

## Turkey News Update

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

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- **Turkey Seeks to Purchase Patriot Defense System from the US**

-Turkey continues its talks with the US to purchase the Patriot missile defense system.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/diplomacy/2017/10/08/turkey-is-still-interested-in-patriot-defense-systems-turkish-official-says>

- **Pentagon Says, Turkey & US Continue to Coordinate Military Operations**

-Pentagon says the diplomatic dispute does not affect military operations with Turkey.  
-Pentagon reiterates that Turkey is a close NATO ally and the US will continue to coordinate military activities with Ankara.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-turkey-pentagon/pentagon-says-diplomatic-tension-with-turkey-not-affecting-military-operations-idUSK8N1CF2BD?il=0>

- **Turkey has World's Largest Refugee population**

-Turkey has the world's largest refugee population with over 3.5 million refugees, with 70% being women and children.

<https://reliefweb.int/report/turkey/unhcr-turkey-factsheet-october-2017>

- **1 Million Syrian Refugees are Now Receiving Cash Assistance in Turkey**

-With help from the EU, the largest humanitarian aid project is helping over 1 million refugees in Turkey by providing them with debit card-cash assistance.

-Turkey hosts more than 3 million Syrian refugees.

-This program helps the most vulnerable and disadvantaged, allowing them to meet basic needs, such as, food, rent, medicine, and clothes.

<http://www.wfp.org/news/news-release/eu-funded-cash-assistance-programme-reaches-1-million-refugees-turkey>

- **Syrian Refugee Children to Receive an Education in Turkey**

-With help from the EU, Turkey plans to integrate thousands of Syrian children into the Turkish education system.

-With Turkey already providing education to 570,000 Syrian children, there are still 41% of Syrian refugee children in Turkey who remain out of school.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/education/2017/10/07/turkey-eu-join-forces-for-education-of-syrian-children>

- **Turkey Works to Advance its Power Sector**

-Turkey's power sector has transformed into an open and competitive market, with help from the World Bank which has invested over \$7 billion, and private sector investments of more than \$55 billion.

-Turkey plans to be 20% more energy efficient, with renewable energy covering 30% of its energy needs by 2023.

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/immersive-story/2017/09/26/powering-transformation-the-world-bank-groups-commitment-to-success>

- **Turkey Begins to Develop a Space Agency**

-Turkey will begin to develop a space agency which will allow individuals and legal entities to develop and design space and aviation devices and systems, create space stations, and continue pursuing other avenues in the space industry.

-Since almost all data exchange is done through space, being able to develop these technologies will allow Turkey to become independent from other states, and will ultimately lead to greater development of Turkey.

<https://sputniknews.com/middleeast/201710061058018658-turkey-russia-space-technologies-cooperation/>

- **Turkey Supports US Decision to Lift Sanctions on Sudan**

-Turkey supports the revocation of the US economic sanctions imposed on Sudan, to help create peace, stability, and welfare in sub-Saharan Africa.

<http://www.trtworld.com/middle-east/turkey-welcomes-us-decision-to-lift-20-year-sanctions-on-sudan-11183>

- **Turkey Seeks to Improve Relations with Germany**

-Erdogan said, "There are no reasons for problems between Germany and Turkey".

-Erdogan told Sigmar Gabriel "Let us look forward together. If you make a step toward us, we will make two toward you."

[https://www.google.com/url?rct=i&sa=t&url=http://en.apa.az/world-news/europe/turkey-ready-to-work-on-improvement-of-relations-with-germany-foreign-minister.html&ct=ga&cd=CAEYBSOTMTQwNTM3MzcxMDY3MDUwOTAxODIcNzZiNWQxMjUxMzRlZmRmMjpb2Q6ZW46VVM6TA&usg=AFQICNGpVUJHHy3R8w\\_6ts8rWAmDgzK9\\_Q](https://www.google.com/url?rct=i&sa=t&url=http://en.apa.az/world-news/europe/turkey-ready-to-work-on-improvement-of-relations-with-germany-foreign-minister.html&ct=ga&cd=CAEYBSOTMTQwNTM3MzcxMDY3MDUwOTAxODIcNzZiNWQxMjUxMzRlZmRmMjpb2Q6ZW46VVM6TA&usg=AFQICNGpVUJHHy3R8w_6ts8rWAmDgzK9_Q)

- **President Erdogan Pledges Support for the Ukraine**

-President Erdogan says Turkey will continue to support Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and will not recognize Russia's annexation of Crimea.

