



REPUBLIC DAY OF TURKEY

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF TURKEY



blessed cause. I would like to thank all our deputies who have served our country under the roof of The Grand National Assembly of Turkey, from the First Assembly until today, as distinguished representatives of the national will and who have paid the price when necessary.

I implore Allah the Almighty to grant success to our security forces, who selflessly perform their duties at our frontiers and within our borders for the perpetuity of Turkey, and the serenity, security and well-being of our esteemed nation.

I would like to congratulate wholeheartedly our businesspeople, non-governmental organizations and civil servants who proudly wave our glorious flag in all corners of the world.

With the strength we get from our deep-rooted history and long-established values, we, as 84 million people, being one and together, continue our efforts to aggrandize Turkey and steer it towards reaching its goals.

Thanks to the strength and capacity of our health infrastructure, we have successfully managed and left behind the most severe phase of the coronavirus pandemic that has deeply shaken the whole world.

Likewise, in 2020, when the global economy experienced a contraction of more than 3 percent, we ended the year with a growth rate of 1.8 percent.

We have not allowed any weakness to occur in any matter, ranging from the fight against terrorism to public security, from investments to the operations we have carried out beyond

our borders.

In this process, our strong support to our Libyan brothers who are facing attacks from coup plotters, and to the Azerbaijani Turks who were fighting against the occupation in Karabakh has, thanks be to Allah, changed the fate of both countries.

While the coup plotters were defeated in Libya, our Azerbaijani brothers also regained their own territories after nearly 30 years of occupation.

We have also foiled the attempts to exclude our country and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus from the hydrocarbon resources in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Despite the difficult epidemic conditions, these successes we have achieved in economy, domestic politics and foreign policy are important signs that show the effectiveness of the Presidential Government System, as well as the strong infrastructure of our country.

We have been carrying on this momentum we have gained last year, also in 2021, by further strengthening it, thanks be to Allah, in all areas, starting with the economy, production and exports.

As the 100th anniversary of our Republic now clearly appears in the horizon, we will not allow any power, dirty scenario, insidious attack aiming to stumble Turkey, to deter us from our path.

As a nation, we will fight for the realization of our cause for a great and strong Turkey, by clinging on to our unity, togetherness and brotherhood, which are our greatest assurances.

In this holy struggle we carry on, the will of steel, which led the national struggle to victory and gave life to our Republic, will continue to be our guide today, as it has been for the last 98 years.

With these thoughts, I would like to congratulate our 29 October Republic Day once again and wish our nation health, serenity and well-being.

May the souls of our martyrs rest in peace!

Happy 98th anniversary to our Republic!

Recep Tayyip Erdogan
President of Turkey

MESSAGE FROM THE AMBASSADOR OF TURKEY



further on this solid foundation.

Our trade is booming despite pandemic, expected to reach 1.2 billion USD in 2021. Turkish investors have already recognized Bangladesh as a land of opportunities, and begun to invest in key sectors of the economy such as energy, consumer goods and RMG. Turkish Airlines have increased the number of their flights to 12 a week. Businesses from our countries are meeting at online and offline B2B meetings. A high-level business delegation led by Bangladesh-Turkey Business Council of DEIK (Foreign Economic Relations Board) is expected to visit Bangladesh in November.

On 20 October 2021, we have launched the Bangladesh-Turkey Business Platform (BTBP) in Dhaka. Bringing together six major Turkish companies operating in Bangladesh and seven prominent Bangladeshi companies who are doing business with Turkey, BTBP will promote better relations between our countries and facilitate partnerships based on our shared values.

Indeed, our shared values date back to the times of Hazrat Shah Jalal, whose mother was from Konya, the Turkish city where Hazrat Mawlana Jelaleddin Rumi lived. I have recently visited Sylhet, the city of saints, where Hazrat Shah Jalal's shrine is revered and visited by millions who respect him and his wisdom. Konya and Sylhet are sister cities, bringing us closer.

On this joyful day, I would also like to highlight another shared value we have: hospitality towards foreigners and particularly those in need. Both of our countries host millions of refugees, 4 million Syrians in Turkey and over 1 million Rohingyas in Bangladesh. We set the standards for humanity in taking care of the vulnerable people fleeing persecution and violence. That is why Turkey is best placed to understand the generosity of Bangladesh and always stands in solidarity with the Government of Bangladesh.

