



MAJOR EVENTS IN CYPRUS BETWEEN YEARS 1896 -1946

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Abstract

This article is about events which were occurred between 1896-1946 in Colonial Rule of Britain in Cyprus.

Introduction

This article puts off across accused of innocent Turkish Cypriots in Colonial Rule of Britain in Cyprus. Innocent Turkish Cypriots were accused that they were guilty. Hangmen of this execution were Turkish Cypriots.

Purpose:

Purpose of this article was to examine these events closely with interviews and put forth with archival information's in these years occurred.

Design/methodology/approach

This study will be approached by the following steps:

To analysis of data of interviews and archival information's. To research a particular crimes which were occurred in these years in British Colonial Rule.

Practical implications

The study will highlight the crimes and executions in Colonial Rule of Cyprus .It is also provides unknown events which were happened in Colonial Rule.

Originality/value

This paper will be the first introduction of crimes and executions accured in British Colonial Rule.

Short brief of history of Cyprus

1. Lusignan in Cyprus 1192-1489
2. Venice in Cyprus 1489-1571
3. Ottomans in Cyprus 1571-1878
4. British Rule in Cyprus 1878-1914
5. British Military Occupation 1914-1925
6. British Crown Colony in Cyprus 1925-1960
7. Cyprus Government 16 August 1960

Conflicts in Cyprus

1. Provisional Turkish Cypriot Administration 27 December 1967
2. Cyprus Turkish Autonomous Administration 1 October 1974-13 February 1975
3. Cyprus Turkish Federation 13 February 1975
4. Cyprus Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus 15 November 1983

In the year 1878 Cyprus was under Colonial Rule of Britain. In 1878 Ottomans were under harsh economic conditions following the war that took place in 1893 between the Russians. On the 3rd of March 1878 the Ottoman Empire signed a peace deal with the Russians and this did not go well with the Europeans. On 4 June 1878 a secret agreement reached between the United Kingdom and the Ottoman Empire which granted control of Cyprus to Great Britain in exchange for its support of the Ottomans during the Congress of Berlin. This agreement was the result of secret negotiations that took place earlier in 1878. The Convention was abrogated by the British in November 1914, when Britain and the Ottoman Empire found themselves at war with each other. Hasan Bulli Brothers, Mustafa – Yusuf Bayram Brothers, Dr. Behic and Cemal Mida's hangings were the example events. Throughout these years a lot of memorable events took place that will be remembered forever.



Hasan Bulli Brothers 1887-1896

Hasan Bulli Brothers were living in Paphos and there were bandits. They live in the mountains with two women's named Feride and Pembe. People use Bulli Brothers for their own personal purposes and interests. For example if a man express his love to woman and the lady turn down the offer, the man who was refuse by the lady, he will hired bulli brothers to kidnapped the lady to the mountain. These Brothers live their life in a medieval life style.



Photo1: Mehmed-Hasan-Hüseyin Bulli Brothers

There were raping, murdering and stealing. In addition to this, they were rebelling against the British Rule. Hasan Bulli Brothers are remembered as a legend. They fled to the mountains to avoid the punishment of their crimes.

They disguise their self as women just to attend a wedding parties, so as to have affairs with women. The brother raighn in 1887-1896.

One of the Brothers named Hasan was arrested and was put in prison. Hasan managed to escape from the prison, but was shot in his head and died.

The other Brother name was Mehmet. Mehmet was also known was 'district governor.' And is also called 'kavuni' because of his blonde hairs.

The Bulli Brothers were supported by the Greek Cypriots until when the brothers shot church bells and kidnapped a pastor's daughter named Talha who was a undercover agent working for British. Talha occasionally was living with Bulli Brothers and one day she managed to poison the drink with a drug that made them to blackout and got arrested by the government.

After their arrest, Mehmet Kavuni was hanged during the post-conflict the police on 29 April, 1896 at time 07:00 in the morning. Feride was sentenced 15 years in prison then after she was released. Pembe was released after captured and got married to a policeman. on 29 April, 1896 at time 07:00 in the morning.

Karalombos Nicolaidis and Bayram Bothers, 1924

Lououjina village named after Lorentzian. This prehistoric village hosted lusignans, venetians' and later Ottoman Turks and Christians for centuries. Before 1974 population of the village was 3000. After the events in 1974 most of villagers were moved to different villages on North part of Cyprus. Now the village population is around 300-400.



Photo2: Akıncılar Village

In the 1900s, Muslims and Christians were living together In Akıncılar village (Louroujina), During that year a cleric name Korolombos Nicolaidis was converting Muslims to Christianity but some of the Islamic leaders were against it. Greek Cypriots were overwhelmed by this act and this had been a major problem in the village because they were forcefully converted to Christianity by the help of the British Rule. On 24th September, 1924 Pastor Karalombos Nicolaidis was assassinated by an unknown assailant along Nicosia-Larnaca Road. After investigation, two mentally handicapped brothers were accused Yusuf and Mustafa Bayram Burundi.

