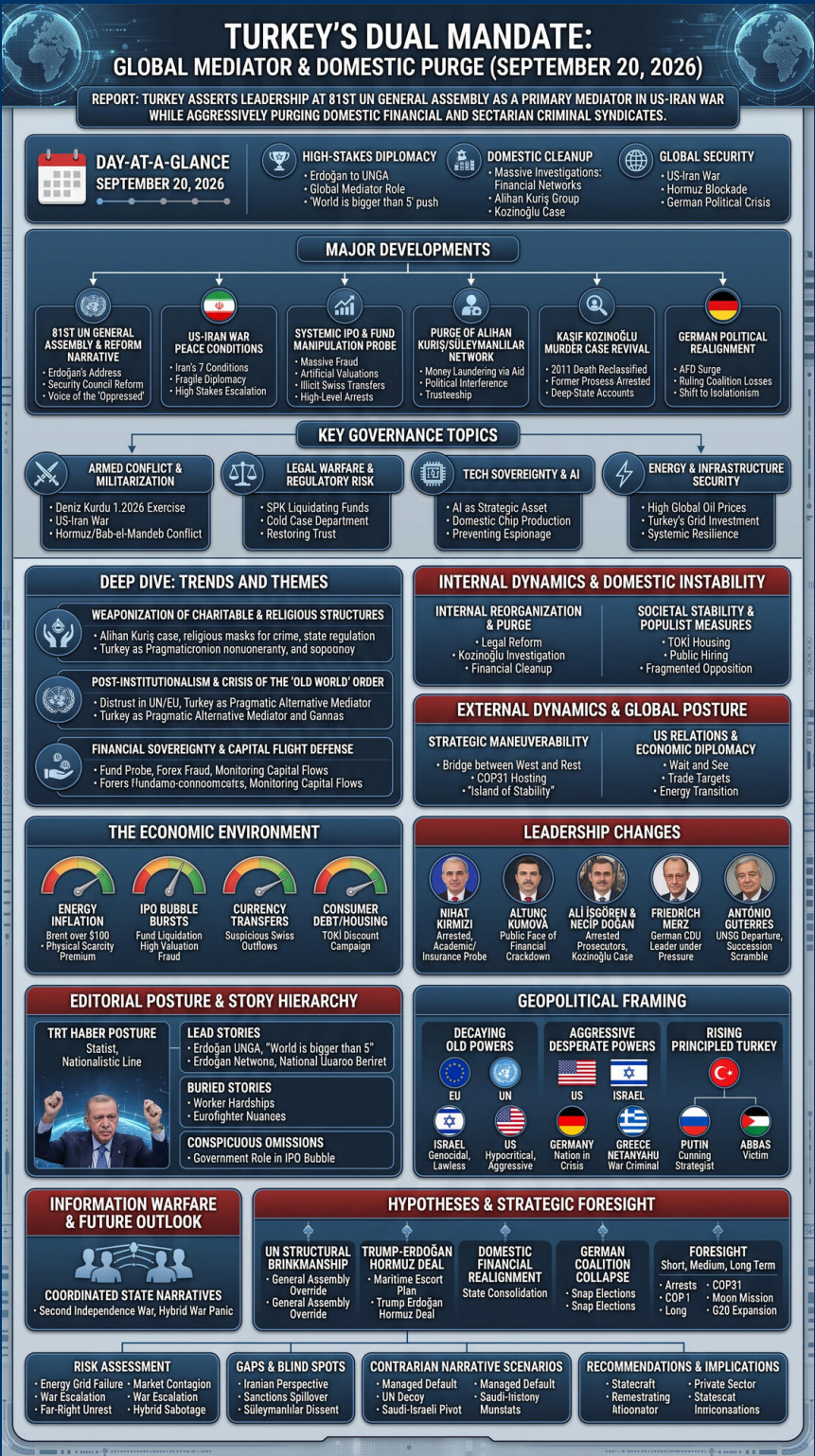


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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

September 20, 2026, marks a significant convergence of Turkish high-stakes diplomacy and an intensive domestic campaign against systemic corruption. President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has departed for New York to attend the 81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), where he is positioned as a [global mediator and peace-maker](#) in the ongoing US-Iran conflict and the Russia-Ukraine war. The central theme of Turkey's international posture remains the "World is bigger than 5" mantra, now manifesting as a specific push for [UN institutional reform](#) to address a perceived crisis of legitimacy and trust. This diplomatic surge occurs as Turkey prepares to host COP31 in Antalya, leveraging the "Zero Waste" project to establish [technical and moral leadership](#) on climate change.

On the domestic front, the Turkish state is executing an aggressive "cleanup" operation targeting a series of high-level criminal and financial networks. A massive investigation into [capital market manipulation](#) and "fund scams" has escalated with the arrest of prominent business figures, uncovering billions in illicit transfers to Switzerland. Simultaneously, the state has launched a major strike against the [Alihan Kuriş crime group](#) (linked to the Süleymanlılar religious structure), alleging systematic money laundering and the physical smuggling of cash in aid shipments. The reopening of the [Kaşif Kozinoğlu death investigation](#) from 2011, resulting in the arrest of former prosecutors with FETÖ links, signals an effort to settle historical accounts with deep-state and sectarian actors.

