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Summary and Evaluation

The Political Stability Index (PSI) increased in February; from 36.383 to 36.811. Except for the decline in the “**Economic Stability Factors**” sub-sector index, there is a slight increase in all sub-sectors.

The sub sector index, “**Basic Legitimacy and Decisiveness of Governance Norms**”, increased. The main reasons for the increase were those: Turkey has closed the Straits to warships in the direction of entry to the Black Sea, and has declared this with a declaration beforehand. The developments in the social state are: expanding the "gradual tariff" in electricity, increasing social benefits in electricity/natural gas, reducing VAT on food to 1%, reduced prices in feed and fertilizer, updates in dormitory and food aids for students; all positive.

The sub sector index, “**Parliament Support and Structure**”, increased very little. The main reasons for the increase were those: In the Montreux issue, it is Parliament-Government harmony and full compliance with the agreement. CHP’s Kılıçdaroğlu: "We say yes if the parliament decides for early elections, in this case, Erdoğan's candidacy will become undisputed." That is a very functional and solution-oriented approach. That approach is also such a tool that produces high legitimacy.

The sub sector index, “**Government Forming and Operation**”, increased. The main reasons for the increase were those: Erdoğan started a security meeting because of Ukraine, remained neutral between Ukraine and Russia, and prevented the possibility of external intervention in the Black Sea with the "state of war decision" of the Montreux Treaty. With a clear and prior decision, everyone was kept at an equal distance, and apart from the Straits, our airspace was also closed to US-NATO and Russian flights through Syria. At the very least, the government has seriously limited the risks of war contagion and regional war. While the exchange rates were active again, the monthly foreign trade deficit reached a frightening threshold, and the fuel price hikes were on the rise, the government did not miss out on social



aid and support. Despite the economic crisis, which was swooped over, the Government was at work to mitigate, delay, and spread the impact of the economic crisis and protect the most vulnerable; it was not in the operation that turns its back and gives up. The 1970s-2000s are the history of governments that were blocked, turned their backs on the people, and became hopeless. The combative side of the current Government should be appreciated.

The sub sector index, **“Political Efficiency and Governance”**, increased slightly. The main reasons for the increase were those: Messages about foreign political interaction in the political system turned and made the domestic politics more balanced and collaborative. Participations from outside the government were active in the political message order, positive contributions were observed. The potential of the judiciary to make the state procedures and facilities positive was dynamic.

The sub sector index, **“Relations with Institutions”**, increased very little. The main reasons for the increase were those: The PKK was hit in the CENTOM protection zone in Iraq and Syria by TAF. By this way, the government and the military gave the historical message to the USA without hesitation: “We shoot what you protect!” The implementation of the Straits regime was of historical importance, embodying the understanding and cooperation between the Government and the Military, and limiting the country's risks.

The sub sector index, **“Relations with Foreign Political Actors”**, increased slightly. The main reasons for the rise were the policy of not allowing the warships to enter in the Black Sea, which was followed in the Montreux issue, also not allowing NATO to use our airspace for the Black Sea, not allowing Russia to use our airspace in the transition to Syria, neutrality between Russia and Ukraine, and not giving the green light to the economic sanctions against Russia. Despite its costs, the foreign policy followed was appropriate and functional.

The sub sector index, **“Bureaucratic Capacity and Full Usage”**, went up. The main reasons for the increase were those: Mild improvements were observed in the military diplomacy (Montreux practice, Ukrainian-Russian neutrality in diplomacy) and the trials. "Resistances from within the bureaucracy" to the absurd practices of the financial bureaucracy were observed positively.



The sub sector index, “**Political Violence**”, increased remarkably. The main reason for the rise is the fight against the PKK and especially the PKK members who were eliminated outside the border. Continued Covid-19 losses are limiting subsector growth.

