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POLITICAL STABILITY in Turkey

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Summary and Evaluation

The Political Stability Index (PSI) increased in December; from **36.070** to **38.114**. Beside the sharp increase both in the “Government Forming and Operation” and the “Bureaucratic Capacity and Full Usage” sub-sector indexes, the decrease in the “Basic Legitimacy and Decisiveness of Governance Norms” sub-sector index is remarkable.

The sub sector index, “Basic Legitimacy and Decisiveness of Governance Norms”, went down. The main reasons for the decrease were those: Istanbul MM-İmamoğlu's trial phase and the attitude of the YSK (Supreme Election Council) which comments reflecting bias, the extension of the operating time despite the cancellation of the Constitutional Court in privatized ports and by this way, making a seizure of 67th and other Government revenues with the prior collection of 25 years of rental income. In addition, the applications slackened the social state in the minimum wage update, postponing the debt to Russia and their suppression of the national political rhythm, and finally, the deciphers in converting Treasury foreign currency receivables into TL.

The sub sector index, “Parliament Support and Structure”, decreased very little. The main reasons for the decrease were those: Both granting additional borrowing authority to the 2022 budget and despite the decision of the Constitutional Court, the enactment of time extension in port privatizations were observed negatively. It is vital that the opposition was organized for parliamentary control and initiative, and some corrections have been observed in the İmamoğlu case. It was also observed that the opposition, which has been in effort to “improved and strengthened parliamentary system”, targets non-parliamentary candidates and some kind of events from outside the parliament as a political oddity.

The sub sector index, “Government Forming and Operation”, increased quite much. The main reasons for the increase were those: Decisions were made to switch to mass production of the TAF's ammunition, which is in urgent need. The mass production of developed domestic ammunition requires serious resources and is essential for the TAF's



preparation for conventional warfare. The Treasury has very high liquidity, so the budget deficit and borrowing requirement have been severely reduced. certainly, the fact that it is based on force is different. Slight improvements in public administration, diplomacy, and ministerial coordination should be added.

The sub sector index, **“Political Efficiency and Governance”**, decreased slightly. The main reasons for the decrease were those: The main developments in the sub-sector index are as follows: The public-sensitive management style is partially back in action. The 66th Government was in the right position, albeit delayed and hesitant, in the cases of Boğaziçi students, Montreux declaration and child abuse by cultists.

The sub sector index, **“Relations with Institutions”**, increased slightly. The main reasons for the increase were those: The openness and effectiveness of the military bureaucracy in cooperation in the Syrian-Russian axis, the establishment and shaping of the diplomatic ground, the decisions of the judiciary that support the government, as well as the government's support of the functionality of the judiciary (cultist rapist trial) have been observed. Developments such as Boğaziçi students, the Montreux declaration, and the conclusion of the D. Poyraz case were stress relievers in the phase.

The sub sector index, **“Relations with Foreign Political Actors”**, went up sharply. The main reasons for the increase were those: The main reason for the rise was Russia's acceptance of mediation for a political/diplomatic solution to the Syrian issue after the natural gas payment delay. In fact, this is also the equivalent of removing Iran from the equation in Syria or pushing it back. The return of our two A400M aircraft from Ukraine to our country. Additionally, mediating the conduct of the US-Russian intelligence talks in Ankara was an important positive break. It was also valuable that the Russian deep state said yes to the issue, which Putin disdained in the first stage, and its effort to take Turkey to Russia's side together with Erdoğan.

The sub sector index, **“Bureaucratic Capacity and Full Usage”**, went up dramatically. The main reasons for the increase were those: Ammunition mass production decisions and critical weapon-equipment shooting exercises taken by the defence bureaucracy were followed positively. Two A400M aircraft were brought back from Ukraine. The entry of



military diplomacy into contact with Assad-Syria was a critical positive development. The positive developments by leaps (Russia, Syria) were observed in diplomatic functions. The resolution of the stressful issues in the judiciary (such as the acquittal of 103 admirals of the Montreux denunciation, the arrests of cultist rapists, etc.) was positive. The operations of the police security bureaucracy at the Istanbul customs were extremely critical, and it is monitored positively.

