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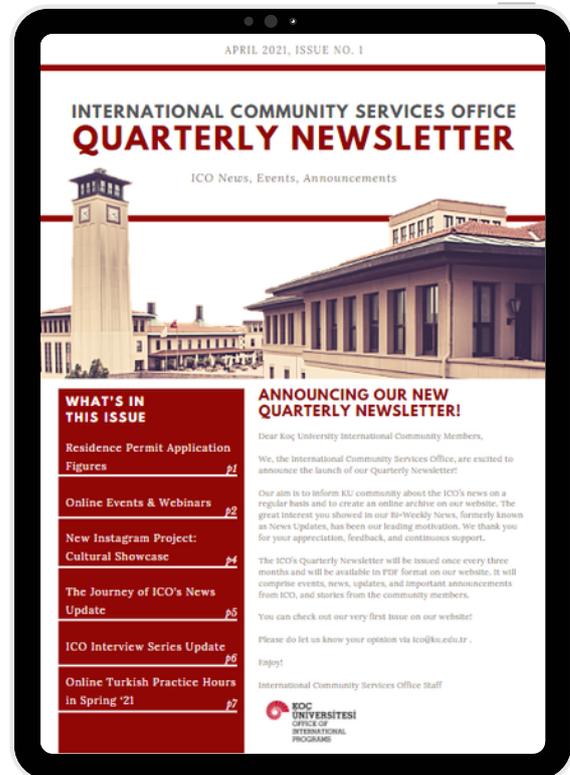
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Turkey's 17-Day Total Lockdown: Everything You Need to Know

As Turkey enters a strict nationwide lockdown in the middle of the month of Ramadan, many citizens and foreigners living in the country have been left confused over the finer details of the curfew that will last 17 days.

Below you can find the guidelines.



Istanbul, Turkey, Feb. 28, 2021. (AA Photo)

Guidelines

- The lockdown started on Thursday, April 29 at 7 PM and will end at 5 AM on Monday, May 17 – three weeks later.
- It will be in force during May 1 Labor Day and the four-day Ramadan Bayram, or Eid al-Fitr, holiday.
- Foreign tourists will be allowed to go outside during the lockdown.
- Those who have short or long-term residence permits or work permits are not considered tourists, hence expats are not exempt from lockdown regulations.
- Police officers will hand a 3,150₺ (\$385) fine for anyone caught violating lockdown rules. If you are caught without a mask, which is currently mandatory indoors and outdoors, you may be issued an extra 900₺ (\$110) fine.
- Grocery stores, butcheries, bakeries, greengrocers, and dessert shops will remain open from 10 AM to 5 PM.
- While smaller local shops will operate every day, chain supermarkets will be closed on Sundays.
- All restaurants, cafes, and eateries will be closed for service, including takeaway orders. But they will still be allowed to make deliveries.
- All intercity travel will be banned during the lockdown and exceptions will only be made with prior permissions, which will be strict and few.
- No reservations or travel tickets will allow you to circumvent the lockdown. If you have already made any payments, you will be eligible for a full refund.

For more information, please click [here](#).



Residence Permit Document Submission Day for May

As you know, ICO accepts residence permit application documents once a month and announces the date and time at the beginning of each month.

However, because of the 17-day lock-down, we are currently waiting for an announcement from the authorities at the Istanbul Immigration Directorate.

Upon their notification, we will arrange a date to collect residence permit application papers and inform the applicants through our [temporary WhatsApp group](#), [Instagram account](#), and [website](#).

Please stay tuned and join our [WhatsApp group](#) if you are planning to submit a residence permit application in May.

We also urge you to follow us on [Instagram](#).



Announcing Our New Quarterly Newsletter!

We, the International Community Services Office, are excited to announce the launch of our Quarterly Newsletter!

Our aim is to inform KU community about the ICO's news on a regular basis and to create an online archive on our website. The great interest you showed in our Bi-Weekly News, formerly known as News Updates, has been our leading motivation. We thank you for your appreciation, feedback, and continuous support.

The ICO's Quarterly Newsletter will be issued once every three months and will be available in PDF format on our website. It will comprise events, news, updates, and important announcements from ICO, and stories from the community members.

You can check out our very first issue on our website!

Please do let us know your opinion via ico@ku.edu.tr.

Enjoy!

International Community Services Office Staff



Jazz in Anatolian Lands: Turkish Musicians of the Sophisticated Genre

April 30 International Jazz Day is celebrated across the world to emphasize the uniting power of the musical style. Are you interested in learning more about the Turkish jazz scene's famed artists?

Nina Simone once said, “Jazz is not just music, it is a way of life, it is a way of being, a way of thinking.” Jazz gave power to the African American society for its struggle against discrimination and racism back in the day. One of Turkey’s unforgettable encounters with jazz is with the story of Turkish brothers **Ahmet and Nesuhi Ertegün**, who waged a battle against racism in the U.S. by supporting the African American jazz performers of the time. The brothers, who are the sons of the then-ambassador to Washington, Münir Ertegün, fell in love with jazz music and met jazz legends, including Armstrong and Ellington.

Want to read more?
Please click [here](#).



Ahmet (L) and Nesuhi Ertegün are the founders of the Atlantic Records. (File Photo)



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We are working from home Mon-Fri 8:30 AM- 5:30 PM.

We keep our advising hours (between 3- 5 PM) for online advising during each workweek. If you would like to have a live meeting with us, please make an appointment in advance by sending an email to ico@ku.edu.tr. Each meeting will be limited to 15 minutes.

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