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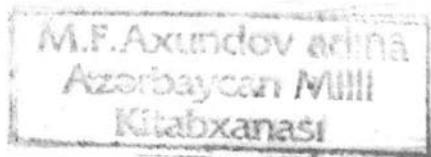
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## INTRODUCTION

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*It isn't in vain that, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk had been declared the great personality of the 20th century by UNESCO. Ataturk was a specimen for Heydar Aliyev and he constantly made use of his experience. Therefore, Heydar Aliyev had received Ataturk International Peace Prize in 1999 and the Prize of "Ataturk Head Master" in 2002.*

*Heydar Aliyev's valuable opinions about Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, especially during last 10 years had been compiled in this book.*

*It had been considered for lots of readers.*

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*The founder of the Azerbaijan Republic Heydar Aliyev's opinions about the founder of the Turkish Republic Mustafa Kemal Ataturk don't only remain as interesting facts, but also they attract attention as the evaluation of complete political and ideological, experimental systems overcame all the difficulties of history bravely from the point of view of local Azerbaijan and global demands of modern times. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk had saved the Turkic people and Turkish statehood. And Heydar Aliyev had saved the Azerbaijan people and statehood. Despite being small due to its volume, but it is rich in content where the opinions of one national saver about another saver had been compiled.*

*The most famous personalities of the world had expressed their opinions about Ataturk. This book doesn't contain only Heydar Aliyev's opinions about Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, but it is also a very valuable book on the ideas of one Turk about another.*

*Ataturk Center in Azerbaijan established by the decree of the Azerbaijan President Heydar Aliyev has been existing for a year. During these years this Center had published some books to investigate Ataturkism, such as "Mustafa Kemal Ataturk", "Ataturk Encyclopediadia" (dictionary), "Azerbaijan Turkology (1920-1938). Bibliography", "Turkey is*

*Ataturk's, but Azerbaijan is Heydar Aliyev's work", "The National Self-Understanding and Geostrategy in the Globalization Period", "The Azerbaijan and Turkish Relations (1920-1922). The documents and materials". But the aim of the book "Heydar Aliyev about Ataturk" is to investigate and agitate Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's heritage. And we are sure that, Heydar Aliyev's opinions about Ataturk begin the modern stage of Ataturkism and put the ideological and methodological basis of its foundation.*

*Majesty History had proved more than once that, the activity of one genius is interpreted perfectly in the activity of another genius not only in the academic considerations and schematic technologies.*

***Prof. Dr. Nizami Jaferov***  
***The director of Ataturk Center in Azerbaijan***

**AFTER PAYING A VISIT TO THE GRAVE OF THE  
FOUNDER OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC, A  
PROMINENT POLITICAL AND PUBLIC FIGURE  
MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATURK IN "ANITKABIR"  
TOMB IN ANKARA HE WROTE HIS WISHES  
ON THE MEMORIAL BOOK:**

**"I bow honourably before the grave and spirit of the peerless person of the Turkic World and the great leader Mustafa Kemal Ataturk and express unbounded love and respect of the Azerbaijan people for him.**

**Unforgettable Ataturk's holy name and unfading face cast light onto the future way of the Turkish and Azerbaijan friendship and brotherhood passing from generation to generation."**

***Heydar Aliyev***  
***The President of the Azerbaijan Republic***  
***(February 8, 1994)***



**SPEECH IN THE PARTY ORGANIZED  
FOR THE HONOUR OF THE AZERBAIJAN  
PRESIDENT IN "CHANKAYA"**

**PALACE IN ANKARA**  
*(February 8, 1994)*

The Turkish Republic has a great history. 70 years ago the great leader Mustafa Kemal Ataturk laid down the foundation of today's great and democratic Turkey and established the highly developed country. Treading in Ataturk's steps the next generations have done their best to introduce Turkey to the world as an authoritative and mighty state.



**SPEECH IN THE TURKISH GRAND  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
*(February 9, 1994)*

**The Turkish Republic has 70 years history. 70 years ago the great leader Mustafa Kemal Ataturk laid down the foundation of the Grand National Assembly and established the Turkish Republic. The basis and foundations he had laid down were so firm and durable that during 70 years the Turkic people and the Turkish state overcame all the difficulties and today it moves forward successfully.**



Delivering a speech here before you I remember the great personality of the Turkic World Mustafa Kemal Ataturk once more, express my respect and esteem to his affairs that he has begun and bow before his memory.



**Being an Islamic country Turkey had never retired from the world democracy, from the Eastern and Islamic world. Because it had been laid down by our great and unforgettable leader Mustafa Kemal Ataturk.**



Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's and his companions-in-arms' ways have been following for 70 years. The next generations have done much for the development and place of Turkey on a world scale.



The Turkic people were in need of several years to establish a real democratic society holding new reforms under the leadership of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk and with the activities of the specialists having democratic ideas.



Here I want to remember Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's sensible idea, because it expresses the importance of duties of the Turkish Republic and Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's prescience. In his speech on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Turkish Republic he said: "Today the Soviet Union is our friend, neighbour and ally. We are in need of this friendship. But nobody is responsible for tomorrow's events. It may not only collapse as the Ottoman Empire, Austria and Hungary, but also may become very small. The nations that the Soviet Union holds in its hands may today run away their neighbours. World may easily transfer to a new balance. At that time Turkey has to know what to do. Under the leadership of our friend we have brothers speaking the same language, sharing the same religion and essence. We must be ready to master them. We must not wait for that day without movement, we have to be ready. I want to put here an important question - How do the nations get ready for these events? Do they keep the moral bridges firm? We are a bridge. Trust is a bridge. We have to return to our roots and unite within our history separating the events. We may not wait for their approach. We are obliged to approach them".

