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01 National Developments



Nº 1

“Great Türkiye Consensus” Message

Speaking at the August 30 Victory Day event, President Erdoğan touched on the new peace process and the agenda for integration in Syria, stating, “We have the opportunity to write a new golden page in history. What we need is the Great Türkiye Consensus.”



Nº 2

“If We Don’t Win Power in the First Election, I Will Step Down”

New Party Chairman Özgür Özel said in a statement following the party’s first Executive Board meeting held at its newly opened headquarters, “If I fail to make the party the ruling party in the first election I enter, I will immediately convene a party convention and step down. That is my term limit.”



Nº 3

Red Notice Request for Netanyahu

Justice Minister Akın Gürlek announced that a red notice has been requested for 35 individuals, including Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and bureaucrat Afek Moskovitch, in connection with the armed intervention carried out in international waters against activists of the Global Sumud Fleet, who had set out to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza.

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№ 4

“Öcalan Must Play an Effective and Active Role”

Mithat Sancar, a member of the DEM Party's Imrali Delegation, said they expect Abdullah Öcalan to serve on the Subcommittee on Disarmament and Strategic Coordination and to play an “effective and active” role in this process. At the meeting, which was also attended by Çetin Arkaş, a member of the Imrali Secretariat, and politician Gültan Kışanak, it was reiterated that the texts shared on social media as the “Imrali minutes” do not reflect the truth.



№ 5

MSB: ‘No official request for a de-escalation mechanism’

The Ministry of National Defence announced that it is monitoring U.S. initiatives to establish a de-escalation mechanism covering Syria as well, but that no official request has yet been conveyed to Türkiye. The ministry stated that it “welcomes” the dissolution of the SDF and its integration into Syrian state institutions, and noted that the Turkish Armed Forces’ support for enhancing the capabilities of the Syrian army will continue.



№ 6

A Message from President Erdoğan on the “Process”

Speaking at an event held at Ahlat Millet Park as part of the celebrations marking the 955th anniversary of the Battle of Malazgirt, President Erdoğan addressed the situation in the Middle East, stating, “We know all too well those dirty hands reaching into our region. We, too, have our own strategy and plan in this regard.”



№ 7

Mecca Alliance Meeting in Istanbul

The Strategic Political and Defence Committee, established under the Mecca Alliance—founded by Türkiye, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan—held its first meeting yesterday in Istanbul. Delegations comprising the foreign and Defence ministers as well as the chiefs of staff of the three countries evaluated the alliance’s roadmap and concrete steps for cooperation on military matters.



№ 8

Justice Minister Gürlek’s Statement

Justice Minister Akın Gürlek argued that the operations targeting the “Süleymanlılar” and the Furkan Foundation were aimed at their financial structures, not religious groups. He stated that there were findings indicating that funds were transported in cash to Cologne, Germany, and transferred abroad using fake invoices, and that the investigations would deepen as new testimonies come to light.

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Nº 9

CHP Leadership Withdraws Appeal in “Absolute Nullity” Case

The Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu-led CHP leadership has withdrawn its appeal against the “absolute nullity” ruling issued by the 36th Civil Chamber of the Ankara Regional Court of Appeal regarding the CHP’s 38th Ordinary Congress; the court’s decision will become final if Özgür Özel, Chairman of the New Party, also withdraws his appeal.



Nº 10

The New Party’s convention schedule has been announced

Party Spokesperson Zeynel Emre announced that the convention process will begin on August 22 and that provincial conventions are scheduled to be completed by October 27. Membership rosters will be posted on August 26; those who join the party by that date will be eligible to vote in the convention process. District chair elections are scheduled to begin on September 12, while provincial chair elections are set to begin on October 18.



Nº 11

Bahçeli Sends Message: “We Have No Time to Lose”

In his first statement following the passage of the “framework law,” MHP Chairman Devlet Bahçeli said, “We have no time to lose,” and called for the legal and administrative processes to be implemented as soon as possible once the law takes effect.



Nº 12

ECHR Ruling on Osman Kavala

The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) concluded its review of the second application filed by Osman Kavala, who has been in detention for nine years, and ruled that Türkiye had violated six articles of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

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№ 13

35 Arrested in Furkan Foundation Operation

Thirty-five people, including Furkan Foundation President Alparslan Kuytul and his wife Semra Kuytul, who were taken into custody as part of an investigation conducted in six provinces centered on Adana, have been arrested. The charges include “forming and leading a criminal organization,” “membership in an organization,” “laundering proceeds of crime,” “aggravated fraud,” “forgery of official documents,” and “violation of the Tax Procedure Law.”



№ 14

Mining Workers End Protest

Mining workers in Ankara, who had been protesting for 17 days against Yıldızlar SSS Holding to demand payment of their wages, ended their protest in front of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources after the first installment was deposited into their accounts.



№ 15

Acquittal in the Aziz İhsan Aktaş Case

In the trial involving 200 defendants—including seven mayors, six of whom had been suspended from office, and known to the public as the “Aziz İhsan Aktaş” case—the court acquitted all defendants, including Aktaş, of the charges of “forming an organization,” “being a member of an organization,” and “aiding an organization.”



№ 16

Statement on the Mecca Agreement for Egypt

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said that Egypt could join the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement signed by Türkiye, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan on August 7. Erdoğan stated that Cairo’s participation was “possible” and that the pact was open to new members.



№ 17

The Future Party Has Been Officially Dissolved

The Future Party officially dissolved itself and ceased its political activities following a decision made at an extraordinary congress. A party statement noted that the decision was “not a retreat, but a determination to protect the values we believe in and the moral foundation of politics.” Selçuk Özdağ and Kani Torun, members of parliament from the Future Party who were part of the New Path group formed in Parliament with the DEVA and Saadet parties, announced that they would remain under the group’s umbrella.

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№ 18

Framework Law Enters into Force

The 12-article “Law on Strengthening National Solidarity and Social Integration,” which was passed by the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye with 467 votes, was published in the Official Gazette and entered into force. Pervin Buldan, a DEM Party MP from Van, announced that one of the subcommittees to be established following the framework law will be on “Disarmament and Politicization” and that Abdullah Öcalan will serve on this committee.



№ 20

New Support Measures from the Economic Coordination Council

The Economic Coordination Council, which convened under the chairmanship of Vice President Cevdet Yılmaz, announced new support measures for the manufacturing industry, exporters, and the tourism sector in a statement released following the meeting, while also discussing preparations for the Medium-Term Program covering the 2027–2029 period.



№ 19

Türkiye Ranks First in High-Density Urbanization

According to 2025 data from the United Nations, Türkiye ranked first among the 37 European countries analyzed, with 64.3 percent of its population living in high-density urban centers. In the UN’s classification—which is based on settlements with at least 1,500 people per square kilometer—Türkiye is followed by the United Kingdom at 58 percent and Belarus at 55.6 percent, while the rate in Germany, France, and Italy remained below 35 percent.

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N° 21

Erdoğan-Abbas Meeting

Following his meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Ankara, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan announced that Türkiye would continue to support an independent and sovereign Palestinian state based on the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.



N° 22

32 Arrested in “Süleymancılar” Investigation

Of the 38 people taken into custody as part of the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor’s Office’s investigation into the group known as “Süleymancılar,” 32 have been arrested; among those arrested is Alihan Kuriş, who is said to be the group’s leader and is charged with “leading a criminal organization” in the investigation.



N° 23

Kurtulmuş Calls for a “New Constitution”

Turkish Grand National Assembly Speaker Numan Kurtulmuş stated that Türkiye has an “obligation to draft a new, modern constitution that meets the needs of society—one that is national, libertarian, and egalitarian,” arguing that the current parliamentary makeup is conducive to this.



N° 24

“Framework Law” on the Agenda at the National Security Council

At a meeting of the National Security Council chaired by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the current status and next steps regarding the goals of a “Türkiye Free of Terrorism” and a “Region Free of Terrorism” were discussed; The Council also assessed operations against the PKK/KCK-PYD/YPG, FETÖ, and ISIS, as well as the NATO Summit hosted by Türkiye and regional security issues.



N° 25

Seizure Order Issued for İmamoğlu’s Book

Özgür Özel, Chairman of the New Party, announced that a seizure order had been issued for the unpublished book by imprisoned Ekrem İmamoğlu, which contains his Defence in the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İBB) case. Özel reacted to Justice Minister Akın Gürlek’s remarks—in which he stated he could not support İmamoğlu’s request for the trial to be broadcast live—and called on Parliament to pass urgent legislation to ensure the trial is televised.

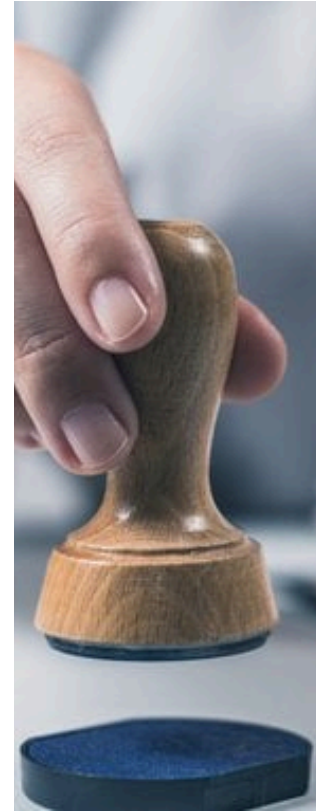
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N° 26

Meeting Between Erdoğan and the İmralı Delegation

The DEM Party's İmralı delegation issued a written statement following their 1.5-hour meeting with President Erdoğan at the Presidential Complex, announcing that a shared commitment to continuing the process with determination had been reaffirmed.



N° 27

Germany Has the Highest Rejection Rate for Schengen Visas

According to 2025 data from the European Commission, while approximately 1.27 million Schengen visa applications were submitted from Türkiye, the overall rejection rate was 14.6 percent; among countries with high application volumes, Germany recorded the highest rejection rate at 21.1 percent. Türkiye ranks second in the world in the number of Schengen visa applications, behind China, while the highest number of applications 310,920 was submitted to Greece.



N° 28

AK Party's 'Türkiye Free of Terrorism' Guide

In an informational guide sent to its branches, the AK Party emphasized that the newly enacted legal regulation is neither a general amnesty nor a negotiation process, stating, "It is not possible for Öcalan to benefit from this regulation." The "Türkiye Without Terrorism: Common Discourse" document noted that the law excludes life sentences and aggravated life sentences imposed before June 1, 2005, and that the concept of the "right to hope" is not included in the text.

