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köşesi bilfiil işgal edilmiş olabilir. Bütün bu şerâitten daha elîm ve daha vahim olmak üzere,

memleketin dahilinde, iktidara sahip olanlar gaflet ve dalâlet ve hattâ hıyanet içinde bulunabil-

irler. Hattâ bu iktidar sahipleri şahsî menfaatlerini, müstevlilerin siyasi emelleriyle tevhit ede-

bilirler. Millet, fakr ü zaruret içinde harap ve bîtap düşmüş olabilir.

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Cumhuriyetini kurtarmaktır! Muhtaç olduğun kudret, damarlarındaki asil kanda mevcuttur!

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İlkem; küçüklerimi korumak,

büyüklerimi saymak,

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THE MISFORTUNATE FALL OF THE US AND ITS COMBAT WITH HURRICANES: HURRICANE FLORENCE AND MICHAEL

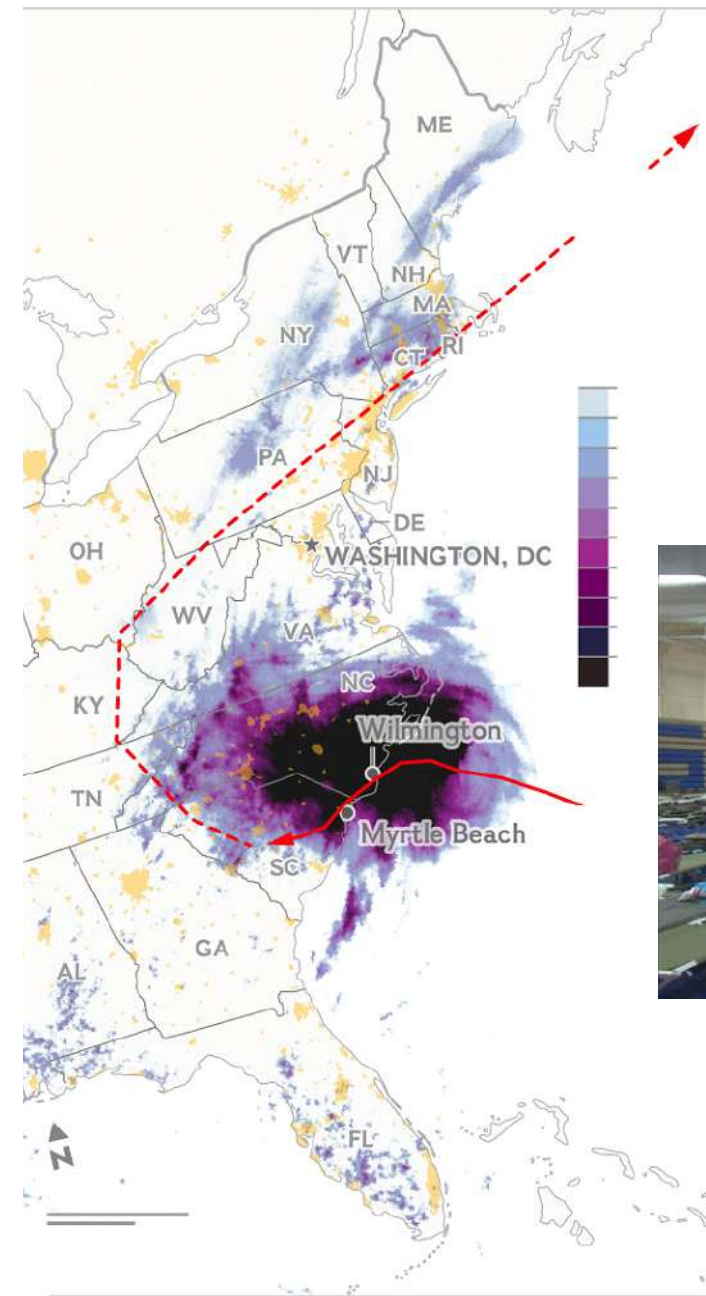
Starting with September, United States has faced with a serious hurricane which costs billions of dollars. Hurricane Florence which is the one that I have personally witnessed in September has devastating impacts on both economy and social life of the US. With the Florence, weather and the mood of the US have changed dramatically. Though Hurricane Florence left enormous damages to the North Carolina and the US, fall hurricanes have not finished yet. There is an upcoming hurricane, Hurricane Michael, another natural disaster.



Hurricane Florence which affected the Eastern coasts of the country alerted the US because it brought intensive rainfall and high risk of flood with its estimating speed of 70mph (110km/h).

Although Hurricane Florence affected mainly and poorly the coastal region of the North Carolina, the interior part of North Carolina, located near Charlotte, felt the effects and serious outcomes of the Florence.

In the North and South Carolina, local authorities announced emergency and warned people about the possible flood because of the heavy rainfall, and they prepared shelters for the civilians in the Carolinas. Many state agencies and meteorologists stimulated



that Hurricane Florence has brought eight month heavy rainfall just in three days and the loss of lives due to the Florence. During the Hurricane Florence, local authorities ordered evacuation of approximately 1.700.000 people in the Carolinas. Besides, all the schools located in the region closed temporarily due to the emergency and evacuation. Particularly the Red Cross and other local charities constructed some areas for the shelter of people. Hurricane Florence affected particularly the North Carolina, then South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia with its devastating heavy rainfalls and flood. However, the major loss of lives was seen in the Carolinas. Fifty three people lost their lives during the Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas. Moreover, Florence's estimated property damaged reached more than thirty eight billions of dollars for the USA.



Although Hurricane Florence displayed a tragic natural disaster, it has also brought some lessons for us. Florence shows us how an organized and systematic evacuation plan works. It is known by all of us that United States is accustomed to such natural events due to its geographical location but when it is compared to the Turkey, United States has more and more organized systems and plans of those emergency cases. Moreover, except for the main areas of the Florence such as the Eastern cost, in the interior parts there was almost no electric cut outs, water cuts and the problem of food shortage. People have felt the stress and panic, but they know that state will make them safe in case of an emergency. So, not only the organized and systematic evacuation and emergency plan, but also mutual trust among citizens



and between the citizen and state, have caused a small amount of loss of lives. Now, let's think about what would happen in Turkey if this hurricane took place in Turkey?

Unfortunately, Hurricane Florence is not the only hurricane that the US has faced in the fall. There is an upcoming one called Hurricane Michael. It can be interpreted as the scary gift just before the Halloween. It is said by the experts that Hurricane Michael which will be the most devastating hurricane, will take place mainly in the Florida, and it will hit the coastal strip of Florida. President Donald Trump also has warned the citizens about taking into consideration of the

alarms and warnings from the state. The US National Hurricane Center has increased Michael into category four recently. By the October 10, Hurricane Michael has started to take effect. Even in the Carolinas, Hurricane Michael and its effects are obvious: storms, heavy rainfall, thunder and lightning, scary moments just before the Halloween.



Can ABANOZ

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THE LAST DANCE: The U.S vs IRAN

The US-Iranian relations, which have been constantly gone to deteriorate since the Iranian Islamic Revolution, and followed after September 11th. Pursuant to Bush Doctrine which was followed after September 11th, indicating of Iran as "Axis of Evil" with Iraq and North Korea and accusing of Iran conducting a secret chemical weapons program by the US have become more deteriorated. In multi-lateral negotiations with Iran starting in 2006, the USA cannot cover a distance until 2013. Even before 2013, the Obama administration imposed a heavy sanction on Iran. This sanction led to a significant reduction in the sales of Iranian oil and a serious shock in Iranian



economy.

Ruhani, who was elected instead of former leader Ahmadinejad and came to the fore with his more reformist stance in both foreign and domestic politics, had a phone conversation with Obama in 2013. This conversation is very important as the high-level conversation between the US and Iran, which were held for the first time in many years. A few months later, the United States, England, China, France, Germany and Russia and Iran temporarily agreed on the Joint Action Plan. The most important step of this plan is Iran's stopping nuclear activities in response to the alleviation of the embargoes against it. On 14 July 2015, the Joint Action Plan resulted in a final agreement and the key equipment that Iran used to enrich the uranium in the Arak Nuclear Power Plant was dismantled. In 2016, two US navy boats that worked patrol in Iranian territorial waters were detained by Iran. In the short term, this crisis was overcome with the agreement of the prisoners exchange between the parties.

The Arab Spring movement, which directly affected the Middle East countries, resulted in the destruction of many years of regimes and even changed the maps of the countries, started in Tunisia in 2011 and spread throughout the geography in a short time with the domino effect it created. In the same year, anti-government protests which began in Syria, then the movement returning to civil war as well as countries where both neighbouring regions by evolved into Proxy war concept with the engagement of western countries. Iran, significant partner of the alliance of Russia and Turkey in Syria, was not welcomed by Israel, where US' ally, had historically experienced problems due to its roles in the current Yemen Civil War, the Lebanese Civil War and Israeli-Palestinian Conflicts.

Within Russia's directly economic, political and military support for the Assad regime since 2015, the Assad regime's serious cleansing of ISIS and other radical jihadist groups in the Syrian territory, as well as Israel's attack on the Iranian elements in the region within those of the Assad regime. As a result of the escalating movements, the last turn was the elected Trump administration after Obama.