In the years to come, Turkey is determined to develop its partnership with Bangladesh further based on our shared interests and for the mutual well-being of our peoples. Mutual visits at the highest level will certainly strengthen our bilateral relations. While we celebrate the 98th anniversary of the Republic of Turkey, we also wish well the Government and the People of Bangladesh on their 50th anniversary of the independence of Bangladesh and the Mujib Borsho. Long live Turkey-Bangladesh friendship!

Mustafa Osman Turan
Ambassador of Turkey to Bangladesh

I extend my congratulations to our citizens living in Turkey and abroad, and to all our friends who share this proud day with us, which is one of the golden rings of our glorious history, on the occasion of the 29 October Republic Day.

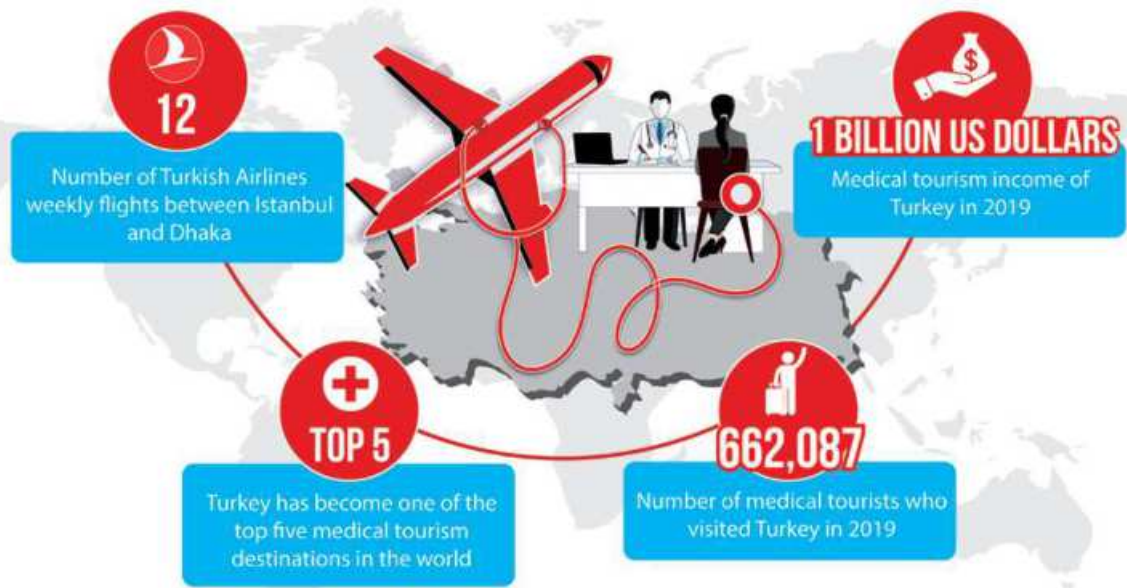
I commemorate Ghazi Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of our Republic, and his heroic comrades-in-arms with gratitude on the 98th anniversary of its proclamation.

I wish the mercy of Allah the Almighty upon our holy martyrs who entrusted this homeland to us at the cost of their lives.

I would like to express my gratitude on behalf of myself, my country and my nation to our veterans who were honoured with the title of war veterans while fighting for the same

A preferred country for medical tourism

MEDICAL TOURISM IN TURKEY



During pandemic, Turkey has become one of the medical tourism destinations for Bangladeshis. Turkish Airlines is now flying 12 times a week. Two direct flights operate during 5 days of the week between the two countries.

Turkey is chosen by Bangladeshi people for medical purposes because Turkish and Bangladeshi peoples

share the same culture, religion and halal food. Turkey offers medical service at reasonable prices with high-tech devices, experienced doctors for patients who visit the country for medical purpose. Foreigners coming from all around the world including Europe and the US visit Turkey for operations of all kinds including plastic surgeries, dental treatments, assisted pregnancy and general

medicine.

The medical treatment facilities in Turkey are one of the best. Turkey in the past 10 years, has become one of the top five medical tourism destinations in the world. As a global hub for healthcare tourism, Turkey has invested in large medical facilities with 3,500 beds and state of the art medical equipment and service. All patients are informed about the process before their arrival, including which doctor to visit, what kind of operation to be carried out.

During the coronavirus pandemic, Turkey was one of the safest and most secure countries for medical treatment. Turkey has become a health tourism destination with limited period of lockdown and necessary measures taken against the pandemic.

Turkey is well-known for its touristic attractions and patients can pursue a procedure while enjoying Turkey as a vacation destination.



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