXCAVATIONS HAVE JUST BEGUN"

Meram Mayor Mustafa Kavuş said that, even before the second year of excavations is completed and without formal promotion, thousands of visitors are coming. He added that sponsors are showing interest and that they aim to bring tens of thousands of tourists in the near future.

Defne Temur is at the National Team!

Defne Temur, the successful wushu athlete of Meram Belediyespor, will have the honour of representing Türkiye on the international stage. Drawing attention with her outstanding performance, the young athlete has been invited to the Wushu Kung Fu National Team squad by the Turkish Wushu Federation.

With her determination, hard work and perseverance, Defne Temur continues to be a source of pride for both Meram and Türkiye. The accomplished wushu athlete of Meram Belediyespor will now proudly represent the country internationally. Having stood out with her remarkable achievements, the young athlete has officially been called up to the Wushu Kung Fu National Team by the Turkish Wushu Federation.

DEFNE TEMUR TO WEAR THE NATIONAL JERSEY AT THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN CHINA

The 10th World Junior Wushu Championship, included in the 2026 activity program of the Turkish Wushu Federation and the International Wushu Federation (IWUF), will be held in Tianjin, China, between March 23–31, 2026. Prior to this major event, the National Team will hold a training camp in China from March 1–20, 2026, as part of its preparations. Defne Temur will participate in both the training camp and the World Championship, competing under the Turkish flag.

The national team's program does not end there. Following the championship, the Wushu National Team will begin preparations for the 4th Youth Olympic Games, scheduled to take place in Dakar, the capital of Senegal, between October 30 and November 15, 2026.

MAYOR KAVUŞ WISHES SUCCESS TO DEFNE AND THE NATIONAL TEAM

Defne Temur's selection to the national team is seen as a concrete reflection of the importance given to sports in Meram. Meram Mayor Mustafa Kavuş congratulated the successful athlete and wished her continued success. Emphasizing that the number of national athletes emerging from Meram has been steadily increasing, Mayor Kavuş underlined that investments in youth and sports play a significant role behind this success.



10 more new libraries for *Selçuklu*

With the protocol signed between Selçuklu Municipality and the Selçuklu District Directorate of National Education, 10 more new libraries are being brought to schools in Selçuklu. Thus, Selçuklu, which sets an example for Türkiye with its number of libraries, will increase its total number of libraries to 119

Selçuklu Municipality, which continues to carry out exemplary projects as the local government with the highest number of libraries in Türkiye, is adding new investments to its strong support for education. In this context, through the protocol signed with the Selçuklu District Directorate of National Education to facilitate students' access to information, 10 more new libraries will be brought to schools.

The protocol signing ceremony, held in the Selçuklu Municipality Council Hall, was attended by Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı and Selçuklu District Director of National Education Sami Sağdıç.

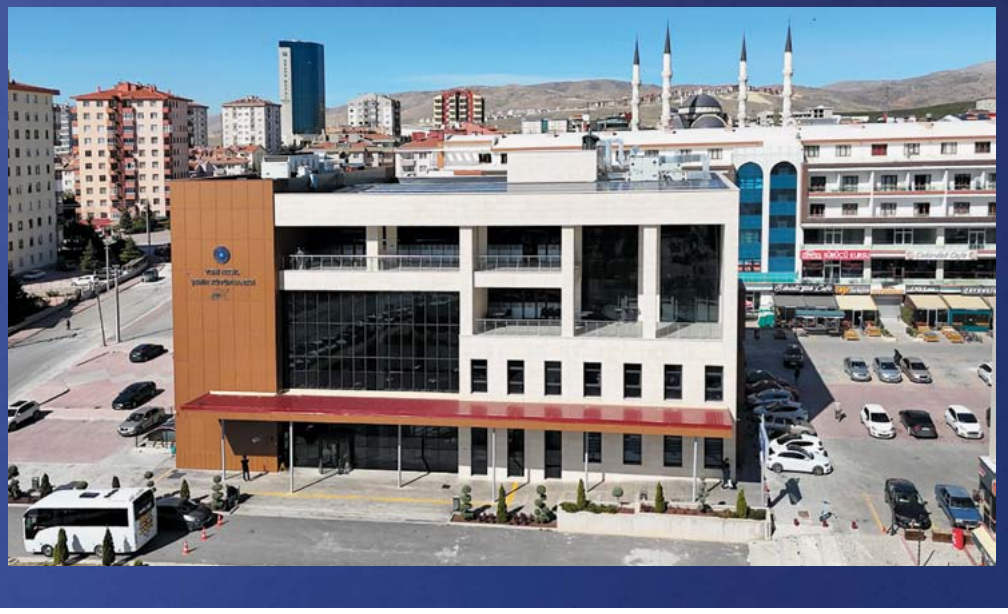


MAYOR PEKYATIRMACI: "THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF LIBRARIES IS AN IMPORTANT GAIN FOR EDUCATION"

Stating that they continue to set an example for both Konya and Türkiye with their investments in education, Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı stated that "We always maintain the strongest cooperation with our District Directorate of National Education in the field of education. Through SEDEP-SETAP programs, activities carried out within schools, and the physical investments we have made in our schools, there will be no school left untouched. Today, with the libraries we will build in 10 more schools, we will increase the number of libraries in Selçuklu to 119.

