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# POLITICAL STABILITY in Turkey

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### Summary and Evaluation

The Political Stability Index (PSI) increased in September; from **35.939** to **36.072**. The decrease in the “**Basic Legitimacy and Decisiveness of Governance Norms**” sub-sector index is significant. The rise in the “**Government Forming and Operation**” sub-sector index is remarkable.

The sub sector index, “**Basic Legitimacy and Decisiveness of Governance Norms**”, went down seriously. The main reasons for the decrease were those: M. İnce was elected as a member of the Constitutional Court. Making a political actor a member of the high court, to say the least, is detrimental to the state. Changes in the press law, nationwide serious violations in secularism and silence by the government were observed. BRSA and CBRT's violations of law have levelled up.

The sub sector index, “**Parliament Support and Structure**”, decreased very little. The main reasons for the decrease were those: The first is the press law amendment, the attempt to censor social media, and the election adjustment of the timing in the enactment of the law. In the economy, however, the Government is trying to anonymize its responsibility, which strengthens the macroeconomic frameworkless functioning with laws. The Parliament was disappointing us with the Constitutional Court and RTÜK member election process. Taking the member of the administration to the judiciary and having the Administration and the Legislature audited is an interesting constitutional arithmetic mind. After the Table for six's involution, the attempt to amend the constitution on the headscarf makes it clearer to change the composition of political support and to differentiate the unity of alliances. It is necessary to be prepared for political turmoil that is thought to be controlled.

The sub sector index, “**Government Forming and Operation**”, increased quite much. The main first reason for the rise is because of the overall rating. In other words, since the government's term of office and the end of the year is approaching, negative ratings cannot be made even in severe negative developments. In October, banks told the Finance



Minister at a closed-door meeting: "We are not considering buying another 450 billion dollars in bonds to fund the budget deficit. You make us pay 10 years for short-term purposes. No way. If necessary, we will fire the foreign currency holders." In fact, this was definitely a challenging development for the 66th Government from an economic/financial point of view. Or a bare chance, a development that could subject it to political consolidation, and change. At least, it was a development that would force it heavily in the election. Secondly, it was deciphered by the Vice President himself that the Black Sea natural gas discovery could not meet even 5% of the country's needs for many years. In fact, this was a sign that "technical bankruptcy" was on the way in the energy field when evaluated together with Russia's natural gas payment scheme. The CBRT's dysfunction has reached its limits and is in the breaking phase. Coordination weaknesses of the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Justice and the resumption of political corruption (Les mains sales / The dirty hands) were observed.

The sub sector index, **“Political Efficiency and Governance”**, increased slightly. The main reasons for the increase were those: The main reasons for the increase are the signs of exit from the operation, which can be called excessive or heavy, both in the direction of HDP and FETO. Some of the signs given are by the Judiciary and some by the Administration. It is understood from the political traffic of November to make the HDP a component of the Constitutional amendment and to create an openness to regain the FETO base/support by means of the headscarf, although it does not seem fully relevant. The political rhythm acts by taking the power of the judiciary and the public to generate political support. Such effort may generate political support and make its composition flexible, but it is a rejection of the founding mind of the presidential regime and its social support format.

The sub sector index, **“Relations with Institutions”**, remained the same. The positive developments during the period were as follows: Due to the pressure of Azerbaijan against Iran, the reactions of Turkey and Azerbaijan were common, and the harmony between the institutions of the two countries was high. The institutional opposition reaction to the allegations that the TAF used chemical weapons was appropriate. Judiciary especially the decisions of the Council of State were rejecting some implementations of the Government. It is arbitrary to see the flexibility towards FETÖ and HDP in jurisdictions as a sign of simultaneous-change, not inter-institutional conflict.



The sub sector index, “**Relations with Foreign Political Actors**”, went up. The main reasons for the increase were those: Positive approaches from both the USA and Russia, promises from the USA and concrete support from Russia were observed. Contacts with Israel in Baku and Ankara are of high positive potential. Increasing internal turmoil in Iran, and Basij's internal and external aggressiveness were observed. It seems that Greece will be able to get the support of the USA less with Israel's approach to Turkey due to the increasing mobilization of Iran. On the other hand, Turkey asked Russia to delay natural gas payments until 2024, its diplomatic value is obvious.

The sub sector index, “**Bureaucratic Capacity and Full Usage**”, went up slightly. The main reasons for the increase were those: This is the first time that such a positive record has been entered in diplomacy in years, almost all of them are of military-diplomacy origin. In the judiciary, flexibility in terms of FETÖ and HDP, and reasonable decisions, especially from the Council of State, are hopeful. However, the financial bureaucracy continued to pull back the sub-sector.

