

ABSTRACT

I discussed the content of social movements according to these protests, in the first chapter of my thesis in which I searched the answer of ‘Is Gezi Park actions Turkey’s Arab Spring?’

In second chapter of my thesis, I disputed the implied the events as “Arab Spring” but I personally name as Arab Awakening. I tried to explain the reasons of why these so called ‘Jasmin, Facebook Revolution’ etc. actions were not defined as a revolution and they should be called as ‘Arab Awakening’ actions. In the following chapter after this ‘What is Arab Spring?’ chapter, I defined the factors preparing Arab Awakening actions. Afterwards depending upon this subject, I explained the events experienced in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Yemen in which the management changes were achieved as the result of these mentioned actions.

In the first part of third chapter, I conveyed the events developed in Turkey on the last days of May 2013 under the title of ‘What are Gezi Park actions?’ I not only tried to convey the events day by day but also specified the comments made on the contents of Gezi Park actions. In the subtitles of this chapter, I struggled to compare the Arab Awakening actions in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Yemen and Gezi Park protests in terms of their goals to look for an answer to the question of my thesis. Accordingly, depending on this subject I evaluated these demonstrations in terms of their reasons, the demands of the protestors, the masses participated, methods and effects. In the conclusion part, I stated the explanations subjected to the decision of ‘Gezi Park actions are not Turkey’s Arab Spring’ by means of information. I reached analyzing the subjects related to Arab Awakening actions and Gezi Park actions.