In May 2018, the Trump administration announced that the USA would withdraw from its Joint Action Plan with Iran in 2015, claiming that Iran continued its uranium enrichment efforts for military purposes. Then, the USA announced that it would bring back the sanctions it had mitigated before. While other countries that have signed the Joint Action Plan have announced that the agreement will continue, it was not overlooked that France, which was a party to the agreement, supported the US-imposed sanctions. Threatening of the USA about blocking the Persian (Arabian) Gulf and preventing access to India and China where Iran sells the most petrol is increasing the tension. However, the fact that there are some noteworthy differences compared to the previous sanctions also open the debate on the sustainability of US power in the region.

Undertaking an alternative economic route planning of Russia, another US-sanctioned country, and especially China which has troubles with the Trump administration, and the EU countries can lead to the isolation of the United States and since September 11, the United States may lose its strength, especially in the Middle East. Although it is attempting to strengthen in the Middle East, especially with the initiative of creating a Kurdish state in Syria, the current foreign policy pursued by the Trump administration seems to be unable to halt the isolation process of the United States.

Finally, on October 3, the US withdrawal from the US-Iran Relations Normalization Agreement, signed in 1955 between the US and Iran during the period of Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi, is the last link of the attempt to isolate Iran. The gains created during the Obama period ended completely and this movement was reacted by Iran. On the other hand, this initiative of the US is intended to be used as an element of oppression for withdrawing Iran's military presence in Syria but Iran has not yet taken a step in this direction.

CUBA'S ALTERATION PROCESS



THE GUARDIAN: Raúl Castro, right, raises the hand of his successor as president of Cuba, Miguel Díaz-Canel at the national assembly in Cuba on Thursday. Photograph: Adalberto Roque / Pool/EPA

Cuba has been engaging in some changes for a couple of months. "Cuba Begins To Move Away From Its Communist Past And Toward A Modern Future" and "The End Of Almost 60 Years Of Castro Rule For Cuba" are some of the headlines about these changes that the media follows closely. At that point, there are some questions to be asked like "What does the end of Castro's rules mean?", "Who is governing the country right now if it is not Castro?", "Will Cuba leave communism behind or what?", "What are the other changes?" In this article I am going to try answering these questions.

Castro brothers, Fidel Castro and Raul Castro, had played a part in governance of Cuba before Miguel Díaz-Canel(58) was elected as the new president of the country. Almost sixty years later, in April elections, someone who was not from Castro family took over the administration. However, this does not mean that the rules of Castro ended immediately.

"The 86-year-old Castro will remain head of the Communist party, designated by the constitution as 'the superior guiding force of society and the state'. As a result, Castro will remain the most powerful person in Cuba for the time being."

Another important issue is the changes in the 1976-Soviet constitution. After the July election, Cuban assembly has started to discuss the amendment of the Cuban constitution. Draft of the new constitution has significant articles. One of the most important articles might be the article about communism. The assembly is planning to abolish the article that focuses on building a



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communist society. Instead they are focusing on socialism which is going to supersede building communist society. "This does not mean we are renouncing our ideas," the president of the National Assembly Esteban Lazo was quoted as saying by state-run media. Cuba had simply moved into a different era following the fall of the Soviet Union, he said. "We believe in a socialist, sovereign, independent, prosperous and sustainable country." **

Besides the economic changes, there will be political changes as well. According to the draft, president is not going to moderate the council of ministers anymore. Instead of president, there is going to be a new position: a prime minister. Furthermore, there is going to be some limitations for the position of presidency. For instance, president will not be able to take up the position if he/she is over 60 years old or the president can fulfil the duty up to 5 years and can be elected for the second time. We are going to see that what will happen after these political changes.

The changes are not limited with the economic and political ones; some social changes are going to take place in the new constitution. While the 1976 constitution approves marriage between man and woman, the draft constitution is open to same-sex marriages. From that day forth, gay marriage is going to be legal which is an important change for the Cuban society.

Taking everything into account, Cuba seems to have real changes in itself whether it is political, economic or social. The end of the Castro's rules, new president Miguel Díaz-Canel, new constitution studies, building Cuban society on socialism rather than communism, limitations on the conditions of president and opening a door to the same-sex marriages might be significant and revolutionary points in the Cuban history. However, Cuba will stay as a socialist country as Miguel Díaz-Canel said in Havana Conference "Socialism or Death! We will triumph!"



Cubans celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride at Havana.



Dilara SOY

SINKING IN PLASTIC

Everyday people buy something, and most of these items have one common similarity: having plastic inside them. We do not even realise how much we consume plastic everyday. When we think of how many years plastic exists, the amount of plastic can scare you. The first synthetic polymer was invented in 1869 by John Wesley Hyatt who was inspired by a New York firm's offer of \$10,000 for anyone who could provide a substitute for ivory. This is considered as the first step of finding plastic. After that, in 1907, Leo Baekeland invented Bakelite which was the breaking point in the plastic industry. During the Second World War, the plastic production in United States increased %300. As you can see the mass consuming started years ago and is still continuing. These huge results are proven with the researchs that have been done in the recent years. According to these researchs, we are producing nearly 300 million tons of plastic every year and half of this production is for single use: using for once and throwing it away. This single use actually means 450 years of pollution which is now covering the earth.



Plastic is composed of major toxic pollutants. That is why plastic pollution affects every area of the planet: the air, the oceans and the land. Although there have been taken some actions like recycling and informing people to create awareness. However, there is a harsh reality that everyone does not know it. Plastic pollution can range to microscopic. This means that even washing a plastic cup leads to pollution because through the water it penetrates eventually in land or in the oceans.



The annual plastic amount that ends up in the oceans is 8 million tons plus the microparticles and the estimated 150 million tons currently circulating in our oceans. This huge amount of plastic is affecting the sea-world terribly. According to the Ocean Conservancy, plastic has found in more than 60% of seabirds and 100% of sea turtles. A lot of sea animals die because of the pollution or get drowned because of the plastic. However, the ones that are getting affected are not only animals but also humans. We do not even know that when we are eating fish we actually are consuming different fragments of plastic.

It is incredible that how plastic is in every corner of our lives and how we are ignoring the fact that we are poisoning ourselves, the earth, and the future. There is even a debate on whether we are in a new epoch of earth history that has begun due to the recent findings in Hawaii where a rock made of plastic exists.

Here is the big question: "How we are going to fix this mess?". Of course there must be recycling, but did you now that just 9% of plastic is recycled? In order to curb the pollution we first need to reduce our plastic usage. There are actually a lot of simple tasks that we can do.

Nearly a billion of plastic bottles are sold every minute. We can start to use a permanent bottle which is not plastic instead of buying a new one everyday. Also in average a person is using one plastic bag per day, instead we could have a cloth bag. I think everyone can live without using a straw which is not recyclable. As you can see we can also participate in this war against plastic pollution. We should not wait for some scientists to save the world!



Melis PEKTAŞ

Triple Relations in Korean Peninsula

As many of you know, relations in Korean Peninsula started to hot up with the presidency of Trump. Especially, during this year, there were great developments between North Korea, South Korea and the United States. The leaders and representatives of these three countries hold various meetings to regulate relations on the peninsula. Furthermore, at the beginning of this month, Trump said that another summit could be held with North Korean leader, Kim Jong-Un, after the November elections.

The purpose of these meetings is to prohibit nuclear weapons in North Korea and improvement of the relations between the two nations that have not gotten along with each other for years. Obviously when I look at the recent incidents that have happened between these three, South Korea seems more compatible with North Korea and more willing to put relations right. However, the US is like a naughty little boy in this triple relation.

This year, North Korea and South Korea have made really great strides in their relations. For example, for the first time since 2007, their leaders came together in North Korea. Moreover, for the first time, the two countries formed a united team in the PyeongChang Winter Olympics. Lastly, in the recent days, South Korea has announced that they ease sanctions against North Korea, however; they have to take a step back because of Trump's response. He said

"They won't do it without our approval. They do nothing without our approval"

Within the scope of the United Nations General Assembly meetings, the North Korean foreign Minister, Ri Yong Ho, remarked that the US's ongoing sanctions deepen distrust between the two countries. According to him, the absence of the peace regime should be eliminated instead of nuclear



disarmament in the region because North Korea expects convincing steps from the US, as well. Ri also said that this process would not have been obstructed if their interlocutor was South Korea about the nuclear disarmament, not the US because without any trust in the US, there is no way North Korea will unilaterally disarm themselves first.

Actually, South Korea still hopes to improve relations with North Korea because Moon's liberal government has created closer ties with the North; even they obey to international sanctions in trade. Thus, we can say that there is a big division between the US and South Korea against North Korea. In an interview, South Korea's president Moon said that if the safety of North Korea's regime is guaranteed, they leave nuclear weapons for economic development.

Finally, the two Koreas will hold high-level talks on ways to implement their latest summit deal, on 19th October.

NEW US SANCTIONS ON RUSSIA

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New US sanctions came into force against Russia. The agenda has changed with the claim that Moscow was involved in the poisoning of former UK agent Sergei Skripal and her daughter. Although there was no evidence that Moscow was involved in the Skripal incident, the US Department of State imposed new sanctions on Russia.



EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT FOR THE "EMERGENCY HELP"

The document suggests that new sanctions will bring Russia closer to co-operation. In the sanctioning practice, all kinds of foreign aid were banned, unless "emergency humanitarian aid" was required in Russia. The export of products used for weapons, military and civil purposes was prohibited. The document also specifies that no credit, loan guarantee or financial support will be provided to Russia by any agency or the US government.

THE EXPORT OF TECHNOLOGIES IN THE AREA OF SPACE AND CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF SANCTIONS

Exports and re-exports of technologies in the field of space and civil aviation security were excluded from the sanctions. The sanctions, unless otherwise stated, will remain in force at least for a year. The reason for this decision was the protection of the US's national security interests. The US State Department had previously announced that new Russian sanctions would be imposed on Moscow with the claims that Russia used chemical weapons in the case of former Russian agent Sergei Skripal and her daughter Yulia in Salisbury, England. On the other hand, Russia declared that the new sanctions would be responded in principle.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said: *"the Moscow administration would consider the impact of the new sanctions imposed by the United States in connection with the Skripal case, and would respond to the interests of Russia."*

Peskov says the Russian administration will assess the impact of the new sanctions and he will determine how to respond to the interests of Russia. On a question whether Moscow decides to respond or not, Peskov says, *"For now, we need to understand what new restrictions really mean and what actions will be in Russia's interest."*

According to the draft, the US administration is going to have to get the approval of the Congress before it can ease or abolish current sanctions against Russia. Although it is not known when the law is sent to the White House whether President Trump will approve or veto, the law must pass through the Senate before. It is interesting that the sanctions came into existence at a time when Russia was investigating allegations that it had intervened in the 2016 US presidential elections. However, Moscow denies the allegations. According to the draft, new sanctions are imposed on Russia, especially in the energy sector. Russia has stated that if new sanctions are enforced, both sides will be affected. Kremlin spokesman Dimitri Peskov said "We believe that a discourse on the continuation of sanctions is detrimental and harmful to the interests of both countries." Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Mariya Zaharova, in a statement about the new sanctions of the United States said "The elections have not yet come, but the sanctions are ready. You ask why? This is an important factor for pre-election agitation in the US." US Assistant Secretary of State Ashley Ford announced that they would be ready to impose sanctions on Russia on the grounds of intervention in future elections.

WHAT IS A UNICORN START-UP?

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In this article I would like to talk about the mythological unicorn, however; I will talk about the unicorn in economy.

Entrepreneurship is the most important component of the economic growth in recent years and start-ups are highly trending topic in the Business Industry. We will talk about all of these unicorn start-ups like Snapchat, Pinterest, Airbnb and so on. However, do we

know the meaning of unicorn?

The term was invented by **Aileen Lee** in 2013. She chose this name because it is unique, hard to achieve, special, almost magical and more fun to read –so "unicorn" was born. Some start-ups achieve higher value and they become global sensation. If the value of the company is over 1 billion dollars, then this is a unicorn start-up which is working in Silicon Valley.

What are the main factors of establishing a sustainable and successful unicorn start-up?

One of the most important factors of a good start-up is business. We can divide these factors into two as the imaginary and the implementable. Imagination is to produce ideas, but on the road to success that idea affects only 5 per cent. Other 95 percent of the work consists of factors such as energy and team to actualize this idea. There is usually a big difference between the beginning ideas and the works which has done.

The other major factor is the work done. A start-up has to solve the main problem; it has to bring a new experience. It must comprise different experience or solution.

Another element is technology. Technology does not replace a good idea or substitute a good team. However, it is a very important element. We need to use these technological infrastructures to sell our solution to the whole world. This is the infrastructure side. Then, technology on the innovation side of the business comes into play. If you are developing an innovative product, you have to know technology well. For start-ups, here is the question: how can you present the innovative idea and with which technology? If your solution is not innovative, you cannot sell it.

According to the latest data from CB Insight, there are 236 unicorn companies around the world. The total value of these companies is 811 billion dollars. Unfortunately, unicorn attempt does not exist in Turkey. However, 'Yemeksepeti' is the closest unicorn start-up in Turkey.

Is Decacorn the New Unicorn?

After increasing the ventures reaching \$1 billion and increasing their value another term appeared: decacorn. This term is used for the companies that have at least \$10 billion evaluation. There are sixteen companies in



the world within the scope of decacorn, which are used for companies that exceed \$10 billion.

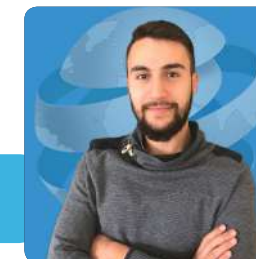
After looking at them, what should be done to produce a unicorn in Turkey?

Turkey is a developing and now country open to the dynamics and innovation. Although we have a young population, we cannot say that we can develop as fast as necessary in the field of entrepreneurship. The ability to adapt to the speed of the world should be transformed into a reflex, and entrepreneurship should be adopted as a culture. The other solution is the number of software developers should increase. And of course, all institutions need to invest in start-ups and so on. If we take attention to this, we will not only understand "unicorn" is a mythological creature, but also it means brands identified with a large investment.

TRADE WARS

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The recent trade wars which we hear continuously between the United States and the People's Republic of China, have become a common event in today's free trade world. Trade wars are, when a country imposes a high amount of tax and/or quota on raw materials (or an additional tax on existing taxes) together with raising its customs walls. In this process, countries that export raw materials can also retaliate against those tax decisions. Global tension increases in consequence of these mutual increasing retaliations (Atilla, 2018).

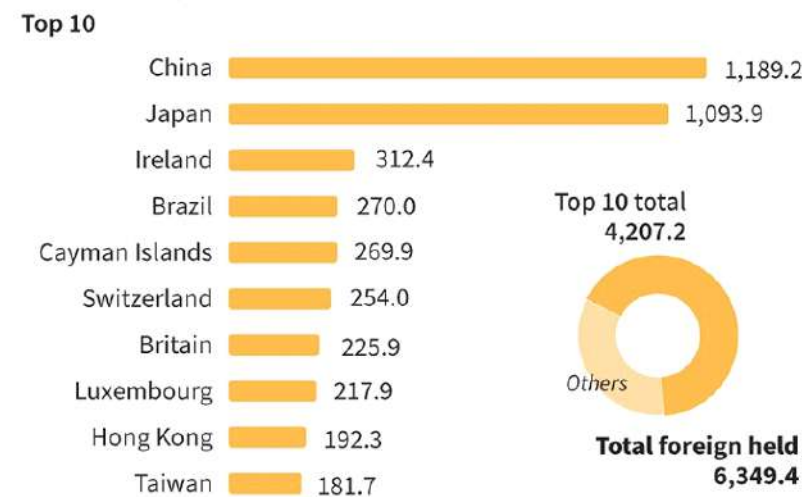
Let me give you an example from the trade wars of the USA and China, which are the most recent and still popular; after the USA had announced that it was going to place a 25% additional customs tax on certain products imported from China, China retaliated it by announcing that it will apply a 25% tax on some US products. The other meaning of retaliation implemented by the USA and China is protectionism. For this reason, countries impose additional taxes and similar sanctions on their imports which return to their internal production and in a sense by strengthening their industry; they try to find the necessary raw materials in their domestic markets.

THE WINNERS/LOSERS

Are there any winners or losers in the trade wars? When we look at this situation from an external perspective, while these additional taxes provide income to the financial management of these countries, it is a bit more difficult to answer this question; when we examine this at a macro level because trade wars mean a loss in both countries. In fact, the answer to this question is; in trade wars there are losers rather than winners. In retaliation to the additional customs duty imposed on China by the USA; China in return, had announced additional taxes on US products in the country, thereby in result, the import volumes of both countries had shrunk. Another threatening element for the US is that China has the largest share of US bonds in the world. Therefore, China's moves on the situation were eagerly awaited. Another negative effect of retaliations is that causes a slowdown in the growth rate of the countries in the long term and to spread to other countries. Therefore, it is more important to look at the financial powers of the countries involved and the moves they can make, not the winner of this war.

Foreign holders of US bonds

In US\$ billions, as of October 2017



Source: US Treasury/Federal Reserve Board



Anti-Semitism in Europe

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Jewish Population in the World

According to research which is made at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, last year the Jewish population in the world reached 13 million 750 thousand. 43 per cent of that number lives in Israel, and the rest in various countries. According to the official data of Zionist Israel, the number of Jews in the world are -6 million 500 thousand of them are in Israel- 14 million 511 thousand people in the world. According to the Israeli newspaper El Yevm, which broadcasts in Israel, 6% of the Jews lived in Palestine before the Palestinian occupation, and this number increased to 44% after the Israeli occupation of 1948. 6 million 500 thousand Jews live in

Israel, and this number represents 44 per cent of the total Jewish population. According to the Israeli Statistical Institute, 5.7 million Jews lived in the United States, 456 thousand Jews in France, and 390 thousand Jews in Canada. On the other hand, it was said that there were 290 thousand in England, 181 thousand in Argentina, 176 thousand in Russia, 117 thousand in Germany and 113 thousand Jews in Australia. According to the Israeli daily El Yevm, the number of Jews who escaped from the Holocaust, and went to Palestine was 160,000.