60 years ago Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was aware of these days and made his will. Today that age has come, the countries and nations being Turkey's friends and brothers including Azerbaijan gained their sovereignty.



**Long live the Great Turkish Republic! We believe the future of the Turkic people treading in Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's steps by fulfilling his wills and I hope that, you will gain great achievements in your future life.**



**SPEECH AT THE MEETING WITH IHSAN  
DOGRAMAGI THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD OF BILKENT UNIVERSITY**

*(February 9, 1994)*

The great Mustafa Kemal Ataturk had done much for the establishment of Turkey as a great state. We may say with great pleasure that, the next generations have trodden in his steps and introduced Turkey to the world as a highly developed country.

**SPEECH IN THE CEREMONY ORGANIZED  
BY THE TURKISH EMBASSY TO AZERBAIJAN  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 71st ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY OF THE  
TURKISH REPUBLIC**

*(October 29, 1994, The Gulustan Palace)*

It is not only the holiday of Turkey, but also of Azerbaijan. Celebrating this holiday we remember the great leader of the Turkish Republic Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's services, the founders of this country and those who have been treading in his steps during 71 years.



**SPEECH IN THE OPENING CEREMONY  
DEVOTED TO THE 500th ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE GREAT AZERBAIJAN POET  
MAHAMMAD FUZULI AT  
BILKENT UNIVERSITY**

*(November 1, 1994)*

The Turkish Republic established by the great leader of Turkey Mustafa Kemal Ataturk had obviously demonstrated all the efforts of the Turks, the Turkic world and the Turkic nations to the whole world during 71 years.



Struggling for freedom, trying to achieve the national independence and to establish the national statehood the Azerbaijan people had relied upon the support of the Turkic people and made use of the experience of the Turkish Republic treading in Ataturk's steps.



**THE CONGRATULATING SPEECH IN THE  
CEREMONY HELD ON THE OCCASION  
OF THE PRESIDENT OF TURKEY  
SULEYMAN DEMIREL'S BIRTHDAY  
IN "CHANKAYA" PALACE**

*(November 2, 1994)*

The Azerbaijan people know that you have served to the Turkic world more than 40 years. We know that, you are a great son of Turkey treading in Ataturk's steps and doing his best for the development of the Turkish Republic during decades.



**All of us in Azerbaijan know you as a confident continuer and pupil of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's affairs. We are very glad to know that, the Turkish Republic laid down by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk in 1923 is in reliable hands. You are the President of Turkey, you tread in Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's steps and fulfill your duty properly.**



**SPEECH AT THE MEETING WITH THE  
AZERBAIJAN DELEGATION AND TANSU  
CHILLER THE PRIME MINISTER  
OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC**

*(The Republican Palace, July 11, 1995)*

The 1922-23s were the curical times for the establishment of the Turkish Republic. At that time the Turkish Republic was established under Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's leadership. The Turkic people have been treading in Ataturk's steps courageously since that time. So today the Turkish Republic as a state with 60 million had occupied a proper place in the international unity.

Today we may say with great pleasure that, the establishment of the Turkish Republic, the loyalty of the political figures to the Turkic people and Ataturk's wills are main reasons of reaching the summit.

I remember Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's words. He said: "If Azerbaijan smiles, we'll smile too. If Azerbaijan grieves we'll also grieve". These words express the friendly attitude of the Turkish Republic to Azerbaijan.



**SPEECH AT THE MEETING WITH THE  
MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC AND  
THE PRESIDENT OF TURKEY**

**SULEYMAN DEMIREL**

*(December 8, 1995)*

**While paying attention to the history of the Turkish Republic today we express our respect to the way that it has traversed. We express our respect and esteem to the efforts and achievements of the Turkish Republic in the field of developing the democratic principles and defending the human rights during 50 years.**



**INTRODUCTION AT THE MEETING  
OF THE COMMISSION PREPARING THE  
PROJECT OF A NEW CONSTITUTION  
OF THE AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC**

*(The Presidential Palace, November 5, 1995)*

The establishment of Turkey as a republic, its occupation in the world unity, having its own language as a result of Ataturk's activity makes us happy. As Turkey's brother and friend we consider it great achievement.



**SPEECH AT THE MEETING WITH THE  
PRESIDENT OF TURKEY SULEYMAN  
DEMIREL AND THE AZERBAIJAN  
PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES**

*(The Republican Palace, December 8, 1995)*

72 years ago as a result of the Great Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's and his companions-in-arms' services before his people and country the Turkish Republic established in Anadolu.

The Turkish Republic has traversed a glorious path and reached today's Turkey to the top. Mustafa Kamal Ataturk's companions-in-arms, continuers and the next generations treading in Ataturk's steps and being loyal to his wills have strengthened Turkey day after day, month after month, year after year.

**THE OFFICIAL VISIT TO  
THE TURKISH REPUBLIC**

*(May 5, 1997)*

Notes on the memorial book:

"Paying a visit to this holy place, i.e. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's grave again I bow before his spirit. I express my respect and esteem to his immortal memory and services in the human history. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's memory remains and will remain in hearts of Azerbaijan people.

May God bless his soul".

