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Eighth day of April, the most important day of Roma history

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The eighth day of April is marked as International Day of the Roma.

In 1971, the first World Congress of Roma was held in London.

One of the most important historical dates for Roma communities. Roma from 14 countries attended the Congress.

The Roma flag is green, which symbolizes earth, the blue symbolizes the sky, red wheel located in the middle of the flag represents travel and migration of Roma.

The official anthem is djelem djelem which means (I went I went).

The first congress declared an official Romani language as with the term "Roma".

Instead of various names for these people, "Gypsies" "Gitane", "Gypsy" and so on, from this day throughout the world, the people began to be known as Roma (Romani rom means man).

Roma are the fourth largest ethnic group in the country (Macedonia) with over 54,000. This day in the country is marked with a series of events and tonight in Suto Orizari celebrating the holiday.

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