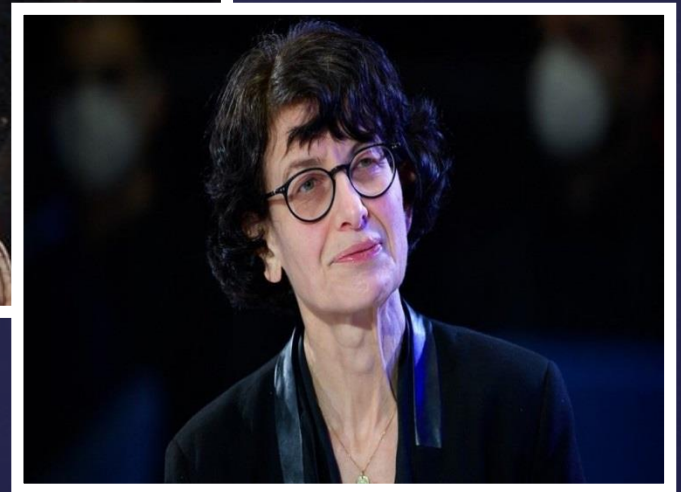


THE MOST IMPORTANT WOMEN IN TURKEY



KERİMAN HALİS



Keriman Halis was born in 1913. She participated 1932 in the Miss Turkey beauty pageant that started only in 1929 and was promoted by the newspaper Cumhuriyet. She was elected the most beautiful Turkish woman in the contest held on July 2, 1932, in İstanbul among eight candidates. Keriman Halis was sent then to the International Pageant of Pulchritude contest held in Spa, Belgium to represent Turkey. On July 31, 1932, she finished first among competitors from 27 countries, achieving Turkey's first title at an international beauty contest after three years only of its existence and less than a decade after the founding of the Republic.



ÖZLEM TÜRECİ

Özlem Türeci who born on 6 March 1967, is an academist, scientist, immunologist, and entrepreneur. And most importantly with his husband Uğur Şahin, she is the founder of BionTech company, the company that founded the coronavirus vaccine. According to a medication company in the USA named Pfizer, this vaccine (BNT162) is %90 successful. Özlem Türeci deemed worthy of the Vincenz Czerny Award, Calogero Pagliarello Research Award and Georges Köhler Award. And in 2020 she was chosen as '2020 Person of the Year' with her husband. In the previous days, she and her husband were given 'Order of Merit' by Angela Merkel in German because of their outstanding service.



SABIHA GÖKÇEN

Sabiha Gökçen was born on 22 March 1913 in Bursa. After her parent's death Atatürk visited Bursa in 1925 and then he met with Sabiha Gökçen. He listened to her life story and with the permission of her family, he adopted her. The surname "Gökçen", which means depends on the sky, was given to her by Atatürk. Sabiha Gökçen, who participated in Tunceli Operation in 1937, won the superscription of the first female pilot in world history thanks to her role in this operation. Besides being one of the first female pilots of Turkey, she is the first female fighter jet pilot in the world. During her flying career, she participated in 32 different military operations. Her name has been given to the second airplane of Istanbul, Sabiha Gökçen.