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Summary and Evaluation

The Political Stability Index (PSI) decreased in September; from **36.978** to **35.939**. The decrease was held in all sub-sector indexes. The decline in political stability continues. The decline in the sub-sector indexes of “**Government Forming and Operation**” and “**Bureaucratic Capacity and Full Usage**”, which contributed the most to the decline, was very sharp.

The sub sector index, “**Basic Legitimacy and Decisiveness of Governance Norms**”, went down seriously. The main reasons for the decrease were those: The CBRT threatened the private banks, saying that if you don't fund the public banks and the Treasury with absurdly cheap interest rate, in TL and long-term, if you don't give credit according to the technical dysfunction of the CBRT, which is compatible with the political rhythm of the government, I will seize your management. The political power is preparing to increase its pressure on the opposition, and it has openly signalled that it can fight Greece according to the political agenda and rhythm. The broad masses' access to the public services, the welfare state, are all on the verge of technical collapse.

The sub sector index, “**Parliament Support and Structure**”, decreased very little. The main reasons for the decrease were those: Heavy disruption in the budget, parliamentary control and functioning that prevents effectiveness, and heavy anti-democratic functioning, especially in the RTÜK (the Radio and Television Supreme Council) Parliamentary Administration. Decrease in legislative quality should be added as well as deterioration in regulation/decision functionality.

The sub sector index, “**Government Forming and Operation**”, decreased sharply. Even when the sub-sector index is at this level, the 66th Government is seriously destroying the political stability with its detailed functioning apart from its basic-core functions. Continuity of government, the President's resignation or early election decision, which is the same, cannot be based solely on the resignation or change of ministers. Continuity of



government is also continuity in basic-core functions, core-policy and assertive discourse in Turkish conditions. Budget is one of them. The 66th Government added 5% to the budget in May, but it was not enough. Continuing, contracting contracts, long-term or annual basic-supply contracts, agricultural supports, energy prices and supports, family-social assistance supports are constantly updated. Who has the authority to update? This authority rests with the Presidency. Who is the updater? Ministries or Administration/Directorates themselves. All these phases are a serious interruption in the political continuity of the 66th Government. The interruption is due to political inaccuracy and disengagement from the country's agenda, as well as the loss of coordination and hierarchy within the administration. This loss, moreover, is the "silently" abandonment of the central/unifying assertive practice of the Presidential Government system. In other words, the Presidency is unable to carry out its function, by rejecting the basic structure and functionality of the Administration personally. The 66th Government is unable to extend itself in terms of hierarchy and coordination as well as the term of office. In Treasury fixed-rate auctions, negative-rate bonds are sold to BES and OKS funds and to banks as collateral for loans. Financial suppression has exceeded the fiscal targets. This situation threatens the public order.

The sub sector index, **“Political Efficiency and Governance”**, decreased. The sub-sector index continued to decline. The distinction between the State and the Government has been blurred, and this process is naturally heavily abused. This heavy abuse is perpetrated by the ruling party Ak Party and MHP organizations, in the Southeast through “illegal radio”, going underground in the police force, or implicit or even open resistance to the political establishment. Erdoğan, on the one hand, holds F16 supply talks and states that he will openly attack Greece, while the United States stipulates that you will not use F16s against Greece. What is gravely bad is that Greece, which we label as being crushed, is better prepared for the fight than Turkey. Turkey's delusions fed by complete empty fictions are a historical opportunity for Greece. It is not possible to understand the product of which political understanding to sharpen the people more, to make the people confrontational on the street by using all kinds of means as leverage. Allegiance is demanded, not votes, from the people whose music is banned, whose gathering is banned, and whose social media is heavily restricted! Although the public seems to accept the first, but they reject the one behind.



The sub sector index, “**Relations with Institutions**”, went up very slightly. The main reasons for the decrease were those: The fact that the Presidency had to leave its ministerial functions, albeit involuntarily, the high judiciary's decisions against the Government, some of which contained "resistance", and the anti-government reaction in the police actually gained volume.

The sub sector index, “**Relations with Foreign Political Actors**”, went down slightly. The main reasons for the decrease were those: The cooperation between Greece and the USA, the reflection of this cooperation on the field in the Aegean, the Greek navy's firing on Turkish civilian ships embody the will of Greece to transition from controlled tension to a controlled conflict phase. Sabotage of the global infrastructure (the Russian gas pipeline) has been watched with concern. Russia has declared partial mobilization, Putin is struggling in the military equation in Ukraine, signalling the potential for phase out/ phase shifting.

The sub sector index, “**Bureaucratic Capacity and Full Usage**”, went down sharply. The main reasons for the decrease were those: The congestion in the Treasury-Finance heavily disrupts the resource-expenditure balance. The consequences of this situation are reflected in daily life in the form of interruptions from health to education. Heavily falling purchasing power of the masses makes them difficult to access the public services. In provinces such as Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep, and Kilis, asylum seekers have become excluding the opportunity of our citizens to benefit from the public services in hospitals and schools. The number of people who withdraw from both higher education and primary education, who cannot "access" to big city hospitals, and who cannot pay the necessary infrastructure expenditure bills is increasing. In order to maintain its organized practices with the Treasury and the public banks, the CBRT threatens private banks with a rhetoric that "otherwise, your management will be seized." On the other hand, resistance to the political institution in the bureaucracy is gaining prevalence in the form of individual processes. Previously, the "concentrated" bureaucratic collapse of the Treasury-Finance, CBRT, BRSA, CMB, TURKSTAT, etc. is now at work, which heavily negatively shapes the practice of the broad masses.



