

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS*

JANUARY :

- 10 The American Under Secretary of State Warren Christopher came to Ankara
- 26 Prime Minister Bülent Ecevit departed for Lybia to pay an official visit

FEBRUARY :

- 1 Editor in Chief of Milliyet Abdi İpekçi was murdered
- 14 The Turkish Republic has officially recognised the Khomeini regime in Iran

MARCH

- 3 The Minister of Commerce Teoman Köprülüler went to Lybia to attend the International Fair of Lybia
- 4 The Minister of Social Security Hilmi İşgüzar left for France to attend the meeting of the European Ministers of Social Security at Strasbourg
- 6 Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State Hikmet Çetin departed for Bulgaria to hold talks with Bulgarian officials
- 11 The Commander of European Allied Forces of NATO General Alexander Haig arrived to Ankara from Brussels
- 13 Iran and Pakistan communicated to the Turkish Government their official withdrawal from the Central Treaty Organization (CENTO)
- 24 The Secretary General of the OECD Emile Van Lennep came to Turkey for negotiations in development assistance
- 28 An International Seminar organized by the Human Rights Center of the Faculty of Political Science began in Ankara

APRIL

- 2 The Commander of the Southern Europe Allied Forces Mario Bini came to Turkey to pay an official visit
- 3 Saudi Arabian Minister of Finance and National Economy Mohamed Abuhail came to Turkey for an official visit

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- 12 Vice-President of Indonesia Adam Malik arrived in Ankara to pay an official visit
- 13 The Chief of Staff of the Turkish Armed Forces General of Army Kenan Evren departed for Bagdad to pay an official visit
- 20 The Foreign Minister Gündüz Ökçün went to United Arab Emirates to negotiate the new economic perspectives between the two countries
- 24 The Commander of European Air Forces of US Army General John Paul came to Ankara with the Commander of Southern Europe Allied Forces of NATO

MAY

- 1 The abolishment of CENTO was officially announced
The Common Defense Installations of Karamürsel which were under American control for some 28 years were transferred to Turkish Navy
- 7 The US Under Secretary of State Warren Christopher arrived to Ankara for negotiations on military bases and economic assistance

JUNE

- 3 The Minister of Tourism and Information Alev Coşkun left for Greece to have official talks
- 7 A delegation headed by the Minister of Youth, Family and Health of the Federal Republic of Germany had talks with the Minister of Health and Social Assistance Mete Tan
- 9 The Foreign Minister Gündüz Ökçün departed for Iran to have talks with his Iranian counterpart İbrahim Yazdı
- 13 Upon the completion of talks between the Minister of Finance Ziya Müezzinoğlu and the Director of IMF Jacques de la Rosière the achievement of a "Stand-by" agreement was announced
- 25 Visit of the Bulgarian Foreign Minister Peter Mladenov

JULY

- 9 Chief of the Bulgarian State Todor Jivkov arrived in Antalya to have official talks with Prime Minister Bülent Ecevit
- 10 The seizure of the Embassy of Egypt in Ankara by 4 Palestinian Guerillas took place

AUGUST

- 13 The Foreign Minister of Sierra Leone Dr. Abulai Osman Conteh came to Turkey

- 20 Stephen Solarz, American Congressman arrived in Ankara
- 22 Vice-Consul of Turkey in Geneva Niyazi Adalı was wounded by the attack of Armenian terrorists

SEPTEMBER

- 5 A delegation of the Justice Party left for Bonn to have talks with the German CDU-CSU authorities
- 6 General Rogers, recently appointed Commander of European Allied Forces was received by Prime Minister Bülent Ecevit
- 11 A Saudi Arabian delegation headed by the President of the House of Commerce of Jeddah Abu Daoud arrived in Ankara to have talks with Turkish officials
- 26 The Lybian Minister of Culture and Information Mohammed al Shuveidi came in Ankara for an official visit

OCTOBER

- 5 The PLO Bureau in Ankara was opened by the leader of PLO Yaser Arafat
- 12 The son of the Turkish Ambassador in The Hague, Ahmet Benler (27) was wounded by Armenian terrorists
- 20 The Congress of News Agencies of Islamic Countries began in İstanbul

NOVEMBER

- 12 The new Government of the Turkish Republic was formed by Süleyman Demirel leader of the Justice Party
- 24 The First Commercial Fair of Islamic Countries opened in İstanbul

DECEMBER

- 1 The Commander in Chief of NATO Bernard Davies came to Ankara
- 7 Cavit Orhan Tütengil, Professor of Sociology at the Faculty of Economics in İstanbul was murdered
- 8 The Foreign Minister Hayrettin Erkmen, the Minister on National Defense Ahmet İhsan Kırımhoğlu and the Chief of the Staff Kenan Evren left for Brussels to participate in the winter session meetings of NATO
- 22 The Director of the Turkish Bureau of Tourism and Information in Paris, Yılmaz Çolpan, was murdered by Armenian terrorists in the Champs-Élysées Avenue.