*Heydar Aliyev,*

*The President of Azerbaijan*



**SPEECH IN THE CEREMONY CONFERRING  
"A STATE BADGE" OF THE TURKISH  
REPUBLIC ON THE AZERBAIJAN  
PRESIDENT**

*(Istanbul, "Chankaya" Palace, May 5, 1997)*

I am so happy to win a prize of the Turkish Republic. It is a prize of the country established by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk.

Mustafa Kemal Ataturk is dear not only to you, but also to the Azerbaijanis. Therefore, the democratic Turkish Republic is our native country.

**SPEECH IN THE OFFICIAL PARTY  
ORGANIZED FOR THE HONOUR OF THE  
AZERBAIJAN PRESIDENT ON BEHALF  
OF THE PRESIDENT OF TURKEY**

**SULEYMAN DEMIREL**

*(Ankara, May 5, 1997)*

We are very proud that, The Turkic people move forward by Ataturk's way with confidence. We are sure that, the future of Turkey and the Turkic people is closely connected with this way and it will ensure its future.



**We want peace in Azerbaijan, in our country and in the world. The late Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's words concern both Turkey and today's Azerbaijan. Our duty is to free our territories by peace, to restore the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Azerbaijan.**



In my opinion both Azerbaijan people and I have been awarded this prize. It is a prize fixing an invincible struggle of the Azerbaijan people for sovereignty and today's achievements of the Turkish and Azerbaijan friendship.



**Long live Turkey! Long live the Turkish Republic established by the great Ataturk!**

**Glory to the everlasting Turkish and Azerbaijan friendship!**



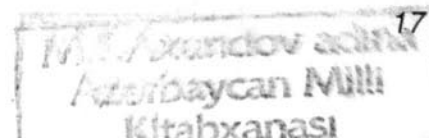
**SPEECH AT THE GRAND MEETING ABOUT  
ONE OF THE CENTRAL STREETS - THE 3rd  
STREET OF ANKARA NAMED AFTER THE  
AVENUE OF AZERBAIJAN**

*(Ankara, May 6, 1997)*

The majority of streets, squares in Azerbaijan are named after the great leader Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. The names being the symbol of Turkey have spread in Baku, Ganja, Nakhchivan, Sumgait, including other cities of Azerbaijan.



**In 1990 I was in my native city Nakhchivan and saw that one of the streets named after the notable person of the Soviet Union was replaced by Ataturk. Firstly, I went there and expressed my respect and esteem for Turkey and Ataturk.**



**SPEECH AT THE MEETING WITH THE  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AZERBAIJAN  
DIASPORA AND THE STUDENTS OF LAND  
FORCES SCHOOL OF TURKEY**

*(Ankara, May 6, 1997)*

The Republic of Turkey and its great army have been established by the great leader Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. It is so nice that, during 77 years the Turkic people, Turkey and its army tread in Ataturk's steps and gain a victory.

It is important to pay attention to Ataturk's words: "Peace in the country and in the world". Repeating these words today, we live with such ideas and pursue this policy.



**The spirituous and patriotic Turkish Army and soldiers are loyal to their country, nation, republic and Ataturk's way. It is might and power of the Turkish Army.**



**SPEECH IN THE CEREMONY DEVOTED  
TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW  
BUILDING OF THE AZERBAIJAN  
EMBASSY TO TURKEY**

*(Ankara, May 6, 1997)*

The first ambassador of Azerbaijan to Turkey Ibrahim Abilov was in good terms with Mustafa Kemal Ataturk and his close friend. Causing you to remember these moments I note the richness of the Turkish and Azerbaijan diplomatic relations during the century old history of these countries.



**INTERVIEW WITH THE WELL - KNOWN  
JOURNALISTS OF TURKEY**

*(Ankara, May 6, 1997)*

**Question:** Dear president, in all your speeches you often appreciate Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's services. Why do you often mention his name?

**Answer:** As you know, I have personally lived the history of the 20th century. This century comes to an end. During these years I have followed the Turkish life. But life of Azerbaijan has belonged to me. I have felt, seen and read this history very attentively. I express my own opinions

about Turkey, the republic of Turkey and the way it has traversed. I have come to this country, therefore I am obliged to express my opinions about the history, country's today, past and future. I am your friend and brother. My opinions about Mustafa Kemal Ataturk are enough. If you want I can repeat them.



**SPEECH IN THE CEREMONY DEVOTED TO  
THE BESTOW OF A TITLE OF "HONOURARY  
DOCTOR" OF THE UNIVERSITY NAMED  
AFTER "SEPTEMBER 9" ON THE  
AZERBAIJAN PRESIDENT**

*(Izmir, May 7, 1997)*

It is evident that, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was the founder and the military leader of the War of Independence and victory, as well as the great son of the Turkic people who put an end to this war and got a final victory.

Under Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's leadership in Izmir plans had been prepared, operations had held to withdraw the foreign conquerors from the country. The enemies of Turkey had been thrown to the sea and Izmir liberated. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk had directly guided this operation and victory.

As for me this day is very valuable and dear for you because you have named your university after September 9. Simultaneously it shows your loyalty to Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's ideas and way since the establishment of the Turkish Republic.



**Without any doubt, treading in Ataturk's steps the Turkish Republic, including the universities and scientists will strengthen, make Turkey prosperous and improve the citizens' living standards day by day.**



**SPEECH IN THE CEREMONY DEVOTED  
TO THE BESTOW OF A TITLE OF "HONOURARY  
DOCTOR" OF FATIH UNIVERSITY ON THE  
PRESIDENT OF AZERBAIJAN**

*(Istanbul, May 8, 1997)*

We are very happy to know that, Turkey's policy, culture, spirit, education and science developed by fulfilling Ataturk's wills.