Currently, we have 100 school libraries, our New Generation City Library, our children's library, and 9 public libraries. When we increase the number of libraries in our schools, not only do our students benefit from them in the most efficient way, but in suitable schools, our citizens and residents also have the opportunity to use our libraries. In this respect, I believe that increasing the number of libraries and establishing permanent, high-quality libraries in our schools is an important gain for education.

With this protocol, we will be bringing new libraries to Sultan Mesut Primary School, Fatih Secondary School, Selçuklu Municipality Primary School, Adil Karaağaç Technical High School, Aselsan Konya Technical High School, Şerife Akkanat Primary School, Şehit Musa Esat Kaya Primary School, Nesrin and Ayşegül Kardeşler Primary School, TOKİ Ardıçlı Secondary School, and Selçuklu Municipality Fine Arts High School, which we have recently completed. I would especially like to thank our entire team, our esteemed teachers, school principals, and our SEDEP and SETAP coordinators through our District Director of National Education. The cooperation we have established in the field of education always sets an example, and the projects we have developed in Konya and Selçuklu will continue to serve as a model both in Konya and across Türkiye. I wish this protocol to be beneficial."



DISTRICT DIRECTOR SAĞDIÇ: "SELÇUKLU MUNICIPALITY IS THE GREATEST SUPPORTER OF EDUCATION"

Selçuklu District Director of National Education Sami Sağdıç said that "The investment in libraries is not merely about creating a physical space but also a significant investment in the future. Our students and young people are our future. The better equipped we prepare them for the future, the more we believe they will represent our country and us, as well as the heritage we have inherited from our ancestors, in the best possible way. Libraries are dynamic spaces that develop reading culture among our students and guide them toward knowledge and research. In fact, the accumulation within society transforms into intellectual capital there. In this sense, Selçuklu Municipality has provided us with an important service by opening libraries in 100 schools that are used by our students and young people, and even by citizens living around the schools. Today, with this protocol, we will bring libraries to 10 more schools. On behalf of our entire education community, I would like to thank Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı for the valuable support and initiatives taken by our municipality, especially the libraries included in today's protocol, as well as the out-of-school learning environments and other educational and social activities provided to our students and the District Directorate of National Education. In the libraries established in our schools by our municipality alone, there are more than half a million books. This is a clear indication of the significant service we have provided for our students. I underline that inter-institutional cooperation and acting together lead to such meaningful achievements. With this cooperation, Selçuklu wins, Konya wins. I especially see Selçuklu Municipality as a municipality devoted to education. I once again express my gratitude for all the support they have provided and wish our library cooperation protocol to be beneficial."

Following the speeches, the protocol for 10 new school libraries was signed.

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Selçuklu: Full of Culture and Art in February

The Art Academy operating under Selçuklu Municipality brings art lovers together with a series of special events. With concerts and theatre performances scheduled throughout the month, the cultural and artistic atmosphere in Selçuklu continues to flourish.

Selçuklu Municipality Art Academy hosts a month full of art with a variety of valuable concerts and theatre performances in February. While music-filled evenings will meet audiences through "Kayahan Songs," "Neşet Ertaş Folk Songs," and the "Turkish Classical Music Concert" prepared by the Art Academy Music Ensemble, theatre productions titled "Paldır Güldür Show 8," "Young Paldır Güldür Show," and "Şen Şakrak Show 3" also offer enjoyable moments for art enthusiasts.

Works of Two Unforgettable Figures of Turkish Music, Kayahan and Neşet Ertaş, to Come to Life on the Anadolu Stage of Selçuklu Congress Centre

The memorable songs of Kayahan, one of the most beloved composers of Turkish music, resonated on stage on Sunday, February 1, at 20:30. During the evening, the master artist's unforgettable works offered music lovers emotional and enthusiastic moments. Likewise, the folk songs of Neşet Ertaş, the legendary figure of Turkish folk music who holds a special place in the hearts of the Turkish people with his lyrics and saz, met listeners on the Anadolu Stage on February 15. Known as the "plectrum of the steppe," Ertaş's folk songs provided art lovers with an emotionally rich evening through the interpretation of the Art Academy Music Ensemble.