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/turkeys-erdogan-supports-ukraine-crimea-50373364>

- **UK Looking to Invest in Turkey**

-Trade volume between the UK and Turkey has increased, with more goods coming from Turkey into the UK, than the UK into Turkey.

-The Foreign Direct Investment project (run by the British government), is interested in investing in Turkey.

-Secretary Oz, with the British Chamber of Commerce in Turkey said that the positive growth figures have opened the eyes of investors in the last 9 months while Turkey has been experiencing a calm period.

-The UK invested \$961 million in Turkey last year, an increase of 64.3% from 2015.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/finance/2017/10/14/uk-puts-turkey-on-direct-investment-project-list>

- **Turkey Supports the UN's Plan in Libya**

-Turkey supports the UN plan to resume the political process in Libya, and support Libyans in their strive for democracy, for the establishment of institutions, and in their efforts to hold democratic elections.

<http://www.libyanexpress.com/turkey-expresses-support-for-un-action-plan-in-libya/>

- **Turkey Helps Somalians After Deadly Terrorist Attack**

-President Erdogan pledges support for Somalia against terrorism, and provided air ambulances, medical supplies, and brought wounded people to Turkey to receive medical attention, after a deadly suicide attack in Somalia that took 231 lives.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/2017/10/15/turkey-condemns-deadly-terrorist-attack-in-somalia-pledges-support>

<https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/2017/10/18/somalia-praises-turkey-for-immediate-help-criticizes-western-powers-for-indifference>

<https://www.dailysabah.com/diplomacy/2017/10/15/somalians-injured-in-bombings-to-be-treated-in-turkey-presidential-spx-says>

- **EU Cooperating with Turkey on Regional Issues**

-EU's Foreign Policy Chief Mogherini said the bloc is strengthening cooperation with Turkey on issues related to regional dynamics, such as counter-terrorism, the Iran nuclear deal, and the North Korean missile tests.

<http://aa.com.tr/en/europe/eu-seeks-to-cooperate-with-turkey-on-regional-issues/938948#>

- **Turkey's Received \$200 Billion in FDI in the Last 15 Years**

-In the last 15 years, Turkey has received on average \$13 billion in FDI annually, totaling \$200 billion.

-Investments come from East Asia, the Middle East, and Europe, in every sector, such as, finance, machinery, science, technology, petrochemical, energy, and real estate.

-ISPAT Chairman Ermut says that Turkey is working to diversify its investments, to lower the risk of being susceptible to global or regional crises.

-With easy access to regional markets, high-quality manpower, senior management quality, and a young population, Turkey has the perfect recipe for FDI.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/economy/2017/10/16/turkey-received-200b-in-investments-over-past-15-years-eyes-2-percent-of-global-market>

- **TIKA- Helping Women & Girls Worldwide**

-The Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) is active in 158 countries and continues to reach out to young girls and women in far corners of the earth to empower them.

-TIKA helps female victims of terrorism, poverty, conflict and famine.

-TIKA has built a shelter for orphan girls in Mexico, set up computer classes for girls in Mexico, set up science laboratories for 10,000 female students in Afghanistan, built a maternity and rehabilitation center in Niger, built a high school for hundreds of girls in Palestine, provided educational material to girls' schools in Kenya, and built a school and dormitory for 200 orphan girls in Pakistan, at the direction of President Erdogan.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/turkey/2017/10/17/turkeys-tika-extends-helping-hand-to-women-girls-worldwide>

- **The World Bank Raises Turkey's Growth Forecast**

-The World Bank raised Turkey's economic growth forecast, to a projected 4% in 2017.

-Turkey showed very strong GDP growth at the beginning of the year that leads to higher expected growth than in other parts of the region.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/economy/2017/10/19/world-bank-raises-turkeys-growth-forecast-for-2017>

- **E-Commerce, IPR, Trade Facilitation among Topics of Discussion with Turkey**

-US-Turkey Trade and Investment Council discussed healthcare sector, agricultural trade, industrial goods trade, government procurement, the digital economy, IPR, and credit cooperation, startups, innovation, and advanced marketing.

-These talks provide the US with the opportunity to expand trade with Turkey.

<https://www.strtrade.com/news-publications-Turkey-trade-facilitation-electronic-commerce-IPR-TIFA-100517.html>

All the best,

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