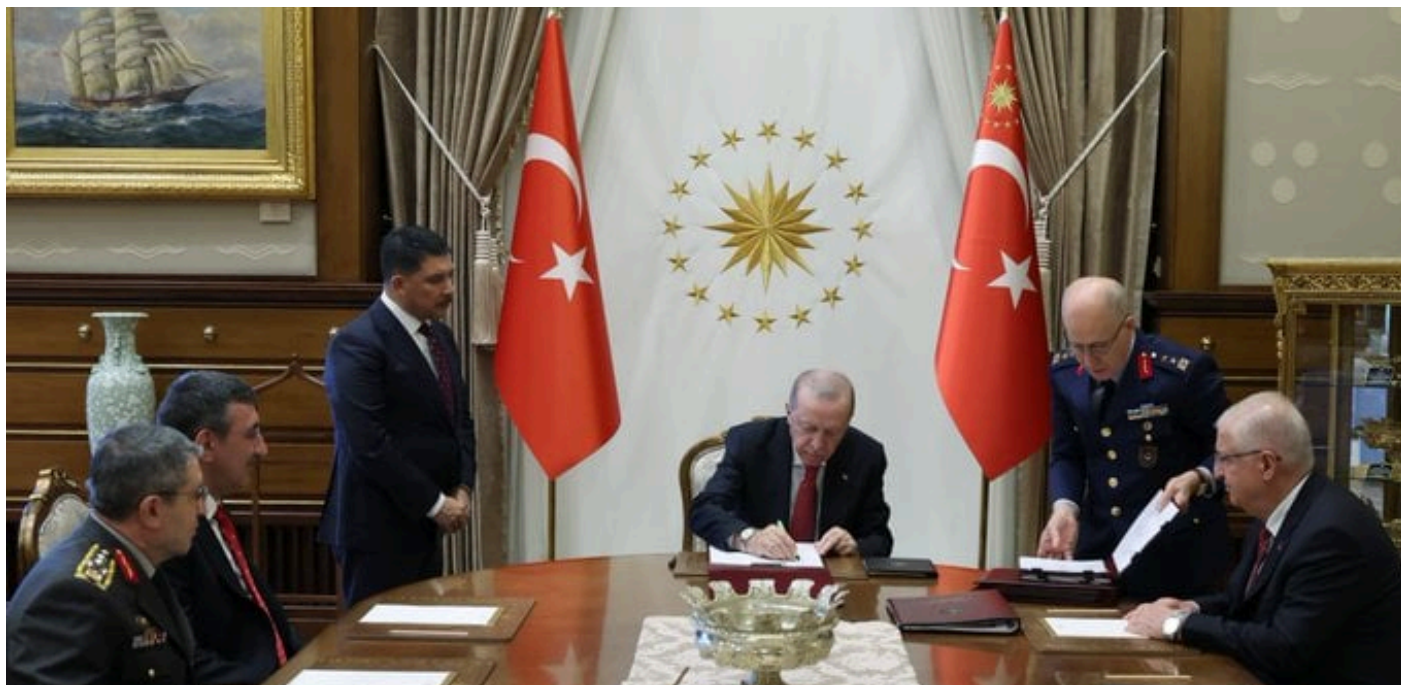
N° 29

Marine National Parks Designated in the Aegean and Mediterranean Seas

The marine areas off the coasts of Fethiye in Muğla and Kaş in Antalya, as well as the area in the Northern Aegean whose boundaries have been defined, have been designated as "Marine National Parks" by a Presidential Decree; the decree was published in the Official Gazette. Marine national parks are established to protect and increase fish stocks, as well as to preserve marine biodiversity and natural habitats.



01 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS



№ 30

Supreme Military Council (YAŞ) Decisions Announced

Following the Supreme Military Council (YAŞ) meeting, 25 generals and admirals were promoted to the next higher rank, while 69 colonels were promoted to the rank of general or admiral. General Rafet Dalkıran was appointed to replace Air Force Commander General Ziya Cemal Kadioğlu, whose term had expired. The term of Naval Forces Commander Admiral Ercüment Tatlıoğlu was extended by one year.

02 International Developments

**Nº 1**

SDF Officially Dissolved

Mazlum Abdi, Commander-in-Chief of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), officially announced following a meeting in Damascus with Ahmed Shara, leader of the interim administration, that the SDF had been dissolved and that full integration into the Syrian army had been achieved.

**Nº 2**

Trump Warns of “Strong Response”

Donald Trump said a strong response would be delivered to Tehran following Iran’s missile attack on two U.S. air bases in Jordan. Iran had stated that the attack was carried out in retaliation for a U.S. operation targeting Larak Island. Trump noted that all missiles capable of causing damage were intercepted by air Defence systems and that the new economic sanctions imposed on Iran were having a significant impact.

**Nº 3**

Netanyahu Rejects Trump’s Gaza Plan

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu rejected U.S. President Donald Trump’s 15-point plan for Gaza, officially declaring that Israeli troops would not withdraw from the region until Hamas was completely disarmed.

02 INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS



№ 4

9 People Arrested in Kyrenia Ferry Accident

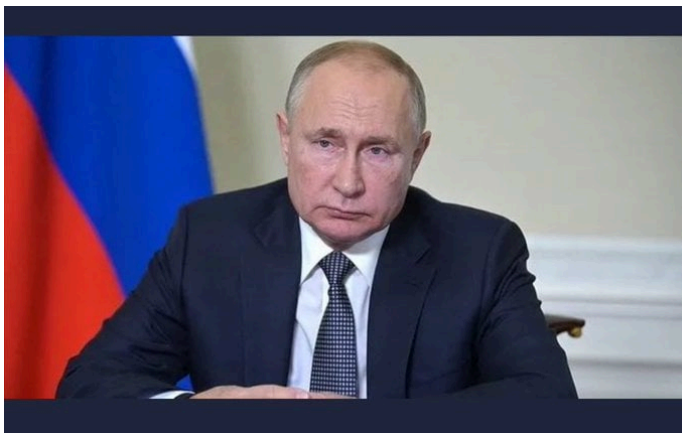
Nine of the 14 suspects—including the captain and crew members—brought before the court in connection with the ferry that capsized off the coast of Kyrenia in the TRNC have been arrested. A passenger ship operating the Kyrenia-Taşucu route capsized off the coast of Kyrenia; 8 people lost their lives on the catamaran-type ferry, which was carrying 267 people—259 passengers and 8 crew members. Search and rescue operations are ongoing for 20 passengers.



№ 5

“Achilles Shield” Agreement Between Israel and Greece

Israel and Greece have signed an agreement for a 3-billion-euro, multi-layered air Defence system called the “Achilles Shield.” The Israeli Ministry of Defence described Greece’s decision to strengthen the backbone of its air Defence with Israeli technology as a sign that “trust between the two countries has deepened” and characterized it as a “turning point.”



№ 6

Putin Threatens Ukraine

Russian leader Putin threatened Kyiv with “striking at its most economically vulnerable sectors” after Ukraine attacked a warehouse operated by Ozon, Russia’s second-largest online marketplace, and targeted a nearby oil refinery. Putin accused Ukraine—which has been targeting Russia’s economic infrastructure for some time—of “opening Pandora’s box.” Ukraine had also struck facilities belonging to Wildberries, which supplies materials to the Russian military.



№ 7

Zelenskyy Responds to Calls for Elections

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy rejected calls for elections, arguing that holding elections under wartime conditions would “destroy the country.” Zelenskyy made this statement in response to a call for elections by former Defence Minister Mikhail Fedorov, whom he had dismissed. Following Fedorov’s dismissal, thousands of people protested in Kyiv, demanding general elections.

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№ 8

The Taliban's Fifth Year in Power

The Taliban marked the fifth anniversary of its return to power in Afghanistan—following its capture of Kabul on August 15, 2021—with a military parade in the capital; flowers were dropped over Kabul from military helicopters.



№ 11

Syria's New Presidential Advisor

Mazlum Abdi, the former commander-in-chief who announced the dissolution of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), has been appointed as an advisor to Syrian President Ahmed El-Sharaa by a published decree.



№ 9

Call for Peace from South Korea

South Korean President Lee Jae Myung called on North Korea to begin talks on a peace agreement that would officially end the Korean War, which has been suspended by a ceasefire since 1953. Lee wants the ceasefire agreement to be transformed into a permanent peace agreement and for issues between the two countries—including the nuclear issue—to be addressed through dialogue.