The global security environment is characterized by a "frozen but volatile" US-Iran war, currently entering its seventh month. Despite intense rhetoric from Donald Trump threatening [total destruction of Iran](#), a fragile diplomatic opening has emerged with the US granting visas to the Iranian delegation for UNGA. However, the blockade of the Hormuz Strait continues to drive [high global energy prices](#), while Houthi attacks on Saudi oil infrastructure and Mecca further complicate regional stability. In Europe, the rise of the [far-right AFD in Germany](#) and a pervasive "hybrid war" panic reflect a continent struggling with internal polarization and a sense of impending military conflict with Russia.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **The 81st UN General Assembly and Turkish Reform Narrative:** President Erdoğan's 16th address to the UN is framed as a critical juncture for [reforming the Security Council](#) to prevent institutional obsolescence. Turkey is positioning itself as the voice of the "oppressed," specifically highlighting the double standards between the [visa denial for Mahmoud Abbas](#) and the invitation of Benjamin Netanyahu.
- **US-Iran War Peace Conditions:** Iran has officially submitted [seven conditions for negotiation](#) to Washington, including the immediate end of all hostilities, unfreezing of assets, and the lifting of the naval blockade on the Hormuz Strait. Tensions remain high as Trump evaluates a ["final decision" on escalation](#) versus a deal.
- **Systemic IPO and Fund Manipulation Probe:** Turkish authorities are investigating a massive fraud scheme where companies were [artificially valued up to 1.3 trillion TL](#) following IPOs. Billions of dollars in suspicious transfers to [Swiss bank accounts](#) have been traced to high-level holding executives, including Serdar Turhan and Muhammet Yazıcı.
- **Purge of the Alihan Kuriş/Süleymanlılar Network:** 29 suspects were detained and [23 companies placed under trusteeship](#) for laundering crime proceeds. The investigation reveals that cash was smuggled abroad [inside aid boxes](#) and via logistics companies, and identifies a shift in the group's activities toward political interference.

- **Kaşif Kozinoğlu Murder Case Revival:** The suspicious 2011 death of the MIT official in Silivri prison has been reclassified as [premeditated murder](#). Six suspects, including former prosecutors and prison staff with FETÖ ties, are in custody following new evidence that [medical assistance was intentionally delayed](#) while prison alarms were muffled by radio music.
- **German Political Realignment:** The far-right AFD has surged to first place in [Mecklenburg-Vorpommern with 37.1%](#), while the ruling coalition parties suffered "catastrophic" losses in Berlin, signaling a fundamental breakdown in the German political center and a shift toward [isolationist/anti-war sentiment](#).

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization:

- The Turkish Navy has launched the massive [Deniz Kurdu 1.2026 exercise](#) involving 100 ships and 14,000 personnel across three seas to demonstrate readiness.
- The US-Iran war is described as a [global energy control struggle](#), with conflict spreading to the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait as Houthis seize territory [at the expense of government forces](#).

Legal Warfare & Regulatory Risk:

- The SPK (Capital Markets Board) is [liquidating 131 funds](#) from seven portfolio companies to contain systemic risk from IPO manipulation.
- Turkey's Justice Ministry has created a [Cold Case/Unsolved Crimes Department](#), which is currently dismantling historical FETÖ-linked judicial decisions [to restore institutional trust](#).

Tech Sovereignty & AI:

- Donald Trump has proposed the creation of an ["AI Czar"](#) and "AI Forces," framing the technology as a strategic asset equivalent to the industrial revolution that must be [protected from Democratic interference](#).
- Turkey is prioritizing [domestic chip production](#) for sensitive uses like passports and industrial apps to prevent foreign espionage and data theft [through hardware backdoors](#).

Energy & Infrastructure Security:

- Global physical oil prices are seeing a [premium of \\$25-30 over Brent](#) due to the Hormuz blockade and refinery distribution failures [in France and the UK](#).
- Turkey plans a [28 billion dollar investment](#) in its electricity transmission grid by 2035 to integrate renewable energy and [increase systemic resilience](#).

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Weaponization of Charitable and Religious Structures A recurring theme is the exploitation of religious or charitable masks for financial crime and political subversion. The **Alihan Kuriş** case highlights a transition from traditional religious community activities to a [highly sophisticated holding structure](#) involved in tax evasion and illegal capital flight. Authorities are framing this not as an attack on religion, but as the removal of a "mask" from a [criminal syndicate](#) that attempted to influence elections and serve foreign interests. This mirrors the narrative used against FETÖ, suggesting a broader state policy to professionalize the regulation of religious organizations and

[prevent the emergence of autonomous power centers](#).

