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1 A Message from President Erdoğan on FETÖ

In a statement marking the 10th anniversary of the July 15 coup attempt, President Erdoğan emphasized that “the FETÖ threat continues” and that “we will not let our guard down,” adding, “The construction of the ‘Century of Türkiye,’ which FETÖ members have tried to obstruct, has begun. With God’s permission, no dark force will be able to stop this.”

2 Özel Calls on Kılıçdaroğlu to Hold Elections

Speaking at the weekly group meeting in the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, Özgür Özel called on Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu to hold elections, saying, “Let’s both enter the race for party leadership with all members; the loser should step down from the CHP. The loser should leave politics,” he said.

3 New Party Established

Özgür Özel, who resigned from the CHP and founded the New Party along with 90 members of parliament, was elected Chairman by unanimous vote at the first Founders’ Council meeting held following the submission of the official founding petition to the Ministry of the Interior.

4 CHP Parliamentary Group Leadership Determined

Following the establishment of the New Party and the resignation of 91 members of parliament, the CHP, led by Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu, determined its parliamentary group leadership. Tekirdağ MP Faik Öztrak was appointed as chair, while İzmir MPs Rahmi Aşkın Türeli and Sevda Erdan Kılıç were named as the new deputy group chairs.

5 Message from Hatimoğulları on the Framework Law

Speaking at a parliamentary group meeting, DEM Party Co-Chair Tülay Hatimoğulları emphasized that the framework law being prepared as part of the peace process must both regulate the transition period and safeguard the future democratic order. Hatimoğulları stated that journalists, politicians, legal experts, and civil society representatives should be allowed to meet with Abdullah Öcalan.



6

Türkiye to Build a Pipeline in Cyprus

Vice President Cevdet Yılmaz traveled to Nicosia to sign a memorandum of understanding for a 97-kilometer natural gas pipeline project that will extend from Alanya to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Energy and Natural Resources Minister Alparslan Bayraktar stated that engineering work will be completed this year and that the pipeline is slated to be operational by 2028.

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18 Detained in Gülistan Doku Investigation

Justice Minister Akın Gürlek announced that 18 people, most of them law enforcement officers, were detained during the fourth wave of operations conducted as part of the investigation into the disappearance of Gülistan Doku, who has been missing for six years.

8

Bahçeli Calls for Aid for the New Party

MHP Chairman Devlet Bahçeli argued that the New Party, founded under the leadership of Özgür Özel, should receive a share—proportional to its number of MPs—of the 1 billion 815 million lira in Treasury aid paid to the CHP.

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Aim to Enact the Framework Law for the Process Before the Recess

Grand National Assembly Speaker Numan Kurtulmuş said they hope the “framework law” prepared as part of the new resolution process will be brought before the committee next week and enacted before Parliament goes on recess.

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Hakan Fidan in Ukraine

Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said at a joint press conference held after his meeting with his counterpart Andriy Sibiha in Kyiv, “We do not want the Russia-Ukraine war to spread to the Black Sea,” referring to the risk of the conflict escalating.

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"A New Era for NATO Takes Shape in Ankara"

Speaking after the cabinet meeting, President Erdoğan said, "A new era in NATO has taken shape at the Ankara summit." Referring to his talks with President Trump at the summit, President Erdoğan stated, "We will continue to work together with President Trump to strengthen Turkish-American relations, reach our bilateral trade target of \$100 billion, and establish peace and stability in our region."

12

Türkiye Is the 4th Most-Visited OECD Country

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) announced that Türkiye will be the 4th most-visited OECD country in 2025, with 62 million 34 thousand international visitors, trailing only France, Spain, and the United States. According to OECD data, the number of foreign tourists visiting Türkiye in 2025 increased by 2% compared to the previous year and by 21% compared to 2019.

13

Türkiye and Egypt Take Steps in the Defense Sector

Extending the normalization process in their relations to the military sphere, Türkiye and Egypt signed two letters of intent—one on July 13 for defense cooperation and another on July 14 for defense industry cooperation—following the military framework agreement reached in February.



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19 People Detained in Soccer Betting Operation

Detention orders were issued for 19 officials currently serving or who have previously served in professional leagues affiliated with the Turkish Football Federation, on the grounds that they placed bets in favor of the opposing team or on goals during their tenure in matches involving their own teams.

15

The Future Party Is Shutting Down

Ahmet Davutoğlu announced that the Future Party, of which he is the chairman, has decided to cease its political activities. Explaining that they made this decision "to avoid becoming part of the tainted political climate," Davutoğlu said, "This is not a withdrawal from politics; it is a call to everyone to rethink politics."

16

Trump said they would lift the CAATSA sanctions

Donald Trump, who met with President Erdoğan, said that the CAATSA sanctions imposed on Türkiye since December 2020 would be lifted. He also noted that the sale of F-35 fighter jets to Türkiye would be considered.

17

İmamoğlu's Accounts Blocked

The official YouTube channel of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İBB) Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu and the X account of his Presidential Candidacy Office were blocked on the grounds of protecting national security and public order.

