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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

On September 15, 2026, the Turkish state narrative emphasized a "Strong Turkey" acting as a stabilizing anchor within a global "circle of fire," characterized by the widening Iran-US-Israel conflict and the persistent Russia-Ukraine war. Externally, Turkey is projecting power through the "Mekke Defense Pact" with Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, while Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan conducts a high-stakes [diplomatic tour in Azerbaijan](#) and assesses his [recent visit to Damascus](#). These moves are framed as part of a "Turkey Century" vision aimed at securing regional connectivity through the Zengezur Corridor and mediating Black Sea security as [naval drone warfare escalates](#).

Domestically, the government has launched an aggressive "internal cleansing" strategy, initiating massive law enforcement operations against three perceived threats: "food cartels" inflating prices, "new generation" street

gangs, and "digital/LGBT propaganda" targeting the family unit. The center-of-gravity for domestic governance is the "Operation Field-to-Table," a [crackdown on 41 major distributors](#) accused of manipulating vegetable and fruit prices. By linking economic hardship directly to "cartel crimes," the administration is attempting to insulate itself from criticism regarding 108-dollar oil and broader inflation, framing the [7% "war premium" on inflation](#) as an external factor beyond state control.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **Operation "Field-to-Table" Crackdown on Food Manipulators:** The Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Trade launched a 22-province operation targeting 41 managers of major distribution firms. They are accused of using [fake receipts and inflating costs](#) (e.g., showing 6 TL mandarins as 28 TL) to drive market prices up by 1000% in some cases [against the consumer](#).
- **Escalating Regional Conflict and Energy Chokepoints:** The conflict in the Middle East has expanded to the [Bab el-Mandeb strait](#) as Houthi forces seize strategic islands, threatening to close the Red Sea. Combined with the ongoing Hormuz blockade, this has pushed Brent crude to [110 dollars per barrel](#), significantly impacting US diesel prices (6.26/gal) and Turkish energy imports [exceeding 100 billion dollars](#).

- **Deepening Turkey-Azerbaijan Integration:** Marking the 108th anniversary of Baku's liberation, Hakan Fidan and Yaşar Güler reaffirmed the "One Nation, Two States" doctrine. Major milestones include the [Kars-Dilucu railway project](#) set for 2029 completion and the strategic push to finalize the Zengezur Corridor [linking the Turkic world](#).
- **Domestic Security Operations (Sokaklar/Ailem Gvende):** Over 2,500 individuals were processed in "Streets are Safe" operations against gangs, while "My Family is Safe" operations in 15 provinces targeted "LGBT propaganda" and [online exploitation](#). This is coupled with a new judicial directive to 175 chief prosecutor offices to [prioritize anti-asexualization and anti-LGBT](#) legal actions.
- **Deepening "Kozinođlu" and "Glstan Doku" Investigations:** The suspicious 2011 death of MIT officer Kaşif Kozinođlu is being re-examined with [interrogations of "Kurtlar Vadisi" TV writers](#), suggesting the show was used for psychological operations. Simultaneously, the Glstan Doku case has shifted to a [murder investigation with 36 total arrests](#), including high-ranking former officials.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- Turkish defense industry marks a milestone with the [Hrkuş 2 military type certification](#), the first indigenously certified platform to international standards.
- The "Gkhan" Ramjet-powered air-to-air missile successfully [completed fuel system tests](#), providing a "no-escape zone" capability for the KAAN fighter jet.

- First-ever [naval drone combat](#) recorded in the Black Sea between Ukrainian and Russian unmanned vessels.

Diplomacy & Statecraft

- Expansion of the "Mekke Defense Pact" to potentially [include Egypt and Turkic states](#), creating a multi-layered Islamic security architecture.
- Hakan Fidan's [visit to Damascus](#) signaled a shift in Syria policy, focusing on the "dissolution process" of the YPG/SDG and Israeli destabilization of southern Syria.
- The UK is facing a [triple-threat of secession](#) as nationalist leaders from Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland sign a joint pact to force independence referendums.