№ 10

Agreement Between the DRC and the M23

The government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Rwanda-backed M23 rebel group agreed on a roadmap for peace negotiations following five days of talks in Switzerland. The parties pledged to continue negotiations toward comprehensive peace and a resolution of the conflict, to establish a mechanism to assess the implementation of existing commitments, and to monitor ceasefire violations.



№ 12

Israel Declares It Will Not "Withdraw" from Occupied Territories

As Israel continues its attacks in Lebanon and Gaza, Defence Minister Yisrael Katz, who traveled to the area near the Shakif region in southern Lebanon, stated, "Under no circumstances will we withdraw from the security zones in Lebanon, Syria, and Gaza." The agreement Israel signed with Lebanon calls for the gradual withdrawal of military forces from pilot areas.

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№ 13

Iran Responds to U.S. Sanctions: "We Are Fully Prepared"

Iranian Economy Minister Ali Medenizade noted that they are "fully prepared" for the U.S. plans to expand economic sanctions against Tehran and its trading partners, adding that this would lead to another defeat for Washington.



№ 14

Pakistan announced that its talks with Iran went well

In a statement regarding his talks in Tehran, the capital of Iran, Pakistani Interior Minister Muhsin Nakvi noted that they discussed steps that could be taken to reinstate the Islamabad Agreement, adding, "Significant progress was made, and the meeting concluded on a very positive note."



№ 15

Tension Over Marine Parks Escalates to the EU

Greek Foreign Minister Yorgos Gerapetritis is preparing to present maps and documents regarding the two marine parks Türkiye has declared in the Aegean and the Eastern Mediterranean to his counterparts at the informal meeting of EU foreign ministers in Ireland next week.



№ 16

Syria Hopes for a Security Agreement with Israel

Esad Shaybani, foreign minister of Syria's transitional government, said negotiations on a security agreement calling for Israel's withdrawal from Syrian territory would resume soon. Shaybani emphasized that their priority is to stop Israeli attacks, noting that the Netanyahu administration has been reluctant to implement the verbal agreement reached earlier this year.

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N° 17

“An Unprecedented Economic War Against Iran”

U.S. President Donald Trump announced measures targeting Iran and countries supporting Tehran, declaring, “I am announcing that any country that allows financial institutions, companies, airports, or government agencies to throw Iran any kind of life-line will face massive economic consequences.”



N° 18

Russian Attack on Kyiv

At least 37 people were killed and 42 injured in explosions triggered by a drone attack carried out by Russia on a warehouse—reported to contain ammunition—in the village of Mila near Kyiv. Following the explosions, which damaged approximately 50 nearby homes, more than 370 people were evacuated; among the deceased was local official Taras Didich.



N° 19

UAE Suspends Economic Ties with Iran

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced that all commercial activities and financial transactions with Iran have been immediately suspended until further notice, following a missile attack launched from Iran into UAE territory.

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№ 20

Pashinyan Announces Application for EU Membership

Speaking in Parliament, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan announced that they would begin preparations to submit an official application for membership in the European Union (EU). Pashinyan said that calls from partners in the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) had influenced the decision.



№ 22

U.S. Accuses China of Cyberattacks

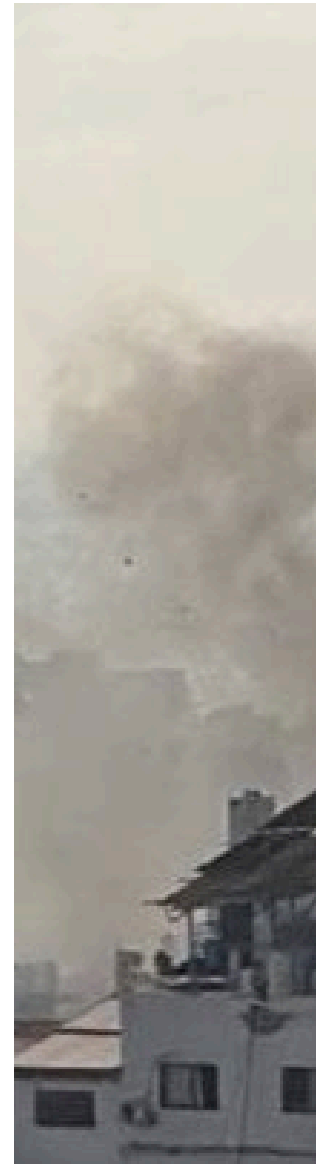
The U.S. Department of Justice and the FBI alleged that a China-backed hacker group named QTFY has targeted numerous government agencies and critical infrastructure—including NASA, the Federal Reserve, the Department of Justice, and the Senate—since 2018.



№ 23

King Harald V of Norway Has Died

King Harald V of Norway died at the age of 89 in the hospital where he was being treated for a rare blood disorder. Known as a reformer who modernized the monarchy, Harald—the first monarch born in the country since the 14th century—will be succeeded by his son, Haakon.



№ 21

Israel Issues Death and Exile Threats Over Kites

Israel threatened Hamas regarding objects such as kites, balloons, and drones launched from Gaza, stating that those who launch them would be killed and that an order would be issued to evacuate the areas from which they were launched.

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№ 24

Long-Range Rockets from the UK to Ukraine

British Prime Minister Andy Burnham, on his first overseas visit to Ukraine, delivered British-French co-produced long-range missiles to Kyiv. With the delivery of these missiles—known as “Storm Shadow” in the UK and “Scalp” in France—Ukraine has also gained the capability to produce them domestically rather than relying on foreign sources. In his statement, Burnham emphasized, “Ukraine’s security is our security.”



№ 25

Canada's Retaliation Against the U.S.

Canada announced that, in response to U.S. tariffs on imports worth 27.6 billion Canadian dollars, it will impose tariffs ranging from 15% to 50% on U.S. products of the same value; the new tariffs will take effect on September 8.



№ 26

Message from Iran on the Mecca Agreement

Major General Muhsin Rizaei, Secretary-General of the Committee for the Preservation of the Interests of the System, said his country could only participate in the Mecca Agreement as a “founding partner” that helps define its principles. Rizaei noted that Türkiye, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan—the signatories to the pact—are attempting to fill the vacuum created by the U.S.’s reduced presence in the region.



№ 27

“Butcher of Bosnia” Dies in Prison

Ratko Mladic, a Bosnian Serb war criminal held responsible for the killing of more than 8,000 Muslim men and boys in Srebrenica during the Bosnian War, died at the age of 84 in the prison where he was being held in The Hague.