Within the scope of the events held in February; "Kayahan Songs" on February 1, "Young Paldır Güldür Show" on February 3, "Paldır Güldür Show 8" on February 7, "Turkish Classical Music Concert" on February 8, "Neşet Ertaş Folk Songs" on February 15, and the theatre play "Şen Şakrak Show 3" on February 16 met art lovers. Tickets for all events were free of charge via the Selçuklu PASS website on the specified dates.

Mayor Pekyatırmacı: "I Invite All Our Citizens to Take Part in These Valuable Events"

Emphasizing that the Selçuklu Art Academy makes significant contributions to the city's cultural and artistic life and enables individuals of all age groups to discover their talents, Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı stated that "As Selçuklu Municipality, we set high standards in the field of culture and art, just as we do in every area. Our Art Academy always brings art lovers together through the concerts and theatre performances. The unforgettable works of legendary figures of the Turkish art world meet art lovers at these events. Within this comprehensive program spanning from music to theatre, we experience the joy of art together. Art-filled evenings with beloved works and successful stage performances await art lovers. Receiving the reward of our efforts through such beautiful events in line with our goal of making Selçuklu a capital of culture and art makes us especially happy. I invite all our citizens to participate in these valuable events and to meet art at our Art Academy."

Feb 1 — Kayahan Songs

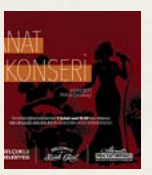


Feb 3 — Young Paldır Güldür Show



Feb 7 — Paldır Güldür Show 8

Feb 8 — Turkish Classical Music Concert



Feb 15 — Neşet Ertaş Folk Songs



Feb 16 — Şen Şakrak Show 3



Bigger than many cities

According to TÜİK's 2025 population data, Selçuklu once again became the most populous district of Konya. Based on the Address-Based Population Registration System, Selçuklu, with a population of 703,449 in 2025, surpassed 50 provinces and preserved its place among Türkiye's largest districts. Thus, Selçuklu's population increased by 3,091 people.

According to TÜİK data, Yazır Neighborhood ranked first with a population of 69,553, followed by Bosna Hersek Neighbourhood with 40,206 residents, and Sancak Neighbourhood with 38,338 residents.

According to the latest data, Türkiye's population as of December 31, 2025 increased by 427,224 compared to the previous year, reaching 86,092,168. Konya's population also rose by 13,385 to 2,343,409.



Selçuklu Municipality Art and Design Workshop Hosts International Meeting through Erasmus+ "Sen Games"

Holding an important place among out-of-school learning environments in Selçuklu, the Selçuklu Municipality Art and Design Workshop hosted students and teachers who came to the city within the scope of the "Sen Games" KA210 Erasmus+ Project carried out by Abidin Saniye Erçal Primary School.

Operating under Selçuklu Municipality's Art, Education and Technology Workshop Programs (SETAP), the Selçuklu Municipality Art and Design Workshop welcomed students and teachers visiting the city as part of the "Sen Games" KA210 Erasmus+ Project conducted by Abidin Saniye Erçal Primary School. Within the scope of the visit, a delegation of 23 people—consisting of 8 staff members and 15 students from partner institutions—had the opportunity to tour the workshops and closely observe the ongoing activities. During the visit, students participated in activities organized in the Tile Art, Paper Coating, and Woodworking workshops, gaining opportunities to develop their skills.



Through the activities carried out, it was aimed to enhance students' cultural interaction and to strengthen their interest in art and design.

Mayor Pekyatırmacı: "Our Selçuklu Municipality Art and Design Workshop is a visionary educational space"

Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı stated that "Selçuklu Municipality attaches great importance to the multidimensional development of children and young people.
As Selçuklu Municipality, we believe that building the future of our city and our country starts today through quality education and a well-equipped younger generation. Our Selçuklu Municipality Art and Design Workshop, which we have implemented under the SETAP umbrella, is a visionary educational space where our children can develop their artistic, cultural, and technological skills together. The presence of students from different countries here within the scope of international projects such as Erasmus+ is not merely a visit; it is a strong example of intercultural learning, shared production, and a universal perspective. I believe that these interactions will contribute to our children viewing the world from a broader perspective and moving toward the future with more confident steps. I would like to thank the project partners, our teachers, and our students for this meaningful visit."

A FIRST IN KONYA'S HISTORY

Karatay champion

Karatay Belediyespor Club achieved a historic first in Konya's wrestling history by becoming the Turkish Team Champion at the U17 Greco-Roman Wrestling Turkey Championship.

At the U17 Greco-Roman Wrestling Turkey Championship held between 3–8 February 2026 in Darıca, Kocaeli, with the participation of 323 athletes from 81 provinces, Karatay Belediyespor Club collected 79 points and secured the Turkish team championship in the overall standings.

Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports Hamza Yerlikaya, who followed the matches on site, presented the medals to the athletes and attended the trophy ceremony.

In the team rankings, Hendek Olympic Sports Club placed second with 74 points, followed by Manisa Metropolitan Municipality in third place with 71 points, after Karatay Belediyespor Club. The athletes who placed on behalf of Karatay Belediyespor Club in the championship were as follows: Mustafa Kerem Karaköse finished second in Türkiye in the 48 kg category, while Mustafa Kenan Çelik in 51 kg, Emirhan Çakır in 71 kg, and Ali Sadi Özpınar in 80 kg finished third in Türkiye.



NATIONAL DUTY FOR KARATAY COACH ÖZYURT

Meanwhile, Aytullah Özyurt, one of the coaches of Karatay Belediyespor Club, was appointed as a coach of the U17 Greco-Roman National Wrestling Team.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM HASAN KILCA TO THE WRESTLING TEAM

Karatay Mayor Hasan Kılca congratulated the athletes and coaches on the championship achieved by the Wrestling Team.

Kılca added that as Karatay Municipality they will continue to support sports and athletes and noted that efforts will continue with the understanding of "Karatay, the Star of Sports."

U16 FOOTBALL TEAM TO REPRESENT KARATAY

at the Turkish Championship

Karatay Belediyespor Club U16 Football Team became the Konya Champion after defeating Öntur Havzanspor 4-0 in the Play-Off finals. With this result, the Karatay representative earned the right to represent Konya at the Turkish Championship.

Competing in the 2025-2026 Football Season Konya Amateur League U16 division, Karatay Belediyespor Club U16 Football Team completed the regular season as undefeated leaders with 15 wins and 1 draw. Continuing their successful performance in the provincial finals, the team won all three matches in Group B and finished at the top of the group.



Carrying their consistent performance throughout the season into the Play-Off final, the U16 team secured the championship by defeating their opponent with a decisive score. The team, which has not experienced defeat in any of its matches, aims to maintain the same level of success at the Turkish Championship.

KILCA: I WISH OUR ATHLETES SUCCESS AT THE TURKISH CHAMPIONSHIP

Karatay Mayor Hasan Kılca congratulated the Karatay Belediyespor Club U16 Football Team for becoming Konya Champions.

Mayor Hasan Kılca said that "The determination, perseverance, and team spirit displayed by our athletes in the final match made us proud. I thank all our athletes, our technical staff, and their families who contributed to this success, and I wish our team success at the Turkish Championship."

Berk Esergün Crowned Turkish Champion in Weightlifting



Karatay Belediyespor Club Weightlifting Team athlete Berk Esergün crowned Karatay's sporting success with a gold medal he won at the Turkish Weightlifting Championship.

The Karatay Belediyespor Club Weightlifting Team drew attention with its performance at the Turkish Weightlifting Championship held in Tokat.

Approximately 600 athletes competed in the Recep Yazıcıoğlu Stars, Youth and Seniors Individual Turkish Weightlifting Championship organized by the Turkish Weightlifting Federation between January 27 and February 1, 2026.

Karatay Belediyespor Club Weightlifting Team athlete Berk Esergün achieved a significant success in the competition. Competing in the 79 kg category, the athlete lifted 110 kilograms in the snatch and 155 kilograms in the clean and jerk, reaching a total of 265 kilograms. With this result, Esergün won the gold medal and became the Turkish champion, making his club and Konya proud.

KILCA: KARATAY CONTINUES TO BE A STAR IN SPORTS

Karatay Mayor Hasan Kılca congratulated all athletes who competed in the Turkish Weightlifting Championship and emphasized that they believe Karatay will continue to achieve new successes in all branches of sports.



Kılca said: "We continue our efforts to stand by our young people in every field of sports and to contribute to their development. As Karatay Municipality, we will continue to encourage the youth to engage in sports and to support them throughout their journey of success."

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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS COME TOGETHER FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM



Karatay Mayor Hasan Kılca attended the UCLG-MEWA Culture and Tourism Committee meeting held in Muğla

The Presidency Board and Committee Meeting of the UCLG-MEWA Culture and Tourism Committee was hosted by Muğla Metropolitan Municipality.

In addition to representatives of local governments from Türkiye, senior officials from various countries and international organizations also attended the meeting.

Jordi Pascual, Deputy Secretary General for Knowledge and Co-Creation of UCLG and Coordinator of the Culture Committee, joined the meeting online from Barcelona.