The sub sector index, “**Economic Stability Factors**”, went down. The reasons for the decline are as follows: Economic sanctions on Russia beside the commodity and crude-oil price increases put the foreign interaction of the Turkish economy at heavy risk. Monthly energy imports increased from 7,2 to 8,8 billion USD. Inflation, especially fuel pricing, very high indirect taxes, severely damage the economy of households and shake the cost structure of companies heavily.

The Political Stability Index increased in February. Except for the “Economic Stability Factors”, there is an increase in all sub-sectors. The main development that supports the stability of the country is to stay in the right position and direction in the foreign policy. Foreign political correctness limits country risks, despite the very high costs to the economy, many of which are involuntary.

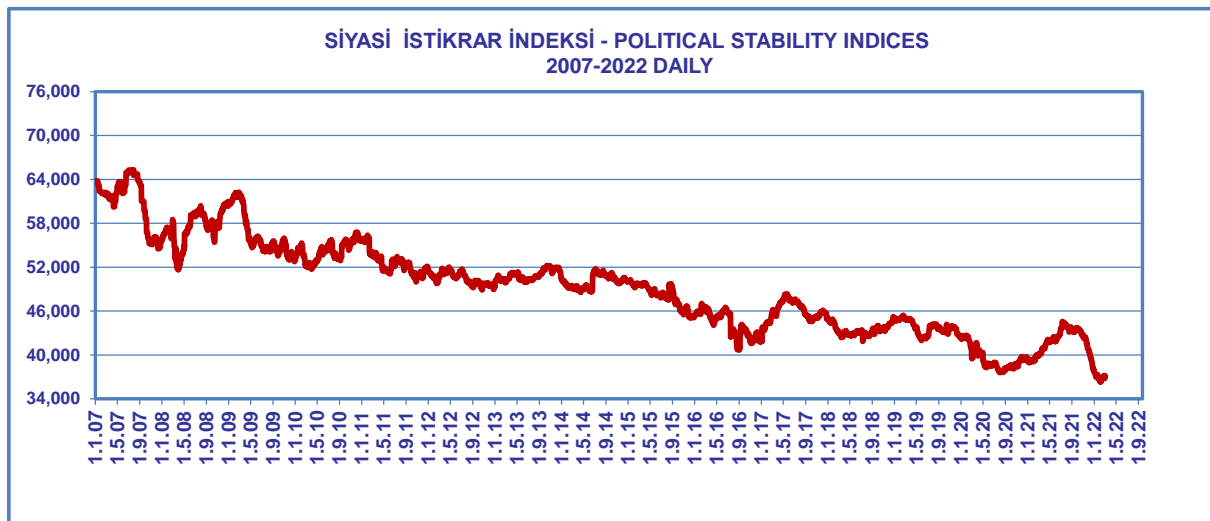


Sub-Sector Developments

	31.01.22	28.02.22	% Değişim / Difference
Siyasi İstikrar İndeksi (Sİİ) / Political Stability Index (PSI)	36.383	36.811	1,18
Temel Meşruiyet ve Yönetim Normları / Basic Legitimacy And Governance Norms	4.417	4.464	1,06
Parlamento Desteği ve Yapısı / Parliament Support and Structure	11.585	11.594	0,08
Hükümet Kurulum ve İşleyişi / Government Forming and Operation	822	825	0,36
Siyasa Uygulama ve Yönetişim / Political Efficiency and Governance	5.032	5.040	0,16
Kurumlarla İlişkiler / Relations with Institutions	3.243	3.247	0,12
Dış Politik Aktörlerle İlişkiler / Relations with Foreign Political Actors	2.006	2.018	0,60
Bürokratik Kapasite ve Tam Kullanımı / Bureaucratic Capacity and Full Usage	1.727	1.764	2,14
Siyasi Şiddet / Political Violence	3.286	3.724	13,33
Ekonomik İstikrar Faktörleri / Economical Stability Factors	4.265	4.135	-3,05

Data

In these evaluations, including surveys and reports, **1.500** news articles (from **1.205** to **2.704**) and **320** economic data were analysed. Record rate of news/data is **1,8%**.



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Note: The main report contains 55 pages.



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