№ 28

7.4-Magnitude Earthquake in Colombia

The death toll from a 7.4-magnitude earthquake that struck western Colombia has risen to at least 285. The quake injured approximately 4,000 people and affected more than 100,000, with Cali, Pereira, Manizales, and Quibdó among the hardest-hit cities.

02 INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS**Nº 29****Death Toll Rises in Nepal-Tibet Disaster**

"Nepalese officials reported that the death toll from the sudden flash floods has risen to 752, with 2,500 people missing. Chinese state media announced that 16 people had died in Tibet, with 546 people missing."

**Nº 30****Ruling Party Wins Kazakhstan Election**

The Justice Party, composed of allies of Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, won the election by securing 71.17% of the vote. While the voter turnout was reported to be 74%, Tokayev announced shortly before the results were released that he intends to remain president even after his current term expires in 2029.

03 General Evaluation



GENERAL

- 1 Our Turkish Armed Forces are working tirelessly for the Defence and security of our country and are resolutely continuing their fight against all risks and threats.
- 2 Operations continued uninterruptedly against all kinds of threats and dangers, especially PKK/KCK-YPD/YPG, FETO and DAESH terrorist organizations.
- 3 From January 1 to the present, the number of people apprehended while attempting to cross our borders illegally has reached 9,655, and the number of people prevented from crossing this year has reached 48,507.
- 4 On the 10th anniversary of Operation Euphrates Shield, during which we dealt a major blow to terrorist organizations in Syria, particularly ISIS, we proudly salute our heroic Turkish Armed Forces; we pray for God's mercy upon our martyrs and wish our veterans a healthy, happy, and long life.
- 5 We extend our deepest condolences to our citizens and our Turkish Cypriot brothers and sisters who lost their lives in the tragic accident that occurred on August 30 when a passenger ship sailing from Girne in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus to Taşucu, Mersin, capsized; we offer our sympathies and wishes for patience to their grieving families and loved ones, and our best wishes for a speedy recovery to the citizens who were rescued.
- 6 Within the scope of bilateral relations and international missions, our Turkish Armed Forces continue to support brotherly, friendly and allied countries, especially Cyprus, Azerbaijan, Libya, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Qatar, making significant contributions to world security, peace and stability in a wide geography.

A) SITUATION IN SYRIA

- 1 Türkiye launched an operation in the North of Syria within the scope of its right of self-Defence stemming from Article 51 of the United Nations Convention.
 - a) The Euphrates Shield Region (Border and Northern Aleppo) operations, which started in 2016, continue.
 - b) Operations in the Olive Branch Operation Region (Afrintel Rifat), which started in 2018, continue.
 - c) Launched in 2019, Operation Peace Spring Zone operations continue.
 - d) Operations in the Spring Shield Operation Area (Idlib), which started in 2020, continue.

B) SITUATION IN IRAQ

- 1 Türkiye launched an operation in the North of Iraq within the scope of its right of self-Defence stemming from Article 51 of the United Nations Convention.
 - a) Operations were completed in the Claw Series Operation Area (Claw-1, Claw-2, Claw-3, Claw Eagle, Claw Tiger, Claw Eagle-2), which was launched in 2019
 - b) Operations continue in the Claw Series Operational Region (Claw-Lightning, Claw-Thunderbolt- Metina Avaşın Basyan), which was started in 2021 and still continues.
 - c) Operations continue in the Claw Series Operational Region (Claw- Lock Metina, Zap and Avaşın-Basyan), which was started in 2022 and still continues.

03 GENERAL EVALUATION

2. INTERNAL SECURITY - Domestic and Border Security

Gendarmerie-Police-Coast Guard Law Enforcement Services

- 1 The relentless pursuit of the Turkish Armed Forces (TAF), the General Directorate of Security, the Gendarmerie General Command and the National Intelligence Organization (NIA) against terrorist organizations trying to disrupt the peace and brotherhood of the country continues with the support of Security guards.
- 2 Our Border security units continue their reconnaissance, surveillance and patrol activities without interruption. Judicial proceedings are ongoing against individuals who try to enter the country through our borders or try to go to other countries illegally.
- 3 The Coast Guard Command continues to fight against irregular migration linked to the sea route. Irregular migrants continue to be rescued. In addition, legal proceedings are ongoing against the suspects who smuggled immigrants.
- 4 While our security forces are fighting against terrorism and terrorists on the one hand, they are also trying to dry up the financial resources of terrorist organizations. Operations to eradicate terrorism continue at full speed.
- 5 The MIT continues to neutralize the terrorist organization's so-called leaders with its successful investigations.

04 Important Internal Security Events



In August, there were significant developments regarding the PKK/KCK terrorist organization's disarmament and dissolution. Official authorities did not provide written information regarding the operations conducted across the border in August, including details on locations and dates, or on the terrorists who were neutralized.

Announcements

- 1 The PKK's 50-year death toll revealed for the first time:** Murat Karayılan, a high-ranking figure in the now-dissolved PKK, stated in a press release that, according to the organization's records, 25,922 members died between 1976 and 2026, and that the total number, including those not recorded, reached approximately 27,000. Karayılan, who stated that the PKK has abandoned its armed struggle, said, "We have abandoned the strategy of armed conflict, but we have not abandoned the struggle," indicating that the organization will focus on political, social, and legal methods moving forward.
- 2 Türkiye Ranks First in ECHR Applications:** According to data from the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), Türkiye ranked first among countries in 2025 with 6,743 applications accepted for review; of the 74 rulings issued regarding Türkiye throughout the year, at least one human rights violation was found in 66 of them.
- 3 Four subcommittees are being established to monitor the process:** The Monitoring and Evaluation Board, which will oversee the PKK's disarmament and dissolution process under the "framework law," held its first meeting chaired by Vice President Cevdet Yılmaz. At the meeting, it was decided to establish four subcommittees in the areas of judicial and legal affairs, monitoring and assessment, social integration and cohesion, and disarmament and strategic coordination.
- 4 A National Artificial Intelligence Council is being established in Türkiye:** As part of the 2026–2030 Türkiye Artificial Intelligence Action Plan, the National Artificial Intelligence Council—to be formed under the chairmanship of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan—will approve national priorities and annual implementation plans in the field of artificial intelligence and guide large-scale public and ecosystem investments.
- 5 S-400 Impasse in F-35 Talks:** A Russian newspaper reported that negotiations—allegedly conducted by Türkiye to sell its S-400 systems to the UAE in order to remove the obstacle to its F-35 purchase—have stalled. According to the newspaper, Ankara is considering decommissioning the systems if the sale does not go through. The U.S., meanwhile, wants Türkiye to divest itself of the S-400s before it will approve the F-35s. Kommersant noted that Moscow is not expected to object to the sale because the UAE is not a NATO member. No official confirmation has yet been issued by Russia. Delivery of the systems, which Türkiye ordered in 2017, began in 2019; the U.S. removed Türkiye from the F-35 aircraft that same year. President Erdoğan said last week that they expect Trump to keep his promise regarding the aircraft.