18

Haluk Levent Arrested

Haluk Levent was arrested along with 13 others as part of the Ahabap Association investigation on charges of "violation of the Associations Law," "laundering assets derived from crime," and "membership in a criminal organization."

19

FETÖ Investigation in the Yazıcıoğlu Case

Justice Minister Akın Gürkçek stated that FETÖ links are being investigated in the probe into the 2009 helicopter crash that claimed the life of Muhsin Yazıcıoğlu, former Chairman of the Great Unity Party (BBP). In the operation, legal proceedings were initiated against 29 individuals; of the 27 who were taken into custody, 19 were arrested.

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Regulation Allowing Life Imprisonment for Minors Under 18 Introduced

AK Party Deputy Group Chair Leyla Şahin Usta introduced a regulation that would allow for life imprisonment for minors under the age of 18 and hold families more accountable for crimes committed by their children.





21 Erdoğan's Assessment of the Summit

President Erdoğan, assessing his meetings with U.S. President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the NATO Summit, stated that he believes the process will lead to concrete results in line with Türkiye's expectations in the defense industry, particularly regarding the KAAN national fighter jet and the F-35 program.

22 Bahçeli's Response to the European Parliament on Cyprus

Marking the 52nd anniversary of the 1974 Cyprus Peace Operation, MHP Chairman Devlet Bahçeli issued a statement on his social media account, noting that the European Parliament's 2025 Report on Türkiye defined Turkish Cypriots not as a "sovereign people" but merely as a "legitimate community" on the island, and "The will to determine the course of Turkish Cypriots does not lie in Brussels," he said.

23 MASAK Unveils Action Plan Against Financial Crimes

MASAK has prepared a new action plan against financial crimes through the Strategy Document on Enhancing Effectiveness in the Fight Against Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing, and Confiscation Practices in Türkiye (2026–2030). The document aims to enhance coordination among institutions in the fight against crime, as well as to ensure the coordinated implementation of preventive and repressive measures to deprive criminals of their criminal proceeds.

24 Mehmet Akif Ersoy Indictment Accepted

The revised indictment against Mehmet Akif Ersoy, former Editor-in-Chief of Haber Türk TV, and seven other suspects on charges of "aggravated sexual assault" and "forming a criminal organization" was accepted by the Istanbul 19th High Criminal Court.

25 Nine people, including Oğuzhan Uğur, were arrested

Nine people, including Oğuzhan Uğur, founder of BaBaLa TV, who had been taken into custody as part of an investigation into the Ahbap Association, were arrested on charges of "abuse of trust in the course of duty" and "laundering of proceeds of crime."



26 “1 million barrels of oil”

Following his meeting with Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al-Zeydi, President Erdoğan stated that Zeydi had said Iraq could supply Türkiye with 1 million barrels of oil per day and that this amount would be sufficient to meet Türkiye’s daily needs.

27 Constitutional Court Ruling on Madımak

The Constitutional Court ruled that the judicial process regarding the Madımak Massacre—in which 35 people lost their lives in 1993—had not been conducted effectively, thereby finding a violation of the procedural aspect of the right to life. The Court ruled on the individual petition filed in 2014 by the relatives of those who lost their lives in the massacre—12 years later—and ordered the payment of moral damages.

28 Türkiye’s Reaction to the EP Resolution

Türkiye strongly condemned the European Parliament’s (EP) resolution targeting the Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) regarding the 1974 Cyprus Peace Operation, declaring it “null and void.” The resolution, titled “The Impact of Türkiye’s 1974 Invasion on Cypriot Women and Girls,” included allegations of violence against the TSK and demanded that Türkiye immediately end its military presence on the island and pay compensation.

