
Information No. 2105 from the KGB on Planned Anti-Bulgarian Action by the Turkish Secret Service, 6 August 1987

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The data received shows that the anti-Bulgarian action planned by the Turkish secret service (MIT) is directly connected with the organization "Turkish Federation," located in Frankfurt. During the past three weeks, its members have incited anti-Bulgarian sentiments among Turkish workers in the FRG, who intend to travel by automobiles and busses through Bulgaria to their homeland to celebrate August 6—the religious holiday Bayram. Specifically, it is being suggested to them that ethnic Turks in Bulgaria are "being annihilated." The majority of the Turkish workers believes in these lies and is ready to support anti-Bulgarian demonstrations. On the eve of and in the period after the Bayram holiday, there will be a significant number of Turks in the People's Republic of Bulgaria since the only motorway from West Europe to Turkey passes through Bulgaria.

The reason for carrying out anti-Bulgarian demonstrations will likely be the "indignation of the Turkish minority due to the [Bulgarian] authorities' prohibition of Bayram celebrations." The most likely demonstration locations are the regions near the Turkish border, where the flow of Turkish workers from West Europe will gather, in accordance with the organizers' plans they will be following. The anti-Bulgarian demonstrations will most likely be held after the holiday during the period when the Turkish workers pass through Bulgaria on their way back to the countries they work in.

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