Holocaust

The Nazi regime that killed about six million Jews between 1933 and 1945 is called holocaust. Jews lived in every country of Europe when the Nazis came to power in Germany in 1933. Around nine million Jews lived in the countries occupied by the Germans during World War II. At the end of the war, two of every three Jews would die and the Jewish life in Europe would change permanently.



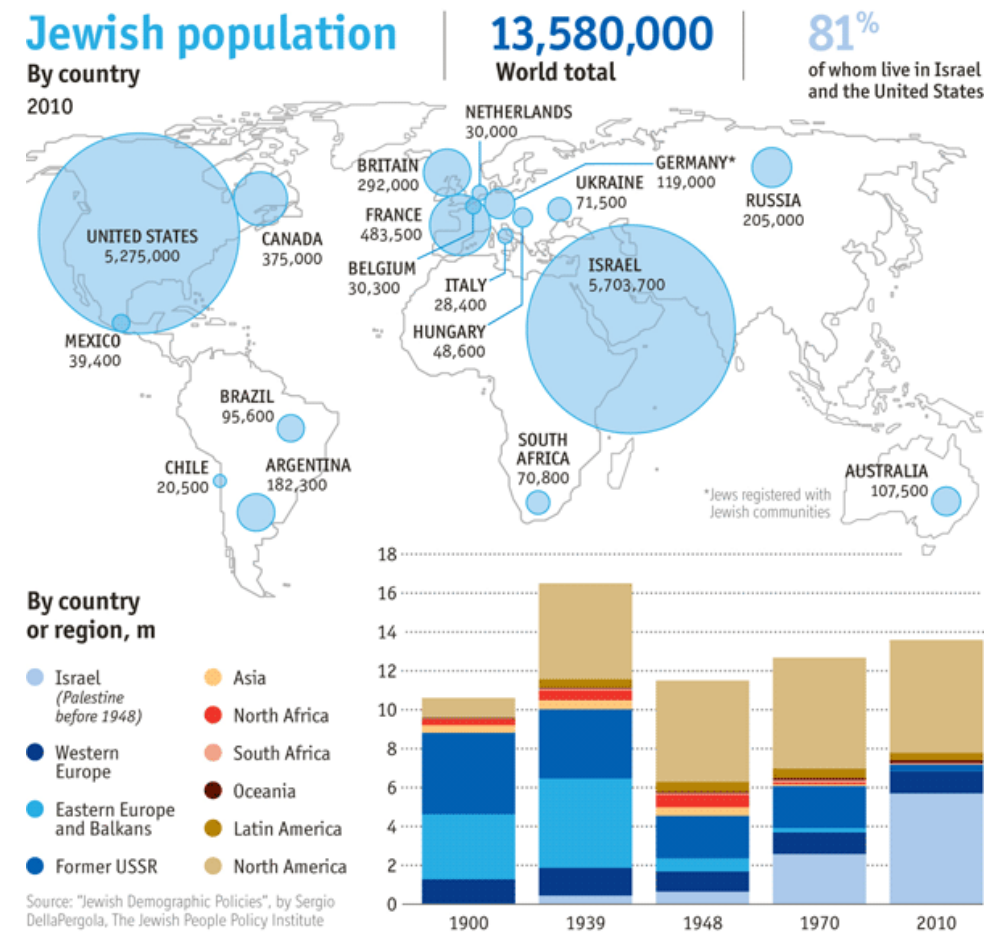
Antisemitism

Anti-Semitism is the general name given to anti-Jewish sentiments. Anti-Semitism was implemented during Hitler's rule. European Jews were tortured, and then mass murders happened. The Nazis received support from the anti-Semites in the Balkans, the Soviet Union and Eastern European countries. Jews were systematically killed all German controlled regions in the 1930s and 1940s. More than 6 million people were killed. Jews were seen as foreigners who represented another religion in Christian Europe in the Middle Ages. "According to the Christians, the Jews were so arrogant as to deny that Jesus was the Son of God." The Church and the people blamed Jews on most occasions. For instance, Jews were responsible for Jesus' death. Jews were charged with killing Christian children. Furthermore, they were accused of causing natural disasters. In 1348, they were responsible for the plague epidemic in Europe.



The Liberation of Jews

"Liberation of Jews" means the abolition of all legal discriminations against the Jews, and the granting of equal rights with other citizens in the country. In September 1791, the French National Assembly granted citizenship to all Jews who swore loyalty. France was the first one which supported the liberation movement. Later, Jews were granted rights in Greece in 1830, in England in 1858, in Italy in 1870, in Germany in 1871 and in Norway in 1891. Even though the equal rights of citizens for Jews were provided by law, European Jews could not escape from anti-Semitism, and social discrimination. Thus, the large Jewish community of Eastern Europe has almost disappeared.



TRILATERAL MEETING

President of Iran Hasan Ruhani, Head of State of Russia Vladimir Putin and President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan leagued on 07.09.2018 for a trilateral meeting in the capital city of Iran, Tehran. The agenda topic was operation of Idlib which is expected to perform by Syrian army. After the private, binary meeting, leaders made significant declarations in joint meeting.

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LEADERS' JOINT DECLARATION ON SUMMIT

President Erdoğan stated that trilateral meeting has achieved significant contribution which aimed at Syria and rather than watching ongoing situation they act result-oriented. Other than that he made explanations on terrorists' use of civilians as shields. Furthermore, Erdoğan declared that "Idlib people will hide to Turkey, we cannot afford hosting 3.5 million extra refugees." Putin agreed with Erdoğan's statements on civilian's use as shields. Ruhani emphasized the necessity of precautions in order to save civilians and encouraged to disarmament of terrorists.

While the situation in latest 2-3 years has caused some disagreement between Turkey-Iran, and Russia alliance sometimes, they showed grandiose potential in territorial front and Syria to West.

DESTINY OF IDLIB

Three countries take initiative on Idlib in line with Tehran summit with its decisions, but imperialist countries such as the USA and France annoyed by that meeting. According to the USA media, Trump is convinced to stay in Syria sine die. Shortly, the USA does not withdraw from Syria with its imperialist ideology since the beginning of 19th century.



12 ARTICLES OF MOSCOW-TEHRAN AND ANKARA

In trilateral summit, the emphasized point was the declaration of discomfort of three countries due to the uncertainty of Syria. Turkey's priority is to prevent possible civilian deaths during the operation of Idlib. What is more, Turkey stated that they would be in a difficult situation in terms of a possible migration wave since a possible Idlib operation would bring 300 thousand refugees to the borders. Another decision was made about the Arab Republic of Syria's independence, unity and territorial integrity in accordance with a strong up -going commitment to UN's principles and goals with emphasizing the need of respect by anyone. A decision was made for acting on with cooperation of format of Astana in order to tackle the issues. Another topic is to combat against terrorism. Cooperation on combatting against Al-Qaeda, Al-Nusra and ISIS is agreed. Furthermore, necessity of humanitarian activities, construction of economics-social facilities and Syria's right of decision to its own destiny was highlighted. All leaders got a consensus on peace rather than war. Possibly, the USA, which is a power struggle country, would bring a bad impression on international arena with its opposition to that meeting.

WHY DO IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES ANNOYED BY THAT MEETING?

- Cold War politics which make it feel like the Middle East again
- The USA's desire to comfort Israel in region
- Powerful Russia and Iran in region
- Nuclear disagreement between the USA-Iran and leading issues

In brief, since the 21th century, the hegemony races continue with initiation of Iran and now with Syria. This issue does not lead only diplomatic issues but also causes violation of human rights and deaths of civilian population.

TURKEY AND POSSIBLE ALLIES

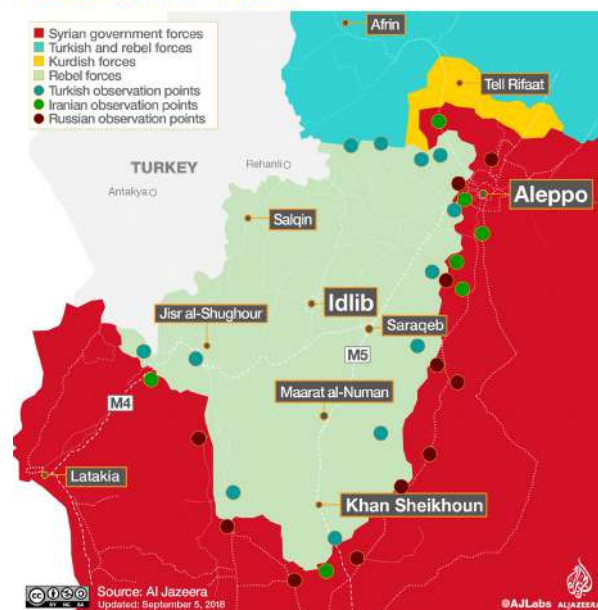
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Turkey tries to create balanced relations with both East and West, however; this quandary may cause some problems in Turkey's relations with Russia or the United States of America. Now, Turkey prefers to side with Russia in some cases; especially about Syria. While referring to Syria's territorial integrity and Turkey's national security that is threatened by PYD-YPG, Russian Secretary of State Sergey Lavrov says that the main threat to Syria's territorial integrity comes from the eastern part of the Euphrates, where independent autonomous structures, under the direct control of the US, are being established.