Mustafa Kemal Ataturk is a historical person of all Turkic worlds. He had served for the Turkish

Republic to reach to the top and for the Turkic people to gain achievements more than 70 years. His services and ideas had influenced to the processes happening in the Turkic world with the establishment of the Turkish Republic, to the approach of the Turkish Republics and Turkish speaking peoples to each other, to the struggle for the national freedom and sovereignty of the nations having Turkish roots.

Therefore, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk is a peerless and unprecedented leader of all Turkic worlds.



**SPEECH AT THE MEETING WITH THE  
LEADERS OF THE TURKISH TV CHANNELS  
"TRT", "TGRT", "SAMANYOLU", "NTV".**  
*(Istanbul, Hotel "Chiraghan", May 8, 1997)*

**I have noted it with feeling of respect for several times - the great Mustafa Kemal Ataturk said that, Azerbaijan's grief is our grief, Azerbaijan's joy is our joy. It is impossible to forget these words.**



**SPEECH AT THE MEETING WITH THE  
PUBLIC FIGURES OF TURKEY**  
*(Istanbul, Hotel "Suis", May 8, 1997)*

Not only Turkey, but we also often remember the great leader Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's words. Once he said that, Turkey's grief and joy belong to us. We are in the same opinion with him. How wise man Mustafa Kemal Ataturk is! He had said these words in the 30s. At that time there were any conflict, war, bloodshed between Azerbaijan and Armenia. But in the 1918-20s Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was aware of the disasters that have been brought upon the Azerbaijan people by the Armenian nationalists and invaders. They had tortured us. Namely, thanks to Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's will the Caucasian army of Turkey came to Azerbaijan and saved the Azerbaijanis from the Armenian slaughter in Nakhchivan, Garabagh, Ganja and Baku in the 1918-20s. We don't think we'll ever forget it.



**THE CEREMONY DEVOTED TO THE  
PRESENTATION OF THE PRIZE "THE MAN  
OF THE YEAR IN THE WORLD" OF "NARGIZ"  
TV OF TURKEY FOR 1997 TO THE AZERBAIJAN  
PRESIDENT HEYDAR ALIYEV**

*(February 13, 1998)*

Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's will assume the same importance for Turkey and Azerbaijan. Turkey's grief is Azerbaijan's grief, Azerbaijan's grief is Turkey's grief.



**THE SPEECH OF THE AZERBAIJAN  
PRESIDENT HEYDAR ALIYEV IN THE  
CEREMONY HELD BY THE CENTER OF  
STRATEGIC INVESTIGATIONS OF  
"MARMARA" GROUP**

*(Istanbul, October 30, 1998)*

Today we keep Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's services in our memory. He is in everybody's heart. Celebrating this holiday we express our respect and infinite faithfulness to Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's memory, to the 75th history of the democratic and secular republic.



This republic was established and immortalized by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. Without any doubt, it is not so easy to keep any affair alive! It demands great will, intellect and heroism. But nothing is eternal. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk did not only lay down the foundation of the Turkish Republic, but also established all its institutions, kept alive trusting it for today's generations and youth and launched himself into eternity.



We are very proud that, the Turkish Republic treads in Ataturk's steps consistently, rapidly and confidently. Notwithstanding to the difficulties and divergence of opinions at different historical times existing in this republic. Perhaps they also exist today. But the Turkish Republic and the majority of peoples and citizens want their country to follow Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's and secular ways. We want this too. We share your opinions on these matters.



Our hearts fill with joy to know that there are leaders who make Turkey to follow Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's way. One of these leaders working with diligence on the political stage of Turkey more than 40 years and achieving success is the president of Turkey and friend and brother of the Azerbaijan Republic Suleyman Demirel.



Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's famous word: "Peace in the country and in the world" is topical not only for Turkey, but also for all of us.



**RESPOND OF THE AZERBAIJAN PRESIDENT  
TO THE QUESTION OF THE CORRESPONDENT  
OF TURKEY'S ANADOLU AGENCY**

*(April 14, 1999)*

I am very pleased for being awarded Ataturk Prize. I have been informed about this. I am very grateful to you.

I wish Azerbaijan and Turkish youth to defend and develop their republics like Mustafa Kemal Ataturk.

**TO THE PRESIDENT OF TURKEY,  
Mr. SULEYMAN DEMIREL**

*(April 16, 1999)*

I am proud of being awarded one of the authoritative prizes of the world - Ataturk International Peace Prize. This prize is dear to me, because it is named after one of the notable historical personalities of the 20th century - the founder and the leader of the Turkish Republic Mustafa Kemal Ataturk.



Sticking to Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's principles "Peace in the country and in the world" in its foreign policy, especially in the strategic course in the Caucasus Azerbaijan Republic realizes them.

Being a striking expression of unbreakable Turkish and Azerbaijan friendship and brotherhood Ataturk Prize demands to develop our political, economic and cultural relations. I hope that, in the next century the Turkish and Azerbaijan relations will make a decent present to the economic integrational processes taking place in the world.

I express my gratitude to You, Mr. President and to the members of the committee for appreciating my activity, showing interest and paying attention to the Azerbaijan people with Ataturk Prize.

I have a profound respect for Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's personality, his aims and the Turkish Republic remained to the humanity as a heritage.



