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I thought you might be interested in the latest developments regarding US-Turkey relations.

- <https://qz.com/1093011/turkey-opens-its-largest-overseas-military-base-in-somalia-to-train-somali-soldiers/>
 - Turkey opens a military base in Somalia to fight al-Shabaab which is integral to the US fight against terrorism.
 - Turkey has been a crucial ally in the War on Terror.
- <https://www.dailysabah.com/energy/2017/09/30/with-157b-energy-investments-over-10-years-turkey-eyes-more-fdi-with-international-projects>
 - In 2016, the Turkish government and businesspeople took robust measures to counter the potential economic repercussions of the coup attempt.
 - The economy attracted \$12.3 billion in FDI last year, including \$740 million in the energy sector.
 - In 2017, investments in renewable energy projects have already exceeded \$2 billion.
- <https://www.dailysabah.com/energy/2017/09/30/turkey-set-to-implement-national-energy-policy-with-diverse-resources>
 - Turkey's national energy strategy is designed to utilize its own energy resources to become less dependent on imports, shifting Turkey away from its dependency on Russian oil.
 - Nuclear power plant partnerships with French and Japanese companies establish partnerships between Turkey and US allies.
- https://twitter.com/RT_Erdogan/status/914843730850566145 and <https://www.dailysabah.com/diplomacy/2017/10/02/turkey-condemns-deadly-las-vegas-attack-which-killed-58#pp>
 - President Erdogan and Deputy Prime Minister condemn the Las Vegas attack and show strong support for the US.

- President Erdogan's tweet said "I sincerely hope that such attacks won't happen in the future. On behalf of the Turkish people, I offer my condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims."
- Bozdag's said "We offer our condolences to the families of the deceased in the attack targeting participants of a music festival in Las Vegas, to the American people and to the U.S. We condemn this horrible, abominable attack. We share the pain of the families of the American people".
- <http://www.euronews.com/2017/09/28/pre-paid-cards-for-refugees-in-turkey>
 - The EU launched its biggest humanitarian aid project ever supporting almost 1 million Syrian refugees in Turkey by giving them a prepaid card, which will be systematically monitored.
 - As 90% of Syrian refugees in Turkey do not live in refugee camps, the prepaid cards allow refugees to pay for food and electricity.
- https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http://www.ecfr.eu/article/essay/how_to_reset_turkey_europe_relations_7235&c=E.1,kRHmtR3Yo7_jmVIQRO5JtHixRsy1FdGSuKtfjsB5Wou5ssz_pbVK6i2sIM2BwZnmGGgLvNHYJLXoRCTaz77c_xEjSG4q2xYws_OOyHsFCwCpunGbtIMhcgNQ,,&tylo=1
 - Turkey-EU relations need a reset based on equality, fairness and mutual respect. Turkey still considers EU membership a strategic goal. However, Turkey is not prepared to accept double standards and outright hostility.
- <https://www.strtrade.com/news-publications-Turkey-trade-facilitation-electronic-commerce-IPR-TIFA-100517.html>
 - The U.S.-Turkey Trade and Investment Council met to advance bilateral trade in the healthcare sector, agriculture, industrial goods, government procurement, the digital economy, and intellectual property. The council explored ways to enhance export credit cooperation and export financing.

All the best,

The Honorable Robert Wexler
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