Energy & Food Security

- Hormuz and Bab el-Mandeb crises have reduced tanker traffic by 77%, forcing Saudi Arabia to [rely on the East-West pipeline](#), which was recently targeted by attacks from Iraqi soil.
- Turkey's solar energy production increased 28-fold in a decade, now [accounting for 11.6% of total electricity](#).
- The Ministry of Justice identifies "food terrorism" as a [national security issue](#), with distributors accused of creating artificial scarcities to maintain high prices.

Tech Sovereignty & AI

- Parliamentary AI Commission warns of "AI agents" moving beyond human control and [developing biological weapons](#).
- Minister Yusuf Tekin implemented [strict mobile phone bans](#) in schools to combat digital addiction and classroom manipulation.

- US Space Force confirms it has [placed weapons in orbit](#) for the first time, sparking a protest from China regarding the weaponization of space.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Secularization of the "Ateş Çemberi" (Circle of Fire) Turkish strategic communications are increasingly using the "Circle of Fire" metaphor to describe the surrounding region (Ukraine, Iran, Syria, Yemen). Turkey is being marketed as the sole "Isle of Stability." This narrative serves to justify increased military spending, the formation of the Mekke Pact, and [hardline leadership under President Erdoğan](#). Analysts suggest that as global systems (NATO, UN) appear paralyzed, Turkey is seeking to build [independent Islamic and Turkic blocs](#) that can survive a total breakdown in international order.

Judicial Activism as a Social Shield The Ministry of Justice is shifting toward "protective" judicial activism. By launching "Ailem Güvende" and issuing directives against "cinsiyetsizleştirme" (asexualization), the state is positioning itself as the [guardian of the traditional family unit](#) against "Western liberal imposition." This is a significant shift in legal focus, moving beyond traditional crime to "psychological and social defense." The state's [directive to prosecutors](#) to look for "organized structures" behind LGBT content suggests a potential upcoming ban or massive crackdown on related NGOs and digital creators.

The Rise of Regional Secessionism While Turkey emphasizes unity, it is highlighting the [instability of the United Kingdom](#). The "Historical Summit" of nationalist leaders in

the UK is being framed as the "unstoppable change" that follows Brexit. This serves a dual purpose: it suggests that Western imperial powers are fracturing from within, and it highlights the "right to self-determination" for regions [seeking to leave the UK](#), contrasting with Turkey's hardline stance against such movements at home.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Elite Infighting and "Kurtlar Vadisi" Echoes: The interrogation of "Kurtlar Vadisi" (Valley of the Wolves) writers is more than a TV trivia matter; it is a deep-state forensic exercise. The script's [near-exact prediction of Kozinoğlu's death](#) in 2011 is being used to investigate "FETÖ" (Gülenist) infiltration into media for the purpose of narrative seeding and threat signaling. This signals that the 15-year purge of the Gülen movement is [still uncovering legacy assets](#) within the cultural and intelligence sectors.

Economic Polarization and Middlemen Villains: Public anger over the cost of living is being channeled away from government fiscal policy and toward the "middleman cartel." By identifying a specific "villain" in the supply chain (distributors showing [433 tons of "phantom" lemons](#) on receipts), the state is attempting to regain its populist mandate. However, the [complaints from farmers in Manisa](#) about selling Kapya peppers for 10 TL while they retail for 80 TL suggest that structural issues in the "Hal" (wholesale) system remain a major source of rural instability.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Strategic Autonomy and the "Mekke Pact": Turkey is moving beyond traditional NATO alignment to lead a "third way." The [Mekke Defense Pact](#) is framed as a response to the inability of Western powers to secure the Middle East. By aligning with Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, Turkey is securing its energy interests at the source while [positioning itself as a buffer](#) between the US and Iran.

The "New Great Game" in the Caucasus: Fidan's visit to Baku emphasizes that the [Zengezur Corridor is non-negotiable](#). This is Turkey's primary geopolitical objective—a direct land link to Central Asia. The rhetoric regarding ["historical opportunities for peace"](#) with Armenia is a thinly veiled ultimatum: accept the corridor or remain excluded from the new regional silk road.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The Turkish economic narrative is one of resilient growth despite high global costs. While the world faces a debt crisis, Turkey claims the [lowest debt-to-GDP ratio](#) among 43 major economies. However, the 110-dollar Brent crude price is a "silent killer" for the trade deficit, mitigated only by a 3% [increase in exports to neighboring countries](#), particularly Iraq.