The biggest threat to Syria's future is not from Idlib, but rather from these nests of terrorism to the east of the Euphrates. If Idlib transfers to the Syrian government, this time withdrawal from Afrin and Jarabulus will be next on the agenda of Turkey. For Russia, the situation is that if the last zone in the hands of the terrorists is going to be taken, except for the US-controlled region, the Syrian government would be strengthened, the Geneva desk would be much stronger, and the work of the constitutional committee would be much more on the initiative of Russia. In terms of Syria, the situation is that when he takes out Idlib, Hama will fully control the Hama line and will completely clean a serious, deep field down to Damascus. In this respect, Idlib is at the point of critical importance. Turkey, Iran, and Russia are trying to create triple alliance against USA.

Battle for Idlib



However, the possible issue that might be on the agenda is that Russia has recently given a green light to the idea of cultural autonomy for the Kurds in the draft, which was working in the new Syrian constitution. These questions are candidates to emerge as precise title of the dialogue between Russia and Turkey in the upcoming days. Turkey is trying to create a balance between Russia, USA and EU. Turkey does not want to break ties with Russia. Turkey wants to follow a line that is Astana which continues the process with Russia. However, on the one hand, it is acting with America and trying to set the groundwork for the second phase of his strategy.



On the other hand, by driving the European Union to the field, he tries to create a balance against both. EU countries also want to change trans-Atlantic relations because of Trump's actions and his administration. Trump and his administration ordered that foreign companies in Europe must cut their economic relations with Iran; otherwise, they will be exposed to the American penalties. Therefore, some EU countries like Britain, France, and Denmark started to agree with Russia and China to set up a new payment system that does not base on Dollar. The reason why EU is acting like it is independent from the US is related with maintaining economic relations with Iran. The US's attempt to expand the scope of military operations using military bases in Greece is directly related to the tension between Washington and Ankara, primarily due to Russian S-400 systems. Not only Turkey but also, the US had used a commercial sanction threat card against China and India for its decision to buy S-400 and Su-35 fighter jets from Russia.

RACISM IS IN EVERYWHERE: EVEN IN SPORT!

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Being successful or being a legend does not matter for this world!



A person can be blamed for being a woman, not being white or not being born in the territory of the country in which he/she lives. These are must be a joke! Even in this contemporary world, we are still talking about racism. There are so many examples from history, but apparently, some people do not want to understand how important the situation is. Now I will talk about the two sportspersons who were exposed to racism in the previous weeks.

In the last weeks, the US Open which is last grand slam tournament of the year completed in New York. While Novak Djokovic finished the tournament as the champion in single men, Serena Williams and Naomi Osaka played the final in singles.



Japanese tennis player completed the tournament as champion and she also became the first Japan person who wins a grand slam. Everything seems normal till here, however; the tension occurred during the match. The reason was that in the match, Serena took a tactic from her coach and she got a warning from chair referee. After this warning, she lost the point of the game and she broke her racket. Serena has 15 penalty points because of hitting her racket to the floor. The American tennis player did not find her penalty fair. That is why, she asked to referee for apologise from her. After the match, the US Open Tennis Union made a statement, and they gave Serena a penalty of 17 thousand dollars for the tactics from her trainer during the match, for verbal discussion with the referee and for breaking the racket.

Support for Serena from WTA!

After the match, Serena said she was subjected to sexual discrimination. WTA also said that men do not receive similar penalties for the same behaviour in matches.

Not limited to these!



Australian caricaturist Mark Knight was charged with racism because of the cartoon he drew. After this cartoon, Knight gave a speech to Australian Broadcasting Corporation. He totally supported his cartoon, and did not accept the blames. He said that he watched the US Open from television and tried to show Serena's bad behaviour. According to some critics, the caricature of Williams was likened to the cartoons targeting Afro-Americans in the past.

Serena is not the only one. Mesut Ozil is also suffered from racism!

Ozil is a German football player from Turkish origin. When he met with President of Turkish Republic in England, he became the subject of some controversy in Germany. After the criticism began to increase, Ozil made a press statement and said he stopped his German national team career because of racism and disrespect behaviours against him.



This meeting appeared in the world press; some critics found this resignation right and some wrong. While Ozil was announcing his decision at the press conference, he said “When I win, I am German; when I lost, I am immigrant.” He also addressed to the people who criticised him about his meeting with Erdogan: “This is my respect for the top rank of the country which my family belongs to.” He claimed that he was instrumental in political propaganda. He could not see any respect to his Turkish origin. That is why; he felt racism at that point. He stated that such reasons were effective in the decision taken.

Mesut Ozil was in the world press!



This news is also widespread in the German press. Some institutions have found Ozil's decision to be justified and some institutions have criticized this news. There were also newspapers writing that they were happy about his leaving. However, there were also people who said that this would stay as a sad symbol for Germany.

29-year-old football player said he would not play for the national team as long as he felt disrespect and be exposed to racism, he also added it is a pity that his achievements have been forgotten.

IRANIAN CRISIS: ANOTHER YUGOSLAVIA?



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Relations between Tehran and Washington have been sharply deteriorating since 2017 when Donald Trump is elected as the president of the USA, who has repeatedly criticized the “nuclear deal” between United States and several countries with Iran. Already in the spring of 2017, the Americans withdrew from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on the Iranian nuclear program, and also renewed and expanded sanctions against the country, which were lifted as a part of the agreement under Obama’s presidency.

European allies did not support these measures by the United States, as they fear that this will push Iran to continue the nuclear program and increase the risk of armed clashes between Iran and Israeli and Arab allies of the United States, which may lead to further destabilization of the region. In addition, European countries do not want to face with the economic damage that trade sanctions against Iran may inflict on them. The president of France, Emmanuel Macron, defended the JCPOA, and rejected Trump’s call on sanctions. He defended his actions by saying that further sanctions would result in proliferation of nuclear weapons in Iran. The French President also defended the Iranian government, arguing Tehran still “abides” by the terms of the deal, despite the newly reintroduced US sanctions.

Macron said: “We should not aggravate regional tensions but rather through dialogue and multilateralism pursue a broader agenda that allows us to address all the concerns caused by Iranian policies — nuclear, ballistic, and regional.”

However, Trump does not stop pressing hard on his allies in order to involve Germany, France, Great Britain and other countries in his anti-Iranian policy. According to world experts, it is naive to believe that contradictions with the European allies will stop Trump in an attempt to “crush Iran” by any means. USA is adamant in situations where its national and strategic interests are involved.



Iranian rial has its worst days.

Under unprecedented pressure from the sanctions and the embargo, the national currency of Iran continues to lose value and broke another devaluation record, having reached the black market mark of 190 thousand rials for one dollar. Although the official rate of one dollar is 90 thousand rials, it does not make any sense for business and tourists. Iranian currency continues to lose its value on the stock exchanges and pulls the entire economy of the country into crisis. Furthermore, that seems to be the beginning. The currency is believed to degenerate after the sanctions that will be imposed against Iran from November 1. Analytics believe that it will have a negative impact not only on Iran, but also on the economic situation of the EU and the world economy as a whole. Iran exported 2.5

million barrels of world oil demand. However, those numbers now significantly lessened and is around 1.1 million barrels per day. It is forecasted that it will be below 1 million barrels per day by the end of October, which can lead to a rise in oil prices of up to \$ 100 or more. The pessimists even assume that this, in turn, will lead to a rise in prices in the world for all products and the next global economic crisis.

The situation in Iran is critical. The population is in constant psychological stress. Fears of default and the loss of all savings are in conjunction with the expectation of war. Iranians are hastily buying foreign currency and gold, which further increases the shortage of currency. The authorities in Iran do not know how to avoid the country’s rolling into crisis. However, with all these, Rouhani cannot resign. Ayatollah Khamenei supreme leader of the country will not allow him to create a government crisis by his departure from power.



The largest protests against Iranian government since the 2009 presidential election protests

The situation is worsened by public protests which do not end. People are angry with war in Syria, economic situation, lack of freedom and other social problems. The protests started in December 2017 and still go on. More than 5000 protesters were arrested, and in the clashes 26 protesters died.

Also, more and more calls for separatism are heard. On September 22, four gunmen opened a fire at military parade in Ahvaz majorly populated by ethnic Arabs. 29 people were killed more than 70 people were wounded. The last attack gives clues that the USA and its allies opened a "second front" against Iran, by using internal separatism.

Approximately Yugoslavia was in the same situation before the collapse of the country. Initially, a strong devaluation and financial crisis, then an economic collapse and a rise of separatism... All these led to the collapse of the country. The surge of ethnic conflicts within a multi-ethnic country is the most dangerous scenario for Tehran. Today, everyone understands that Iranian government does not know what to do and how to act.