**THE PRESENTATION OF 1999 ATATURK  
INTERNATIONAL PEACE PRIZE TO THE  
PRESIDENT OF AZERBAIJAN  
HEYDAR ALIYEV)**

*(Ankara, October 31 - November 2, 1999)*

Mustafa Kemal Ataturk is one of the great personalities of the 20th century of human history. Being at the head of the War of Independence, gaining a victory, establishing the Turkish Republic he showed the way for his people. Abiding Ataturk's ideas Turkey has been treading in this way for 76 years and gaining great achievements. The Azerbaijan people approaches Ataturk's personality, his ideas and heritage with feeling of respect and esteem. Ataturk's genius and wisdom are the source of inspiration for us. Today I pay a visit to Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's grave with feeling of pride.



I have received the International Peace Prize named after Ataturk. It is an honour for me and for the Independent Azerbaijan Republic and people. I am proud of this. Ataturk's personality and the Turkish Republic established by him are the nice sample for me. I'll always be loyal to it. I am sure that, Ataturk's Turkey will exist till eternity.



**THE DECLARATION OF THE AZERBAIJAN  
PRESIDENT HEYDAR ALIYEV**

The decision about the International Peace Prize named after Mustafa Kemal Ataturk and its presentation in Chankaya Palace of Turkey, in the Presidential Palace in the presence of Turkey's heads of government, generals of the army, deputies, public and political figures, scientists and cultural workers is a great historical day for me. I don't think I'll ever forget it.





I was awarded a prize named after Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. It is a great honour for me. As we know, at present terrible wars and conflicts take place in this changeable world. From the beginning of 1988 Azerbaijan is under war condition as a result of Armenian aggression. Therefore, I have done much in the field of peace. I think that, with this prize you try to appreciate my efforts and it is valuable for me.



**Today first of all I went to pay a visit to Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's grave. I have been coming to Turkey since 1992 and whenever I go there my duty is to pay a visit to Ataturk's grave, to bow before this personality and to trust his affairs and perpetualness of the Turkish Republic.**



Today I went there, bowed before this great leader's grave and wrote my wishes on the memorial book. The most important thing is that I brought the Azerbaijani soil and put it on Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's grave.

We know that, people bring soil from all parts and provinces of Turkey and put it to Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's grave as a symbol of respect and esteem to him. It is really an important event. It shows the loyalty of people to Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, his way, heritage and inheritance once more. Soil was brought for the first time mainly from the outside of Turkey - from Azerbaijan and I put it near soil of other parts of Turkey. It is a historical day for us. At the same time, like other lands, provinces and parts of Turkey Azerbaijan is closely connected with this country and we consider Mustafa Kemal Ataturk our leader, hero and wise person.



**Today I am anxious.**

**Because I have received the International Peace Prize named after the great leader Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. The President of the Turkish Republic, my dear friend and brother Suleyman Demirel presented this prize to me in the presence of the officials of the Turkish Republic. It is natural that you share my feelings and anxiety.**



I have received the prizes and orders of other countries. But it is an honor for me to get a prize of the Turkish Republic named after the great leader Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, especially the International Peace Prize. I consider that, this prize is more valuable for me than all other prizes that I've been awarded. The presentation of this prize by the organization of Ataturk International Peace Prize is a historical decision. As it is known the Prime Minister is at the head of this organization. Therefore, I am very grateful to all the members of this organization.



**Mustafa Kemal Ataturk is one of the great personalities of the 20th century in the world. From time to time everyone will perceive his greatness.**



Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was a man of great talent and he had displayed his talent when he was young. Till the establishment of the Turkish Republic he had displayed heroism, been at the head of the War of Independence and after the First World War when the Ottoman Empire collapsed he fought against all forces who tried to destroy, break and ruin Turkey and at last he got what he wanted.



**Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's great service is the establishment of the Turkish Republic. Today it may seem to us as an ordinary event, but it is not so. The existence of the Ottoman Empire lasted 700 years and during these years Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's historical service was to draw people's attention to establish the republic and to keep it alive. Times and centuries will pass and the peoples having Turkic roots, the Turkic people and the Turkic world will never forget it.**



The Turkish Republic established by the great leader Mustafa Kemal Ataturk in 1923 has been existing for 76 years. Many well-known people have been found out by the human history. They have waged wars, established countries and done much for their nations. But many of them were unsuccessful. Nobody continued their affairs. Perhaps their affairs were not so important for future, therefore people decided not to immortalize them. But Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's great achievement is that, the Turkish Republic established by him has been developing, implementing his wills, showing its loyalty and treading in Ataturk's steps for 60 years after his death.



**I consider that, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk has an important heritage for humanity. There is lot. But the most important of these is the Turkish Republic - Ataturk's Republic, democratic and secular republic established by him.**

**Treading in Ataturk's steps, fulfilling his wills the Turkic people had gained great achievements during 75 years.**



Mustafa Kemal Ataturk had proved to the whole world that, it was possible to establish a decent republic, to go on with democratic way in the Moslem country under the influence of religion. Taking advantage of human values of the world and combining them with the values of people he had raised his people to the tops.



**One of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's great services was that, he had established a powerful army in Turkey. The Turkish Army is very powerful. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk has created it. I want to say with feeling of satisfaction that, the Turkish army and soldier had been loyal to Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's ideas, will and way.**



Mustafa Kemal Ataturk had taken into consideration not only Turkey, but also the World Turks and the Turkic world.