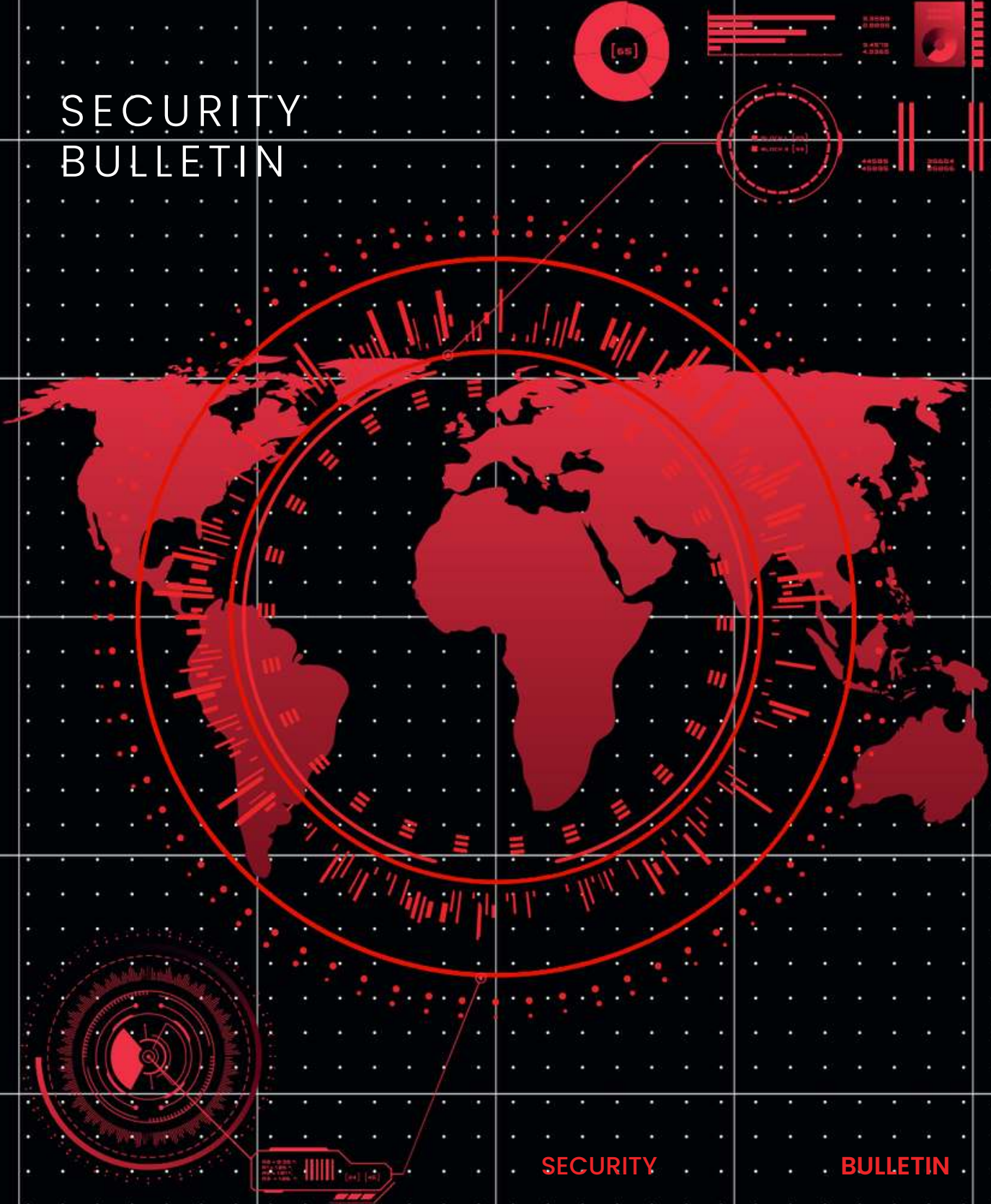
29 Decision to Continue Deniz Göktaş’s Detention

The appeal filed by comedian Deniz Göktaş against his detention—which followed his arrest for remarks made in his YouTube show titled “Dead Sea”—was rejected. The Istanbul 5th Criminal Court of First Instance ruled that Göktaş’s detention should continue, citing that the detention order was in accordance with legal procedures and the law.

30 Türkiye ranks 18th most populous country in the world

With a population of 86,092,168, Türkiye ranked 18th among 194 countries, accounting for 1 percent of the world’s total population. According to United Nations estimates, India, China, and the United States account for 39.2 percent of the world’s population, which is projected to reach 8,231 million by mid-2026.

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1 U.S. Sets Israel Condition for Saudi Arabia

U.S. President Donald Trump announced that he had made approval of the nuclear cooperation agreement signed with Saudi Arabia contingent on Riyadh's participation in the Abraham Accords, which aim to normalize relations with Israel.

2 Andy Burnham Assumes Office as Prime Minister

Andy Burnham was tasked with forming a government during a meeting with King Charles III, thereby succeeding Keir Starmer to become the United Kingdom's 59th prime minister and the seventh in the past 10 years.

3 Agreement Reached on New Sanctions Package Against Russia

European Union (EU) countries have reached an agreement on the contents of the 21st sanctions package against Russia. Under the package, 94 financial institutions—mostly banks—and the Moscow Stock Exchange will be added to the sanctions list; restrictions will be imposed on new ships linked to Russia's so-called "shadow fleet" oil transport network; and oversight of transactions conducted through third countries will be expanded.

4 11 Killed in Israel's Attacks on Gaza

Eleven people, including three children, were killed in Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip despite the ceasefire. Sources from the Palestinian Ministry of Health reported that five members of the same family were killed in an attack on a home in northwestern Gaza. The Israeli military, however, claimed that a " Hamas member " was the target of the attack.

5 The final communiqué of the NATO Ankara Summit has been released

The six-point final communiqué of the NATO Ankara Summit was released with the approval of all participating countries; although tensions between the U.S. and Europe were felt throughout the summit due to some of Trump's remarks, the meeting concluded in a spirit of unity. The final communiqué reiterated the collective defense commitment that "an attack on one ally is an attack on all allies."

6**NATO's 2027–2031 Funding Plan**

As part of its newly approved funding plan, NATO announced that it has raised the ceiling for collective funding to 6.5 billion euros and launched the 27-billion-euro NATO Fuel Supply Chain Capability Program Plan to modernize the Alliance's energy infrastructure.

