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##### Winter Time

Opening Time: 10:00  
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# BALIKESİR NATIONAL FORCES MUSEUM

BALIKESİR FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE PRESENT





The museum building was built in 1840 as the mansion of Giridzade Mehmet Pasha, the Treasurer of Karesi Sanjak. After the occupation of Izmir on May 15, 1919, this building, where the people of Balıkesir gathered and the decision for armed struggle in Western Anatolia was made on May 16, 1919, was the headquarters of Corps Command.

The building, which was used as a municipal service building between 1947-1988, was transferred to the General Directorate of Antiquities of the Ministry of Culture in 1988 to be used as a museum. It was restored and opened as "Balıkesir National Forces Museum" on September 6, 1996.



The ground floor of National Forces Museum, which consists of two floors, was arranged for the heroes who pioneered the establishment of the National Forces in Balıkesir and for Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, who visited Balıkesir seven times. On this floor, the decisions of the heroes who founded the National Forces, the personal belongings of these heroes, the decisions of the Congress, the photographs and the wax sculptures of Atatürk and his wife Latife Hanım are exhibited.

On the second floor of the museum, archaeological and ethnographic artefacts reflecting the millennia-old history of the region, beginning with the prehistoric period in Balıkesir Province and continuing uninterruptedly until today, are exhibited chronologically according to their findspots.



In the exhibition halls, where the names of the ancient cities of Cyzicus, Adramyttium, Dascylium and Antandrus, located within the provincial borders of Balıkesir, are given, there are artifacts found in scientific and rescue excavations and surveys carried out within the provincial borders.