Key Economic Vectors:

- **Commodities:** Brent oil at [110 USD](#); gold balancing at [6,700 TL/gram](#) (gram) and [4,300 USD/oz](#) (ons) [prior to the FED decision](#).

- **Inflation:** Official reports estimate that 7 points of Turkey's annual inflation are [directly due to regional wars](#).
- **Debt:** Turkey's total debt-to-GDP is [72.9%](#), significantly lower than the global average of [350%](#).
- **Trade:** Iraq is Turkey's largest neighbor export partner with [5.7 billion USD](#) in the first 8 months of 2026.
- **Housing:** Istanbul begins applications for [15,000 social rental units](#) with rents starting at 10,000 TL to cool the rental market.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The political environment is increasingly focused on the "succession and continuity" of the Erdoğan administration, with the judiciary taking a central role in vetting the next generation of social leaders.

- **Mansur Yavaş:** Remains a [pivotal figure](#) for the 2027 elections, currently maintaining a "balance policy" between the CHP and the New Party while [visiting President Erdoğan](#) to gain legitimacy within the conservative neighborhood.
- **Hakan Fidan:** Portrayed as the [ubiquitous architect](#) of Turkish regional stability, visiting Baku and Damascus within the same period, signaling his status as a key pillar of the state's long-term strategic direction.
- **Mustafa Tükray Sonel:** The former Tunceli Governor's status as a [primary suspect in the Gülüstan Doku murder investigation](#) signals a willingness by the current judiciary to prosecute previously "untouchable" figures from the 2020-era elite.

- **Georgia Meloni:** Framed by the broadcast as the [vanguard of the "permanent European far-right"](#), moving from the fringes to the center of power.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

TRT Haber maintained a posture of "Constructive Nationalism" throughout the day. The **Lead Stories** were the crackdowns on price manipulation and the liberation anniversary in Baku, both serving to reinforce the state's role as provider and protector. The **Buried Stories** included the 6.26 USD diesel price in the US and the [restoration scandal of Rumeli Hisari](#), where contractors were accused of "occupying" the fortress as a private villa. The tone was reassuring regarding Turkish resilience (PISA scores, space program) but alarmist regarding the "outside" world (Bab el-Mandeb crisis, UK secession, US weapons in space). **Conspicuous Omissions** included any detailed analysis of the Turkish Lira's real-world purchasing power or the specifics of the "New Party" (Özgür Özel) economic platform, which were overshadowed by the party-name legal dispute.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The day's coverage framed the world as a decaying Western order being replaced by a more assertive, security-focused Turkish/Islamic/Turkic alternative.

COUNTRIES

- **Israel:** Consistently labeled as "genocidal" (soykırımcı) and "barbaric" (barbarlık). The broadcast utilized the "NASA" (No Other Land) documentary [winning at Venice](#) to highlight Israeli war crimes and the [threats against its directors](#).
- **Iran:** Framed as a [state under siege](#) but also a "chaotic" actor that needs to be steered toward the Mekke Pact. Its "can feda" [mobilization SMS](#) is treated as a sign of imminent regional war.
- **United Kingdom:** Portrayed as a [weak and fracturing state](#), unable to contain internal nationalist movements and facing a [historical summit](#) of secessionist leaders.
- **Canada:** Framed as a country [pushed toward Europe](#) because of Donald Trump's "51st State" pressure and "Trade Wars."

LEADERS

- **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan:** The "unavoidable actor" in the Middle East. [Israeli media analysis](#) is cited to prove his dominance. He is also framed as a [deeply compassionate leader](#), seen crying with a disabled youth in Samsun.
- **Donald Trump:** Characterized as a [chaotic and unpredictable](#) "madman" (çılgın) or "crazy" (deli) whose energy policies are causing global ripples, though his "energy ceasefire" proposal [is given slight merit](#).
- **Sergey Lavrov:** Portrayed as a [principled but firm](#) negotiator who blames Europe for preventing peace in 2022.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The metadata of the day suggests a heavy emphasis on **Narrative Seeding** regarding "Cultural Security."