04 IMPORTANT INTERNAL SECURITY EVENTS

- 6 Ukrainian Ambassador Summoned for a Meeting:** Following the successive targeting of the Turkish-operated vessel Lider Bordo Mavi in the Black Sea and the Lider Kocatepe, which had been dispatched to the area to tow the vessel, Ukraine's Ambassador to Ankara, Nariman Dzhelialov, was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During the meeting, Türkiye's response to the attacks was conveyed, and a warning was issued regarding the imperative need to ensure the safety of life, property, navigation, and the environment in the Black Sea.

Source: (Osint) Prepared using the statements of the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of National Defence, Turkish Armed Forces and open source news.

05 Monthly Evaluation



OUR HERO MARTYRS

1 During the operational activities carried out in the country;

a) The month concluded successfully without any casualties.

2 During the operational activities carried out abroad,

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3 We express our condolences to our martyrs, their relatives and our nation.

4 We are grateful to our soldiers, police, and all our security personnel who fought for the Turkish homeland in the most difficult conditions. Your sacrifices will never be forgotten. We will always remember you.

1. EXTERNAL SECURITY – Cross-Border

1 Operations are being conducted in northern Syria in the Euphrates Shield Region, Olive Branch Region, Peace Spring Region, and Spring Shield Region.

2 Operations are being conducted in northern Iraq in the Claw Region (Claw Lightning, Claw Thunder, Claw Lock).

2. INTERNAL SECURITY - Domestic and Border Security

1 The fight against terrorist organizations continued at home and on the border.

2 By the Gendarmerie General Command, the General Directorate of Security and the Coast Guard Command; Simultaneous operations were carried out against PKK/KCK-PYD/YPG, FETÖ, DEAŞ, HİZB-UT TAHRİR, THKP/C, TKP/ML, MLKP, EL-QAIDE, DKP/BÖG terrorist organization members, collaborators and financial resources.

3 August 7—In operations targeting the DEAS terrorist organization across 30 provinces, 104 suspected members of the terrorist organization were arrested.

4 Many people were caught by our Border Eagles trying to illegally cross the border with Greece, Syria, Iran and Iraq. Action was taken against them.

5 Irregular immigration was combated. Irregular migrants were caught and sent back. Judicial actions were taken against the suspects of immigration smuggling.

6 A total of 988 irregular migrants and 15 suspected migrant smugglers were caught/ rescued in 44 incidents intervened by the Coast Guard Command within the scope of activities to combat irregular migration.

7 Within the country, extremist religious, Salafi terrorist organizations such as ISIS-Daesh and Al-Qaeda, as well as terrorist organizations exploiting religion such as Hezbollah, the Islamic Movement Organization, the Army of Jerusalem, and Al-Nusra, have come under scrutiny.

8 In addition, there was no action carried out by left-wing terrorist organizations such as DHKP/C, MKP, MLKP, TKP/ML, DKP/BÖG and DEV-KAR.

Risk Calendar · This Month in History



DATE	YEAR	EVENT
1 September	1920	The French founded the Lebanese state whose capital was Beirut.
1 September	1923	There was an earthquake of 7.9 Mw in Japan: 105 thousand people died.
1 September	1939	After Germany's attack on Poland, II. World War I began.
1 September	1969	Muammar Gaddafi overthrew King Idris I with a military coup in Libya.
2 September	1666	The Great Fire of London, one of the biggest disasters in the history of England, started.
2 September	1938	The National Assembly of Hatay State was opened. Tayfur Sökmen was elected the President of Hatay.
3 September	1783	England recognized the independence of the USA with the agreement signed in Paris.
3 September	1971	Qatar declared its independence from the United Kingdom.
4 September	476	476 - Western Roman Emperor Romulus Augustus is deposed. The empire is over.
4 September	1919	Mustafa Kemal Pasha initiated the Sivas Congress.
5 September	1977	- NASA launched Voyager 1 to probe the outer Solar System.
6 September	1975	2,385 people died in the earthquake that occurred in the Lice district of Diyarbakir.
7 September	1782	William Herschel discovered the Saturn Nebula with a telescope of his own design.
7 September	1927	US inventor Philo Farnsworth developed the first television that works with an electronic system.
8 September	1504	Michelangelo's Statue of David was unveiled in Florence.
8 September	1954	Southeast Asia Treaty Organization formed a pact in Philippines capital Manila.
9 September	1922	The Turkish Army entered the occupied İzmir.
9 September	1923	The Republican People's Party was founded.
10 September	1509	The Great Istanbul earthquake, called the Little Apocalypse, took place.
10 September	2001	In the Gümüşsuyu district of Beyoğlu district, a DHKP-C member approaching the checkpoint detonated the explosives on the attacker.

06 RISK CALENDAR · THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
11 September	1947	The US Congress approved the Marshall Plan.
11 September	1992	TEMA (Turkish Foundation for Combating Erosion, Afforestation and Conservation of Natural Assets) was established.
11 September	2001	As a result of the September 11 attacks in the USA, 2,996 people were killed and 6,291 people were injured.
11 September	2012	DHKP-C member, who was trying to enter the 75th Year Police Station in Istanbul Sultangazi, detonated the explosives on the aggressor.
12 September	1959	Soviet Union, Moon 2 rocket launched.
12 September	1980	Armed forces seized power in Türkiye. Martial law was declared in the country.
12 September	2005	- Israel's withdrawal from Gaza in 2005 was completed.
13 September	1921	The Battle of Sakarya ended with a Turkish victory.
13 September	1959	The Soviet unmanned space rocket Luna 2 crashed to the ground of the Moon.
13 September	1968	Albania left the Warsaw Pact.
14 September	1867	The first volume of Capital, written by Karl Marx, is published.
14 September	1901	US President William McKinley was killed in New York. He was replaced by Theodore Roosevelt.
14 September	1960	Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela founded OPEC.
14 September	2019	Abkayk and Hureys oil fields of Saudi Arabia were attacked with drones.
15 September	1916	The first tank in the war was used by the British troops in the Battle of the Somme.
16 September	1975	MiG-31 Foxhound made its first flight.
16 September	1982	Sabra and Shatila Massacre took place in West Beirut.
17 September	1787	The United States Constitution was adopted.
17 September	1961	Adnan Menderes was executed.
18 September	1851	The New York Times newspaper began to be published.
18 September	1980	The Soyuz 38 spacecraft was sent into space from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.
19 September	1356	During the Hundred Years' War, the Battle of Poitiers took place between England and France.
20 September	1946	II. Cannes Film Festival, which was canceled due to World War II, started again after 7 years.