Among the attendees were Karatay Mayor Hasan Kılca, Co-Chair of the UCLG-MEWA Culture and Tourism Committee; Şanlıurfa Metropolitan Municipality Mayor and UCLG-MEWA Co-President Mehmet Kasım Gülpınar; and Ürgüp Mayor Ali Ertuğrul Bul.

The meeting was organized to ensure that culture and tourism policies at the local government level are grounded in scientific principles, to strengthen sustainable and inclusive approaches, and to enhance multi-stakeholder cooperation in the MEWA region.



DUMAN: CULTURE AND TOURISM PLAY A DECISIVE ROLE

UCLG-MEWA Secretary General Dr. Mehmet Duman stated that the discussions held throughout the day clearly demonstrated that culture and tourism play a decisive role on the agenda of local governments.

Karatay Mayor Hasan Kılca mentioned about Karatay's cultural, historical, and touristic values to international participants.

Hasan Kılca stated that excavations at the ancient city of Savatra have revealed findings shedding light on the Roman and early Christian periods, and that the restored Obruk Caravanserai Museum Hotel contributes to cultural tourism with its location on the Silk Road.

VSR TÜRKİYE PROCESS DISCUSSED IN KARATAY



Hosted by Karatay Municipality, the "VSR Türkiye Workshop" was held to contribute to the local-level assessment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The VSR Türkiye Report is planned to be shared with the public in March 2026.

Karatay students discover their future at career days

The Karatay Youth Council organised a "Career Days" programme for 11th-grade students studying at high schools in Karatay.

As part of the programme carried out under the organisation of the Karatay Youth Council, experts who are well-equipped in their fields and have professional experience met with students at Mevlana Girls' Imam Hatip High School, 15 July Martyrs Anatolian High School, and Celaleddin Karatay Agricultural Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School.



Aiming to contribute to high school students' career planning, the programme included discussions on choosing a profession, the university process, and setting future goals.

Karatay Mayor Hasan Kılca stated that, thanks to the Career Days programme, students preparing for university had the chance to meet experts in their fields and learn about professions directly from experienced guests.

KARATAY IN PURSUIT OF INVENTION



Organised in cooperation with Karatay Municipality, Karatay District Directorate of National Education, and Kılıçarslan Borsa Istanbul Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School, "ROBOFEST KONYA" is bringing together young robotics and technology enthusiasts for the third time. The final application date has been set as 27 March 2026, and the competitions will be held on 20-21-22 April 2026 at the Konya Sports and Congress Centre.

RAMADAN in KONYA *a city united* IN FAITH, SOLIDARITY and SHARED BLESSINGS

By **Doğa İşkan**

As the holy month of Ramadan embraces Konya, the city transforms into a landscape of light, reflection and generosity. Known as one of Türkiye's spiritual capitals, Konya carries a deep-rooted Ramadan tradition shaped by centuries of Seljuk and Ottoman heritage. In Konya, Ramadan is not only a time of fasting — it is a time of togetherness.

Konya's connection to Mevlânâ Celâleddîn-i Rûmî gives Ramadan here a unique dimension. His message of love, tolerance and unity resonates deeply during this sacred month.

From the peaceful courtyards surrounding the Mevlana Museum to neighbourhood iftar tables, the spirit of sharing defines the city throughout the month

A CITY OF SPIRITUAL ATMOSPHERE

Throughout Ramadan, the area around the Mevlana Square becomes the heart of spiritual gatherings. Worshippers fill mosques for Tarawih prayers, while families stroll through illuminated streets after iftar. The recitation of the Qur'an echoes from historic mosques such as Sultan Selim Mosque, Aziziye Mosque, and Şerafettin Mosque, strengthening the spiritual rhythm of the city.

THE SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY AND SOCIAL SUPPORT

Ramadan in Konya is strongly marked by acts of generosity. Konya Metropolitan Municipality and district municipalities organize:

- **Large-scale public iftar dinner programs**
- **Food parcel distributions for families in need**
- **Social support cards**
- **Hot meal services delivered to elderly and disabled residents**

Volunteer groups and charitable organizations prepare thousands of food packages containing essential staples such as flour, rice, oil, sugar and tea. The long-standing Anatolian tradition of "asking about your neighbour before yourself" is clearly visible during Ramadan in Konya.

CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

Ramadan in Konya is also enriched by a wide program of cultural activities. Events typically include:

- **Qur'an recitation programs**
- **Sufi music concerts**
- **Whirling dervish (Sema) ceremonies**
- **Religious talks and conferences**
- **Children's Ramadan workshops**
- **Karagöz & Hacivat**

PUBLIC IFTAR TABLES: SHARED BLESSINGS

One of the most visible symbols of Ramadan unity in Konya is the communal iftar table. Hundreds — sometimes thousands — of people break their fast together, sharing both food and conversation. These gatherings reinforce social harmony and a strong sense of belonging.