ENDGAME NEARS FOR IDLIB

On 15 March 2011, protests in the Syrian city of Daraa sparked the first signs of unrest in the country and now almost eight years later, Syrian Civil War has resulted in unbelievable amount of pain, violence and diplomatic crisis in the area. Syria, with what going on its 185,180 km2 of land has kept the world busy for the past eight years. Atrocities committed in Syria which almost feels like a precursor for an upcoming World War, is now starting to feel like and end is near for the Syrian Civil War. This civil war has been a proxy war in which major international powers like, United States, Russia, European Union, Middle Eastern countries, even China and of course Turkey has made an effort to dominate and gain influence over each other and the area. Over the years, number of foreign terrorists, fighters, spies and military personnel has rushed to this desolate land. According to the official numbers which was released in March 2018, three hundred fifty thousand died, fifty six thousand nine hundred went missing, millions were forced to migrate and cities were levelled to the ground. This war, this battle is now coming to its end.

After years of fighting, Syrian Army, with the military support from Russia and Iran has gained most of its control over the land they lost at the start of the Civil War. As Islamic State terror reigned over Syria and Iraq to the point where it was powerful enough to create a new country, is now mostly wiped out. Other terrorist organizations in the area are now boxed in at certain areas. Syria has been the battlegrounds for US and Russian military tactics and now Syria and their allies are now very close to winning. There are two regions in the country where war continues. First one is the city of Idlib and second one being east of river Euphrates. City of Idlib now houses jihadi terrorists that fled Aleppo and also some opposition groups. East of Euphrates hosts the US supported terrorist organization PKK/PYD. Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) has conducted the

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Operation Euphrates Shield which secured the Jarablus Al-Bab line from IS with Free Syrian Army and stopped PKK/PYD from gaining control of the area. Operation Euphrates Shield has blocked PYD controlled areas from uniting and accessing Mediterranean. Later on with Operation Olive Branch, areas around Afrin which were controlled by PKK/PYD have been captured. This is the current situation in Syria.

The Astana Agreement, signed by Turkey, Russia and Iran, mandates that the destination of jihadist terrorists and their families fleeing Aleppo, Eastern Ghouta and other cities that were captured by the Syrian Army, Idlib and the area around it, be made a conflict free zone. This decision was the result of high number civilian population living in the area. As mandated by the agreement, each country has their own tasks. Task assigned to Turkish Armed Forces is to create observation posts around Idlib to make sure ceasefire applied and any possible conflicts around the area is intercepted. Also as part of the agreement, three signees have agreed to transport humanitarian aid to area and combat any groups related to Al-Qaeda, Islamic State. Turkey as part of the agreement has created observations posts. The ceasefire in question which lasted a year is expected to end in August - September 2018 according to the precursors of military operation given by Syria and Russia. United States and Western countries are opposing this scenario like they previously did. Opposition again is based upon the rumours of chemical weapons and these

rumours suggested that Syrian Army will use chemical weapons. In that situation, it said that Syrian Army will be the target of military operation. Russia however said that, this time they will not allow any kind of interference and also said that rumours of chemical weapons are created as part of the terrorist propaganda. If we have to digress for a second here, the US and Western world has always relied upon the data of chemical weapons from White Helmets relief organization. When you analyse the actions and data from White Helmets, one could see that White Helmets is not just an relief organization. During the Syrian Civil War, White Helmets have been found to transpose fictional photos and videos of massacres and chemical attacks as news and most of these were found to be created with an effort on par with Hollywood movies. Despite all these, the US and Western world continues to support and fund this organization. Besides, this organization was founded by them.



As the World focused towards tense statements, and the expected Idlib operation, Tehran Summit was conducted on 7 September 2018 in which Turkey, Russia and Iran came together once again. After the summit, it was expected that three leaders issue a joint press statement to inform the world about their agreement on twelve point declaration however, world has witnessed a dispute between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. Turkey stated that, ceasefire needs be in the agreement and a possible military operation in the area would result in civilian deaths and massive migration wave towards Turkey, while Russia stated the need of military operation they also stated that sides that can declare ceasefire were not at the meeting.

After this unexpected tension on live broadcast a joint statement was issued. This unexpected tension has created questions about the future of Astana process. Russia, Turkey and Iran have been coordinating in Syria but this also resulted in uncertainty about their cooperation. However, ten days after Tehran Summit on 17 September 2018 at Sochi Summit Turkey and Russia have come to an agreement. According to this agreement; ceasefire zone will be declared, moderate rebel groups will leave terrorist organizations, terrorist organizations will not be allowed to operate and an armistice will be declared.

Necessary actions were taken after Sochi Summit. However besides some of the groups affirming this armistice some terrorist organizations have denied this call for armistice and also declared Turkey as infidel and pledged to fight against them. In Idlib, where anything can change in a second, groups defined as moderate rebels are settled in and working to stop any possible terrorist propaganda in accordance with the agreement.

As recent developments taken into consideration, there is a high chance of a Idlib military operation. Throughout this process, Turkey has been trying to separate moderate rebel groups, end civilian deaths and stop another massive refugee wave towards Turkey. However, Turkey still supports fight against Islamic State, Al-Qaeda, Al-Nusra and groups related to them. The US and Western world is trying to disrupt this operation and stop Syria from controlling Idlib. But as it seems, Idlib eventually will be under control of Syrian Army. As the final diplomatic and military moves are being made in this bloody chess game, Turkey needs to make peace with Syrian government as soon as possible. Once the situation in Idlib is resolved, the only remaining troublesome area will be east of Euphrates and it is very well possible that the last and most troublesome move of the "game" will be made there. In order to eliminate the PKK/PYD terrorist organization, that is a danger to the territorial integrity of Syria, Turkey, Iraq and Iran, a common action from neighbouring countries is required. For Turkish national safety, around four million Syrian nationals need to be sent back to their country and in order to end this eight yearlong chess game, making peace with Syria is required. If wrong moves made in the past eight years continue, results might be devastating. Turkey sadly paid the price of some of these bad political decisions with the lives of our soldiers, policeman, with the damage to our national security and with the arrival of four million refugees. From now on, correct steps needs to continue, lasting peace must be ensured, war and deaths needs stop and internal security of Turkey must be provided. Steps taken by Turkey are critical in Syria crisis.

The New Order in the Middle East

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The status of the Caspian Sea, which has been going on for the past 22 years, has been concluded at the Summit of the Heads of Caspian Countries held in Aktau, Kazakhstan. President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan, President Ilham Aliyev of Azerbaijan, President Hassan Rouhani of Iran, President Vladimir Putin of Russia and President Gurbangulu Berdimuhamedov of Turkmenistan attended the summit. The preliminary draft was prepared in 1996 and an agreement was reached in 2017. A year later the final agreement was finalized by 5 coastal nations. Nursultan Nazarbayev, Ilham Aliyev, Hasan Ruhani, Vladimir Putin and Gurbangulu Berdimuhamedov were in the same photo frame.



First Time in the History

The agreement is also a first time in history. This agreement gives rise to different gains for countries because this agreement was made in a Hybrid definition. According to the agreement, the Caspian is defined as both sea and lake because it has different provisions in international law. So, it became a first time in the world history. According to deal, the common use of the areas on the surface was decided. However, the use of other resources would be decided later.

Which country is the most lucrative?

Considering the balance of power, we can say that Russia will have a time to dominate. Yet, the possibility of turning into a very acute crisis in a possible turbulence has disappeared. At the same time, we know that the US has a very intense interest in the region. In fact, the US has an initiative called C5 + 1, which it tries to construct together with the Central Asian Turkic Republics. Besides, the region has a strategic importance for the generation and road project of the Republic of China. It is possible to say that the Russian State was the most lucrative side of this agreement while there is still not a crisis.

Does it have an impact on our country?

Considering Agreement for Turkey, the issue of conveyance of gas from Turkmenistan to Turkey was going wrong because of the Caspian Sea. On this and similar issues, it is possible to say that the agreement is our advantage. However, when viewed historically to the Caspian Sea, especially because it is a Turkish area, Turkey is totally out of this process. So, it is useful to say that there should not be too much expectation about this issue because we can state that in this region first Russia and then Iran will be active during its historical development.



Why Is the Caspian So Important?

The importance of the region has been reinforced with the plans of the US for the Middle East and participating of the Republic of China, another great power in recent years, to the competition with Russia in the region. Despite the US's C5 + 1 attempt, the Caspian Sea agreement which is recently signed has seriously weakened the US power in the Middle East. According to the agreement, the presence of foreign military in the Caspian Sea will be prohibited except the five coastal countries. Negotiations about airspace will begin in the coming days.

Hidden Treasure

According to researches, it is estimated that approximately 50 billion barrels of petrol and 9 trillion cubic meters of natural gas reserves are in existence. The sharing of this wealth will become the agenda of the Leaders in the following days.



VISUAL MEMORY



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In this article unbelievable memory cases will be mentioned from Memory Observed of Neisser and cognitive psychology course of Umur Talaslı from Atılım University.

The first one is a case that is called as "Sarah". In this case, Sarah watches any movie in 1.5 or 2 hours. Then, researchers cover a letter that exists in a signboard around a character in the movie (see also: partial occlusion). They ask an unbelievable question like "Do you remember which letter we closed?" Sarah knows that the answer is the letter R. Apart from this; she can answer the ins and outs of every frame in the film without difficulty. This seems to be a reality that is independent of known long-term memory. However, the experiment on Sarah is only about the scenes of a film. The accuracy of the questions asked to Sarah can be scientifically proven by looking at the film. Checking the accuracy of the second case is a little more difficult.

