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“A FAREWELL TO ARMS: BROKEN HOPES AND TOTAL DEPARTURE FROM THE HOMELAND IN THE HEROIC BATTLE OF AINTAB”

by
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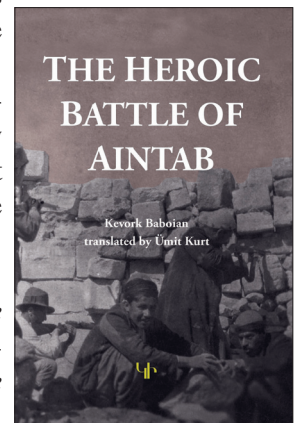


The Turkish-French war of 1920-1921 took place between the Turkish-Kemalist Nationalist forces and French troops in Aintab, modern day Gaziantep. The war started on April 1, 1920 and ended with the city's surrender to the French military forces on February 9, 1921. There are ample amounts of archival materials, memoirs, diaries and various other sources written in Turkish and Ottoman Turkish on the Turkish-French War. Furthermore, individuals who themselves witnessed or participated in this war wrote down the history of the city within this particular period.

In this lecture, Dr. Kurt will explore how this war was narrated based on an original source written in Armenian by Kevork Baboian, titled *The Heroic Battle of Aintab*. Kurt

presents us his English translation of this important book with the detailed history of the Armenian struggle for survival in Aintab between 1918-1922.

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