RAMADAN MARKETS AND TRADITIONAL FLAVOURS

Ramadan bazaars bring nostalgic charm to the city. Vendors sell:

- **Traditional sweets**
- **Dates and dried fruits**
- **Handcrafted gifts**
- **Religious books**

Before sunset, the aroma of fresh pide fills the streets as residents line up for warm bread for iftar.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Universities and student communities play an active role during Ramadan. Young people participate in:

- **Food distribution projects**
- **Visiting elderly residents**
- **Mosque cleaning activities**
- **Social media charity campaigns**

This engagement helps the spirit of solidarity continue across generations.

In Konya, Ramadan is lived not only through fasting, but through fellowship.

KARATAY MADRASAH
(MUSEUM OF TILE WORKS)

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Hasan KILCA
KARATAY BELEDİYE BAŞKANI



From Wool to Soap

Selçuk University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine academic Associate Professor Dr. Esat Sami Polat produced soap from keratin obtained from sheep wool within the Ministry of Industry and Technology's "Local Development Initiative," with the support of the university's Technokent.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Polat said he has been working since around 2006 to bring sheep wool into the economy and that these studies led to keratin production from wool.

He noted that keratin is a valuable protein source containing 18 amino acids and is used in cosmetics, medicine, and industry, including applications such as tissue repair and protective coatings.

'91% EQUIVALENT TO HUMAN KERATIN'

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Polat said sheep wool keratin is 91 percent identical to human keratin and can substitute for it, adding that keratin soap can provide cleansing and protective effects on hair and skin, especially against sunlight.



Hope from the sky, risk on the ground

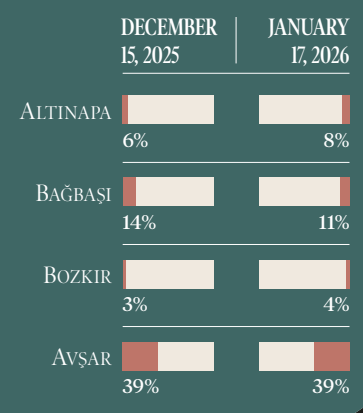
The recent increase in snowfall and heavy rainfall in Konya has brought hope for water resources under the threat of drought. However, the occupancy rates of the dams supplying drinking and domestic water to the city centre are still below the desired levels. While Altınapa Dam recorded a 33 percent increase over approximately one month, a decrease in Bağbaşı Dam has drawn attention. Bozkır Dam showed a limited increase, while the water level in Afşar Dam remained unchanged.

In Konya, which is under the severe impact of drought, climate change and precipitation remaining below seasonal averages make water consumption even more critical. With snowfall and heavy rainfall affecting the city as part of the nationwide weather system, what are the current occupancy rates of the dams supplying Konya's water needs? Here are the details...

Following the recent rainfall in Konya, the occupancy rate of Altınapa Dam, which supplies drinking and domestic water to the city centre, was measured at 8 %, while the rate at Bağbaşı Dam remained at 11 %. Between December 15, 2025, and January 17, 2026, dam occupancy rates in Konya and its surrounding areas showed varying trends. While some dams experienced limited increases, declines were observed in others. The occupancy rate of Altınapa Dam was measured at 6 percent, rising to 8 percent as of January 17, 2026. A similar situation was observed at Bozkır Dam, where the occupancy rate increased from 3 percent in December to 4 percent in January. In contrast, Bağbaşı Dam experienced a decrease. The occupancy rate, which was 14 percent on December 15, dropped to 11 percent on January 17. The rate of Afşar Dam remained unchanged at 39 percent on both dates.

Selected dams (%)

DAM OCCUPANCY RATES ARE BELOW THE DESIRED LEVEL



Step into history



Selçuklu Municipality's restorations in historic Sille are driving strong visitor interest and tourism in Konya

SILLE MUSEUMS
324,873
VISITORS • 2025

In 2025, Aya Elenia, the Time Museum, and the Sille Museum welcomed a total of 324,873 visitors. Sille, one of Konya's oldest settlements, continues to draw strong interest thanks to restoration works by Selçuklu Municipality.

The Sille Museum features key heritage exhibits such as the Kisve-i Şerif, manuscripts, scale models, pottery and carpets, while Turkey's first Time Museum (restored in 2012) displays historic clocks, calendars and sundial examples. Aya Elenia—built in 327 by Helena and known as the world's oldest standing church—now serves as a museum; all three sites are open 09:00–18:00, six days a week except Mondays.



Video Mapping Shows at Taş Bina Create a New "Light Route" in Konya City Centre

Video mapping shows at Taş Bina, one of Konya's key historic landmarks, have added a new visual attraction to the city centre. Organized by Konya Metropolitan Municipality, the projections turn the building's façade into a digital canvas, blending modern technology with Konya's cultural heritage.