**With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 Azerbaijan gained its independence and restored it. That's Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's prescience is proved by this. At that time he knew that, Azerbaijan and other Turkish speaking peoples - the people of the Central Asia would never be in bondage, they would gain their independence and freedom. We achieved it.**

**Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's life and activity, his heritage are the sample not only for you, but also for Azerbaijan. We don't want to display discrimination.**



Dear friends, today is a historical day for me. Because firstly, I was awarded such an important prize named after Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. Secondly, I deliver a speech before the officials of Turkey. On the other hand today is the birthday of my and Azerbaijan people's friend, the President of Turkey Suleyman Demirel. Today he is 75.



My brother Suleyman Demirel had been loyal to his people, nation and Ataturk's way. Namely, thanks to his loyalty, intellect, and wit and for being loyal to Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's way my dear friend Suleyman Demirel had played an important role on Turkey's political stage.



**THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
AZERBAIJAN PERUBLIC HEYDAR ALIYEV  
WITH RESHAD,GENC THE CHAIRMAN  
OF THE COMMISSION OF ATATURK  
INTERNATIONAL PEACE PRIZE**

The decision about the presentation of Ataturk International Peace Prize has a historical meaning for me. I know that, it was not so easy to come to such a decision. Because you had to choose one nominee. Your attitude and voting are very important for me.



I'm so pleased that, the relations between Azerbaijan and Turkey have been highly appreciated by the Turkish government in these hard days. It proves the great leader Mustafa Kemal

Ataturk's words once more. He had said: "Grief of Azerbaijan is our grief, joy of Azerbaijan is our joy". We share Turkey's grief and joy as well. This principle has existed since Ataturk's time and in these hard days it proved itself to the whole world. I'm very pleased with this.



Constantly remembering the great leader Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's words, I say Turkey's grief is our grief; Turkey's joy is our joy.



At the same time I congratulate you on the occasion of the 76th anniversary of the Turkish Republic from the bottom of my heart. Treading in Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's steps during 76 years the Turkic people has gained great achievements. Without any doubt, the republic existing till nowadays, being powerful, gaining great achievements on a world scale and in the international world will exist and develop. From here we come to such a conclusion that, Turkey is loyal to Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's wills and treads in his steps.

**HEYDAR ALIYEV HAD MET WITH THE  
SOLDIERS UNDERGOING A CURE AT THE  
MEDICAL ACADEMY**

President Heydar Aliyev said to Mete Kurt:

- Yesterday I received the International Peace Prize named after Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. I am proud of this.



**Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's companions-in-arms were the soldiers. If those soldiers didn't live, the Turkish Republic wouldn't establish and the Turkic people wouldn't be so happy.**



There were a lot of martyrs at that time. The majority of martyrs were from Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's group. Today we have also martyrs. All the martyrs and you are the soldiers. On the account of the soldiers like you the heroic Turkish Army exists. It is great support for the Turkic world. All of us are proud of with the establishment of Turkey and health of heroes and soldiers.



Coming up to Samin Altinop President Heydar Aliyev said:

**- I express my respect, esteem, and love to your services before the Turkish Republic and Mustafa Kemal Ataturk and the Turkic people.**



Then the head of our country Heydar Aliyev visited Niyami Ozjan and said:

- Being a soldier Mustafa Kemal Ataturk saved Turkey from the foreign enemies and disintegration and made Turkey's way for the development. Therefore to fight and to be killed for Turkey's tomorrow in Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's way is an honour.



**President Heydar Aliyev addressed to Ilhan Turgel undergoing a cure at the Medical Academy:**

**- There is no doubt that, as a young man and citizen you will render a service for the development of the Turkish Republic in Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's way and be loyal to it.**



The head of our republic Heydar Aliyev met with young Muslim Gencer and said:

- I congratulate you for your heroism, services before Turkey and being the soldier of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's army. I wish you good health.



The head of our republic Heydar Aliyev said to Ergun Bulut:

- Youth like you have immortalized and will continue to immortalize the countries, especially the Turkish Republic, i.e., Ataturk's Republic. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk has trusted Turkey to the youth. You tread in his steps and serve with loyalty as well. It is an important affair. It is an honour not only for you, but also for the Turkic people. I wish you good health.



## HEYDAR ALIYEV'S DECLARATION IN THE PARTING CEREMONY

*(Ankara, November 2, 1999)*

My dear friend and brother Suleyman Demirel presented me Ataturk Peace Prize of the Turkish Republic. It is the prize given for the Independent Azerbaijan government that has been saving and developing its independence for 8 years. It is the prize given to all Azerbaijani citizens.



The Turkish and Azerbaijani friendship is on the top and it will reach to summit after this as well. This is their and my wish. Therefore, I've received Ataturk International Peace Prize for Azerbaijan, for its independent state, people and for establishing peace.



## INTERVIEW WITH THE AZERBAIJAN PRESIDENT HEYDAR ALIYEV

Mustafa Kemal Ataturk is one of the great personalities of the 20th century in the world as a statesman, politician and as the head of the state. 60 years after his death the Turkic people tread in his steps. This way is so right that, it is possible to turn neither to the right, nor to the left. It shows Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's genius, wisdom and the result of his services before his people.



**I wouldn't like to compare Mustafa Kemal Ataturk with other personalities. Because Turkey is an ancient country, state and people.**



Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's will, intellect, wit, heroism and wisdom offered all the necessary opportunities to establish a modern state in the place of the collapse and ash of the Ottoman Empire. And Mustafa Kemal Ataturk established it.



