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Summary and Evaluation

The Political Stability Index (PSI) decreased in October; from 43.634 to 42.493. Except for the “**Political Violence**”, there is a decline in all sub-sectors. Especially, the decrease both in the “**Government Forming and Operation**” and the “**Bureaucratic Capacity and Full Usage**” sub-sector indexes is remarkable.

The sub sector index, “**Basic Legitimacy and Decisiveness of Governance Norms**”, decreased. The main reasons for the decrease were those: CHP's Kılıçdaroğlu's "threatening" rhetoric in order to suppress the government and the judiciary with the interaction between the government and the administration was additionally destructive to the political order. Despite the open confession regarding the 17-25 December process, the prosecution's refusal to investigate was another negative record. The functioning of the administration in the name of suppressing the market and inflation was also in a negative course.

The sub sector index, “**Parliament Support and Structure**”, decreased slightly. The reasons for the decline are as follows: On the one hand, CHP's Kılıçdaroğlu clearly signals that after the change of the political power, they will create an "era of former responsible" to inquire about the misuse of authority which had been done by the current political power, on the other hand, he says that "we do not exist for the constitutional amendment" on behalf of the entire opposition. The technique of the main opposition is not to be solutionist, but to suppress the period of change of the political power, to destroy the functionality of the Parliament and its ability to resolve.

The sub sector index, “**Government Forming and Operation**”, went down remarkably. The main reasons for the decrease were four: The first one: the Government cannot manage to dominate the Administration for technical reasons. The eco-political system followed by the government prevents the central-local and the coordinated service interaction between them; such as the airport-city hospitals, electricity pricing, and its supply



composition. The Second one: The political power's economic networks smuggle their earnings to the offshore accounts, they choose to keep their money offshore. This money transfer disrupts the future funding composition of public service, where they have become an essential component of the same networks. The third one: the CBRT is trying to fill the government's macroeconomic policy set gap. The fourth one: Foreign political interaction is blocked, it is also reflected on the field, and the operational capability in Syria is on the verge of loss.

The sub sector index, **“Political Efficiency and Governance”**, went back slightly. The main reasons for the decrease were those: The political power hardened its attitude towards the opposition by “not reflecting it fully on the field and institutions/procedures-practices” and fed the tension. The opposition, especially CHP’s Kılıçdaroğlu, has such kind of rhetoric and attitude that produces tension. The pressure on national channels has tightened, and the comprehensive costs of organizations such as TÜGVA have gained visibility.

The sub sector index, **“Relations with Institutions”**, decreased. Positive news record in the sub-sector has become rare. The main reasons for the decrease were those. The (Central) Government and local administrations are openly in contention which is moderate in terms of procedure/method. The government is under stress due to finance, energy, retail, and thus its interaction with other institutions is therefore under heavy pressure. For the being now, the Government is targeting the stringent solution as an obligation. The Government is trying to find a solution by forcing the institutions.

The sub sector index, **“Relations with Foreign Political Actors”**, went down. The main reasons for the decrease were those: Relations between the USA and Russia are under heavy stress at the same time/simultaneously. The USA activities both in the Black Sea against Russia and in Greece against Turkey have a heavy negative potential.

The sub sector index, **“Bureaucratic Capacity and Full Usage”**, went down remarkably. The main reasons for the decrease were those: It is the dysfunction of the CBRT and the pressure on the units (such as liquidity/financing, energy) that will produce uninterrupted public services.



The sub sector index, “**Political Violence**”, increased. Despite the negative numbers of Covid -19, the main reason for the rise is the success in the fight against the PKK, keeping the Syrian border safe despite some difficulties, and stabilizing the buffer zone in Northern Iraq.

The sub sector index, “**Economic Stability Factors**”, decreased. The main reasons for the decrease were those: Adding to the government's lack of a macro-economic framework is the CBRT's dysfunctionality and its complete loss of objectivity. Despite the positive developments in exports, the risk posed by the CBRT is serious. Stress is high in the organized retail sector; the sector is trying to absorb the damage. The fuel hikes take the economic performance breath away.