7**Iran Announces Suspension of the Agreement**

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Kazim Garibabadi announced that, citing the U.S.'s violation of all commitments under the memorandum of understanding and its suspension of certain provisions, his country has officially suspended all obligations arising from the agreement.

8**Shara is working toward an agreement with Israel**

Ahmed Shara, leader of the interim government in Syria, said they are working to reach a security agreement with Israel. Shara emphasized that many countries have contributed to an agreement that would encourage a more balanced Israeli policy toward Syria.

9**Khamenei's funeral concluded**

The six-day funeral ceremony for Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei—who was killed in a U.S.-Israeli airstrike on February 28—began in Tehran approximately four months after his death and concluded with his burial at the Imam Reza Shrine in Mashhad, his birthplace.

10**Trump's Message: "Give Negotiations Another Chance"**

Speaking on Israeli television, U.S. President Donald Trump said he had "decided to halt attacks against Iran to give negotiations another chance." Trump added, "If it doesn't work, we will return to very strong military action."





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Trump and Netanyahu Meet Face-to-Face for the First Time

Donald Trump and Binyamin Netanyahu met face-to-face for the first time since the joint U.S.-Israeli attack on Iran on February 28. In the White House's initial statement regarding the meeting—which reportedly addressed the war against Iran as well as the negotiation processes in Palestine and Lebanon—it was noted that the meeting was “positive and productive.”

12

Claim: “30,000 North Korean Soldiers Will Fight Against Ukraine”

Ukrainian leader Zelenskyy claimed that Russia intends to send 30,000 North Korean soldiers to his country to fight in the war. Zelenskyy, who said Moscow had also requested a missile launch system from North Korea, noted that preparations to counter this were underway in the Voronezh region near the Russian-Ukrainian border.

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“Türkiye Also Played a Role in Preventing Kurdish Armed Groups”

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Arakchi said that during the early days of the war in Iran, Türkiye also played a role in preventing a possible attack by Kurdish armed groups in northern Iraq against Iran. Arakchi noted that Türkiye had also adopted a “very clear stance” in its contacts with the U.S., and that the combined efforts of various parties had thwarted the plan to draw Kurdish armed groups into the conflict.

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Messages from Trump on the 250th Anniversary

While rallies were held across the U.S. on Saturday, July 4, to celebrate the country's 250th anniversary, Donald Trump, speaking at an event in the capital, Washington, D.C., described the U.S. as “the apple of humanity's eye,” labeled his political rivals “communists,” and said they must be defeated.

15

Houthis Seek to Collect Tolls at the Strait of Bab el-Mandeb

The Houthis have begun considering the establishment of a system to collect tolls from ships passing through the Strait of Bab el-Mandeb. Local sources stated that the Houthis are evaluating this measure with the aim of normalizing the practice of collecting payments for passage through international waterways and to exert pressure on the U.S.



16 **Iran Warns Ukraine: “The Attack Will Not Go Unanswered”**

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Erakchi said that Ukraine's attack on an Iranian ship in the Caspian Sea, which resulted in the death of a sailor, would not go unanswered. Ukrainian President Zelensky had previously stated that military transport ships linked to Iran and a warship in the Caspian Sea had been targeted by long-range attacks.

17 **Hamas Elects New Leader**

Hamas announced that Khalil al-Hayye has been elected as head of the Political Bureau to succeed Yahya Sinwar, who was killed in Israel's attacks on Gaza. Sinwar had been elected to the position in August 2024 following the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh by Israel in Tehran, and was killed on October 17, 2024.

18 **Joint defense bank by 9 countries**

Eight NATO allies, including Türkiye, and Ukraine announced they will establish a new global defense bank to contribute to the allies' rearmament process and strengthen the defense industrial base.

19 **Restrictions on war powers in the U.S.**

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill introduced by Democrats—with the support of four Republican members—aimed at restricting the Trump administration's military action and war powers against Iran. The bill was approved by a vote of 214 to 208. The resolution constitutes a political censure and is not legally binding.

20 **Kremlin Responds to S-400 Allegations**

Kremlin Spokesperson Dmitry Peskov, responding to allegations that Türkiye is preparing to sell Russian S-400 air defense systems to a third country, noted that the issue is “extremely sensitive” and said that Moscow is in contact with Ankara.

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The Cost of the War with Iran to the U.S.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth announced that the war with Iran has cost the U.S. approximately \$37.5 billion so far. Hegseth stated that he had requested \$87 billion in funding from Congress for his department, \$67 billion of which would be allocated to operations in the Middle East, and added that if Congress did not approve an emergency funding increase, he would be forced to curtail military training.

22

5+1 Talks on Cyprus to Resume

Antonio Guterres, the first United Nations (UN) Secretary-General to visit Cyprus in 16 years, met with Nikos Hristodulidis, President of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, and Tufan Erhürman, President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, at the same table.

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Defense agreement between Greece and Israel

The Greek National Security Council officially approved the purchase from Israel of a multi-layered air defense system called "Achilles Shield," worth 3.5 billion euros, as well as unmanned aerial vehicles and Embraer-manufactured C-390 transport aircraft.