The performances have increased evening activity around Taş Bina, drawing strong interest from residents and visitors and strengthening the city's nighttime atmosphere. The municipality stated that similar cultural events will continue, expanding this emerging "light route" and supporting Konya's cultural tourism.

Colourful Wheat Biscuits Against Alzheimer's, Diabetes and Cancer

As part of a TÜBİTAK-supported project at Selçuk University, researchers produced biscuits from non-GMO purple and blue wheat varieties rich in antioxidants. The team aims to transform locally grown colourful wheat into high value-added functional foods that may support health against major chronic conditions such as diabetes, Alzheimer's and cancer.

Led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hayati Akman and his team under the TÜBİTAK-1002 programme, the study evaluated 20 black, purple and blue wheat genotypes and identified the most suitable varieties for biscuit production through scientific and technological analyses. Akman emphasized that the biscuits contain no additives and gain their colour naturally from the wheat's genetics, not artificial dyes.

Prof. Dr. Gökhan Zengin, who conducted the health analyses, noted that these varieties offer promising cellular-level benefits and described the biscuits as functional products that can help increase body resistance and support cell regeneration. The project team stated that mass production and the first prototype phase have been reached for 2026, and further functional products are planned beyond biscuits.





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(A dish of lamb's shank and ground wheat)



Piruhi
(Boiled dumplings seved with walnuts and butter)

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RESTORAN

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(Old Ataturk Stadium)

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At the heart of Konya's cultural life, Selçuklu Congress Center (SKM) welcomes the new year with a rich and vibrant programme. From concerts and theatre performances to congresses and special shows, January and February turn SKM into a dynamic meeting point for art, music and culture



Amadeus
THEATRE
9 January 2026
Konya Stage

Geç Kalanlar
THEATRE
11 January 2026
Konya Stage

Melis Fis
CONCERT
17 January 2026
Anatolia Stage

Dracula
THEATRE
27 January 2026
Anatolia Stage

Genç Paldır Güldür Show
THEATRE
3 February 2026
Anatolia Stage

Kenan Doğulu
CONCERT
4 February 2026
Anatolia Stage

Legendary Dinosaurs 2: The Mysterious Passage
21 February 2026
Selçuklu Congress Centre

1st National Dental Congress of Konya
6–8 February 2026
Selçuklu Congress Centre

Melis Fis
CONCERT
17 February 2026
Anatolia Stage

Paldır Güldür Show 8
THEATRE
7 February 2026
Anatolia Stage

Şen Şakrak Show 3
THEATRE
16 February 2026
Anatolia Stage

Turkish Classical Music
CONCERT
8 February 2026
Anatolia Stage

Songs of Neşet Ertaş
CONCERT
15 February 2026
Anatolia Stage

Nilüfer
CONCERT
14 February 2026
Anatolia Stage

Gökhan Türkmen
CONCERT
13 February 2026
Anatolia Stage

Ayna
CONCERT
12 February 2026
Anatolia Stage

Feridun Düzağaç
CONCERT
11 February 2026
Anatolia Stage

Mert Demir
CONCERT
10 February 2026
Anatolia Stage

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Konya Metropolitan Municipality U23 Judo Team

Finishes Second in Türkiye

At the Spor Toto U23 Türkiye Judo Championship hosted by Konya, the Konya Metropolitan Municipality Sports Club Judo Team left its mark on the tournament. In the championship, which featured intense competition, Metropolitan judokas won a total of 6 medals—2 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze—finishing the tournament in second place overall

The Konya Metropolitan Municipality Sports Club Judo Team achieved second place as a team with 6 medals at the Spor Toto U23 Türkiye Judo Championship held in Konya.

Included in the Turkish Judo Federation's 2026 activity program and serving as a reference event for international competitions, the Spor Toto U23 Türkiye Judo Championship took place on January 27–28, 2026, at the Karatay Congress and Sports Hall in Konya.

A total of 895 athletes—452 men and 443 women—competed on the tatami in this major organization. Hosting many prominent athletes, the championship was held on six mats for the first time in the history of Turkish judo.

METROPOLITAN TEAM CLAIMS SECOND PLACE





In this major event, the Konya Metropolitan Municipality Sports Club competed with 10 athletes. The yellow-and-black judokas won a total of 6 medals—2 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze—finishing the championship as Türkiye's second-best team.

One of the proudest moments of the organization occurred in the women's 40 kg final, where two athletes from the Metropolitan team faced each other. Havva Sena Tokmak and Vuslat Başak both advanced to the final by defeating all their opponents, becoming a source of pride for the club.

