



Map of The Ramadans State

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North East of the Medetrainian Sea,  
South of Turkey Now

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# Introduction

By the Historian Professor Dr. Enwer Kartekin

During the first eight centuries after Christ, there were many Turkish states in the Anadol area that formed emirates each having special cultural, economic and administrative characteristics. I regret to inform you that the history of these emirates and their special characteristics were not studied or documented well. The work was conducted by many foreigners, especially Arabs. Our Turkish Historians have only written small articles and brochures.

In the recent past, since 1975, the fine arts that these emirates produced have been studied by several institutions such as the History Arts of Istanbul University, Istanbul Technical University, High Institute of Applicable Fine Arts, Academy of Fine Arts, and Awkaf Institute. Some Museum managers in certain locations studied these fine arts as well. These institutes and museum managers also published these studies to show the Turkish art in this field.

It wasn't until 1979 that Turkish Historians studied the social, political and economic sides of their past.

# Why Write a Book About the Ramadan Dynasty in the First Place?

Many historians and writers have asked this question. My answer is in this book.

## The Ramadans

The period under Ramadan rule was a peaceful time which enjoyed vast economic growth. This was due to their sophisticated diplomatic, social and economic practices that no other region had practiced before. Their region developed quickly and the results of their modern practices were felt throughout the Kingdom. For example, they developed their land to make it good for agriculture, which made them the richest emirate in the area. Politically, they made use of the powerful eastern countries by ensuring good relations with them through diplomatic means. What makes the Ramadans even more special is that they created a constitution that was successfully enforced. One of the articles in this constitution was the states requirement of having housing and social welfare for the needy, which is not practiced by many countries even until this day. In the 14<sup>th</sup> century, they established social programs that took care of the youth and the poor. They proved to the world that even at that early time, they had the essence and understanding of how a new modern state was supposed to be run. I have examined more than 100 Turkish and foreign documents, the references of which I have included in my book. These are the reasons that made me write about the history of The Ramadans in the first place.

Five years of continuous research was conducted for this book; however, this is still not enough to fully explain what the Ramadans have accomplished. I wrote this book to tell the history of The Ramadanogullari in a simple and succinct manner.



A few years ago I met many good friends of the Ramadans such as the Business man Ahmad Ali, and brothers Jalal and Qathem Ramadan Ogulari. I was impressed by their work just by reading the charity (Awkaf) documents related to them. They collected history documents from their late father Mustafa Ramadan Ogulari. Unfortunately, he died before collecting all the documents. I would like to thank them for giving me such important documents. I would also like to thank all those that helped me in this field such as previous museum manager Mr. Hadi Al-Tai, historian Mr. Qasem Anar and Persian Poetry Reader and Painter Nusheen Turan. Also, many thanks go out to Mr. Angeen Olodag who photographed all the beautiful buildings that were constructed by the Ramadans.

Before completing this work, I met Mr. Orhan Ramadan Ogulari who supplied me with new documents related to my research and gave me addresses of many persons that also keep documents related to the ancestors of the Ramadans. A special thanks to his wife Osdan Ramadan Oglu and their grandmother Omat Allah that gave me documents that relate to 1963 and before.

I have no doubt that there are a lot of other documents, photos and Awkaf related to this work. Please contact me if you have documents or are related to Ramadanogullari in order to deepen this study.

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**The rest of the book will be translated at a later Stage.**

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