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ABSTRACT

In this work, Cypriot Greek's atrocities against the Turkish community between the years of 1958 - 1974 were examined. With this work, conditions of Turkish Cypriot people in their struggle to establish a sovereign state and importance of the contribution provided by the people both in front and behind the line for this struggle and also their willingness will be examined from the point of view of local press.

In the first section of this study, information about "*The History of Cyprus Island*" between the years of 1571 and 1959 were given. The Cyprus island was ruled by Hittites, Phoenicians, Assyrians, Egyptians, Persians, Ptolemaics, Lusignans, Romans, Byzantines, Umayyads, Ottomans and British. It can be alleged that the best management was realized during the Ottoman rule. Rise of nationalist ideas among the Cypriot Greek Cypriots during the last periods of Ottoman Empire caused to born of the ENOSIS notion and activities of Greeks in accordance to it.

In the second section of the work, history of press in Cyprus was examined, development of press to modern times was studied and importance of the press in the National Struggle of Cypriot Turks was illustrated.

In the third section of the work, some of the earlier violent actions of the Greeks against the Turks; such as Sinde, Atlılar, Üçsehitler massacres was recited. These massacres were aiming to intimidate Turks and make them to leave the island.

In the fourth section of this study, the Beach Raid, Ayvasıl, Arpalık, Gecitkale massacres and martyrdom of Pilot Lt. Cengiz Topel was described. By this time, the violences against the Cypriot Turkish people who had insisted to stay in their homes increased and Republic of Turkey reacted to the situation.

In the last section of the study, martyrdom of Turks during the massacres of Alaminos, Murataga, Sandallar, Atlılar and Taskent conducted by the Cypriot Greeks who were acting

for the purpose of the realization of the ENOSIS and Akritas and burial of killed or wounded Turks in mass graves.

KEYWORDS

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