

## 1844 in the Ottoman Empire

### 1) Adoption of an **Ottoman national anthem** and **Ottoman national flag**.

In many other monarchies of its time, the anthem of the Ottoman Empire was an imperial anthem, not a national one. Hence it paid homage to a specific ruler and a new anthem was composed at each imperial succession. However, in 1844, with the Tanzimat reforms, the *Mecidiye Marşı* was recognized as the first official Ottoman national anthem. The first official Ottoman national flag (which was in essence identical to the present-day Turkish flag) was also adopted in 1844

### 2) The first nationwide Ottoman **census** (only male citizens were counted).

### 3) **Edict of Toleration**

In 1844 the Ottoman Emire issued a decree that finished the persecution and killing of converts to Christianity by the pressure of the European powers, especially Britain:

- August 1843 a signal court case of a Muslim to Christianity convert sentenced to death
- August 27, 1843 special correspondence between the British and Ottoman Empires begin
- March 21, 1844 Edict of Toleration (death for apostasy in Islam completely abolished; stop of persecution of Christians, and eventually of the Jews)
- April 19, 1844 correspondence between Britain and Ottoman Empire complete

Source:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edict\\_of\\_Toleration\\_1844](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edict_of_Toleration_1844)

In the Millerite time period there were prophetic interpretations on these dates... See [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edict\\_of\\_Toleration\\_1844#cite\\_note-7](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edict_of_Toleration_1844#cite_note-7)