

Summary :

A destructive earthquake which afflicted the region of Çorum in central Asia Minor in July 1794.

Date

18th July 1794

Geographical Location

Çorum, sancak of Çorum, central Asia Minor

1. The earthquake

On the 18th July 1794 an earthquake occurred at the city of Çorum causing great destructions. The mosques, the castle, the public baths and the houses were annihilated. Many people were killed, whereas the survivors dwelled in open spaces outside the city.

2. Consequences

Due to the destructions the inhabitants asked to be exempted from the taxes. Finally a three-year tax exemption from certain taxes was offered to them. Over 800 people abandoned the city and moved to other places. More than a decade later only part of the repairs had been completed.

It is reported that the earthquake was felt at the regions of [Amasya](#), [Prousa](#) (Bursa) and in [Constantinople](#) (Istanbul).

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Brief Seismic History of Turkey

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Quotations

Description of the earthquake in Çorum

"[...] owing to the earthquake at this time in the town of Çorum, mosques, mescids, the castle, bath(s), dervish lodge(s) and houses were completely destroyed and leveled to the ground; many are dead under the ruins [...]".

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