The second case is about a priest named Father Phelps. Any date in last 60 years is given to Phelps. He is able to tell us where he was at that time and how the weather was at that location. In the light of the information

received from meteorology, it is seen that he never makes a mistake in his predictions about all the questions asked by the objective controls. However, it is hard to get a conclusion about the certainty of his location. In the case of Phelps, he cannot respond when it exceeds 60 years. It is not yet known what the 60-year border is about.

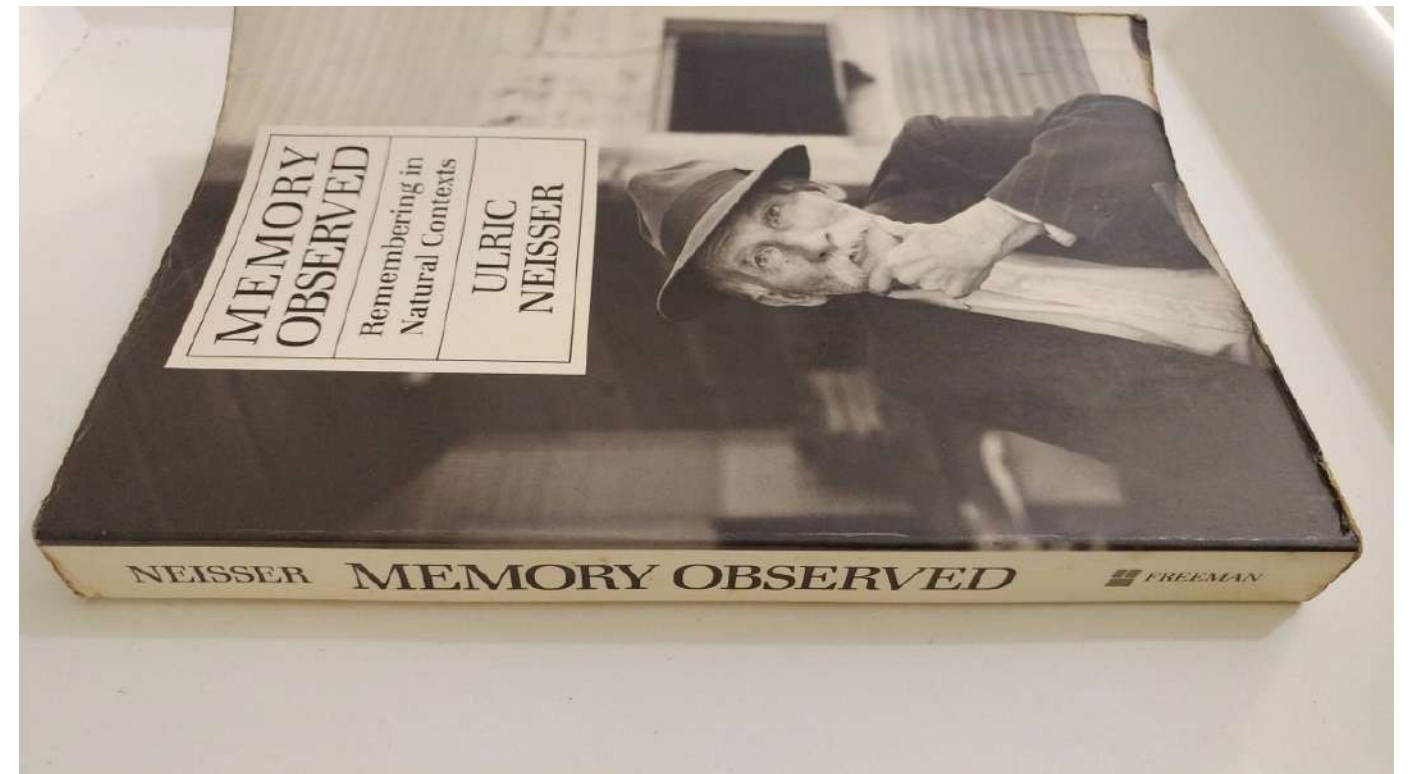
The third case is about Jewish religious person working in Synagogues in Poland called Shass Pollak. The case is an example of tremendous memory power about the book of the Torah (every page throughout history has always remained in the same order). When the book is opened and showed any word on a page and put a pin on it, he knows what letter is after 18 pages in where that letter is. This is a scientifically proven fact when the book is checked. For Shass Pollak, this memory power does not work in books other than the Torah. There are also opinions that this is not about memory but about perception. This case is a big challenge for experimental psychologists because it reports a source that is not stimulated physically.

There is also a specialized topic for these 3 cases. For example, movies for Sarah, location and weather for Phelps, Torah for Shass Pollak. The last case is a memory power that can be seen as intact and not related to a subject.



The last case is called as Elizabeth who is in her 40's and she is a teacher from Department of Fine Arts at Harvard University. She is a tremendous example of visual memory power. Elizabeth is asked to look at the portrait on the canvas for a few minutes and then the image is closed and requested to draw the portrait. Incomprehensibly, Elizabeth draws the portrait with the full contours of the picture. The objectivity of this is achieved by opening the projection. Elizabeth cannot define how she did this, but says she saw the portrait in the canvas somehow after the projection was closed. Elizabeth noticed this when she was a child before even went to school. She states that she never studied her lessons

and passed them by remembering the information in the books until she finished the university. In psychology literature there is a phenomenon called "t floating". In short, there are more than 10 thousand black and white dots when they are shown the right and left eyes separately, but a floating T-shape is seen when two eyes are viewed. (The information of crossed disparity of the perception into the system). A research team applies this phenomenon to Elizabeth. When dots are shown to the right eye of Elizabeth and the left eye of her after a week, she states there is a floating T shape on her memory. In brief, it can be said that the shape which can be seen by looking simultaneously remains in memory for a week. For this case, Elizabeth can keep that information in her memory in 40 days. This can be understood from the fact that at the end of the 40th day, what she saw was like a fragmented wall rather than a floating T. Although there are some certain realities related to the functioning of consciousness in the later findings about Elizabeth case, this case has been one of the subjects that interest me most in the literature.



HUGE STEP TOWARDS LGBT RIGHTS



“A man is to be executed for the “cold, calculated and premeditated” murder of a married gay couple...”

“Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for one of the suspects in the grisly killing of a transgender teenager...”

“Two transgender people were packed in sacks, thrashed with sticks and tortured to death...”

We already see news like these. Regardless of language, religion, nationality or level of development, in some countries homosexuality is considered a grave crime, while in some it is a shame by society if it is not a crime. These people who are ignored and denigrated are not just excluded by society. Even their own family rejects or tortures them because of certain reasons or just because of thinking of other people's opinions (!). Many people believe that homosexuality is a disease, choice or mental illness. However, it is not. While people are increasingly aware of this issue through social media, LGBT organizations and events, many governments disregard these facts or accept them after long efforts.

India is one of these countries. Although there are many transgender individuals in the country, it has been realized as a result of long efforts that these excluded individuals are brought into society and the government accepts the existence of these individuals. One of these efforts is India's biggest pride march, organized by Queer Azaadi in India on January 28th. 15,000 people attended the march. The songs of the musicians accompanied by

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rainbow flags and banners cheered the streets.

One of the participants said about the march to The Hindu:

“The environment was very colorful and the walk was very well organized. It was perfect to see many people in Mumbai and India support the LGBTQ community.”

Families also participated in the march to support their LGBTI children. A mother who came with her daughter told her feelings:

“It made me feel good that so many people came together and expressed the problem for a same reason. I am really happy to be here.”

On the other hand, the first prince of India, Manvendra Singh Gohil, who explained that he was Gay, had opened the gates of the palace to homosexuals.

Singh, who aims to support LGBT community rejected by their families, says,

“There is a family system in India. It is stipulated to be with the family, and it is said that the society will boycott you as soon as you want to disarrange this order. There's a social exclusion. People are tied to their families from a monetary point of view.”

The prince also stated that he wanted to give 'social and financial support' to people excluded from their family. It was very encouraging to witness these developments in the country.