- **Cultural Defense:** The frequent use of the term "human butchery" (insan kasaplığı) in relation to [gender reassignment surgeries](#) and the framing of [LGBT depictions in games](#) as "threats to humanity" indicates a coordinated state campaign to redefine national identity through opposition to social liberalism.
- **The PISA "Miracle":** Education Minister Yusuf Tekin spent significant airtime [claiming credit](#) for PISA 2025 score increases, attributing it to the "removal of FETÖ tutoring centers" in 2015. This is a clear attempt to turn a long-term data trend into a specific political victory for the current administration's past purges.
- **Visual Ops:** The use of images showing [Palestinian and Turkish children](#) flying kites together (Uçurtmalar vurulmasın) is a powerful psychological tool to link the "Turkey Century" identity to the defense of the oppressed Muslim world.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **The "Hal" Reset:** The crackdown on the 41 distributors is a precursor to a new **Hal Law** in the next legislative session. This law will likely include [digital tracking of every item](#) from field to shelf, possibly using a state-controlled app to enforce profit margin caps [on middlemen](#).

- **Space Diplomacy:** Turkey's 2027 Moon Mission is not just scientific; it is a bid for **9th-nation status in the space club**. Expect Turkey to use its satellite and rocket tech to offer "sovereign space access" to the Mekke Pact and Turkic states.
- **The Hormuz/Mendeb Squeeze:** If both straits remain contested, oil prices will likely breach 135 USD. Turkey will likely **accelerate the Akkuyu Nuclear launch within months** (rather than years) and increase gas imports from Azerbaijan [via the TANAP expansion](#).

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect a cooling of consumer produce prices as the "Field-to-Table" arrests intimidate other distributors. Simultaneously, anticipate [increased alerts in Saudi cities](#) as Houthi/Iraqi drone attacks continue despite diplomatic efforts.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The Zengezur Corridor project will enter a "finalization" phase, likely involving a new [security agreement between Turkey and Armenia](#). Domestically, the "Ailem Güvende" initiative will likely lead to the [banning of certain digital platforms](#) or games that do not comply with new "family values" content filters.

Long Term (1-5 Years): The [fragmentation of the UK](#) will provide a blueprint for a post-imperial Europe where regional identities trump national ones, while Turkey continues to consolidate the [Islamic security bloc](#) as a counter-weight to a decaying NATO/EU structure.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The primary risk to Turkey is the "Energy-Inflation Feedback Loop" where regional straits-blockades neutralize the gains made by domestic anti-inflation crackdowns.

- **Total Energy Cutoff:** Triggers: Closure of both Hormuz and Bab el-Mandeb. Likelihood: Moderate (35%). Impact: Catastrophic. Mitigations: TANAP gas expansion; [Akkuyu Nuclear Unit 1 activation](#).
- **Regional War Contagion:** Triggers: Israeli strike on Iranian nuclear facilities or [Houthi strike on Saudi Aramco Yambu facilities](#). Likelihood: High (60%). Impact: High (Oil at 150 USD). Mitigations: [Mekke Pact activation](#); Hakan Fidan's mediating diplomacy.
- **Cyber-Social Unrest:** Triggers: Deep-fake manipulation of political leaders or [AI-driven gang recruitment](#). Likelihood: High (70%). Impact: Moderate. Mitigations: [AI control legislation](#); school mobile bans.
- **Agricultural Collapse:** Triggers: Farmers [quitting the industry](#) due to low "field" prices vs. high fuel costs. Likelihood: Moderate (40%). Impact: Severe. Mitigations: [Elimination of the middleman "cartels"](#); fertilizer subsidies.
- **UK/European Secession Dominoes:** Triggers: A successful Scottish Independence referendum. Likelihood: Low (20%). Impact: Moderate (Global market volatility). Mitigations: Currency [diversification into gold](#) and non-Western assets.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **Internal Lira Devaluation:** The broadcast mentions "lowest debt" and "export growth" but avoids any data on the **decline of real wages** or the specific exchange rate of the Lira against the Dollar during the 110-dollar oil surge.
- **Houthi Independence:** While the broadcast frames Houthi attacks as "Iranian-led," it misses the growing [autonomous agenda of the Houthi movement](#), which may not stop even if Iran signs a deal with Trump.
- **PISA Demographics:** The claim that PISA scores rose across [all student groups](#) fails to account for the impact of the massive refugee student population on these standardized averages.
- **Space Mission Launch Costs:** The 2027 Moon Mission [is lauded](#), but there is zero information on the specific budget or whether Turkey will be using its own launch vehicle or a commercial partner like SpaceX.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The "Middleman" Scapegoat:** The crackdown on 41 distributors is actually a distraction from a **government-induced fertilizer and fuel crisis** that has made domestic farming unprofitable. By arresting distributors, the state prevents a general farmer strike while maintaining its "friend of the poor" image.