**As you know, at that time other countries wanted to destroy Turkey. Under Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's leadership the War of Independence saved the Turkic people from the efforts of these countries directed against Turkey.**



Without any doubt, there are a lot of historical events in the life of each country. During the collapse of the Empire lasting 700 years Mustafa Kemal Ataturk has united, headed people and established the republic.



**Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's personality is dear, because he could immortalize the republic that he had established for the Turkic people and the Turkic world.**



Mustafa Kemal Ataturk established the republic, prepared its constituents, raised his people and the republic and then he trusted this republic to the reliable hands.

Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's greatness is that he has lived under the influence of Islam and established a new state, i.e., a secular state where Islam was dominant. You call this state decent, but in our language we call it as a secular state. So, this is Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's one of the greatest achievements while establishing the republic.



**Mustafa Kemal Ataturk has done much in this field. I consider that, during last 75 years the Turkic people have overcome an important distance in this direction. The Turkic people will go forward with Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's way and principles and the Turkish Republic will be developed as a secular state.**



This is Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's genius and he has demonstrated to all Islamic worlds that, without abolishing Islam and considering this religion as moral values of people we may establish a secular state. That's these don't contradict each other.



**Mustafa Kemal Ataturk has put the foundation of this way. That's nobody refuses Islam. Islam is our moral source. For centuries our peoples - both Turkey and Azerbaijan have obeyed Islam.**



If we pay attention to the whole Islamic world, we may see that, at that time being inside the Islamic world and establishing the republic he put an end to the prohibitions against women accepted by Islam. So this is Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's determined step and it justified itself. Now thank God, in Turkey men and women have equal rights.





When we lived under the influence of the Soviet Union, there were such thoughts that, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk builds up socialism. As you know, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk had held an active intercourse with Lenin and relations between Turkey and the Soviet Union were normal till the beginning of the Second World War. Because socialist ideas were disseminated here and these principles were used in Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's policy, in the state affairs and as well as in the creation of economy. But I want to mention here Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's wisdom. What does it consist of?

In the Soviet Union the communist ideology was based on destroying capitalism and establishing an economic system. The socialist system destroyed capitalism and all capitals. This system took the peasants' lands and gave them to the state. The peasant remained without their lands and they were collectivized. It yielded its results during 30 and 40 years. But what was the result?

For example, when collectivization began in the Soviet Union violence was used, millions of people were taken prisoners and were killed to realize this system. To carry out its idea the Soviet

Power delivered blows to the people. But this idea was not right. That's it can't be like this. But Ataturk was not at fault. He made use of different ways and at last showed his country the right way from economic point of view. This is his greatness.



In 1992 the late Turgut Ozal and my friend and brother Suleyman Demirel invited me to Izmir Economic Congress. Then I was informed that, Ataturk has held the first Economic Congress in 1923 and he has shown the ways for the development of economy. In 1992 the Third Economic Congress was held. Therefore, he has trodden in the right steps in the fields of economy and statehood.



Without any doubt, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk accepted the Latin alphabet to replace the Arabic alphabet and this was an important achievement for the future and culture of the Turkic people.



I know that the piouses resisted Mustafa Kemal Ataturk when he accepted the Latin alphabet in Turkey. But he has realized it and this is his success.



**We were aware of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's heroism in Azerbaijan.**



I've read about Mustafa Kemal Ataturk from different books and he has been introduced to us a great personality and hero. Therefore, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk is loved in Azerbaijan more than in Turkey. I know being against the worldly states some people object this. But is impossible to find a man who may denounce him. Everybody remembers Mustafa Kemal Ataturk with love.



**The Europeans have not to suppose that, the worldliness belongs only to them. Without any doubt, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's affairs have exerted their influence here.**



Ataturk's great heritage is the Turkish Republic. As a result of the activities of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's continuers during 60 years the Turkish Republic had developed. Turkey had become a great and powerful state. This is Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's heritage! The mighty and powerful Turkish Republic developed from economic point of view and occupied an important place on a world scale! This is Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's heritage!



**THE CEREMONY DEVOTED TO THE  
BESTOW OF A TITLE OF "HONOURARY  
DOCTOR" OF SPARTA UNIVERSITY**

*(November 28, 1999)*

**I saw Sparta, met with people and became witness of people's love, loyalty to their state, president, guests and Ataturk's way.**



Today I was bestowed a title of honorary doctor. It is really a great honour for me. I've got a lot of prizes and badges in my life. But the presentation of the International Peace Prize named after the great leader Mustafa Kemal Ataturk in November 1, in Ankara is an important event for me and I put this badge on with feeling of proud.



**It is not accidental that, I've been awarded Ataturk International Peace Prize. After this I can't wage war. But we haven't to allow the Armenians to keep these territories in their hands.**



I hope that, the Turkish Republic will perpetually tread in Ataturk's steps. As long as the Turkish Republic treads in his steps, they will gain great achievements.

Long live the great Turkic people!

Long live Ataturk's Turkish Republic!

Long live everlasting and unbreakable Turkish and Azerbaijan friendship!



**THE PRESIDENT OF AZERBAIJAN HEYDAR  
ALIYEV HAD RECEIVED THE CREDENTIALS  
OF THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR**

*(November 28, 1999)*

We remember with love a long and glorious way of the Turkish Republic that it has traversed. The Turkish Republic has been developing for 78 years. The Turkish Republic has occupied a decent place among highly developed countries and the legal, democratic and secular state has established in Turkey. People, nations, republic and state in Turkey implement the great Ataturk's traditions. I consider that, it is the main condition for the present-day and future of Turkey.