06 RISK CALENDAR · THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
20 September	2011	The "Don't ask, don't tell" law was repealed in the USA.
21 September		World Peace Day
21 September	1942	Heavy bomber Boeing B-29 Superfortress made its first flight.
22 September	1980	The Iraq-Iran War began.
22 September	1985	France confirmed that it sank Greenpeace Rainbow Warrior with agents.
23 September	1846	Johann Gottfried Galle discovered the eighth orbiting Neptune.
23 September	2008	The Kauhajoki school attack took place in the Finnish Kauhajoki city.
24 September	2013	An earthquake of 7.7 MI occurred in Balochistan of Pakistan.
24 September	2015	There was a stampede during the Hajj in Saudi Arabia.
25 September	275	275 Marcus Claudius Tacitus became the Roman emperor.
26 September	2019	An earthquake of 5.8 magnitude occurred in Istanbul.
27 September	2007	NASA launched the Dawn space probe into the asteroid belt.
28 September	1730	The Patrona Halil Rebellion, which ended the Tulip Era, began.
28 September	1961	There was a coup in Syria.
28 September	1994	In a maritime accident, the M/S Estonia ferry sunk in the Baltic Sea: 852 people died.
29 September	1808	Sened-i İttifak was signed.
29 September	1941	Nazis Babi Yar Massacre started in Kiev: 33,771 Jews were killed in two days.
30 September	1930	Vecihi Bey, one of the first Turkish civilian pilots, flew from Göztepe to Yeşilköy in his own plane.
30 September	1978	Prime Minister Bülent Ecevit initiated the first Village-City application in Mudurnu district of Bolu.
30 September	2005	- Cartoon Crisis: Cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad were published in Denmark.
30 September	2009	1115 people died in the earthquake in Indonesia's Sumatra region.
30 September	2011	The PKK member, who was approaching the checkpoint in Antalya Kemer, Göynük town, detonated the explosives on himself

07 Monthly Risk Forecasting



A) GENERAL RISK FACTORS

Politically, the top priorities are;

a) Russia's invasion of Ukraine and its effects on Türkiye,

The process continues. The search for peace continues. No effective solution has been offered.

b) The purchase of the S-400 missile Defence system and CAATSA sanctions,

The issues remain unresolved continues.

c) The problem with the purchase of F35 and/or F16,

The process is ongoing.

d) Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean Problem,

The process continues.

e) PKK/PYD-YPG in northern Syria and PKK terrorist organization in northern Iraq,

The expected development has taken place. Mazlum Abdi, Commander-in-Chief of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), officially announced that the SDF has been dissolved and that full integration into the Syrian army has been achieved. We hope the results will be as desired. We will continue to monitor developments.

f) Israeli-Palestinian war,

Peace has been achieved between Israel and Palestine, but Israel continues to attack under various pretexts.

g) Iran-U.S./Israel War

The war between Iran and the U.S./Israel and its repercussions continue.

07 MONTHLY RISK FORECASTING**1. EXTERNAL SECURITY ASSESSMENT**

- 1 While our security forces fight against terrorism, they continue to contribute to regional and global peace and stability by protecting the rights and interests of friendly and brotherly countries.
- 2 In the north of Syria and Iraq, in addition to Azerbaijan and Libya, the TAF; within the scope of NATO, UN, EU and OSCE missions and bilateral relations, it makes significant contributions to regional and world peace with different missions in various geographies, especially in Qatar, Somalia, Kosovo and Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 3 Türkiye will continue to follow a peaceful and conciliatory path in national security and foreign policy.

A) THE SITUATION IN SYRIA

- 1 The state of war between the U.S./Israel and Iran is also being closely monitored by Syria. Relations between Türkiye and Syria are proceeding smoothly.
- 2 **SDG Officially Dissolved:** Mazlum Abdi, Commander-in-Chief of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDG), officially announced following a meeting in Damascus with Ahmed al-Shara, leader of the interim administration, that the SDG had been dissolved and that full integration into the Syrian army had been achieved. In addition, former Commander-in-Chief Mazlum Abdi, who announced the dissolution of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDG), was appointed as an advisor to Syrian President Ahmed El Shara by a published decree.
- 3 Tom Barrack, U.S. Ambassador to Ankara and Special Representative for Syria and Iraq, stated in his remarks regarding the SDG's self-dissolution, "This is undoubtedly a historic moment. The President's visionary leadership has paved the way for the SDF's orderly integration into Syrian state institutions. This process is transforming the divisions of the past into a lasting partnership and giving the Syrian people back the opportunity to shape their shared future."

- 4 "August 2026 was a month in which the "wait-and-see" policy that had prevailed in Türkiye-Syria relations for years gave way to "accelerated normalization and security coordination" due to regional imperatives. The Iran-Israel war, which turned Syrian territory into a battlefield, has brought Ankara and Damascus closer than ever before in terms of joint risk management.

In summary, this has been a historic period in which Türkiye and Syria, in the shadow of a regional world war (Iran-Israel), have pragmatically approached one another through a "common enemy (YPG/PKK)" and "shared concerns (a new wave of refugees/chaos)," and in which realpolitik dialogues have continued."

- 5 The PKK's disarmament and dissolution process is being closely monitored. It is assessed that operations in the Euphrates Shield Region, Olive Branch Region, Peace Spring Region, and Spring Shield Region will continue as appropriate.