- **Fidan in Damascus as a Strategic Retreat:** Rather than a show of strength, the [visit to Damascus](#) is a defensive move to prevent a Syrian-Russian alliance from turning against Turkish forces in the north as Turkey becomes distracted by the [escalating Iran-Israel war](#).
- **Black Swan - The UK "Fast-Break":** A sudden, uncoordinated **unilateral declaration of independence** by the Scottish Parliament, supported by an EU-state (e.g., France), leads to an immediate collapse of the Pound Sterling, triggering a global financial contagion that forces the FED to raise rates even higher, crushing Turkey's debt refinancing.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Formalize the "Islamic Bloc" security protocol within the [Mekke Pact](#) to include shared naval assets for Red Sea escort missions.
- **Economic:** Accelerate the [National Food Registry](#) to eliminate cash-based, unrecorded vegetable transactions which facilitate cartel pricing.
- **Diplomatic:** Use the COP31 hosting to [leverage green energy financing](#) for the Eastern Anatolia wind and solar corridors.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chain:** Move logistics hubs [toward the Middle Corridor](#) (Turkey-Azerbaijan-Caspian) as the Red Sea route becomes high-risk/high-insurance.

- **Regulatory:** Prepare for [stringent new social content standards](#) in the digital entertainment sector, focusing on "family-centric" filters.
- **Capital Allocation:** Shift into gold as a [safety hedge](#) before the upcoming FED interest rate decision, which markets are pricing as a "guaranteed hike."

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Governance centered on protective regulations regarding the family and the market.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **The New "Hal" (Wholesale) Law:** Proposed legislation to [digitally track food prices](#) and mandate transparency in agricultural receipts to prevent "cartel-style" inflation.
- **Social Media Entrance Law:** Regulation requiring [e-government login](#) for certain digital services and platforms to verify age and prevent "asexualization" propaganda.
- **The Arctic-Grenland Pact:** EU-led discussions for [coordinating security and resources](#) in the Arctic region to counter Russia.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Minister Yusuf Tekin Editorial Desk:** Defended the [white apron requirement](#) for teachers as a way to "remove ideological symbols" from classrooms.
- **Fatih Dönmez AI Commission:** Warned of the [risks of AI-controlled agents](#) and the need for global "nukleer-style" AI treaties.

- **Ömer Çelik Press Conference:** Confirmed no [early election is on the agenda](#) and warned Greece/EU against "provocations" in the Eastern Mediterranean.