**SPEECH IN THE CEREMONY DEVOTED TO  
THE BESTOW OF A TITLE OF " HONOURARY  
DOCTOR" OF ANKARA UNIVERSITY  
ON HEYDAR ALIYEV**

*(March 15, 2001)*

The foundation of the center investigating Ataturk's heritage has been laid down with my initiative. This center will be an independent organization. Very talented specialists of the National Academy of Sciences and all the universities of our country will work here. As the president of Azerbaijan I am an honorary chairman of the Center. I hope that, this center will investigate the importance of historical relations between Azerbaijan and Turkey from scientific point of view once more and introduce it to us. It will offer all the necessary opportunities to establish broad unity of actions.



Dear friends as you know I've received a lot of prizes in my life. Here you were informed about my life, anyhow I've done much in my life and come across with a lot of problems. But I've been awarded the prizes of the Soviet Union and other countries. Ataturk International Peace Prize is the most important prize given to me by the Turkish Republic in 1999. It is great honour for me and I'll try to deserve this name till the end of my life.

**THE PRESIDENT OF AZERBAIJAN HEYDAR  
ALIYEV HAD RECEIVED THE DELEGATION  
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF  
MARMARA GROUP**

*(August 23, 2002)*

You presented to me a prize named after "Ataturk Head Master". It is an important prize. As you know, I'm a laureate of Ataturk International Peace Prize. This prize was presented to me in Ankara. Now you bestow a title of head master on me. I receive it with great pleasure, because I've done much to spread, agitate, bring to the attention of our people and make use of Ataturk's ideas. As a political figure, leader and president these ideas have a special place in my activities. It isn't accidental that, I've laid down the foundation of Ataturk Center in Azerbaijan. As you know, much will be done there.



The founder of the Turkish Republic is such a great person that, we try to speak about him as much as possible. The investigation on Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's life and activity is very important. Ataturk Center in Azerbaijan will fulfill these affairs. It will reveal Ataturk's opinions, affairs and unknown facts on Azerbaijan.

It seems to me that, I've to be a teacher in this field. As a head master my duty is to teach other teachers how to realize Ataturk's ideas. This present is very valuable for me and it doesn't have the material value, but another. Because as a President of Azerbaijan you've portrayed me with Ataturk within a beautiful ornament.

I'm thankful to you. It is evident that, I've never had a picture with Ataturk. Because I've never been in contact with him and therefore I'm not simply able to put our pictures together. But you've done it. I'm grateful to you.



**HEYDAR ALIYEV'S MEETING WITH  
HUSEYN KIVRIKOGLU THE CHIEF  
OF THE HEADQUARTER OF THE  
TURKISH ARMED FORCES**

Mustafa Kemal Ataturk established the Turkish Republic. Even in the 1920s the Soviet Union was Turkey's close friend. The head of the Soviet Union Lenin was in friendly terms with Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. But these relations are rather strained.



At that time I'd such idea that, the Turkish Army created by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk treading in his steps and realizing his wills became powerful.



As I said, the Turkish Army is Turkey's great achievement and its foundation had been laid down by the great leader Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. We've informed our people about Ataturk's greatness for the Turkic people.

I'm so pleased that, I received the International Peace Prize named after Mustafa Kemal Ataturk 2 years ago. I'm proud of this. I've a lot of medals and orders. But Ataturk International Peace Prize is very dear and important for me.

I've established an important Center in Baku - Ataturk Center in Azerbaijan. Ataturk's life, the history of the Turkish Republic and Army are the themes of important investigations. A lot of books have to be written about this. Because it's very important not only for you, for today's, but also for the future generations.



I consider that, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's services before his people are unexampled. His services are so great that, we are not able to appreciate. But two of them are very important:

1. The establishment of the Turkish Republic.
2. The establishment of the Turkish Army.



During four years I've known my dear friend Huseyn Kivrikoglu as one of the well-known generals of the Turkish Army and a person fulfilling the chief's post at the headquarter.



I hope that, being Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's soldier You (H. Kivrikoglu) will serve in the Armed Forces of Turkey and do your best to develop the Turkish and Azerbaijan joint and friendly relations.

**THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE BUILDING  
CONSTRUCTED FOR THE AZERBAIJAN  
EMBASSY TO ANKARA**

*(August 2, 2002)*

Ibrahim Abilov was Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's close friend and in good terms with him. All his life he tried to develop the relations between Azerbaijan and Turkey.



**SPEECH AT THE MEETING WITH RAJEB  
TAYYIB ERDOGAN THE CHAIRMAN OF  
"JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY"  
OF TURKEY**

*(January 8, 2003)*

The Turkish Republic established by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk has traversed a long and glorious path from 1923 till nowadays.



**HEYDAR ALIYEV'S SPEECH AT THE MEETING  
WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 19th SES-  
SION OF TURKSOY ORGANIZATION**

*(February 6, 2003)*

The development of the Turkish language in Turkey is closely connected with Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's name. The creation of today's Turkish language is Ataturk's important service. I've laid down the foundation of Ataturk Center in Azerbaijan. Because Ataturk is loved not only by Anadolu Turks, but also by the Azerbaijan people. I was aware of the difficult condition of the Turkish language. If Ataturk didn't take a decision about language, today the Turks wouldn't have such a beautiful language.

Therefore, the language plays an important role in the development of each nation.

**HEYDAR ALIYEV  
ABOUT ATATURK**

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