HOW TURKISH INDEPENDENCE WAR STARTED

After the World War I, Turkey was being invaded by many countries.
And a young, farsighted journalist named **Hasan Tahsin** couldn't bare seeing the hopeless situation of Turkish People when Greek soldiers entered **İzmir on May 15, 1919.**

So he took his gun out and shot one of the Greek soldiers. He became the first person to stand up against the invasion. Even if he was killed there immediately, this incident became the beginning of Turkish people's riot.

Hasan Tahsin

Hasan Tahsin's statue from our city, İzmir

In the mean time **Atatürk**, a commander, was sent to stop the riots in **Samsun** by the Ottoman Empire.

But what they didn't know was that **Atatürk** never planned to stop Turkish people, he was going to courage them for their **independence** instead.

And the Ottoman Empire didn't think Atatürk and his friends would start the **Independence War** either.

Hasan Tahsin and **Atatürk** went to the same elemantary school.
They also had the same ideologies and always believed in **equality**.

They both fought for
Turkey's independence all
of their lives.
And these are what made
them good friends with the
same purpose.

Four days later **Hasan Tahsin's** death, **Turkish Independence War** started with **Atatürk's** leadership in **May, 1919.**

And on **August 30, 1922** the war ended with **Turkey's victory.** They won because of their love for their motherland and their faith.

That's why **Atatürk** gifted this important day to **Turkish youth** and we celebrate the 30th of August with gratitude every year as the **"Victory Day "** of our country.

Thanks for listening to us.

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