The Political Stability Index decreased in October. Except for the *Political Violence*, there is a decline in all sub-sectors. It seems that foreign political interaction will again become a source of heavy pressure. The macroeconomic framework, which was transferred to the CBRT inside, is in operation that cannot be carried over for a long time or even for a few months. It seems that the limits of military diplomacy and military effectiveness have been reached in Syria. The equation-changing options in Syria are becoming Assad, not the PKK/YPG. It has entered a plateau where it becomes very difficult to govern.

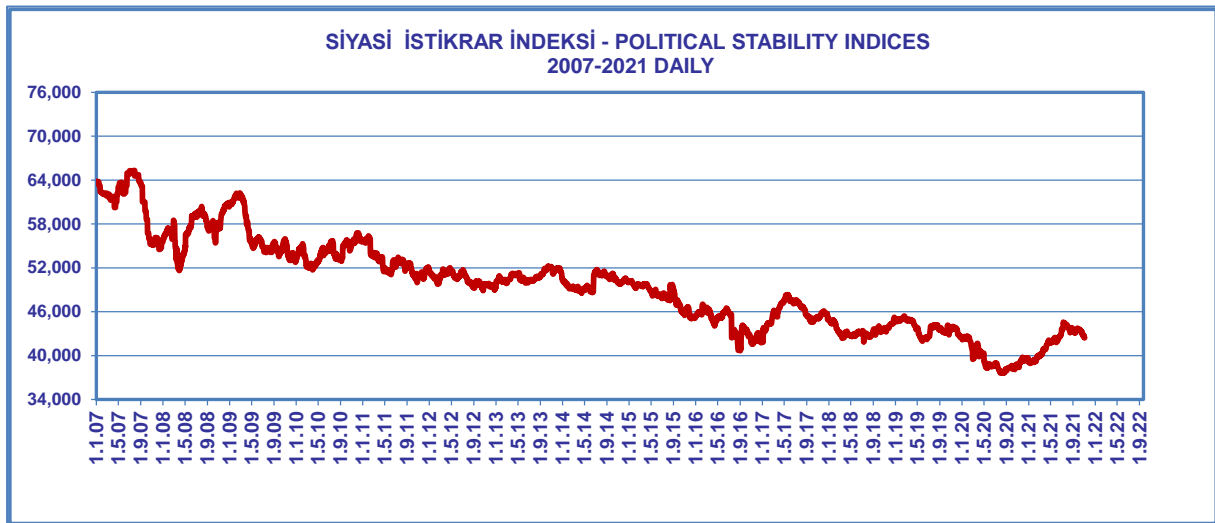


Sub-Sector Developments

| | 30.09.21 | 31.10.21 | % Değişim / Difference |
|---|----------|----------|------------------------|
| Siyasi İstikrar İndeksi (Sİİ) / Political Stability Index (PSI) | 43.634 | 42.493 | -2,61 |
| Temel Meşruiyet ve Yönetim Normları / Basic Legitimacy And Governance Norms | 5.524 | 5.333 | -3,46 |
| Parlamento Desteği ve Yapısı / Parliament Support and Structure | 11.731 | 11.742 | -0,09 |
| Hükümet Kurulum ve İşleyişi / Government Forming and Operation | 2.395 | 2.123 | -11,36 |
| Siyasa Uygulama ve Yönetişim / Political Efficiency and Governance | 5.258 | 5.243 | -0,29 |
| Kurumlarla İlişkiler / Relations with Institutions | 3.656 | 3.531 | -3,42 |
| Dış Politik Aktörlerle İlişkiler / Relations with Foreign Political Actors | 1.931 | 1.856 | -3,88 |
| Bürokratik Kapasite ve Tam Kullanımı / Bureaucratic Capacity and Full Usage | 3.439 | 3.077 | -10,53 |
| Siyasi Şiddet / Political Violence | 2.411 | 2.699 | 11,95 |
| Ekonomik İstikrar Faktörleri / Economical Stability Factors | 7.288 | 6.889 | -5,47 |

Data

In these evaluations, including surveys and reports, **1.605** news articles (from **14.634** to **16.239**) and **345** economic data were analysed. Record rate of news/data is **2,2%**.



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Note: The main report contains 52 pages.



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