24

Lebanon-Syria Joint High Committee Established

Syrian Foreign Minister Esad Hasan Shaibani, who was in Lebanon for official talks, met with Prime Minister Nevvaf Salam in Beirut and signed an agreement on the establishment of the Lebanon-Syria Joint High Committee between the two countries.

25

Oman Presents a Plan to Iran on the Strait of Hormuz

According to a Reuters report, Oman has presented a new plan to Iran to ensure that the Strait of Hormuz is not left under Iran's unilateral control and is instead managed by a joint mechanism involving regional countries.





26 **New Sanctions from the U.S. Against Iran**

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has imposed sanctions on two companies—the Persian Gulf Marine Insurance Company and the HormuzSafe Marine Services Authority, which are alleged to have enabled Iran to generate revenue from the Strait of Hormuz—as well as eight vessels and eight associated companies, on the grounds that they played a role in the transport of Iranian crude oil and petrochemical products.

27 **U.S. Court Announces Ruling on Reza Zarrab**

A U.S. court noted that it would count the time Reza Zarrab has already served in prison toward his sentence for his role in illegally circumventing sanctions against Iran and did not impose an additional prison term.

28 **Over 500 Refugees Missing Off the Coast of Myanmar**

The United Nations (UN) announced that more than 500 people, mostly Rohingya Muslims, may have lost their lives in two major boat accidents off the coast of Myanmar since late June.

29 **Latest on Wildfires in France and Spain**

As thousands of firefighters battle the flames amid ongoing wildfires in France and Spain, Emmanuel Macron stated that the country is facing its toughest challenge since World War II. Approximately 220,000 people were evacuated in France's Gironde region, and at least 30,000 in the Landes region.

30 **World Cup Champion Spain**

In the 2026 FIFA World Cup final, Spain defeated Argentina 1-0 with a goal by Ferran Torres in the 106th minute. Kylian Mbappé was the top scorer of the 2026 FIFA World Cup with 10 goals; Mbappé also brought his career total to 22 goals, becoming the tournament's all-time leading scorer at age 27.

SECURITY BULLETIN
**GENERAL
EVALUATION**

GENERAL



Our Turkish Armed Forces are working tirelessly for the defense and security of our country and are resolutely continuing their fight against all risks and threats.



Operations continued uninterrupted against all kinds of threats and dangers, especially PKK/KCK-PYD/YPG, FETO and DAESH terrorist organizations.



As of January 1, 2026, 6,953 people were apprehended while attempting to cross our borders illegally, and 43,878 people were prevented from crossing.



The National Defense University's "2026 Military Student Recruitment Selection Phase Activities," which began on July 14, will continue through August 7.



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.



SECURITY BULLETIN
**GENERAL
EVALUATION**

**1.
EXTERNAL
SECURITY
CROSS-BORDER**

**A)SITUATION
IN SYRIA**

▲ Türkiye launched an operation in the North of Syria within the scope of its right of self-defense stemming from Article 51 of the United Nations Convention.

▲ The Euphrates Shield Region (Border and Northern Aleppo) operations, which started in 2016, continue.

▲ Operations in the Olive Branch Operation Region (Afrintel Rifat), which started in 2018, continue.

▲ Launched in 2019, Operation Peace Spring Zone operations continue.

▲ Operations in the Spring Shield Operation Area (Idlib), which started in 2020, continue.

**B)SITUATION
IN IRAQ**

▲ Türkiye launched an operation in the North of Iraq within the scope of its right of self-defense stemming from Article 51 of the United Nations Convention.

▲ 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

▲ Operations continue in the Claw Series Operational Region (Claw-Lightening, Claw-Thunderbolt-Metina Avaşın Basyan), which was started in 2021 and still continues.

▲ Operations continue in the Claw Series Operational Region (Claw- Lock Metina, Zap and Avaşın-Basyan), which was started in 2022 and still continues.

SECURITY BULLETIN GENERAL EVALUATION

2. INTERNAL SECURITY DOMESTIC AND BORDER SECURITY

GENDARMERIE- POLICE- COAST GUARD LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES



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.



Our Border Eagles 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.



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.



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 organisations. Operations to eradicate terrorism continue at full speed.



The MIT continues to neutralize the terrorist organization's so-called leaders with its successful investigations.

The developments regarding the PKK/KCK terrorist organization laying down arms and dissolving itself, the agreement between the new regime in Syria and the PKK/PYD-YPG, and the peaceful developments in Iraq were evaluated as very important processes in July. No written information was shared regarding the location and date of the operations carried out by the official authorities in July, as well as the terrorists who were neutralized.

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IMPORTANT
NATIONAL SECURITY EVENTS
OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES INVOLVING ARMED CONFLICT



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No incident occurred domestically. No information was shared about cross-border operations.

- 1 **TÜRKSAT Expands into the Middle East Through a Partnership with Qatar:** Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Abdulkadir Uraloğlu announced that, as part of the strategic partnership established with Qatar, the new-generation Türksat-Biruni communications satellite—featuring high data capacity—will be added to the TÜRKSAT fleet. Uraloğlu stated that the satellite, which will operate in the 50 degrees East orbit and utilize Ka-band technology, will increase Türkiye's communication capacity in space and strengthen its competitive edge in the global satellite market.
- 2 **The New Party has appointed its Grand National Assembly (TBMM) group leadership:** The New Party, which held its first closed-door group meeting under the chairmanship of Özgür Özel, announced its TBMM group leadership. Tekin Bingöl was elected Deputy Speaker of the Assembly, while the Group Executive Board consists of Burhanettin Bulut, Veli Ağbaba, Turan Taşkın Özer, Seyit Torun, and Özgür Karabat. Aliye Coşar was appointed as the party's secretary, and Harun Özgür Yıldızlı as its administrative director.
- 3 **"Queens of the Court" are champions:** The Turkish Women's National Volleyball Team defeated Brazil 3-1 in the 2026 FIVB Nations League (VNL) final to claim the title; Melissa Vargas, who scored 33 points to lead the match, was named the "Most Valuable Player" of the finals.
- 4 **Türkiye Becomes the World's Seventh-Largest Steel Producer:** According to the "World's Largest Steel Producers" study, based on data from the World Steel Association, Türkiye became the world's seventh-largest steel producer in 2025 with a production volume of 36.9 million metric tons.
- 5 **Record in Solar Power Generation:** Solar power generation in Türkiye set a record in June. According to data from the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, solar power generation reached an all-time high of 4.99 billion kWh last month. Solar energy's share of total electricity generation stood at 16.4%.
- 6 **Volker Türk's Term Extended:** The United Nations General Assembly voted to extend Volker Türk's term as UN High Commissioner for Human Rights for another four years, with the support of 144 countries, despite "no" votes from the U.S., Russia, and Israel.
- 7 **"We'll start the Development Road this year":** Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Abdülkadir Uraloğlu stated in a press conference following his meeting with Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al-Zeydi that the Development Road project has been completed and construction is expected to begin this year.
- 8 **A trustee was appointed to the Ahabap Association:** As part of an investigation conducted by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, a trustee was appointed to the Ahabap Association, and administrative authority over all of the association's assets was transferred to the trustee's administration. Thirteen people were detained in the fourth wave of operations targeting the association. Among those detained is Hüseyin Başaran, owner of Başaran Holding.

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

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**OUR HERO
MARTYTRS**

DURING THE
OPERATIONAL
STUDIES CARRIED
OUT IN THE
COUNTRY;



July 11—In the Mihalıççık district of Eskişehir, Gendarmerie Specialist Corporal Mehmet Demirbaş was martyred in an armed attack at the scene.

DURING THE
OPERATIONAL
STUDIES
CARRIED OUT
OUTSIDE THE
COUNTRY



The month concluded successfully without any casualties.



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



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.

SECURITY BULLETIN
**MONTHLY RISK
FORECASTING**

1.
**EXTERNAL
SECURITY**
CROSS-BORDER



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



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

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**MONTHLY RISK
FORECASTING**

**2.
INTERNAL
SECURITY
DOMESTIC AND
BORDER SECURITY**



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



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.



"July 22—In operations targeting the FETO terrorist organization in 22 provinces, 128 suspected members of the terrorist organization were arrested; July 18—In operations targeting the DEAS terrorist organization in 30 provinces, 119 suspected members of the terrorist organization were arrested."



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.



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



A total of 898 irregular migrants and 10 suspected migrant smugglers were caught/ rescued in 43 incidents intervened by the Coast Guard Command within the scope of activities to combat irregular migration.



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.



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

01.08

1619 – The first African slaves are brought to Jamestown, Virginia.

1774 – British chemist Joseph Priestley discovered oxygen gas (dioxygène, O2).

02.08

1990 – Iraq under the leadership of Saddam Hussein occupied Kuwait. The Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jabir es-Sabah, fled to Saudi Arabia.

2001 Genocide criminal Serbian general Radislav Krstić was sentenced to 46 years in prison by The Hague War Crimes Tribunal.

2015 – The PKK's attack on the Ağrı's Doğubeyazıt Karabulak Gendarmerie Station. Explosives were detonated.

03.08

1492 – Approximately 200,000 Sephardic Jews in Spain were expelled from the country by the Spanish kingdom and the Catholic Church.

04.08

2020 – 2 thousand 750 tons of ammonium nitrate in a warehouse in the Port of Beirut exploded: 154 people died and 6 thousand people were injured.

05.08

2012– An attack was carried out by the PKK on the Geçimli Gendarmerie Station in the Çukurca district of Hakkari. A suicide attack took place.

06.08

1926 – Gertrude Ederle became the first woman to swim across the English Channel.

1945 II. During World War II, an atomic bomb was dropped on the city of Hiroshima in Japan by the USA.

07.08

1990 -- Upon the invasion of Kuwait by Iraqi troops, the USA launched the "Desert Shield" operation, warplanes were sent to Saudi Arabia.

1998 – 224 people died in the bomb attacks on the United States' consulates in Dar es Salaam and Nairobi.

08.08

1974 US President Richard Nixon resigned due to Watergate scandal. Nixon became the first US President to resign.

09.08

1945 -- The USA dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Nagasaki in Japan. About 70,000 people died at that time.

10.08

1792 -- French Revolution: Tuileries Palace was sacked, XVI. Louis was arrested.

1920 – The Treaty of Sèvres was signed between the Entente Powers and the Ottoman Empire government.

2016 – A bomb attack was carried out on a police vehicle near the On Gözlü Bridge in Diyarbakır's Sur district, 6 people lost their lives.

11.08

1952 -- The Jordanian Parliament elected his son Crown Prince Hussein as king instead of King Talal because he was schizophrenic.

12.08

2000 – The Russian submarine Kursk sank in the Barents Sea with a crew of 112.

13.08

1961 – East Germany closed the Berlin border with barbed wire. On August 20, the Wall of Shame/concrete wall was started to be built.

14.08

1945 II. At the end of World War II, Japan surrendered unconditionally.

1974 -- When the Geneva talks between Türkiye, England and Greece came to a deadlock, the TAF launched a second military operation in Cyprus.

15.08

1914 – The first ship passed through the Panama Canal.

1960 – Pursuant to the Zurich and London Treaties, the Republic of Cyprus declared its independence.

2016– 8 people lost their lives in the attack carried out with a bomb-laden vehicle in front of Diyarbakır Regional Traffic Directorate.

16.08

1906 – In the earthquake that occurred in the Valparaíso region of Chile, 3.882 people died.

2005 – West Caribbean Airways' passenger plane crashes near Machiques, Venezuela: 160 people are killed.

RISK CALENDAR THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

17.08

1988 - Zia ul Hak was killed as a result of an assassination.

1999 Kocaeli Gölçük centered Mw 7.5 magnitude Marmara Earthquake occurred.

2017 - There was a terrorist attack in Barcelona in which a minibus crushed pedestrians on the street, ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack.

18.08

1917 The Great Thessaloniki fire affected 32% of the city and 72 thousand people were left homeless.

2016- It was organized by detonating the bomb-laden vehicle that came to the Elazig Police Department.

19.08

1934 - Adolf Hitler gathered all political forces in his hands by receiving 89.9% of the 'yes' votes in the Presidential referendum.

20.08

1988 - The Iran-Iraq War, which lasted for eight years, ended with a ceasefire.

2016- During a wedding in Gaziantep Şahinbey, an ISIS member detonated the explosives on the attacker.

21.08

1960 -- Çanakkale Martyrs' Monument was opened with a ceremony.

1969 An Australian Jew named Denis Michael Rohan sets the Al-Aqsa Mosque on fire.

22.08

1791 - The Haitian Revolution, the first uprising of the slaves, began in Haiti.

1864 - Creation of the Red Cross: 12 states signed the first Geneva Convention.

1986 - Celal Bayar died.

23.08

1305 - Scots knight William Wallace was executed by King Edward I of England on the charge of treason.

1944 - II. Abdülmecid died..

24.08

1991 Mikhail Gorbachev resigned as the chairman of the USSR Communist Party. The process of disintegration of the USSR began.

26.08

1071 - The Battle of Manzikert: The Great Seljuk army under the command of Alp Arslan defeated the Byzantine army.

1789 - The French Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen.

2016 - Cizre District Police Department was attacked. A bomb-laden vehicle was detonated at the police checkpoint.

27.08

1896 - The Anglo-Zanzibar War, the shortest (40 minutes) war in the history of the world, took place.

28.08

1963 Martin Luther King gave his famous I Have a Dream speech.

1988 -- Three demonstration planes belonging to the Italian Air Force crashed on the audience: 75 people died.

1995 37 people were killed and 90 people were injured in the Markale massacres. This incident became a pretext for the military intervention of NATO.

29.08

1966 - Egyptian writer Sayyid Qutb, the leader of the Muslim Brotherhood movement, was executed.

30.08

Victory Day in Türkiye and the TRNC

1922 - The Battle of the Commander-in-Chief ended with the decisive victory of the Turkish Army.

1995 Bosnian War: NATO forces launched air operations against the Army of the Republic of Serbia in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

31.08

1876 - Murad V deposed; instead of his brother II. Abdulhamid became the sultan.



SECURITY BULLETIN
**MONTHLY RISK
FORECASTING**

**A. GENERAL RISK
FACTORS**

**POLITICALLY, THE
TOP PRIORITIES
ARE;**



Russia's invasion of Ukraine and its effects on Türkiye, The process continues. The search for peace continues. No effective solution has been offered.



The purchase of the S-400 missile defense system and CAATSA sanctions, The problematic process continues.



The problem with the purchase of F35 and/or F16, The process is ongoing.



Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean Problem, The process continues.



PKK/PYD-YPG in northern Syria and PKK terrorist organization in northern Iraq, Uncertainty continues in Syria.



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



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

DOMESTIC AND
BORDER TERRORIST
ON THE LINE WITH
ITS ORGANIZATIONS
STRUGGLE



SECURITY BULLETIN MONTHLY RISK FORECASTING

A. GENERAL RISK FACTORS

1. EXTERNAL SECURITY ASSESSMENT



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.



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.



Türkiye will continue to follow a peaceful and conciliatory path in national security and foreign policy.

A) THE SITUATION IN NORTHERN SYRIA



The state of war between the U.S./Israel and Iran is also being closely monitored by Syria. Relations between Turkey and Syria are proceeding smoothly.



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



The state of war between the U.S./Israel and Iran is also being closely monitored by Iraq. Relations between Turkey and Iraq are proceeding smoothly.



On July 29, the United States and Saudi Arabia carried out joint airstrikes against Iranian-backed militia groups (Hashd al-Shaabi/PMF) in eastern Iraq. It was reported that a large number of militiamen were killed in these attacks.



The PKK's disarmament and dissolution process is carefully monitored. It is evaluated that the operations in the Claw Zone will continue.

C) ISRAEL - PALESTINE CONFLICT



The war between Israel and Palestine (Hamas) has been ongoing since October 7, 2023.



No effective steps toward peace are being taken. Israel continues to pursue its objectives.

D) THE SITUATION IN UKRAINE AND RUSSIA



The war between Russia and Ukraine has been ongoing since February 2022. No effective solution has been found.



The impact of the war on Turkey is being monitored.

SECURITY BULLETIN MONTHLY RISK FORECASTING

A. GENERAL RISK FACTORS

1. EXTERNAL SECURITY ASSESSMENT

E) IRAN- U.S./ISRAEL WAR



As of the end of July, tensions in the Middle East have reached their peak.^[14] While Iran is attempting to effectively block the Strait of Hormuz, the U.S. has increased its troop levels in the region to over 50,000 and announced that it remains on high alert. Israel, meanwhile, has stepped up its preparations for a possible direct conflict and has ordered the opening of shelters.



In July 2026, tensions between Iran and the U.S. and its allies escalated into a full-scale war following the collapse of the ceasefire (MOU) signed in June. Throughout the month, there were mutual missile, drone, and air strikes.



"The End of the Ceasefire and the First Clashes

July 8: U.S. President Donald Trump declared the memorandum of understanding (MOU) reached with Iran in June null and void. Following this decision, clashes between the parties flared up again. Early July (July 6–7): Iran launched attacks on three commercial vessels in an effort to increase its control over the Strait of Hormuz. Iran began demanding transit fees from ships passing through the strait and mandating specific routes."



"Iran's Regional Attacks

July 28: Iran launched a large-scale ballistic missile attack targeting U.S. bases in Jordan. While Jordan's air defense systems destroyed at least five missiles, the U.S. announced that all missiles had been successfully intercepted.

Kuwait Attack: An attack carried out by Iran struck a building belonging to a Chinese company in northern Kuwait. One worker was killed in the incident.

Developments in Egypt: A drone attack was carried out against a U.S.-owned liquefied natural gas (LNG) tanker at the port of Damietta in Egypt. It was alleged that Iran-backed forces were behind the attack.

Strait of Hormuz: The Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) announced that it had intercepted three oil tankers in the strait on the grounds that they were using "unsafe routes."



"Retaliatory Strikes by the U.S. and Its Allies

July 30 (Major Retaliation): U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) launched a "heavy wave of strikes" against Iranian territory in response to attacks on bases in Jordan.

Targets: Military command centers, missile facilities, and drone facilities on the islands of Tehran, Piranshahr, Kish, Bandar Abbas, Abu Musa, and Kish were struck."

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MONTHLY RISK
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A. GENERAL
RISK
FACTORS

2.
INTERNAL
SECURITY
ASSESSMENT



Effective operation will continue in the country within the tactic of Search-Find-Neutralize.



The PKK's process of dissolving itself both within and outside the country is being monitored.



It is considered that the struggle to drain the financial resources of terrorist organizations will continue.

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**MONTHLY RISK
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B. OTHER RISK
FACTORS

**1. INFLATION
AND ERRAIC
PRICE JUMP**



Expected decision from the CBRT: The Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye (CBRT) announced that, at its July Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting, it decided to keep the policy rate unchanged at 37%, in line with market expectations. The TCMB also kept its overnight borrowing and lending rates unchanged at 35.5% and 40%, respectively. In a statement released following the decision, the TCMB noted that leading indicators suggest inflation will rise again in July, adding, “The effects of geopolitical developments on the inflation outlook through the cost channel, economic activity, and the expectations channel are being closely monitored.”



Expectations for a CBRT rate cut have been postponed: U.S.-based investment bank JPMorgan reported that the resurgent military tensions in the Middle East and oil prices approaching \$100 per barrel could delay the Turkish Central Bank’s (TCMB) rate-cutting process.



Decline in TCMB reserves: The CBRT’s total reserves fell by \$2.8 billion to \$160.5 billion in the week ending July 17. During the same week, net international reserves fell by \$5.1 billion to \$51.2 billion, while net reserves excluding swaps also declined by \$4.8 billion to \$37.7 billion.