B) THE SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRAQ

- 1 August 2026 was a critical month for Türkiye-Iraq relations, during which military operations were brought under a diplomatic framework and the risks posed by the regional conflict (between the U.S. and Iran) were managed. Relations between Türkiye and Iraq are progressing positively.
- 2 "In response to the local tensions in Kirkuk in August, Türkiye made intensive efforts with Baghdad to protect the rights of Iraqi Turkmen and preserve Kirkuk's status as a 'city of coexistence.' It has been observed that Turkmen groups in the region are acting in closer coordination with the Iraqi army against the PKK's activities around Sinjar and Kirkuk.
In summary, this has been a month in which Türkiye has shifted its military presence in Iraq from "counterterrorism" to "regional economic security," while Iraq views Türkiye as its most reliable strategic partner for surviving the regional conflict."
- 3 The PKK's disarmament and dissolution process is carefully monitored. It is evaluated that the operations in the Claw Zone will continue.

07 MONTHLY RISK FORECASTING**C) ISRAEL - PALESTINE CONFLICT**

- 1 "The war between Israel and Palestine (Hamas) has been ongoing since October 7, 2023. As of early September 2026, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has evolved into a multidimensional crisis that is no longer confined to Gaza alone but also encompasses the West Bank and has become integrated into a regional war (the Iran-Israel war). August 2026 has gone down in history as the month of "Permanent Occupation and Administrative Collapse" in this protracted war.
- 2 In summary, it was a month in which Gaza was transformed into a fragmented military zone, the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank effectively collapsed, and the conflict merged with the Iran-Israel war to form a single front. For the Palestinian people, this month is described as the period of greatest uncertainty since the 1948 Nakba. No effective steps toward peace are being taken. Israel continues to pursue its objectives.

D) THE SITUATION IN UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

- 1 "The war between Russia and Ukraine has been ongoing since February 2022. No effective solution has been found. August 2026 has gone down in history as one of the "darkest and most uncertain" months of the Russia-Ukraine war, both militarily and diplomatically. As the war enters its 54th month (4.5 years), the balance of power on the Ukrainian front has begun to shift dramatically, particularly as the U.S. has shifted its focus to the Middle East (the Iranian front)."
- 2 "In a statement on August 30, the Kremlin announced that the objectives of the 'special military operation' were nearing completion and that it was open to negotiations in September, provided that 'new realities' (the recognition of the occupied territories as Russian soil) were accepted. In summary, August 2026 was a month in which Ukraine felt the decline in Western support most acutely, while Russia, having secured logistical and technological superiority, ramped up military pressure to the maximum to force Kyiv to the negotiating table. The war's impact on Türkiye is being closely monitored."

E) IRAN-U.S./ISRAEL WAR

- 1 August 2026 was a critical month characterized by a military stalemate in the war between the U.S., Israel, and Iran, as well as intensifying economic pressure. As the war, which began on February 28, 2026, entered its sixth month, the following were the main developments:
- 2 "I. Military Situation and Developments on the Ground
Throughout August, the intensity of the fighting remained low for most of the month due to the impact of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) brokered by Pakistan in June. However, tensions rose again toward the end of the month: Larak Island Attack (August 30–31): The most serious military escalation of the month occurred when the U.S. struck Iranian rocket launchers located on Larak Island in the Strait of Hormuz. The U.S. stated that this operation was a response to Iran's preparations to lay new mines in the strait. Iran's Retaliation: In response to this attack, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) launched attacks with ballistic missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles against U.S. military bases in Jordan and the United Arab Emirates. Strait of Hormuz: Iran emphasized that it maintains "decisive control" over the strait and that ship traffic is subject to its own rules. Disruptions to the global energy supply continued throughout August."
- 3 "2. Economic War: 'Economic D-Day'
U.S. President Donald Trump has focused in August on economic pressure aimed at crippling Iran rather than military operations: August 20: Trump announced new and crushing sanctions against Iran, described as "Economic D-Day" (Declaration of Economic War). August 24: U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent launched an "economic exclusion" operation that includes secondary sanctions against third countries doing business with Iran. The goal is to cut off all of Iran's remaining sources of revenue."

07 MONTHLY RISK FORECASTING

- 4** "3. Political and Strategic Developments
Iran's Capacity to Recover: Around August 14, Israeli intelligence sources reported that, despite the heavy losses it suffered at the start of the war, Iran had rebuilt its ballistic missile production capacity much faster than expected (100–300 missiles per month) and that this continued to pose a serious threat to Tel Aviv.
Assessments on the 6th Anniversary of the War: As the sixth month of the war came to a close on August 28, criticism that the war had turned into a "deadlock" intensified both within the U.S. and in the international community. The prolongation of the operation—which Trump initially described as "a trip lasting a few weeks"—has caused public support in the U.S. to drop to the 30 percent range.
Extension of Deployment Periods: In the final days of August, the Pentagon (through Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth) "quietly" decided to extend the deployment periods of U.S. troops in the Middle East through 2027. This move has been seen as a sign that Washington is preparing for a protracted conflict.

- 5** "4. Regional Implications
The Lebanese Front: Clashes between Israel and Hezbollah continued intensely in southern Lebanon throughout August. Israel's operations to seize strategic hills in the Nabatiye region (such as Ali al-Taher) have escalated tensions in the area.
Shifts in Syria: Changes in Washington's Syria policy—including moves such as removing certain groups from the terrorist list—have intensified the struggle for new spheres of influence in the region following Iran's waning influence.
In summary, rather than a large-scale ground war, the month was marked by targeted operations around the Strait of Hormuz, Iran's efforts to preserve its military capabilities, and the U.S.'s final moves toward an economic blockade."

2. INTERNAL SECURITY ASSESSMENT

- 1** Effective operation will continue in the country within the tactic of Search-Find-Neutralize.
- 2** The PKK's process of dissolving itself both within and outside the country is being monitored.
- 3** It is considered that the struggle to drain the financial resources of terrorist organizations will continue.

A) OTHER RISKS

1-INFLATION AND ERRATIC PRICE SURGES

a) "According to the CBRT's calendar, no Monetary Policy Committee meeting was held in August.
Unemployment rate hits record low: The Turkish Statistical Institute (TÜİK) announced that in the second quarter of 2026, the number of unemployed fell by 84,000 compared to the previous quarter to 2,799,000, while the unemployment rate dropped by 0.3 percentage points to 7.9%, marking the lowest level in the past 21 years."

b) Exports hit a Republic-era record: Exports in Türkiye rose by 2.9% year-over-year in July to reach \$25.6 billion, marking the highest July figure in the history of the Republic.

c) Trade deficit grew by 13.6%: According to data from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TÜİK) and the Ministry of Trade, the trade deficit—calculated by subtracting imports from exports—rose by 13.6% year-over-year in July, reaching \$7.34 billion.

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