The sub sector index, **“Political Violence”**, increased. The main reasons for the decrease were those: The main reason for the rise was the gains in the fight against the PKK. Sharp declines from Covid-19 losses are still on track. The negative developments in the current period were the armed attack on the former president of Ülkü Ocakları (MHP’s Idealist Hearths) in Ankara, attacks on the BİM store chain, and the increasing theft of infrastructure equipment.

The sub sector index, **“Economic Stability Factors”**, increased. The main reasons for the increase were those: The high liquidity of the public and the budget results were not as bad as expected. The base-effect decline in inflation was observed as a precaution.

The Political Stability Index increased in December. December was the month when the institutions and the procedures, a relatively independent judiciary, and the bureaucracy in non-intervention produced stability, but the political support in terms of legitimacy and power was problematic.

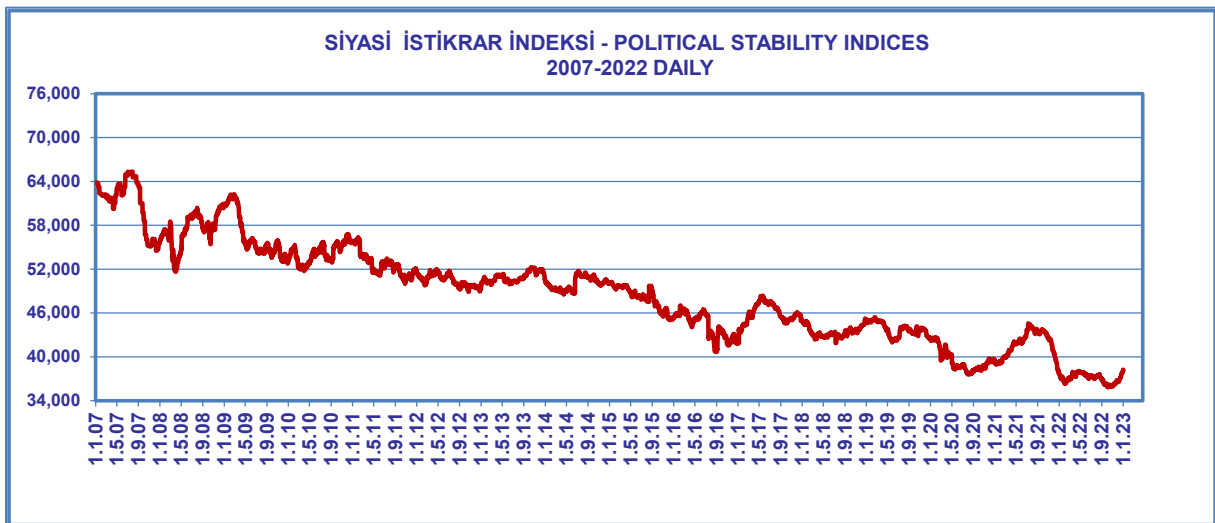


Sub-Sector Developments

	30.11.22	31.12.22	% Değişim / Difference
Siyasi İstikrar İndeksi (Sİİ) / Political Stability Index (PSI)	36.670	38.114	3,94
Temel Meşruiyet ve Yönetim Normları / Basic Legitimacy And Governance Norms	3.358	3.299	-1,76
Parlamento Desteği ve Yapısı / Parliament Support and Structure	11.399	11.339	-0,53
Hükümet Kurulum ve İşleyişi / Government Forming and Operation	428	705	64,72
Siyasa Uygulama ve Yönetişim / Political Efficiency and Governance	4.915	4.883	-0,65
Kurumlarla İlişkiler / Relations with Institutions	3.257	3.340	2,55
Dış Politik Aktörlerle İlişkiler / Relations with Foreign Political Actors	3.193	3.581	12,15
Bürokratik Kapasite ve Tam Kullanımı / Bureaucratic Capacity and Full Usage	1.427	1.802	26,28
Siyasi Şiddet / Political Violence	4.424	4.486	1,40
Ekonomik İstikrar Faktörleri / Economical Stability Factors	4.269	4.680	9,63

Data

In these evaluations, including surveys and reports, **1.482** news articles (from **16.399** to **17.880**) and **370** economic data were analysed. Record rate of news/data is **2,8%**.



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Note: The main report contains 76 pages.



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