The sub sector index, “**Political Violence**”, remained the same. Despite the advantage of the seasonal conditions in the fight against the PKK, the martyrs in the Northern Iraq Claw Lock operation region were pulling down the sub-sector index. The PKK attacks on the Syrian border were active. Covid-19 losses were still pushing the sub-sector down. It was the eliminated PKK members which support the sub-sector. The PKK's Mersin police house attack drew the public's reaction due to the bad process management, rather than the martyrs.

The sub sector index, “**Economic Stability Factors**”, decreased slightly. The main reasons for the decrease were those: Inflation cannot be pulled down from its very high course, as a matter of fact, it is not desired to do so. And also, the banks seem to have realized, albeit late, that not fighting inflation is calculatedly / deliberately / purposely. Allegations that the banks are resisting the severely negative macroeconomic practices of the 66th Government are under precautionary monitoring. Turkey has asked Russia to delay natural gas payments until 2024, the cost is obvious. The supply of Black Sea natural gas in the first years is 10 million m<sup>3</sup>, compared to the country's consumption, which can be said to be "tiny". By deciphering the figure, Vice President Oktay admitted that the country's energy imports and imbalances are permanent.



**The Political Stability Index increased in October.** The main rise is in the sub-sector “*Government Establishment and Operation*”. The increasing potential of flexibility and support for foreign relations, especially Iran's approach to consolidation, is active. If Iran enters the consolidation process, Turkey's position in the globe and the region will change drastically, and its state, government and administrative capacity and political landscape will gain openness to positive formatting.

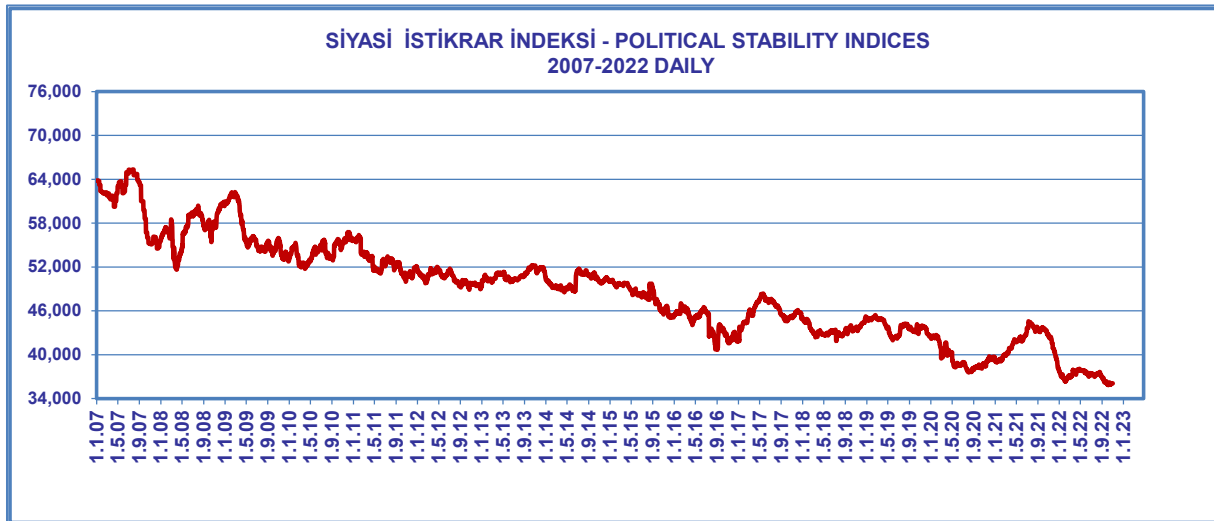


## Sub-Sector Developments

	30.09.22	31.10.22	% Değişim / Difference
Siyasi İstikrar İndeksi (Sİİ) / Political Stability Index (PSI)	35.939	36.072	0,37
Temel Meşruiyet ve Yönetim Normları / Basic Legitimacy And Governance Norms	3.377	3.255	-3,61
Parlamento Desteği ve Yapısı / Parliament Support and Structure	11.446	11.434	-0,10
Hükümet Kurulum ve İşleyişi / Government Forming and Operation	348	451	29,60
Siyasa Uygulama ve Yönetişim / Political Efficiency and Governance	4.844	4.907	1,30
Kurumlarla İlişkiler / Relations with Institutions	3.183	3.183	0
Dış Politik Aktörlerle İlişkiler / Relations with Foreign Political Actors	2.906	3.006	3,44
Bürokratik Kapasite ve Tam Kullanımı / Bureaucratic Capacity and Full Usage	1.302	1.339	2,84
Siyasi Şiddet / Political Violence	4.524	4.524	0
Ekonomik İstikrar Faktörleri / Economical Stability Factors	4.010	3.973	-0,92

## Data

In these evaluations, including surveys and reports, **1.376** news articles (from **17.520** to **18.895**) and **380** economic data were analysed. Record rate of news/data is **2,8%**.



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Note: The main report contains 65 pages.



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