The sub sector index, “**Political Violence**”, decreased very slightly. The main reasons for the decrease were those: Especially the losses in the Claw-Lock operation area and the Syrian border. The attack on the Mersin police house is separate.

The sub sector index, “**Economic Stability Factors**”, decreased. The main reasons for the decrease were those: Negative signals from the EU economy, the difficulty in the parity began to gain stability, bottlenecks in energy pricing and allocations within the country, increasing imbalances in resource-expenditure in the public sector and their constraining the public service supply, moreover, inflation becomes more prone to drift, rather than correcting it by intervention. All of them makes the economic, financial, and financial potential crises more articulated. The political power has seized the resources in the banks when the resource-expenditure balance in the public sector deteriorates, which prevents large masses and companies from accessing credit.

The Political Stability Index decreased in September sharply. Without exception, all sub-sectors declined. Dysfunction in the political institution and the foreign policy pursued were destroying the basic-core functions and pulling down the bureaucracy. This downdraft was either monolithic or concentrated. This ranking was mainly in the Treasury-Finance, UBAK (Ministry of Transport), public banks, BRSA, CMB, TURKSTAT and CBRT. The dysfunction in this system is now hitting the bureaucracies that provide energy supply and pricing, health, education, social assistance, again, with the resource-expenditure imbalance. Large masses' access to public services is shrinking and becoming costlier.

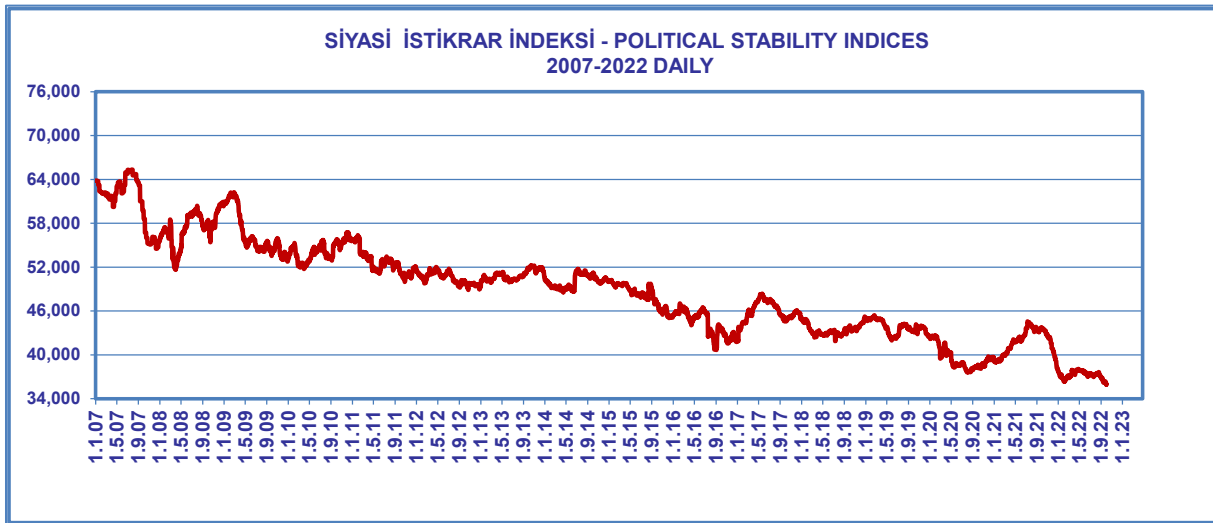


Sub-Sector Developments

	31.08.22	30.09.22	% Değişim / Difference
Siyasi İstikrar İndeksi (Sİİ) / Political Stability Index (PSI)	36.978	35.939	-2,81
Temel Meşruiyet ve Yönetim Normları / Basic Legitimacy And Governance Norms	3.564	3.377	-5,25
Parlamento Desteği ve Yapısı / Parliament Support and Structure	11.511	11.446	-0,56
Hükümet Kurulum ve İşleyişi / Government Forming and Operation	564	348	-38,30
Siyasa Uygulama ve Yönetişim / Political Efficiency and Governance	4.891	4.844	-0,96
Kurumlarla İlişkiler / Relations with Institutions	3.208	3.183	-0,78
Dış Politik Aktörlerle İlişkiler / Relations with Foreign Political Actors	2.918	2.906	-0,41
Bürokratik Kapasite ve Tam Kullanımı / Bureaucratic Capacity and Full Usage	1.489	1.302	-12,56
Siyasi Şiddet / Political Violence	4.536	4.524	-0,26
Ekonomik İstikrar Faktörleri / Economical Stability Factors	4.296	4.010	-6,66

Data

In these evaluations, including surveys and reports, **1.519** news articles (from **11.612** to **13.130**) and **280** economic data were analysed. Record rate of news/data is **1,7%**.



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Note: The main report contains 75 pages.



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