

Ankara Train Accident

- Train crash at Ankara. Ankara Konya high speed train hit road inspection loco. 9 death, dozens of injuries reported.
- **Article: Ankara train crash in 12 questions**
- Baskentray suburban trains are suspended in Ankara until after-accident works are completed.
- Statements of 3 railway staff in custody are published in media.
- **Review: High demand for HST services continue**
- Turhan: I think it would be wrong to say that accident happened due to lack of signalization.

Rail Freight

- **Article: Private fleet ownership loses its charm**
- New service by MSC for Trieste intermodal line. Trieste Express departs every Saturday from Izmir Port and arrives Trieste in 70 hours.
- First of 40 heavy-duty locos of Alstom was delivered to Azerbaijan Railways to be used at Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway.

Rail Industry

- Tram tyres produced in Turkey in cooperation with Samulas and OMU passed all tests. \$ 80 mn of tram tyres are needed every year.
- Turkish company to develop software of driverless metro system of Kabatas-Mecidiyekoy-Mahmutbey metro.
- First of 40 heavy-duty locos of Alstom was delivered to Azerbaijan Railways to be used at Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway.
- **Interview: One stop shop for freight wagons**
- Bagdat-Felluce passenger train service started. The coaches of Tuvasas will be used in service.
- First of 6-tram-sets-order was delivered to Kocaeli by Durmazlar yesterday. The tram fleet of Akcaray reached to 13 sets with this delivery.
- TCDD opened tender for 93 ATS equipment.
- Durmazlar produced the 100th railcar.

Metros and Trams

- Rail laying is completed in first phase of Sekapark-Plajyolu extension of Akcaray tram. Signalization works started. Opening in February.
- Result of tender for electrification and signalization of Gaziantep suburban train project is announced. Elsitel is the winner. Contract value is TL 189.4 mn.
- **Review: Tavsantepe-Sabiha Gokcen airport metro (M4)**
- Izban workers went on strike. Almost all of the workers refused the offer of Izban and said "yes" for strike. Izban trains stopped since 10th of December.
- Commission date is announced as end of 2019 for Gaziray.
- Limited Izban service during strike is stopped by court.
- Turhan: Gaziray project will be commissioned phase by phase. Completion rate is about 70%.

Review: What will happen in 2019?

Infrastructure

- **Review: Second 100-days action plan and railways**
- TCDD Tasimacilik to hire 353 employees, 85 of which are loco drivers for Marmaray. Application till 31st of August, 2018.
- TCDD to hire 356 employees. Application in April.
- Turhan: Electrification and signalization works continue on TCDD network. Completion rate is 45%.

Passenger Trains

- New timetable for train services as of 9th of December. HST services drop from 52 to 44 everyday.
- Ulukisla-Yenice tunnel works completed. Erciyes Express restarted on its normal route.
- Court gave decision about Pamukova trani accident. TCDD will pay TL 30k for each death. 37 passengers died 14 years ago.
- **Review: How to find ticket for Dogu Express?**
- **News: No HSTs to Ankara YHT station in January**

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