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EDITOR'S NOTE

After the World War I was concluded, shortly following the Armistice of Moudros signed between the Ottoman State and the Allies, several regions in Anatolia began to undergo occupations by enemy forces. The most distressing occupation deeply suffered by the Turkish Nation, among all others, took place as the Greek Troops landed on city of İzmir on 15th of May, 1919. This occupation also brought about the most grieving and gloomy days witnessed by the Turkish during their thousands year-long history. The Turkish mobilized themselves by all means from all ages of people and made remarkable self-sacrifice toward the path of the struggle for independence (namely, the War of Independence) sparked by Gazi (War Veteran) Mustafa Kemal Atatürk on 19th May of 1919, just four days consequent to the occupation, in order to recapture İzmir from the enemy and wave the Turkish flag again in Kadifekale and Government Building of İzmir. A quote from Atatürk, the leader of our War of Independence notes as follows: "İzmir has always been a homeland for our ancestors over 40 centuries". Eventually, the sovereignty in İzmir, the homeland for ancestors for 40 centuries, was re-established under the power of the Turkish on 9th September of 1922, upon a glorious and altruistic struggle achieved by them, the authentic owner of these lands.

In the special edition of our journal, "Journal of Modern Turkish History Studies", we feature the events occurred in the background and aftermath of the occupation in İzmir, at the 100th Year of this outstanding incident, where deep agonies and a glorious resistance took place in the city's history. Through this issue, we narrate the main incidents happened before and after the occupation in İzmir, accompanied by several documents and knowledge shared by our invaluable scholar colleagues, which are related to the series of events occurred in aforementioned lands 100 years ago. I would like to extend my gratitude to our writers for these precious contributions. Furthermore, I owe a lot to our respectable scholars and beloved academicians who also contributed to this edition in the form of sparing their precious time for us and peer reviewing

for the incoming studies. In the year of 2018, we had the excitement of issuing a special edition in memory of the 100th year of the Armistice of Moudros. Likewise, as the 100th year of the occupation, we feel honored and delighted to issue the special edition for "İzmir" this year. I share my heartfelt wishes for our issue yields positive outcomes for the scientific world besides forwarding my thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition and evoking this sense of elation for us.

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