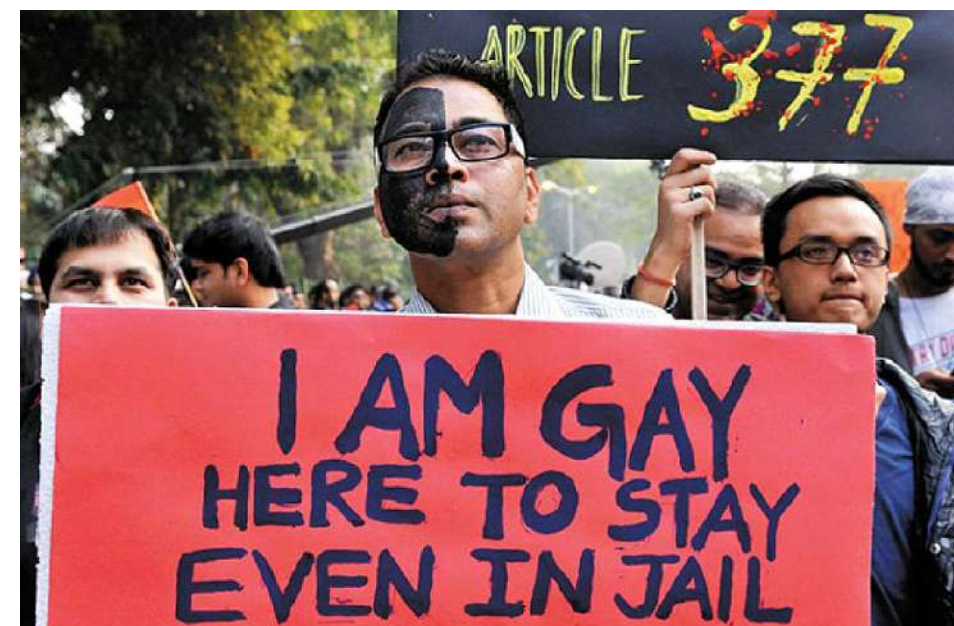
Following these developments, the Constitutional Court of India made a historic decision: Decriminalization of the homosexual relationship in the country. Consequently, the Constitutional Court reversed the judgement of 2013 about Section 377 of the IPC (Indian Penal Code) that remained from the period of the British colony and described the homosexual relationship as **“against the order of nature”**. This law in India was one of the oldest laws that described homosexual relations as a crime and could not be abolished until now. When the demonstrators waiting outside heard the court's decision, they started celebrations, and some of them burst into tears. Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra says, *“Social exclusion, identity seclusion and isolation from the social mainstream are still the stark realities faced by individuals today, and it is only when each and every individual is liberated from the shackles of such bondage ... that we can call ourselves a truly free society.”* However, a wide range of religious groups and rural conservatives support the British colonial law. The law was first annulled at the Supreme Court in Delhi in 2009, but was brought back by the Constitutional Court in 2013 as a result of the campaigns of some political, social and religious groups. Human rights organizations pointed out that the police used the law to ill-treat the LGBT community. The Indian National Congress announced the abolition of the law from social media accounts:

“We join the people of India & the LGBTQIA+ community in their victory over prejudice. We welcome the progressive & decisive verdict from the Supreme Court & hope this is the beginning of a more equal & inclusive society.”

The fact that a country with a total population of approximately one and a half billion has taken such a big step will be inspiring in many countries that have not yet made progress. These people whose rights and freedoms are restricted or forcibly taken from the moment they are born as an individual are still in a state of fear even though they have regained their freedoms because they think that although this decision is very important, there is still a long way to change people's perspective. With the wish of a world that no one is judging anyone else with other people's choices that affect their own lives and everyone is aware of the rights of minority groups such as LGBT community, foreign workers, people of different religious or ethnic origin are also HUMAN RIGHTS.

“Are you gay? What is wrong with you? Do you want to die old and lonely? Who will be with you when we die?” **NAMIT K'S MUM**

I just ignore it, I don't see it most of the time. That's when everything happens the way I want it. Everywhere is colorful! **FARAZ A**



Feminist Foreign Policy of Sweden



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What is the feminist foreign policy?

♀ Feminism aims equality between women and men. ♀ Therefore Swedish foreign policy's fundamental aim is gender equality. In their foreign agenda, they are applying a systematic gender equality perspective. Gender equality is necessary for them to achieve and sustain peace, security and development.

♀ Sweden's feminist foreign policy has three Rs as its starting point, and it is based on a fourth R. The three Rs are Rights (enjoyment of human rights for women), Representation (women participation in all decision-making processes at all levels) and Resources (equal opportunities), and the fourth R is Reality (the study should be based on facts and statistics, and produce realistic solutions).

♀ It aims to change structures and increase the visibility of women as actors.

♀ There is no place for discrimination and gender inequality in all stages of life.

When did it start?

In October 2014, Sweden became the first country in the world that has a feminist foreign policy.

What were the international reactions to feminist foreign policy of Sweden?

The policy met with both praise and scepticism. The best example can be given as Canada. Canada uses

the term 'feminist' in its foreign policy. In June 2017, they launched a feminist development policy involving more than 15.000 people in sixty five different countries. France can be given as an example on the praise side as well. However, there are some countries which are not satisfied with Sweden's feminist connotation. Furthermore, there is a country, Saudi Arabia, by which Sweden's ties were frozen because of that country's policy which was against gender equality. In 2015, Wallström called Saudi Arabia as a dictatorship because of their treatment to women. That incident led to a diplomatic crisis, and the reaction of Saudi Arabia affected the relations between other Arab countries and Sweden.

What has happened since 2014 in Sweden?

In August 2018, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs published a handbook about Sweden's feminist foreign policy to show the changes in Sweden within these four years. They also wanted to guide other countries to have feminist foreign policies.

What is the handbook about?

The handbook shows the methods used to ensure the impact of the policy in the Swedish Foreign Service and how they achieved to have gender equality. It gives examples of what the policy has achieved. This 100-page-handbook is really a useful guide for the countries to apply feminist foreign policy.

What is the importance of handbook?

There are many significant achievements of the policy. For instance, they do not only fight for Swedish people but also for war-torn and post-conflict nations like Afghanistan, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia and the Palestinian Territories. Gender equality should not only be in Sweden but in whole world.

♀ They increased female representation in all areas. They have initiated a network of women mediators who are active all around the world.

♀ Their policy showed that gender equality is not a separate women's issue. It helped people to understand feminism is for everyone, and gender equality benefits everyone. For example sexual assault is not a women's issue but a peace and security issue for Sweden.

♀ They showed that in order to have better health, stronger economic growth and higher security we need gender equality.

♀ We have learned from their policy that peace negotiations in which women have taken part have a better chance of being sustainable.

♀ They showed that if there is gender equality in a country, it can be in another country as well. Thus gender equal world is not impossible. They also showed that wherever you are in, **change is possible!**



For the first time in the history of Saudi Arabia a female activist is sentenced to death!

Selen CEYLAN



The ones who want her execution indicates their reason not only being involved in the protests in al Qatar and putting the activities on social media but also attending one of the companions' funeral.

From the records gathered by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, accusations of Israa al Ghomgham for her execution is, having done what two laws forbid.

Saudi human rights defenders reacted to this decision by the Riyadh court. The campaign carried out on Twitter received great support.

This is not her first time of being charged. Earlier on August 6, including her husband Maussa al-Hashem, five more people's execution was discussed. However, King Salman's authorization is needed for the executions that occur in Saudi Arabia. That is why nothing is clear for now.



She has been imprisoned since December 2015. She and her husband were arrested due to the fact that they had organized “anti-government protests” in Qatif.



The first movements against the regime in Qatif began with the influence of Tunisian and Egyptian revolutions and the Bahrain uprising. The Saudi Kingdom brutally attacked the protests. Nearly 500 were detained in the first demonstration wave of 2011.

The issue showed up while Saudi Arabia was dealing with a major diplomatic crisis on Women's Rights with Canada.

Canada's Foreign Ministry shared on Twitter that they were “gravely concerned” about the activists who defend women rights, one of whom is the sister of their citizen; Samar Badawi. As a retaliation flights were cancelled, the students were recalled, and the investment to Canada was cut by Saudi Arabia.



Nothing is decided about Israil Ghomgham yet, but Human Rights Watch reported that trial will take place on October 28.

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NEW WORLD AND THE CHANGING PERCEPTION OF BEAUTY

Operations that many people carried out all over the world for the sake of beauty are increasing day by day. So, why so many people take the trouble to become more beautiful? When we look at the reason for this, it is seen that there are some factors such as people emotionally want to feel better about themselves, have a prominent appearance in the society, and they desire to look like a celebrity (!). In fact, looking at the internal dimension, it seems that “society” is the one that pushes people the most.

People are exposed to a sense of beauty through the tools they read, such as magazines or social media, and it is imposed to look appropriate to their perception of beauty. The problem is that it is infused the perfect human appearance into people so when there are people who have not the features of popular wisdom, they are excluded by the society. As a consequence, they believe the best thing for them is to have a plastic surgery.

According to a research conducted by International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, people mostly have hair and skin aesthetics, liposuction and breast augmentation surgeries. What is really important here is whether the people have to do this to become more beautiful or feel better than before or whether they really have a deformation, and need for a correction there. Can people who want to have a liposuction not be able to get rid of his fats by doing sports? Do people with the nose remodelling really have a problem with breathing or nasal channels? It is a controversial topic that having a plastic surgery to look slimmer or have a face we desire. If you ask people who have aesthetic surgery, it was a big problem to have a big nose or be fatty because people around them criticized their body or their big nose became an object of derision or maybe their husband like women who have bigger breast. That's where the whole problem begins, the desire to look nice for someone.

The most important thing is that how you feel to have that body, not others. The crux of the problem is that making ourselves accepted among society. According to news published by world-renowned business magazine, The Economist, countries with the highest aesthetic surgery status are South Korea, Greece, Italy and the USA. In addition, Turkey is ranked at number 19. Today, the perception of beauty is unfortunately reduced to a simple level. When the perception of beauty is accepted as something that changes in society, then only then, humanitarian values will come to exist.

Do not forget! When you success to be yourself and love your body, then you are the most powerful and beautiful person in the world. Ask yourself “Since when did my own ideas become worthless than the ideas of others?” This will take you to a solution.



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