Due to the condition the accused were in, they had no ability to commit such crime, it makes the court demand for witness against the Bayram Brothers. That demand promoted the villagers to force 24 people to testified against the Bayram Brothers including the Bayram's sister whom her name was Dudu. The real perpetrators were among the villager sited while the court gives their verdict against the handicapped brother guilty and sentence to death.

When examine the transcript of the presiding between the people and the Bayram Brothers cases, notice that they had no defence what so ever, because they pleaded not guilty twice and they were ignored. And also what pain me the most in the event of this court was, how Dudu the sister of Yusuf and Mustafa was presented to the court as witness to the murder of Pastor Karalombos Nicolaidis by the British Rule. Because the purposes of these cases are to make sure that justice have been served and also to quench the growing anger among the Christian for the death of Karalombos Nicolaidis. During this event demarche of the village was Ali RAUF.

On 27 October, 1924 two innocent people were executed by the government at time 07:00 in the morning.

Between years 1909 until 1924 Cyprus Turkish renders support to the ottomans.

Events of Dr.Behic 1924

Between years 1878 until 1960 we know that Cyprus was controlled by British Rule. Cars, Trains, Roads, Airport, were introduced. Civilization all came during the British Rule. Despite the wars going on in 1900s.

In the first war in 1914 to 1918 Ottomans went to the war with Germans. Cyprus was annexed by British Rule after this cooperation. Since 1914 up to 1923 Cyprus was under British Rule. With Lozan Agreement on the 24 of July 1923 Cyprus was transferred

Dr. Behiç was a very important person after 1900s for Ottomans. He was a doctor and was the first Turkish Cypriot who bought a car. Dr.Behiç was famous between Turkish Cypriots.



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Photo3:Dr.Behic

Dr Behiç helped Ottomans with weapons, clothes, foods and donkeys in 1909 up to 1924. When the British Rulers found out that Dr.Behiç was the brain behind the support rendered to the Ottomans they were furious and wanted to get rid of him by any means necessary. So they thought of spreading false rumour about Dr Behiç's wife sleeping around with people and when he heard that, he was angered to the extent that he drank and got drunk which lead to him killing his wife on the 11th of may 1924.

He was charged and convicted for the murder of his wife, People were astonished and couldn't believe the event because he was a good man and was loved by many.

British Rulers were very happy due to this event because it helped to cripple the support which was rendered to the Ottomans through Dr. Behiç.



Photo4: Researchers: Mehmet Altuner,İzzet Derkan

On the 24th of June Dr.Behiç was hanged in Nicosia Prison at time 07:00 in the morning. Based on the interview conducted by Mehmet Hüseyin I've learned the person who carried the execution was Turkish Cypriot named Bahriyeli. Bahriyeli was military sergeant. He was working to British Rule. Each execution was five (5) Cyprus pound according to information I received from Mehmet Hüseyin Karaöz.

Mehmet Hüseyin was born in 1938 and he has got a valuable information's from his father Hüseyin Karaismail who lived in British Rule.(Çıgılık Çıgılla, Hüseyin Kaba, 2015), (Mehmet Altuner, interview,March,2016)



Photo5:İzzet Derkan,Mehmet Hüseyin Karaöz

Cemal mida 1946

Cemal has a very small ear, that makes people called him MIDA. Cemal was from a village called Vreçça which was 43 km northwest of Paphos, Cemal Mida was a cattle-lifter bandit and helpful but he was accused of committing many atrocities including killing Aybifigan headman Kara Hasan in 1943. But Mida was innocent. For that Mida was declared wanted by the British rulers. In 1943 Mida ran for his life to Paphos Mountains.



Resim5:Vreççalı Mida

Everyone in Vreçça knew that he was not guilty. But On the 17th of March 1946 Mida finally got capture during his arrest he got injured and got treated in Nicosia Hospital but when he recovered On the 21 of March 1946 he was charged and sentenced to the death within 30 days.



Conclusion:

This article shows us these major events took place between Muslims and Christians. A lot of innocent Cyprus Turks were hanged during these years. Unfortunately, executioners were Cyprus Turks and it was the First World War and Second World War time. Ottomans were joined with Germans in the First World War. Dr. Behiç was helping to Ottomans and when the Colonial British Rule realized that they eliminated him with their intrigues. Mentally handicapped Bayram Brothers events are an unforgivable crime against humanity. Innocent mentally handicapped Bayram Brothers tombs locations have been still unknown. Cemal Mida's execution reason is similar with Dr. Behiç execution. Finally, the information which is obtained of these events, all these people who were executed are mostly innocents. In those years there were human tragedies and those years should be known as the years of tragedy.

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