The medal-winning athletes for the Metropolitan team were as follows:

Havva Sena Tokmak
(40 kg) GOLD MEDAL

Selin Beştav
(63 kg) GOLD MEDAL

Vuslat Başak
(40 kg) SILVER MEDAL

Süleyman Tekin
(66 kg) SILVER MEDAL

Mehmet Ali Aydoğdu
(90 kg) SILVER MEDAL

Muhammet Hamza Aydilek
(+90) kg BRONZE MEDAL

Golden Start in Portugal for Ramazan Yılmaz

Ramazan Yılmaz and Mustafa Tarakcı, athletes of the Konya Metropolitan Municipality Sports Club Cycling Team, successfully represented both their city and Türkiye at the Trofeu Internacional Artur De Lopez Track Cycling Races held in Portugal. Competing in the yellow-and-black jersey, Yılmaz outperformed all his rivals to claim the gold medal.

Included in the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) 2026 activity program, the Trofeu Internacional Artur De Lopez Track Cycling Races were held on January 16–17, 2026, in Anadia, Portugal.

Competing in the U23 Elimination category, Konya Metropolitan Municipality Sports Club cyclist Ramazan Yılmaz delivered an outstanding performance, surpassing all his competitors to take first place. This gold medal, earned at the first international event of the season, once again demonstrated how confidently the young athlete has started the 2026 season.

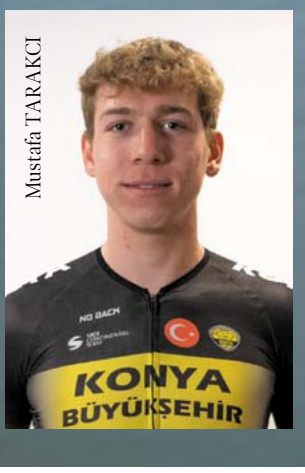
Having drawn attention throughout his career with achievements in national championships and various international competitions, Yılmaz continued his steady rise in Portugal.



Konya Metropolitan Municipality Sports Club cyclist Ramazan Yılmaz



Ramazan YILMAZ



Mustafa TARAKCI

The victory in Portugal also served as an important message ahead of the European Track Cycling Championships held in Konya between February 1–5.

While the Konya Metropolitan Municipality Sports Club Cycling Team continues to raise its success profile on national and international platforms with athletes developed through its youth system, Ramazan Yılmaz's gold medal in Portugal was recorded as one of the club's most valuable season openings.

Another Metropolitan Municipality Sports Club cyclist, Mustafa Tarakcı, who also competed in the Trofeu Internacional Artur De Lopez Track Cycling Races, received praise for his performance.

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Konya defeated Galatasaray at home

By **Ertuğrul Yıldırım**

Tümosan Konyaspor hosted Galatasaray in the 23rd week of the Trendyol Süper Lig. Our team left the match at the MEDAŞ Konya Metropolitan Stadium with a 2–0 victory



Our Head Coach İlhan Palut started the match with the following starting eleven: Bahadır Han Güngördü, Yhoan Andzouana, Uğurcan Yazğılı, Adil Demirbağ, Arif Boşluk (87' Yasir Subaşı), Melih İbrahimoğlu, Berkan Kutlu, Kazeem Olaigbe (72' Enis Bardhi), Deniz Türüç (87' Marko Jevtovic), Morten Bjorlo and Jackson Muleka (66' Blaz Kramer).

The first half of the match, which featured mutual attacks, ended goalless.

In the second half, we secured a 2–0 victory with goals from Adil Demirbağ in the 75th minute and Blaz Kramer in the 81st minute. With this result, Tümosan Konyaspor reached 23 points in the league.

Our team will begin preparations for the away match against Rams Başakşehir in the 24th week of the Trendyol Süper Lig with a training session on Sunday, February 22 at 12:00.



We have signed a 1.5-year contract with head coach İlhan Palut

Head Coach İlhan Palut, who signed a 1.5-year contract, will work with a technical team consisting of Ersan Parlatan, Osman Demir, Bekir Arpacı, Çağatay Turan, Erkan Akkoç and Hacı Çetin.

In his statement following the signing, our new head coach said that he was very excited and that they want to present a Konyaspor focused on winning.

"Best wishes to the Konyaspor community. I am truly very happy. Together with my team, I will give my full effort to return the club to those successful days I mentioned. I hope it will be beneficial and successful.

I evaluate each match individually. The cup is, of course, very important. Even if our position in the league is currently critical, we do not have the luxury of considering the cup competition less important.

Since Konyaspor is in a position in the league that it did not expect, we need to move away from this situation quickly. There is no need to look too far ahead; we want to make a good start with the next two matches. We want to present a Konyaspor that plays with a focus on winning."