

Dour anniversary of assassination of first governor of modern Greece, Ioannis Kapodistrias



Today, September 27th, marks the 191st anniversary of the assassination of the first governor of the modern state of Greece, Count Ioannis Kapodistrias, one of the pre-eminent European statesmen of the era.

Kapodistrias was fatally shot by two assassins, members of the powerful Mavromichalis clan of Mani, at dawn on Sept. 27, 1831 as he was entering the Church of St. Spyridonas, in the southern harbor town of Nafplio.

The latter served as the capital of the independent Greek state at the time.

Kapodistrias' memory and accomplishments – among others he had served as Imperial Russia's foreign minister – were honored by the Greek state over the two subsequent centuries. For instance, the University of Athens is officially named the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens.