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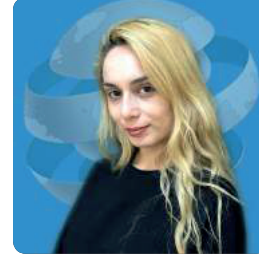
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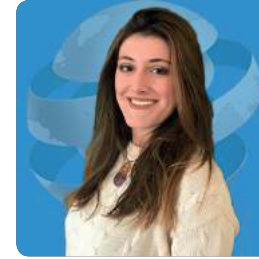
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The Blind Leading The Blind: Rocket Man's Meeting

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has invited US President Donald Trump to meet. South Korea's National Security Advisor Chung Eui-yong announced this unexpected development at a press conference in Washington.



Shortly before the US and North Korea had a tense period stretched to mutual threats.¹ US President Donald Trump, who made a speech at the United Nations General Assembly in New York months ago, used the expression of "rocket man" for North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, and Kim Jong-un responded by saying "old senile".² However, now US President Donald Trump replied, "We are honored to meet Kim Jong-un under the right conditions." Following a one-year nuclear restructuring, the two leaders will meet in May.³ This development marks an important milestone in diplomatic progress. Chung said he gave Trump the letter he brought from North Korea's leader. "I told President Trump that North Korean leader Kim Jong-un committed to nuclear disarmament," he said. Chung also reported that North Korea would break into nuclear and other missile tests. Can North Korea really want to peace? Or are there other plans underlying these big promises? Other actors in the region seem happy for now. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov described the meeting as "a step in the right direction". Also, China said the Korean peninsula issue was "heading in the right direction" and calling for "political courage".⁴

¹<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-43340162>

²Richard Wolffe, "Trump meeting Kim Jong-un is a half-baked idea – and a dangerous one", March 9, 2018

³Amanda Erickson, "Why Kim Jong Un wants a meeting with Donald Trump, and 5 other global stories you might have missed", March 9, 2018

⁴<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-43339901>

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1. Short-term, it reduces the risk of war.

Even just preparing for talks changes, North Korean and American incentives in ways that make us all less likely to be obliterated in a fiery nuclear inferno. That's good!

2. The sides do not agree on the point of talking.

South Korean officials have said that Mr. Kim opens to talk for "denuclearization" which is perhaps why Mr. Trump seems to believe this will happen. However, Duyeon Kim, a Seoul-based analyst, writes in a column in the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists that "denuclearization" means vastly different things to the United States and North Korea. Americans understand the word as describing North Korea's full nuclear disarmament, which is very difficult to imagine happening. However, North Koreans, tend to mean it as a kind of mutual and incremental disarmament in which the United States also gives up weapons. This misunderstanding can affect the meeting negatively.⁵

3. Price to Pay

There will be a price to pay. At a minimum, it would include full U.S. recognition of North Korea, the lifting of sanctions, new international aid and a security guarantee that the U.S. would not seek to undermine or attack the regime. But Kim may also push for a formal treaty ending the Korean War, the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the South and a pullback of U.S. missile defense installations.⁶

4. Trump can be declared as a hero.



The dialogue between the two leaders opens the way for dialogue, and if Trump leads the nuclear disarmament of the Korean peninsula, the title of "US President who has finished the Korean War" can be written.

5. North Korea has already achieved a symbolic victory.

For North Korea, high-level talks are a big win in their own right. Mr. Kim seeks to transform his country from a rogue country into an established nuclear power, a peer to the United States, a player on the international stage. That win can lead to Mr. Kim's international acknowledgment and heightened status, as well as significant domestic credibility.

"Kim is not inviting Trump so that he can surrender North Korea's weapons," Jeffrey Lewis, a Korea expert at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies, wrote on Twitter. "Kim is inviting Trump to demonstrate that his investment in nuclear and missile capabilities has forced the United States to treat him as an equal."

Also, Evan S. Medeiros, an Asia advisor to President Barack Obama, said that any direct talks would elevate Mr. Kim and legitimize him. "We got nothing for it. And Kim will never give up his nukes," Mr. Medeiros said. "Kim played Moon and is now playing Trump."⁷

6. North Korea's anxious about its security.

The 1950s conflict between communist North Korea, backed by China and the Soviet Union, and South Korea, backed by the U.S., ended without a peace treaty. As such, the U.S. and North Korea are technically still at war. In this meeting, Kim may try to end this for futuristic moves.

No matter what the scenario is, the two statesmen seem to be fine at the moment. Trump stated that for Kim Jong-un "He can undertake the power at a tender age". I'm sure a lot of people have tried to get this power out of him. His uncle or someone else. Actually, he is a sweet, smart cookie but there is a situation that has been going on for many years and we cannot allow it to continue."

⁵John McLaughlin, "Why we must talk with North Korea", March 9, 2018

⁶Domenico Montanaro, "High Risk, High Reward For Trump's Meeting With North Korea's Kim Jong Un", March 9, 2018

⁷Mark Landler, "North Korea Asks for Direct Nuclear Talks, and Trump Agrees". March 8, 2018



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The Past and Present of Containment Policy



The rising tension in Turkish-American relations and the accompanying rhetoric came to life when the Turkish Armed Forces launched the Operation of Olive Branch on 20 January 2018. This operation was initiated directly against the terrorist elements in Afrin, which mostly consist of YPG or PYD militias that have relations with PKK. They were established against the territorial integrity of Turkey and they are demanding some territories not only from Turkey but also from Iraq, Syria and Iran to declare independent Kurdish state. PKK is officially recognized as a terrorist organization by the U.S. Congress. Thus, according to the Turkish authorities, the name of the operation clearly reflects its purpose and the mission.

On the light of the Olive Branch Operation, some realities, which are observable only on the ground, started to appear clearer. Concerns of Turkish government against the strategic partnership with the United States have intensified day to day and this situation creates negative impact on the Turkish public opinion. As a result of this process, the confidence in the United States government is decreasing day by day. On the other hand, Russian foreign policy preferences about the PKK and other terrorist organizations created sympathy on the Turkish community. With the Olive Branch Operation, Turkish Air Forces directly target on PKK positions in the Northern Syria and Russian authorities opened Syrian airspace to operations of Turkish Air Forces. Thus, thanks to this air support, land forces can move more comfortably.

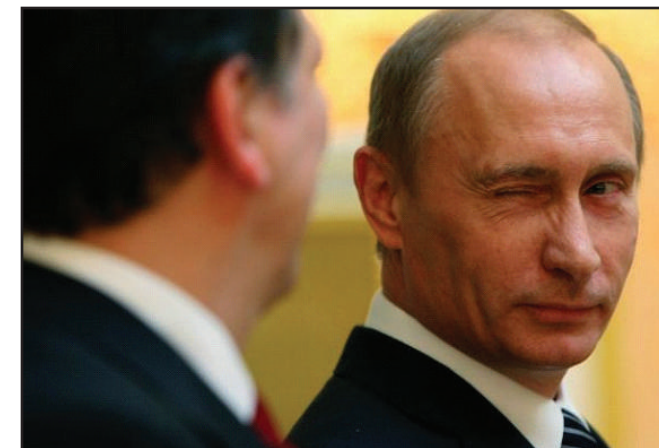
The whole situation has led me to rethink about a historical reality. Is history repeating itself? I hold the idea that history is certainly repeating itself. Only the actors change, the scenario is always the same. Thus, states must learn how to take lesson from history because the winners of yesterday may be the ones, who lose today. What I will examine in this context is the Containment Policy, which is based on the most impressive American Foreign policy goal of Cold-War era.

During the Cold-War period, there was constant saber-rattling between the USA and USSR. Two sides of the conflict preferred dangerous armament race to deter each other. They deployed missiles on strategic locations, in which was selected especially by the military strategists. Apart from all these, sides preferred to settle not only ballistic missiles but also military bases was opened that were revitalized by the new technologies and skillful professionals.

These strategies are necessary elements of the containment policy, which aimed certain victory against the enemy. According to the American Containment Policy, Soviet Union should be besieged by allied states, which were promoted militarily and economically by the USA. This policy was originally devised by the US diplomat George F. Kennan, best known as the father of Containment. His writings inspired the Truman Doctrine and the US foreign policy of Containment during the Truman Administration.

In February 1946, although Soviets declared that newly created World Bank and the International Monetary Fund were not supported, Soviet Union had been still important ally for the Western World. This was the important turning point because Soviets had shown its own hand. In this period G. F. Kennan was worked in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow as a Charge d' Affairs. After Soviet's declaration, he wrote the Long Telegram under the pseudonym 'Mr. X' and article published in Foreign Affairs Magazine in July 1947.

The Long Telegram was a review of how the Soviet Union saw the World and what the United States should do about it. The article constructed a road map for the Cold War. On the light of this road map, main strategy was blocking the expansion of the USSR and Communism. For the success of this strategy, Soviets must be surrounded geopolitically by the US and its allies. According to the Containment policy, the USA opened military bases on the allied states and placed huge amount of weapons and soldiers. Thus, they prevented expansion of USSR. Soviet power or pivot area was besieged by the USA and its allies.



Nowadays, scenario does not change, but the character that has been playing as a starring character since the elimination of Soviet threat, has started to lose its own reputation and prestige. The recent events indicate that the shift of axis is an important term for analyzing the current situation. The US may lose its position in the game, and the leading candidate is Putin's Russia. Russian strategies have been working on the ground and those strategies are supported both economically and militarily. Success of Sochi Negotiations is an important example for this situation.

The most loyal representative of American interests is Israel in the region. Russian maneuvers and strategies directly affected Israel's defense policies. Minor the US or Israel's defense line is weakened day by day.

Today, I believe the policy (Containment Policy) that the USA developed against the Soviets in time, is the same policy that surrounds it today and can cause to lose its leading role on the world affairs. There are some questions waiting to be answered. Will the scenario change or it remains the same? Besides, another important question is that who will be the star of the game? We will watch and see for now.

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RUSSIAN INVESTIGATION IN THE UNITED STATES

There are accusations during the presidential elections in America that Russia had intervened through cyber-attacks to alter the outcome of the votes in 2016. These accusations continue to gain new dimensions day by day. Robert Mueller, who is the US special envoy for this matter, accused 13 Russian citizens and 3 Russian companies of interfering in American elections. The Ministry of Justice revealed these accusations to the public. According to them, the intention of these 13 people and 3 companies was to interfere with the American political system and create internal conflicts.

In Mueller's opinion, what was it that they had done? They identified themselves as US citizens on social media and on those platforms they posted about controversial social and political issues. Half way through the year of 2016, it was noted that these individuals and institutions supported Donald Trump in the US presidential election process, while his opponent, Hillary Clinton, was portrayed as being untrustworthy. The suspects are also charged with defrauding banks and engaging in fraudulent activities online. The leader of the group accused of interfering with the elections was Yevgeni Prigozhin who is a businessman close to Russian President Vladimir Putin. The two companies accused were working in an agreement with the Russian government. Mueller is investigating whether there was an illegal agreement between the Russian government and the team conducting Trump's electoral campaign or not. In addition, following Trump's election as president, Mueller is investigating the FBI has prevented him from conducting an investigation into Russian intervention

allegations. Mueller's investigation is supported by the intelligence agencies Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the National Security Agency (NSA). In a report that they produced in January 2017, they stated that the Russian government had directly intervened to influence election results and electoral decisions at the highest level. In regards to these events, Russia rejects the accusations made by Mueller.

Mueller gathered a grand jury within the scope of this investigation. The grand jury examines the evidence gathered under an investigation and listens to the witnesses to determine the findings are sufficient to commence the judging process. The jury called forward Steve Bannon President of America Donald Trump's former White House Chief Strategist to give a statement. Bannon was one of the first names that Trump employed when he formed a team to work with after his election in November 2016.

US President Donald Trump is uncomfortable with these developments. Trump holds his rival Hillary Clinton and the Democratic Party of the presidential race accountable and accuses them. Trump wants the Republicans to take action against the investigation. In the meantime, different investigations have been conducted against the Congress and the FBI regarding the alleged involvement of Russia in the presidential elections in the United States. It is one of the most important investigations; The former foreign-policy adviser to Donald Trump, Carter Page is accused by the FBI of misleading and misrepresenting the process of investigating the request

for execution of espionage activity. FBI argues that politicians are attacking institutions for their own benefit.

How is the investigation going? Mueller was reported to be in contact with US President Donald Trump in the course of the Russian investigation he conducted. Donald Trump refused to meet Mueller for the interrogation.

As a result, the investigation is still not concluded. The US Congress and the Special Prosecutor Mueller are in the process of investigating the allegations that Russia has intervened in the US presidential elections through cyber attacks last year.



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HOLY CITY



Jerusalem is a city in the Middle East, located on a plateau in the Judaeen Mountains between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea.

It is one of the oldest cities in the world, and it is holy for the three major Abrahamic religions-Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Throughout history, many holy structures have been host to many battles due to their hosting and have been repeatedly demolished and rebuilt. Israelis and Palestinians both claim Jerusalem as their capital. However, these claims are not accepted internationally.



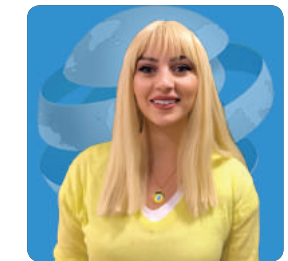
countries supporting the Israeli embassy in Jerusalem. **Trump's description** is a first in about it.

Jerusalem's status is one of the most central problems of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Israel occupied East Jerusalem which is under the control of Jordan in the Six-Days War of 1967. Since then, it is still being occupied by Israel. With the law, it adopted in 1980, Israel proclaimed Jerusalem is **"an indivisible capital"**. In addition, citizenship was given to Arabs who are living in the city with the same law. Parliament of Israel, presidency, premiership and ministries like official institutions are in Jerusalem. However, Israel's recognition Jerusalem as the capital city of it, that is not recognized internationally. There are almost no

US President Donald Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel's official capital city, despite all the reactions from the Islamic world. In addition, he said that the US Embassy in Tel Aviv will move to Jerusalem.

Donald Trump explained about Jerusalem in White House;

We cannot overcome our problems with repeating failed strategies. Jerusalem is not only the heart of three great religions. It is also a center which is one of the most successful democracies in the world. It is a place that Jews, Christians, and Muslims can live peacefully together and worship freely.



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What about demography? Since the occupation of East Jerusalem by Israel, the Jewish population in the city has increased considerably. Since 1967, Israel has established at least 10 settlements there. Approximately 200 thousand Jews were located in the city. Jewish settlements in Jerusalem are considered illegal by international law. However, Israel is objecting to it. There are approximately 850 thousand people living in Jerusalem. 37% of the population is Arabs and 61% of the population is Jews.

They said law...

They said justice...

They said universal values...

This is not law business...

This is not justice and rightness...

This is being strong...

This is collaborating in the face of mightiness...

The Warm Relationship Between North and South Korea

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Yong was the first name to visit South Korea after the Korean War that finished in 1953. Besides, the leader of North Korea invited the leader of South Korea to Pyongyang.

South Korea administration took kindly this peaceful approach between North and South Korea. In the opening ceremony of PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics, both South and North Korean athletes entered under unified flag and Unified Korean hockey team (North and South Korean athletes) were in the same team for the first time. In addition, Shinzo Abe who speaks at a reception attended by the Japanese prime minister says that "North Korea must realize that the strong bond between South Korea, the United States and Japan will be never broken." He also said that "All member countries of the UN need to fully implement the UN Security Council resolutions and pressure on the maximum level until North Korea changes its policies and agrees to sit on the dialogue table." Then he stated that the United States vice president Mike Pence would be subject to "maximum pressure" to include North Korea in negotiations on the dismantling of the Korean Peninsula from nuclear weapons.

In other words, the cooperation between two states in the Olympics can be a great step for merger of North and South Korea. Maybe someday these two countries will be under one roof. On one side is North Korea with a strong army and on the other side South Korea with a big economy and trade network.

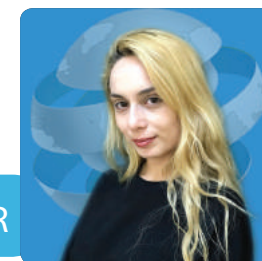


With the end of the World War II, the world has become polarized as on the one side is the US (capitalism) and the other side is Soviet Russia (communism). The world has become unstable because of the controversies between the states. Especially, Asia-Pacific region is affected negatively from this situation and the Korean War that started in 1951 has almost caused a war between these two states. Korea was separated from latitude 38° N as North and South Korea. With the end

of the Cold War, the tension between South and North Korea continued and came until today. In addition, North Korea administration did not come to the table and it always displayed aggressive behaviors. However, the good offices of North Korea to South Korea for 2018 Winter Olympics was shocked to South administration and the world. The leader of North Korea, Kim Jong Un, send his sister, Kim Yo Jong, to the committee in order to participate the reception in South Korea. Thus, Kim Jo

THE SILENCE SCREAM OF EASTERN GHOUTA

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Siege, starve and surrender. Actually, these three terms sum up the crime against humanity in East Ghouta. East Ghouta, located in the east of Damascus, capital of Syria, is the scene of the bloodiest images of civil war that has been going on for 7 years.

Apocalypse is breaking on earth, but as always, the world is silent. While the number of civilians who have lost their lives exceeds 900, the powerful states in the UN Security Council do nothing. People are under blockade over 5 years. Approximately for 1 year, enough food and medical supplies cannot enter the region. Babies, children and patients die because they cannot be nourished enough and they cannot be cured. Only in the last 3 months, 185 children and 109 women were murdered. There are 400.000 civilians including children in Eastern Ghouta where turns into the hell for civilians and especially for children. Assad regime that performs bloody attacks under the title of "combating terrorism" is using a large number of chemical weapons in the region. People who are under siege in Ghouta state that they are waiting for death because even if they survive the regime attacks, death is inevitable due to starvation or sickness. Since the beginning of the war, chemical weapons have been used 46 times and at least three times chlorine gas has been exploded. Airstrikes, artillery fire, cluster and barrel bombs. As all of these continue to become a nightmare for civilians and children, the UN officials only watch horrible situation of the region by "condemning" from their hot seats. Why is East Ghouta so important



for al-Assad? The answer is clear. East Ghouta is one of the most important points of the anti-regime resistance that started in Syria in 2011. In addition, the region attracts attention with its proximity to the capital, Damascus. On the other hand, the palace of Assad is close enough to hear the bombs and see the smoke in the region. Al-Assad wishes to end all resistance in capital. In East Ghouta where the regime has hit with starvation as well as airstrikes and ground attacks, babies and children are the biggest victims. In many pictures, most of malnourished babies and children have no any other choice without waiting death. Henrietta Fore, Head of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), paid attention to the situation of the civilians in the region. Henrietta Fore stated "The bombing is almost unceasing and the amount of violence means that the child sees the violence, sees the death, the maiming and now there is a lack of water and food, so disease is coming on." In three

days of these attacks against civilians, 17 hospitals were made dysfunctional. The United Nations condemned the



attacks targeting hospitals and civilian infrastructures. The UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres stated that these types of attacks are war crimes and armed clashes in East Ghouta should be stopped immediately and completely. He also defined as "Hell on earth" to East Ghouta. A spokesperson from Syria Relief, a Save the Children partner, says: "**The situation is really awful. The planes haven't stopped for a second throughout the entire night. I went out early to get a bag of bread this morning. There is only one bakery open in all of Ghouta and there were more than 500 men waiting so I couldn't get any. Children have never experienced this much fear. All night you could hear crying, scared children. Their mothers are living in horror; they didn't get any**

sleep last night. Ghouta yesterday was full of darkness, there wasn't a bulb on, there was no light anywhere. The people are calling on the UN and other organizations to intervene. We don't want anything at all except for the shelling and bombardment to stop."

Save the Children International Organization explained that 71 percent of homes were destroyed or damaged in just one neighborhood in East Ghouta. In addition, there is no access to electric or water in the region. According to an assistant volunteer in East Ghouta, most people are scattering around streets because of the force of the explosion. There are women and children who have fallen from their balcony or windows, all of their bones are broken. On the other hand, according to the last report, there are 525 mentally disabled people, 424 visually impaired people and 638 disabled people with paralysis. Paraplegic people are in high risk group because they cannot reach the medication that they need constantly. In addition, nearly 9,000 orphans in the region are in need of emergency assistance. While all these statements reveal the ugly face of the war, the questions that we cannot give an answer, make our conscience guilty. When we became reckless to a baby's tear, when we became deaf to silence scream of children and when we became full of grudges to innocent people who have only worry to live? Nowadays, children carry the ugly traces of the war. They lost their arms or legs. They have to live with their burn marks on their faces. Tunisia, Syria, Yemen... As Jean Paul Sartre stated that "When the rich wage war, it is the poor who die." It is hard to answer but is there anyone who have an idea about where is the humanity going on?

Dystopia of Uighurs in China

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While living in China, I always mentioned a group of people who were physically different from Han Chinese majority. They had different language, clothes (men were wearing hats on their heads and women had their head covered) and appearance (most of the men had mustache). Another thing which was easy to grasp was that Chinese people avoided them, did not mention them, I would say there was hostile attitude towards them. For example if a Chinese student had a choice where to eat street food, he would definitely choose buying food from Chinese. Those "different people" were Uighurs, an ethnic minority in China.

Uighurs are one of the ancient Turkic-speaking peoples. They settled on the territory of East Turkistan (modern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region of China), Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. Their approximate population is around 8-10 million people. The historical documents show that Uighurs have a history of more than 4,000 years. Throughout the history, there were created independent states by the ancestors of Uighurs. Living along part of the legendary Silk Road, the Uighurs played an important role in the cultural exchange between East and West, while creating their own unique culture and civilization.

After the Chinese nationalists overthrew the Manchu Empire in 1911, East Turkestan fell under the influence of field commanders of Chinese. The Uighurs that wanted to get rid of foreign domination, raised numerous uprisings against Chinese rule and twice (in 1933 and 1944) succeeded in creating an independent East Turkestan Republic. However, these independent republics were overthrown in the result of military intervention and political intrigues of the Soviet Union (at that time, the Soviet Union several times invaded with its troops at the request of the Chinese government to the territory of Xinjiang. Soviets considered Uighurs as a threat to stability of Soviet Central Asia). In October 1949, the troops of the People's Liberation Army of China entered East Turkestan and overthrew the independent of Uighur state. In the territory of East Turkestan, the Chinese Communists formed Xinjiang-Uyghur Autonomous Region. The period of Chinese Communists in Eastern Turkestan can be considered as the darkest chapter in the history of Uighurs. China conducts assimilation policies against Uighurs, persecutes

its political leaders. However, last news from the region appalled even the most insensible people in the world.

Radio Free Asia reported that at least 120,000 Muslim Uighurs are forcibly retained in political "re-education camps" in Kashgar, the largest city in southern Xinjiang. That eerily reminds of repressions of Mao era. China, which chose



authoritarian rule one more time (there is news that China's constitution may be amended by the National People's Congress to remove term limits for the president and vice-president which will possibly make Chinese president Xi Jinping lifelong ruler) announced "people's war on terror" in 2014. Chinese Communist Party created re-educational camps which remind ethnic Soviet gulags. China already had a dark experience with re-education camps in the middle of the 20th century during the official campaign against the "reactionaries" and it was developed during the years of the Cultural Revolution. Millions of people went through those camps. Officially, those camps promised to turn people into "respectable citizens, patriots, ready to participate in the construction of socialism." In fact, this meant hard working, beatings and tortures.

Last year, the authorities increased repressions against Uighurs. There is thousands of Uighurs in "re-education camps". Some are detained for that they went to the mosque too frequently, some prayed too much. Others are detained for traveling abroad or even for having relatives there. People are kept for months without contact with their family often without formal charges. Propagandists are working with prisoners. Propagandists look for the support of official ideology from the prisoners. At the same time, the authorities control the result. If they decide that "re-education" has not occurred, the detainee can be left in the camp for an indefinite period. To control the population, China uses modern technologies – human surveillance, data collection and analysis. Every Uighur is now suspected, not only in terrorism, but also in political disloyalty.

In modern conditions, the very existence of the Uighur nation is under threat. The Chinese Communist government is using terrible repressive methods in various campaigns against the Uighurs but last news about "re-education camps" goes beyond any morals and human rights. Most probably, we are facing another failure of international community which can do nothing with this terror. This terror will definitely be recorded in history books as darkest pages of humanity.

FROM THE BEGINNING TO TODAY: SYRIA

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The biggest factor in the beginning of the uprising in Syria is the 2011 Arab Spring. The rebellion against the Assad regime began with the Arab Spring and the regime army began to shoot and detain against the rebels.



Until July 2011, the dissenters, who approached with a request for peaceful reform, began the war of defense. Thus, Syrian regime separated into two as the supporters and opponents at first. With the fighting of the two powers which are not equal in quantity and quality with the power of the silver and other possibilities, different armed opposition groups started to form in various places of Syria. The officers who were in the regime army but opposed to the attitudes of Assad and BAAS against the demonstrators came together and joined together under the name of Free Syrian Army (FSA). The FSA has spread to many regions that have been popular for a short time, along with groups such as Faruk Brigades, Ahmar Sham, Nusret Front, Ketaib Islam, and many other Syrian origins.

The 23 Shiite organizations which small enough to be identified to date and backed by Iran moved to Syria to fight the insurgents in the regime ranks. Organizations that fought on behalf of Shia theology began to fight in Syria as



“foreign warriors” with Iran’s weapons and financial support.

THE IMMIGRATION WAVE

The increasing violence of the war has triggered a massive wave of immigration to neighboring countries from Syria such as Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon. A large number of Syrians who could not travel abroad in areas controlled by the opposition groups, took refuge in temporary settlements established in regions close to the border with Jordan and Turkey.

RUSSIA IS A SUPPORT OR A SHACKLER?

Russia, a political and military ally of Assad and the BAAS regime, began air operations in Syria in 2014 to support the regime as expected at that time. According to the research, when it came to the date of January 2016, Russia carried out 12 thousand air attacks against the opposition in Syria. The loss

of both material and spiritual damage cannot be predicted if Russia take a look at Syria, but if it looks briefly, it will lose 3,844 civilians lives. According to some sources, since Russia started to operations in Syria, about 20.000 air raid is happened. Moreover, 92% of the air attacks carried out by Russia in Syria are against the Syrian opposition and 8% are against the ISIS.

ATTITUDES OF USA, RUSSIA AND TURKEY

The US involved from the beginning, what happened in Syria, Russia and Turkey’s stance on the future of the region. The US wishes that Assad administration to go immediately; Russia emphasizes that it is seen as an internal problem and that it is not intervened. On the other, Turkey tries to solve problems in a political manner.

SOCHI SUMMIT

After the Astana Summit in Astana, Kazakhstan, Russia and Iran again met in Sochi to discuss the solutions on the war in Syria, which lasted for 7 years, at the Summit. It can be said that the leaders cannot enter into a full agreement if we look at the statements made after the summit.



In comparison with other 2 states, Turkey has a huge sensibility about PYD and YPG. This is the biggest problem in this matter. Although Russia does not care about Syrian territorial integrity, Turkey wishes to protect it. Despite The other two countries behavior towards Turkey’s sensitivity, Turkey still has a hope to be solved the problem by political paths.

Apart from all these developments, the war hurts humanity in a very painful way. It is embarrassing for humanity, both politically and humanely. Deaths of the millions of people cannot be underestimated. Moreover, many of these people are innocent children. This is the greatest tragedy of the war.



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IRAN: CENTURY OF REVOLUTION

Iran is undoubtedly one of the most influential countries of the Middle East. Throughout the history, Iran played a role in determining the environment and it was also in a great revolution in the last century.



HOW DOES IRAN DEFINE ITSELF?

History of Iran is based on Persians. 2500 years ago, Cyrus the Great had prepared a letter to the Babylonians, telling them that after Babylon had been defeated; they were determined to 'treat with justice, compassion and high volunteerism.' According to some experts, it is regarded as the world's oldest human rights convention. That is why they think that they have cultured and developed to humanity. Do we need to go back 2500 years to define the Iranian identity? Can we define it as an Islamic Nation? According to some, Iran is a state of enigma. They are aware of that they are not Arab because they know their past well. Some researchers describe Iranian identity as a mixture of pride and sense of superiority. Iran is also unique for another thing; in a region where the Sunnis are predominant in Iran but the official religion is Shiite. Not the Arabs, the Persians; not the Sunnis, the Shiite; the heritage of an ancient state, not the works of the imperialist era.

CONSTITUTIONALISM

When the Iran in late 1800s is analyzed, Iran was not affluent, politics were getting worse. What was the solution? According to some, its response was a new form of government; Constitutionalism. In that term, Russia was seen as a threat and defenders of the constitution received help from the UK against Russia. This aid lasted a short time because Iran

was the gate way to India which is the most important jewel of the British Empire. By the 1911, they had been dealing with these problems, but that year oil moved in and most Western countries started to care about Iran. Iran was unable to use its own oil, but the problems were still continuing. There was parliament but there was no strong government.



PEHLEVI DYNASTY

When we look at the Persians in the 1920s, Reza Han took over government because of Britain; the aim was create republican system. He wanted to modern administration, even the name of Persians has changed, Iran became the country of the free people. They either said change or change; all types of head cover were forbidden.

During World War II

Oil implies national wealth for Iran but it was on the hands of a foreign company. They wanted to nationalize the oil, Westerners pushed them to give up, but Iran stood behind this decision and this attitude would bring Iran into a critical path in the face of world powers.

HOPES EMERGED AND DISAPPEARED WITH MOHAMMAD MOSADDEGH

1950s, years of cold war, a person who was elected democratically, stood up against the West for oil but oil could not continue to use because of technical possibilities. The West started to be influential in the country due to this reason, and Mosaddegh started to lose his power. Central Intelligence Agency sent officers for coup but it did not go as it was planned. Shah fled to Italy. Second coup was made and Mosaddegh was fell. This was heavy blow to democracy.

WHITE REVOLUTION

A petroleum agreement with new governments; half of the income was left to Western states. The Westerners felt like victorious but Iran paid for it with its democracy. The Iranian Shah had disabled Mosaddegh and he had modern ideas for Iran. Achieving these modern goals was called White Revolution. With this revolution; land reform, suffrage to women, western style clothing started and the people were forced to adapt. While people were under pressure, Shah was talking about the renaissance. Shah was not aware of any miscalculation that he made. Previous revolutions have not progressed and another revolution has come, this time it was not a revolution planned by Westerners but an Islamic Revolution.

THE WIND TURNS AGAINST THE SHAH

In 1970s, intellectuals were either in prison or exiled, pressured was continuing in social life, uneasiness in society was causing of change. This situation increased the importance of Khomeini and he was calling to the people to make a revolution, the call was not missed, the rebellion has begun against to Shah. How accurate were these opposing demonstrations for democracy and secularism? He could not understand his people and he brought his own end. Nothing could stop anything in front of Khomeini, and Iran was on its way to become an Islamic Republic.

HUMEYN IS IN HIS COUNTRY AGAIN



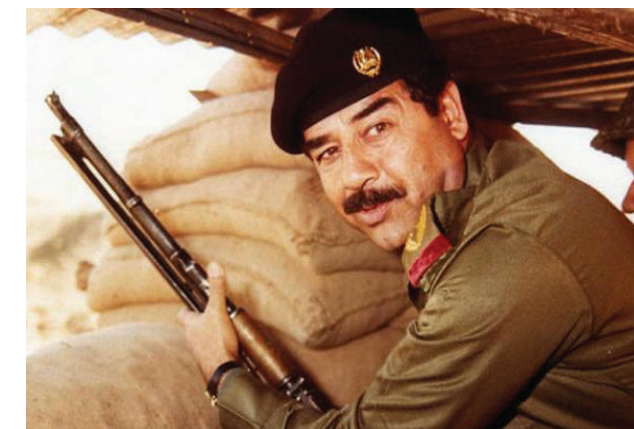
After 14 years of exile, Khomeini took the wind of nationalism behind him and the people were pleased. He was talking about secularism but when he came back, he did not act like what he said, and he did it to not lose the support of the people.

Meanwhile, Iranian students were afraid the Shah would come back, that is why they occupied the US embassy and 66 people were taken hostage. The crisis, which lasts for 444 days, even affects today's US-Iran relations.

IRAN-IRAQ WAR, HOSTAGE CRISIS AND AFTER

The relations with the US were going badly, and they were also fighting with Iraq. Iran was revolutionary, islamist, proud but alone. The United Nations Security Council did not do anything for a while but wanted a truce afterwards; decisions were ineffective because five members of the council sent

weapons to both sides of the war. How effective would the ceasefire be? The Iranians thought that the outbreaks were against them because of these aspects. The Western elements existing during the Shah period were prohibited after Shah's term. Opponents of the regime argue that the story of the revolution in Iran is not over. They also believe that Iran is going to be democratic state.



Although Iran caught many opportunities to open up to the outside of world, in the last hundred years, Iran has experienced three revolutions, four interventions from the West and two regime changes.

“Made on Earth by Humans”

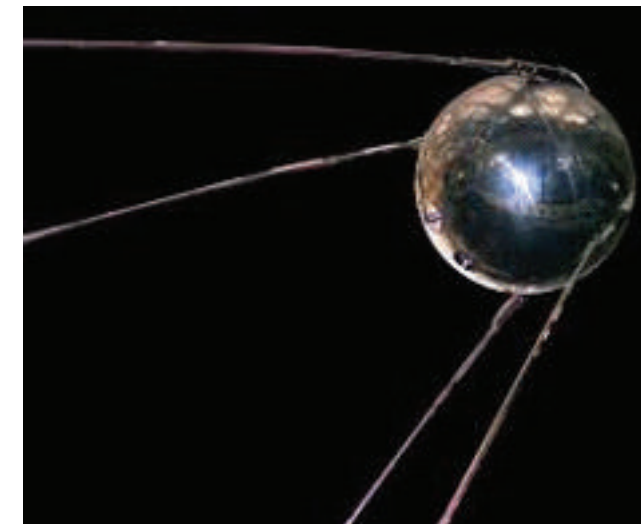


Last month in February 6, SpaceX, private company from the US, tested a new rocket named Falcon Heavy launched successfully and dropped Tesla electric car to space with a space suit which is planning for future use by astronauts then turned back to Earth and reached another milestone. Falcon Heavy proved that it is stronger and carrying more payload to space according to historic Saturn V rocket which is carried Apollo spacecraft series as well as astronauts to the Moon. After successful test flight, owner of the SpaceX, Elon Musk mentioned in the press conference about new space race could be fun and for that, there is a need to encourage other space companies and agencies. In that article, focus will be on what happened in “old” space race between US and USSR, and milestones in that race.

In the Cold War years, the US and USSR did not compete just politically and ideologically, but they competed in science which was another dimension of that race. Space race between these powers was one of the significant phases of that

competition in science and of course directly affected everyone’s daily life. From beginning 1950s to the end of the 1980’s, space race between the US and USSR became crucial for the parties and many scientists and astronauts/cosmonauts lost their lives during that competition. At the end of the Second World War, the US and USSR shared Germany’s rocket program elements. However, the US had an advantage on that sharing, Germany’s V-1 and V-2 rocket engineer Wernher von Braun, later he would design Saturn V rockets which is carried Apollo space crafts to the space, transferred to the US. Space race story began in October 1957, the USSR successfully launched its first artificial satellite, Sputnik (Fellow Wanderer) I that was a basic satellite and just transmitting radio signals to Earth and 21 days later, burned up to the Earth’s atmosphere. Also, in November, the USSR launched Sputnik II, that carried a dog named Laika. In October 1959, the USSR sent another significant satellite and Lunik (Luna) III for photographing dark side of the Moon. US’s response of advancements came in October 1958, Eisenhower administration established NASA. NASA aimed to launch manned space vehicle to the Earth’s orbit but the winner of that competition was the USSR. In April 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first astronaut who reached the Earth’s orbit with Vostok (East) I spacecraft. In February 1962, the US astronaut John Glenn reached the Earth’s orbit with Friendship 7. That race advanced another aim, reaching and landing to the Moon. In September 1962, US president John F. Kennedy addressed the nation and introduced that they have planning to go to the Moon. In July 1969, the US reached and landed to the Moon with Apollo 11.

With effect of the détente era on the Cold War, parties agreed to ease tensions and cooperation in space. In December 1974, both party’s space crafts, Apollo Command and Service Module and Soyuz (Union) 19 docked each other, both parties’ astronauts and cosmonauts met, visited each other’s spacecraft, gave gifts to each other. In 1981, the US achieved another



space technology, first reusable manned space craft has begun. First space shuttle enterprise launched for testing purposes, later the US produced six more space shuttles. Main purpose of these shuttles was carrying astronauts for rotation, carrying supplies and additional modules to International Space Station (ISS). In 1988, the USSR produced Buran (Blizzard) space shuttle. It had same characteristics and purposes like the US space shuttle project, but it never used except test flight. Space race ended with the collapse of the USSR in 1991. With retirement of the space shuttles in 2011, the US and Russia cooperated for ISS missions. Russia’s Soyuz space craft carries astronauts/cosmonauts to space, the US had responsible for resupply the ISS.

From beginning 2015, SpaceX followed the same logic just like space shuttles, reusable space craft for reducing flight costs. However, it became a game changer for space industry that company’s space craft Falcon9 is able to land both land and drone ship at the ocean. Also, company has emerged a slogan “Occupy Mars!”. Go with last month’s flight, SpaceX became one

step closer for occupying Mars. Now, we are waiting other private companies and state agencies for response to that new space race.



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Games which are social learning tools, have a quite significant place in every aspect of our lives in terms of entertainment, recognition, sharing, therapy and so on. During early childhood, children learn the environment; also parents recognize their children's abilities via games.

Advancements of technology cause to change our understanding of games and these games have become common thanks to internet and entering of internet into our pocket. Especially, because of urbanization and lacking of playgrounds, digital games took the place of traditional games. These games which are played by people almost every age draw particularly attention of youth. In addition to this, the time they spend games is increasing obviously. As a result of this, we face extreme addiction of computer games that affect children and adolescents. Initially, it seems quite innocent habit but day by day, it is gradually leaving their place to addiction snakingly.

How is this addiction occurring?

Individuals are affected by the new world that the game presents and go towards to it. There is also physiological relief during and after the game. This kind of relaxing which is felt after playing the game causes repetition of playing even becoming addiction. Currently, this addiction is considered as a situation which requires help or even treatment.

According to the New Scientist magazine, although computer game addiction does not have a name within the disease, in the forthcoming 11th International Classification of Diseases, the World Health Organization includes "gaming disorder" in it's

list of mental health conditions. ESET Security Company experts said that in a survey of 500 computer players, 10 percent of the participants spent 12 to 24 hours at the computer. This statement reveals the seriousness of the situation. Because of this addiction, the tragic event in society has begun to become more and more prevalent.

The common aim for these games to become people addict and most plays Mmorpg (Massively multiplayer online role playing game) are to create a character in the virtual environment in which the game is played and reach the top level with various abilities and powers. One of the most famous examples is World of Warcraft, which has 5 million players registered worldwide. According to research of Harvard University, 40 people per 100 people cannot abandon the role-playing games. In European countries, the average time-spending of those who play this game is 12-15 hours per day. In Turkey, 30 million 300 thousand active internet users are between the age of 16 to 50.

All these statements, the following question emerges and the answer is very frightening.

How does game addiction lead people's life?

* A 33 years old mother is obsessed with computer game which is called "Small word" for 22 hours a day and she neglects her children and caused death of two dogs due to hunger.

* In Turkey, 15 years old high school student who play computer games more than 15 hours was treated because of the inactivity of his left leg.

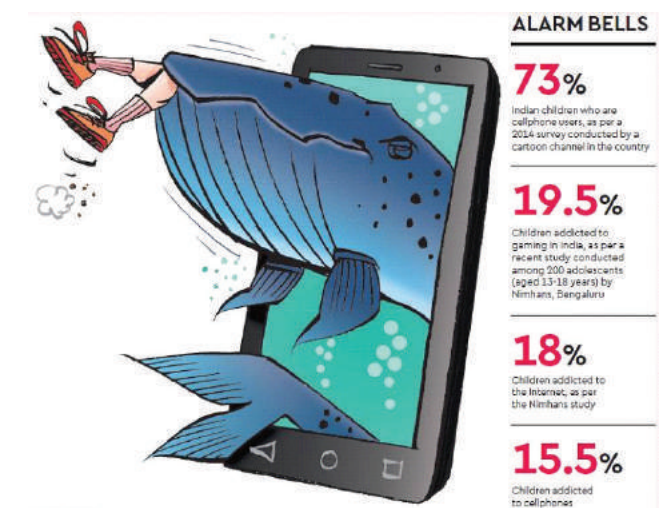
* A young man in Russia lost his job and his wife after playing 3 consecutive weeks "Fallout 4"

* Expert pedagogue Ishak Orhan said that;

"Computer games benumbs and kills the brain by causing addiction, even it kills the people in real."

The most threatening example of this is the Blue Whale Suicide game. In this game, there is a connection and interaction between children and game owner. The Blue Whale Game consists of 50 missions that are increasingly terrible for 50 days. Game owner wants to do unusual tasks from the game players such as, making lengthwise cuts on the person's own arm or go to the cemetery and take her/him photo etc. After these steps, the last task is jumping off a

building. Parents who do not pay attention to how much time their children spend on those games are not even aware of it. As you can see, this is a suicide game and 130 people were killed because of the game.



HOW TO OVERCOME A GAMING ADDICTION?

In first place overcoming is not easy but if you decide it you can do it. Firstly, individuals have to finish this habit in their brains. If they cannot do this, they must delete the account or destroy the characters they created. Therefore, the interest they have shown will decrease.

Another reason of game addiction is that individuals do not have to do anything. Try cutting down on the amount of time you spend on the PC and find something else to do such as meeting with your friends more often, getting a new hobby or starting to watch a new TV series. These suggestions will keep you away from the game. To remove the addiction of younger children, the biggest duty belongs to parents. They should exhibit love to kids, increase the quality of their time that spending with their children or families should go to the parks with their children, go to the gym, incite them to artistic and cultural events and they must to be leaded in order to communicate with their friend in natural way.

Families should not forget that technological tools are not a new baby sitter. It is for information not entertainment.



Change in the Policy of Turkey in Northern Iraq

Turkey's new Northern Iraq policy; political, diplomatic, economic and military



The relations between Turkey and the Kurdish administration, since 2013, has gained a new dimension. The political relations between Turkey and the Kurdish Regional Government in Iraq, was formed.



Iraq Kurdish Regional Government President Masoud Barzani came to Turkey. This visit was important to Turkey, as it was Barzani's first visit and it was an critical step in Turkey's Northern

Iraq policy. The reconstruction of Iraq after the US occupation was formed by the constitutional referendum in 15 October 2005 and the 15 December elections, in which Iraqi people formed national assemblies and took over sovereignty. This new structure which was formed in Iraq, has led to changes in Turkey's northern Iraq policy. In this context, Ankara has focused on relations with the Kurdish Regional Government in Iraq and it has been interested in economic and cultural relations particularly. After the referendum in 2005, Kurdistan Democratic Party leader Barzani was called to the USA. After this process, Turkey began to talk with Barzani. Ahmet Davutoğlu met with Prime Minister of Kurdish Regional Government Nechirvan Barzani on 1 May

2008. After this meeting, Masoud Barzani said it has resolved the psychological barriers between the Kurdish Regional Government and Turkey.

In addition, he said, that the Kurdish Regional Government's expectations from Turkey are developing the diplomatic relations with the KRG and opening the representation in Erbil, increasing economic activity of Turkey in the region and exporting oil to international market Ceyhan via. Following these developments, Masoud Barzani arrived to Turkey. Barzani firstly met with Ahmet Davutoğlu and then Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in Ankara.

Barzani, for the basis of the solution of the problems with Turkey, said it was economic. Ahmet Davutoğlu said that Turkish Airlines's Erbil flights should be started as soon as possible, Ziraat Bank and İş Bankası are working to open branches in Erbil. Terrorist activities that threaten



common elements and security cooperation on counter-terrorism in the last period of the Kurdish Regional Government have announced that Turkey is satisfied with that.

In Masoud Barzani's visit to Turkey that aims to develop politics about economy, Barzani stated that he supports to Turkey about counter terrorism. In this context, Turkey's Northern Iraq policy is political and economic rather than relations in the military and security issues.

If we look at the relations between Turkey and Northern Iraq in 2008 and 2009; Turkey's will is making cross-border operations in the face of a terrorist attack. The emergence of an idea on Iraq Kurds that would not harm anyone else has shown that a process of rapprochement has begun. It appears that there is a more prominent and active relationship in the present stage than in the past. Of course, time will tell the course of this rapprochement.



NATURAL GAS TENSION IN THE SOUTH OF CYPRUS

There are several disputes between Turkey and Greece that last more than 80 years. The problems were mainly based on territorial waters, air space dispute, continental shelf, demilitarization of the Eastern Aegean islands and Cyprus dispute. However, most of the problems are coming from territorial waters that Turkey was persistent objector of the Law of Sea. Another discord was Cyprus Island. Until 1878, the island was controlled by Ottoman Empire. After that time, Britain took over the administration of the island. Until 1950s, Britain was ruling the island but things changed and the idea of ENOSIS emerged that refers to unification of island with motherland Greece. As a reaction, Turkish side was also supporting TAKSIM that refers to division of island. The intense dispute has continued until 1974 because EOKA was still an active. Turkey, Greece and Britain took negotiations to solve the dispute with Zurich and London agreements, Cyprus Republic was established based on power sharing agreement. However, it did not work and it led to Turkish Cyprus intervention in 1974 and the island separated as a geographic federation.



As I mentioned before, there are disputes between Turkey and Greece but also there are problems among Turkish side and Southern Cyprus.

This is sounding crisis that Turkey has blocked the Italian natural gas drilling ship in 6th parcel, "Saipem 12000", that working for the Cyprus government.

The European Union, which has entered into force regarding the blockade of the region's operation in accordance

with the agreement with the South Cyprus government, has not been able to overcome the crisis so far. Southern Cyprus issued a license for 13 parcels in the sea area, which it declared in 2007 as its exclusive economic zone. Eight of these parcels attracted interest from energy companies: 2nd, 3rd and 9th Parcels Italian ENI and South Korea Kogas, 6th and 11th Parcels ENI and Total, 8th Parcel ENI, 10th Parcel ExxonMobil, 13th Parcel is American Noble Energy. However, Turkey argues

that 1st, 4th, 6th and 7th parcels

belong to Turkish continental shelf.

North Cyprus is also in agreement with Ankara to Turkey Petroleum Joint Stock Corporation (TPAO) had given the island's oil and natural gas exploration off the coast of authority.

However, some of the TPAO authorized territories overlap with the parcels that Southern Cyprus has searched through international energy companies. One of them is 3rd parcel. Cyprus government accuses Turkey's action which prevents the ENI Saipem 12000 vessel, as the violation of international law. However, Southern Cyprus does not have the right to legally declare an exclusive economic zone because an island cannot declare itself an exclusive economic zone if it is part of a state.



Controversial Sea Areas around Cyprus

- Parcels accepted as EEZ by Southern Cyprus
- Regions licensed by Northern Cyprus to TPAO
- ▨ Intersecting Areas

*EEC: Exclusive Economic Zone
*TPAO: Turkey Petroleum Joint Stock Corporation



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There has to be consent of Northern Cyprus over exclusive economic zone.

According to Turkey, the drilling activities indicate that the Turkish Cypriots could not take over their natural wealth in the vicinity of the island. On the other hand, Cypriots view the natural gas exploration activities as a right of sovereignty, and argue that a possible economic gain would be equitably distributed to all Cypriots once they have joined the island. However, this unification idea should not be considered because as we all know that it seems impossible in this situation. It might be related with historical problems between Cypriots but let's hope that the problems are dissolved in a short time and lasting peace is provided between two nations.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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	Toplam		Erkek		Kadın	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
(Bin)						
15 ve daha yukarı yaşta kişiler						
Nüfus	59 069	60 223	29 203	29 824	29 866	30 399
İşgücü	30 781	31 790	21 004	21 503	9 777	10 287
İstihdam	27 067	28 515	18 856	19 612	8 211	8 904
Tarım	5 053	5 297	2 812	2 915	2 242	2 382
Tarım dışı	22 013	23 218	16 044	16 697	5 969	6 522
İşsiz	3 715	3 275	2 148	1 892	1 566	1 383
İşgücüne dahil olmayanlar	28 288	28 433	8 199	8 321	20 089	20 112
(%)						
İşgücüne katılma oranı	52,1	52,8	71,9	72,1	32,7	33,8
İstihdam oranı	45,8	47,3	64,6	65,8	27,5	29,3
İşsizlik oranı	12,1	10,3	10,2	8,8	16,0	13,4
Tarım dışı işsizlik oranı	14,3	12,2	11,6	10,0	20,7	17,4
15-64 yaş grubu						
İşgücüne katılma oranı	57,1	58,0	77,5	78,0	36,6	37,9
İstihdam oranı	50,1	51,9	69,5	71,0	30,6	32,7
İşsizlik oranı	12,3	10,5	10,4	9,0	16,3	13,7
Tarım dışı işsizlik oranı	14,3	12,2	11,6	10,0	20,8	17,5
Genç nüfus (15-24 yaş)						
İşsizlik oranı	22,6	19,3	19,2	16,2	28,6	25,0
Ne eğitimde ne istihdamda olanların oranı ⁽¹⁾	23,9	22,9	14,3	13,5	33,6	32,6

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The Republic of Turkey is a country which is developing itself. Turkey has tried to invest in many areas since 1923. Also these investments still continue today. The wrong policies that government sometimes watched, are big problems for citizens. "Unemployment", which many of you have heard repeatedly, is one of these problems. In this article, I will refer to the problems that unemployment has caused by the people, among the people and the precautions taken by the governments. However before that, I would like to briefly mention the unemployment statistics for November 2017.

First of all, I would like to specify that the table has been prepared by Turkey Statistical Institute. It was published on February 15, 2017 with number 27687. According to the table, the unemployment rate was determined as 10,3% in November 2017 and total, it was 3 million 275 thousand persons.

Unemployment starts as an individual problem. If unemployment increases and it cannot be prevented, it becomes a social problem. If we consider unemployment on an individual basis, the removal of an individual's right to work means that the individual is taken away from the right to be a human being. An unemployed individual begins to feel deprived, unhappy, stressful and aggressive because he/she has been deprived of his most basic right to food. The depression situation will emerge with the decrease of the self-esteem of the individual. We can divide this situation into two as inward and outward depression. In the face of inward, the individual closes himself/herself against the outside world. In outward crises, the individual begins to fill himself with anger against other people, and then leads to activities such as theft and acts of violence that can be pushed against others criminal elements. There are some indications that these two types of depression are similar in the process from time to time. Some of these are alcohol, substance abuse, feeling helpless and alone. On the other hand, the individual may drive himself suicide as a result of psychology of unemployment's injury to the individual. An individual can ignore his or her own life in the form of antisocial life, the thought that there is nothing to lose, the feeling of helplessness and loneliness, or the end of the dignity of the individual in society. According to Durkheim, suicides are just a type. Durkheim gave them the name of "anomic" suicides. This summarizes the fact that the individual kills himself as the result of his spiritual dissatisfaction.



Unemployment should not only be called for in the case where the individual cannot find a job to work for him. The important factor at this point is that it should be a job that the individual likes and will continue to feel happy while working. Because if the individual does not catch the sense of success in the process of working, self-esteem will gradually begin to fall. This will lead to depression. Working unhappily or compulsively in a job will put the individual into depression.

The fact that the problem of unemployment can cause major harm to the individual should never be ignored. It should also be remembered that the effects of unemployment when it becomes a social problem can be deeper and shakier. I would like to share with you the proposals of the unemployment experts;

- Reconciliation of the existing education system to qualify as international system
- Train the unskilled labor with short programmed certificate programs to make them more equipped individuals
- The preparation and implementation of public strategic plans for employment,
- Employment should be increased by increasing public infrastructure investments
- Financial burdens such as taxes, premiums and employer share on employment should be reduced
- Private sector investments need to be encouraged
- More attention should be given to vocational training in order to find jobs easier for those who are going to the non-agricultural area. Therefore, increasing the quality of vocational education schools
- Discovery of new market areas and provision of instruments that the manufacturer can compete
- The abandonment of populist policies as soon as possible and the introduction of employment-oriented / priority policies.



Bahar Temir



LAUSANNE TREATY: TRIUMPH IN THE SHADE OF IGNORANCE

When the date was July 24, 1923 Turks finally beat their ill fate and crowned their victory with this diplomatic victory which befitted its dignity. The new Turkish state which was emerged from the ashes of Ottoman Empire was able to beat the world's greatest powers to their knees and enjoyed its victory deservedly.

Under normal circumstances, such victories are celebrated in the homeland with great enthusiasm and are commemorated with glory and praise for the leaders. However, in Turkey, there are many myths about Lausanne Treaty which is the cornerstone of our state. Even Lausanne is opened up as a matter for discussion, nowadays about the updating Lausanne or the secret provisions on it and its expiration date. In a society without a historical consciousness and having a short memory, such an important and a vital treaty is treated like a daily discussion in the hands of ignorant so-called historians.

"This treaty is a document stating the collapse of the great suicide against Turkish nation which was prepared throughout the centuries and was supposed to complete with Treaty of Sevres. It is unprecedented victory in the Ottoman history." (Mustafa Kemal ATATÜRK, Nutuk,1927)



As Mustafa Kemal Atatürk stated that Lausanne is the diplomatic triumph of Ottoman and Turkish democracy which struggle for many years. It is the unique coronal of our victories and harsh struggles beginning with the Balkan wars. Lausanne is the basis of Republic of Turkey and it is the treaty which brought peace and stability to this geography. To clarify it with the most known term, Lausanne is the title deed of the Republic of Turkey.

However, this diplomatic victory nowadays is exposed to defamation, obloquy and attrition. Besides, Lausanne is a unique treaty which is exposed to many gossips and absurd comments from the statesman's desire for updating it to the so called historians who claim the 2023 as the expiration date of it.

As a treaty, Lausanne is the only treaty which survives for 94 years and in a way it is the announcement of the resurrection of a nation. Thus, such a treaty cannot be updated and it should not be a subject of a daily and trivial discussions.

Lausanne that is the warrant of Turkey in terms of our right of independence is the source of pride for us.

Opening articles of Lausanne up for discussion with the desire for update them is unacceptable. Yet, this is impossible. In order to update Lausanne, there must be a relevant explanation for the updating this international agreement in its articles, protocols or letter of agreement. Therefore, Lausanne as a multilateral agreement cannot be updated since there is no relevant article about update in it. Also, it cannot be updated just because of the unilateral claim about update; it is ironic that this claim emerges from the victorious side.

Contrary to the rumor which is proposed by soi-disant historians, there is no expiration date of Lausanne. Besides, there is no secret article or agreement in Lausanne.

Another disputable matter about Lausanne is the islands. Although this issue is pretty simple, many people who have generally counter ideas about the Republic of Turkey and its founding leaders just refuse to read the realities from the books or from the treaty itself. Simply because, İnönü has exposed to many insults. Again, the ignorant masses without historical conscious appear. When it is analyzed, Dodecanese were left to Italians with the Treaty of Ouchy in 1912 and Treaty of Sèvres in 1920. Other islands in the Aegean Sea were left to Greece with Treaty of London and Treaty of Athens in 1913 and with Treaty of Sevres in 1920.

Briefly, as it is seen, Ottoman Empire lost those islands long before the Lausanne Treaty. With the article 15 of Lausanne Treaty, Kastellorizo or Castellorizo (Meis) is the only island given to the Greece.

Lastly, another nonsensical lie about Lausanne is the ban on the Turkey's petroleum and underground sources and their drilling rights. According to this lie, Turkey can drill its oil and other natural resources in 2023 when the Lausanne Treaty will over. As well as there is not any provision about that, during the first years of the Republic of Turkey, under the leadership of Mustafa Kemal ATATÜRK, Etibank and General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration were established. As historiographer Sinan Meydan mentions that the ones who want to see the fiasco about petroleum reservoir of Turkey should examine at the agreements between Adnan Menderes and United States of America.

Last but not least, it is not a coincidence that the ones, who want to denigrate Lausanne with those groundless and absurd claims, are actually the epitomes of ignorance in this mire.



Melis PEKTAŞ

Heart Wrenching Human Tragedy: "SEXUAL SLAVERY"



"Comfort Women" is a kind of sexual slavery which was created by the Imperial Japanese Army. Before and during the World War II, women and girls who were seized from occupied territories forced into sexual slavery and most of them were from Korea, China and the Philippines.

The first sexual slavery station was established in the Japanese concession in Shanghai in 1932. At the beginning, Japanese women were volunteer for such service but then this situation turned to the local population to force women serving in these stations and many women were deceived that they became workers or nurses but they did not know that they were being pressed into sexual slavery. During that time, this situation was a little bit different in Korea. Early in May of 1942 Japanese agents occupied Korea with the aim of seizure Korean girls for sexual slavery in newly conquered Japanese territories in Southeast Asia. However, of course there were other different inducements again; such as plenty

of money, an opportunity to pay off the family debts, easy work, and the prospect of a new life in a new land, Singapore.

Recent developments in human rights and women rights allowed to the surviving Korean sex slaves to overcome traditional taboos of chastity. Also, the first reports which were prepared by South Korean government stated this situation was not a voluntary and since 1989, a number of



victims confirmed they were kidnapped by Imperial Japanese soldiers. Kim Hak Sun was the first woman and human rights activist to break silence so she had stomach-turning statements about that term.

"There were five Korean women. I was the youngest and the oldest of us was 22. We were called by Japanese names, and my name was Aiko. Around 300 soldiers could take a break from duty once every three days. Each woman had to serve an average of three to four soldiers on regular days, and seven to eight soldiers after battles."

After this first step, Kim Hak-Sun and two other victims filed a lawsuit against the Japanese government. This lawsuit brought international attention to the comfort women issue and set in motion other Korean human rights activists. However, Kim died in 1997, with the court case still ongoing and in our days, comfort women issue cannot be totally solved between Seoul and Tokyo, too. The main reason of this unsolved issue is that Japanese government has destructive and false rhetoric. For instance, in 1993 Japan apologized from Korean victims for this issue but the conservative Abe government criticized this apology.

Moreover, a Japanese politician, Hashimoto, made unreasoning and subhuman statements: "The soldiers who fought on hard conditions needed to rest and relax. For this reason, the comfort women system became a necessity. Everyone can understand this situation" he said.

Unfortunately, when we look at the history, not only women who are seized by Japanese people but also women who are living in different parts of the World had this tragedy because of other governments or terrorist groups and there are still women who are exposed this sexual slavery in the recent past or today. Well, what was the reason of this? As already mentioned, this issue is still not resolved between South Korea and Japan, but in my opinion, sexual slavery or violence and inequality towards women is one of the biggest problems in the world and it still waiting to be solved.

Even though we have the UN Declaration of Human Rights, it mentioned “men” with the “human” term, so in 1993, at the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, women rights were included in the concept of human rights.

According to Petra Follmar, who works at the German Institute for Human Rights, women were not included to human rights as a human and she were absolutely right because as Follmar also said, the ideal liberal view of human rights was protecting white male citizens against the state. The injustices that women have experienced, especially in the private area, were not taken into account. Violence against women is at the top all over the world, and violations of rights against women have not been considered like violations of human rights for a long time.

Even, the notion of “equality” in the Declaration of Human Rights means “legal equality” between women and men. Apart from this, there are many problems in “equality” that have not been solved in different areas. In the face of these problems, women should make her voice heard. Maybe, human rights activist Kim Hak-Sun has lost her life without being a witness to the result of the struggle which was initiated by her but the fire still continue without extinguishing in 2018. The South Korean government and other supporters of human/women rights are finding the secret documents and sharing Japan’s great bearish with the world. If Japan does not accept this inglorious issue and not apologize from South Korean women, this problem does not seem to end. Unfortunately, if we do not act like women factory workers in America or women who were forced into sexual slavery, we cannot have some rights naturally. I have just mentioned, the biggest and most influential example of this is the unsatisfied human rights declaration of the UN. Thus, as a result of many struggles, the women rights declaration has been created. In fact, I think it is a shame for humanity to even need such struggles.

“Women’s rights are human rights”
H. Clinton

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Not Black Chador but White Wednesdays

Iranian women who were wearing Western-style outfits including miniskirts thirty nine years ago are protesting to wear hijab nowadays

Iran has experienced its largest anti-government protests since the disputed presidential election in 2009. Nowadays, thousands of people are protesting on the streets in several cities. Actually it started as a reaction against flagging economy of the country but turned into a bigger protest including many other issues such as obligation of wearing hijabs. Iranian people demand peaceful things. Actually what they want can be seen as their rights that they had lost before. However, the government’s response is more peaceful: According to the reports at least **13 people are killed!**

In 1979, Iran experienced an Islamic Revolution. Iranian people were used to be ruled by secular rules. However, in 1979 these rules were replaced by the Islamic ones. Women were among the ones who were mostly affected by these rules, of course. With the new code which came into existence in 1981, women had no longer right to divorce and continue to their education if they were married. They also lost their right for studying law, medicine and engineering. Khomeini and his followers thought that women had priority tasks such as taking care of their children and make their husbands happy. If women work in public, they cannot fulfill their duties as mothers and wives (!)

Have you ever come across with a code which defines the roles of wives and mothers? Is it written in any code that cooking, cleaning and taking care of the children are the duties of women? Do scientific knowledge and business life have bad effects on women and their children?

The answer is no, however, the answer of ‘Is ignorance dangerous?’ is definitely yes.

We should not forget that the first school of any children is their home, and their first teachers are their parents. If you are expecting well-educated children from a mother, first you should allow woman to educate herself.

The role of women in the protests before and after the revolution cannot be belittled. Iranian women were always brave.

With the new rules that applied after the revolution, women had to wear head-scarfs. Wearing scarfs can be the command of Islam. However, the same religion does not accept the pressure. If a Muslim woman wants to wear scarfs, then no one should restrain her. The problem in Iran is that the government does not ask these women whether they want to wear it or not. They have to wear it willingly or unwillingly.

Iranian women have always fought for not wearing hijab. However, nowadays something different is happening. They are protesting with discarding their hijabs. They are wearing 'white' on Wednesdays as against the 'blackness' of the bigots. They have started a social media campaign using the hash tag [#whitewednesdays](#). It may seem as an easy protest for us, however; we should not forget that the Iranian government does not even allow these women to show a little bit from their hair or put make up on their faces.

Furthermore, these women are taking their hijabs off and sharing videos and photos on their social media accounts with that hash tag. It is something that requires courage. Some of these women have already been arrested. One participant said the protests are important because "even if this leads me to jail and sleeping with cockroaches, it would be worth it to help the next generation".

All in all, the Iranian women want their freedom back, and they have enough courage to take it back.



BEING A WOMAN IN SAUDI ARABIA

Dilara SOY



Can we choose our sex? Can we choose where we born? The answer to both of these questions is NO so why then does it matter? There are lots of inequalities in the world which exist now for centuries but sadly there is one kind that is with no exception in every community, in every culture, in every country which is inequality upon women. Of course there are developments in this area and it is not everywhere the same but in some countries it is devastating what women have to fight for, and one of these countries is Saudi Arabia. According to the World Economic Forum's 2016 Global Gender Report, Saudi Arabia is number 141 out of 144 and only %13 of the countries native work forces are women. Saudi Arabia is a country ruled by an absolute monarchy (the house of Saudi), an Islamic theocracy and the legal system is strictly based on Islamic Shariah laws. Also having Mecca in their territory made them more protective over Islam, nothing should change everything should be as it is. Thus the country stopped changes which lead to nearly no development in social area. In Saudi Arabia, there is a system called the "Guardian System", which means that women have every little ability to make decisions, almost in every decision men have the control over women.



Also, women have a strict dress code, cannot open a bank account even their ID is in their fathers' or husbands' hand. This is called '**Guardianship**'.

However, with time, things started to change and firstly the revolution started very silently. We can say that women had no power so how could they change anything? But with education and especially with the social media, women gained power and attention not only in their country but also all over the world.

Their first success that can be mentioned is the school for girls in 1955 called Dar al-Hanan.

In 1970, the first university for women called The Riyadh College Of Education was opened.

In 2001, ID cards for women came out but women only have an ID card if they have the permission of their guardian.

In 2005, Saudi Arabia officially banned forced marriages.

In 2009, King Abdullah appointed the first female government minister. Noura al-Fayez became the first female deputy education minister for women affair's.

In 2012, women from Saudi Arabia attended at the Olympics.

In 2013, women were allowed to ride a bicycle or a motorcycle but with the observation of their guardians.

In 2013, King Abdullah elect 30 women to work at Shura which is the consultative council.

In 2015, women could vote and be elected.

In February 2017, the Saudi stock exchange has the first female chairperson in its history named Sarah Al Suhaimi.

On September 2017, Saudi Arabia announced that women will be allowed to drive after June 2018.

In October 2017, General Sports Authority announced that women would be allowed into sports stadiums.

These were great revolutions for women especially in the political area because all these will give women an opportunity to express themselves as they never did before. Hopefully, these will lead to a more equal Saudi Arabia but still there is a long path to go. Especially, the culture and the tradition will make it harder to break the ice.

Saudi women are happy about the rights that they want more and they are still angry because there is a very long way to go till provide equality between men and women. All these rights should be natural rights and there must be more progress in every area.

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Why did the celebrities wear black in Golden Globes 2018?

More than 300 actresses, writers and directors in the movie industry in the US have launched a new campaign against sexual harassment in Hollywood and other sectors.



Hollywood's actresses, who convert red carpet into black with their dresses this time, claim that it is a powerful movement of solidarity.

More than 300 players, directors and writers, including world-renowned female actors such as Reese Witherspoon, Cate Blanchett, Eva Longoria, Natalie Portman and Emma Stone have organized a campaign called "Time's Up" to fight against systematic sexual harassment in film industry and other sectors.

In fact, we can consider the Time's Up movement as a continuation of the #meToo movement, an initiative initiated by American female activists and encouraging women who are harassed to seek rights and justice, even more noticeable to those who are forefront.

TIME'S UP on silence.
TIME'S UP on waiting.
TIME'S UP on tolerating discrimination, harassment and abuse.

#TIMESUP



We can also understand that these two movements are working together for women rights and that they support each other by inviting the activists of #metoo movement as + 1s of actresses attending the ceremony.

The campaign included a call for a black dress to raise awareness of sexual abuse among women who will walk on the red carpet at this year's Golden Globe Awards Ceremony.



The campaign was donated 13 million dollars in the first place. The target has been 15 million. This money will be used to provide legal support to women and men exposed to sexual exploitation at work.

The project primarily aimed at assisting victims in the agriculture sector, working in factories, caring or serving as waitresses and not having enough financial resources to defend themselves.



We have witnessed the most recent and most powerful action of Time's Up in the 2018 Golden Globes. All participants at the night wore black and signed loud and silent protest. Male attendees were the biggest supporters of Time's Up with their printed badges.

Oprah Winfrey, who received the Cecille B. DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award, was the voice that struck the lyric for these movements, which aroused awareness in women, motivated women has not be embarrassed by any harassment they suffered, and to emerge instead of hiding.

Winfrey, who has been repeatedly applauded for about 10 minutes, has also paid attention to the importance of strengthening women and girls by emphasizing that she is the first black woman to receive this award while talking about the women who start from her childhood and end up in diverse forms and reason.





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