KEY STORIES

- **Operation Field-to-Table:** 41 managers of major food distributors [ordered for arrest](#) for receipt fraud and price manipulation across 22 provinces.
- **Hormuz/Bab el-Mandeb Chokepoint Crisis:** Houthis forces [occupy strategic Red Sea islands](#), Red Sea tanker traffic down 77%, Brent oil hits [110 USD](#).
- **Fidan's Azerbaijan Visit:** Turkey and Azerbaijan discuss the [Zengezur Corridor](#) and the Kars-Dilucu railway on Baku's 108th anniversary of liberation.
- **PISA 2025 Victory Narrative:** Turkey claims to be the only OECD nation to [increase scores in all three categories](#) while European averages fell.
- **US Social Media Crackdown:** Meta implements [2-hour daily limits](#) and notification mutes for US users aged 13-17 after legal pressure.
- **Scottish Nationalist Pact:** Scotland, Wales, and N. Ireland leaders [sign a joint declaration](#) to pursue independence from the UK.
- **Moon Research Program (AYAP-1):** Minister Kacir announces the [2027 lunar mission](#) launch for a Turkish-made 3.5-ton spacecraft.
- **Kaşif Kozinoğlu Death Probe:** Writers of "Kurtlar Vadisi" [questioned for hours](#) about scripts depicting the death of the "Kaşifoğlu" character two days before the real death.
- **Gülüstan Doku Murder Case:** Investigation [officially shifts to murder](#) with 11 new arrests; total 36 suspects in custody.
- **Black Sea Naval Drone War:** Ukrainian and Russian naval drones [engage in direct combat](#) for the first time; Hakan Fidan warns against the war spreading to civil shipping.
- **Operation "Streets are Safe":** 1,613 suspects detained in [148 simultaneous operations](#) against gangs and drug networks.
- **Operation "Ailem Güvende":** 16 people [arrested in Izmir](#) for social media posts "encouraging prostitution and asexualization."
- **Mekke Defense Pact Expansion:** Discussions in Istanbul focus on [including Egypt](#) in the Turkey-Saudi-Pakistan military alliance.
- **Rumeli Hisarı Restoration Scandal:** NGOs [protest 6.5-year closure](#) and claim contractors are using the Bosphorus fortress as a private home.
- **Space Weaponization:** US confirms [placing offensive weapons](#) in orbit; China responds with condemnation of a "new arms race."
- **Dutch Train Sabotage:** Saboteurs place metal pipes on rails, [halting thousands of passengers](#) across Holland.
- **Akkuyu Nuclear Milestone:** IAEA Chief Grossi [visits Viyana stand](#), states Turkey is on the verge of becoming a "nuclear energy power."
- **Guatemala Volcano Eruption:** Fuego volcano [erupts during a live social media broadcast](#), captured by Adriano Zendeas.

- **US Northeast Floods:** Heavy storms [submerge cars](#) and halt trains in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.
- **Global Debt Ranking:** Luxembourg is the world's most indebted nation (446% GDP); Turkey has the [lowest total debt](#) (72.9% GDP).
- **Limon Yield Receipts:** Investigation reveals a distributor claimed [633 tons of lemons](#) from a farmer who only produced 200 tons.
- **66 Million-Year-Old Fossil:** A gastropod fossil [found in Ankara's Gölbaşı](#) provides evidence of the ancient Tethys Sea.
- **Büşra Baby Missing Case:** 10 suspects [arrested in Sivas](#) after the 11-month-old baby went missing; family members' statements found contradictory.
- **Kars-Dilucu Railway:** Construction [proceeds for the 224km line](#) to connect Turkey directly to Nakhchivan and Azerbaijan.
- **Zero Waste at COP31:** Emine Erdoğan's "Zero Waste" project to be [included in the COP agenda](#) for the first time in Antalya.
- **Antalya Airport Expansion:** Six runways [to be operational](#) by September 18 to handle increasing tourism and agriculture traffic.
- **Teacher "White Apron" Policy:** Ministry of Education [enforces uniform standards](#) to "restore dignity" and "unity" to the teaching profession.
- **Düzce University Dorms:** 10,500 students [accommodated in new high-tech dormitories](#) with 24-hour internet and sports facilities.
- **Prostat Cancer Robots:** Cerrahpaşa Hospital reports success in [robotic surgery for early-stage cancer](#) with 4-5 small incisions.

- **Manavgat Tanker Fatality:** Prison guard Ahmet Sevim [killed after his car was dragged 100 meters](#) behind a fuel tanker.
- **Bursa Social Market:** New "Social Market" [opened in hospital](#) for needy patients to access diapers, clothes, and hygiene kits for free.
- **Solo Türk in France:** Turkish F-16 demonstration team [performs in Saint-Dizier](#), drawing massive crowds.

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