Post-Institutionalism and the Crisis of the "Old World" Order The news cycle emphasizes a profound distrust in established international institutions. The UN is portrayed as ["dysfunctional"](#) and "atrophied," while the "Rules-Based Order" is criticized for its [inability to stop genocide in Gaza](#) or the US-Iran war. Even the internal European order is seen as fracturing, with [hybrid war threats](#), energy panics, and the rise of nationalist parties like the AFD signaling a retreat into [isolationism and defensive posture](#). In this vacuum, Turkey is positioning its "soft power" as a [pragmatic alternative](#)—a mediator that can talk to all sides when formal institutions fail.

Financial Sovereignty and Capital Flight Defense The intensive focus on the "Fund manipulation" probe and the Forex fraud involving **Israeli citizens** suggests an urgent state concern regarding [financial stability](#). By moving quickly to "quarantine" 10% of the fund market, the government is attempting to prevent a [systemic run on the markets](#). The specific identification of 40 million dollars/euros transferred to [Switzerland by holding bosses](#) right before they were expected to default indicates that the state is monitoring digital and international capital flows with unprecedented granularity to [protect the national economy](#).

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Turkey is currently undergoing an intensive internal reorganization that combines legal reform with an aggressive purge of elite and sectarian networks. The **Kozinoğlu** investigation serves as a mechanism to

delegitimize the [FETÖ-era judicial structures](#) and demonstrate that the state now possesses the "clean hands" necessary to solve historically suppressed crimes. This is a critical strategy for the administration to [bolster public confidence](#) in the judiciary. However, the discovery of a [1.3 trillion TL valuation anomaly](#) in the stock market suggests that corruption has migrated from traditional bureaucratic graft to sophisticated financial instruments. The state's ability to manage this "financial cleanup" without causing a broader market collapse is currently [Turkey's greatest internal stress test](#).

Societal stability is being managed through large-scale populist measures, such as the [TOKİ housing discount campaign](#) for 228,000 citizens and the [public hiring of 53,000 şehit \(martyr\) and gazi \(veteran\) relatives](#). These actions serve to reinforce the social contract between the state and its most loyal constituencies. Meanwhile, the opposition remains fragmented; reports of [Özgür Özel's](#) tense interactions with citizens in Bursa are framed to highlight a [lack of samimiyet \(sincerity\)](#) and an inability to connect with the public compared to the government's organized events [for veterans and families](#).

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Turkey's global posture is one of "strategic maneuverability" within a fracturing multipolar arena. The framing of the [UNGA visit](#) highlights Turkey as a bridge between the "West" and the "Rest." Erdoğan is portrayed as a leader who can [produce solutions](#) in disparate conflicts, from the Somali-Somaliland dispute to the grain corridor. The hosting of [COP31 in Antalya](#) is a deliberate move to transition from a "regional security actor" to a [global norm-setter](#) on

climate and ethics. The Turkish state frames the outside world as a zone of [chaotic rivalry](#)—pointing to Greek military incompetence in the [Medusa-15 exercise](#) and the German political meltdown—to contrast with Turkey's "Island of Stability" image.

Relationships with the US are entering a "wait and see" period ahead of the US mid-term elections. While Trump's rhetoric on Iran is volatile, Turkey is positioning itself as the [logistical and diplomatic hub](#) for any eventual peace deal. The target of [100 billion dollars in trade](#) with the US remains the primary vector for economic diplomacy, even as Turkey increasingly sources its [LNG from the US](#) to diversify away from Russia and Iran. This energy transition provides Turkey with [greater leverage](#) in its dealings with Eastern neighbors.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The Turkish and global economic climate is under severe pressure from energy volatility and systemic financial fraud investigations. While the US-Iran war drives physical oil prices to [near 138-140 USD levels at refineries](#), Turkey is attempting to stimulate its domestic economy through large-scale housing interventions and a crackdown on market manipulation. The e-commerce sector shows explosive growth, reaching [13 billion TL daily volume](#), yet this is contrasted by the discovery of a [Forex scam of similar magnitude](#) (13 billion TL) run by Israeli networks. Market sentiment is cautiously optimistic about the containment of the fund crisis, but high-interest rates and global supply chain disruptions [in the Hormuz Strait](#) remain the primary headwinds.

Key Economic Vectors:

- **Energy Inflation:** Brent oil is trading [above 100 USD](#), but the physical scarcity of fuel is adding a massive premium, directly impacting Turkish transportation and production costs.
- **IPO Bubble Bursts:** The SPK's move to [liquidate 131 funds](#) and the arrest of business leaders for valuing tiny factoring companies higher than [Turkish Airlines](#) marks the end of an era of easy post-IPO gains.
- **Currency Transfers:** Traceable outflows of [15 million USD and 25 million EUR](#) from individual executives to Switzerland suggest high-level anxiety about asset seizures.
- **Consumer Debt/Housing:** TOKİ is offering a [25% discount for cash payments](#) of house/workplace balances, an effort to bring cash into the system [before the end of October 2026](#).

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The current environment is seeing a tactical replacement of old-guard and "compromised" elites with figures more closely aligned with the current administration's "cleanup" mandate. The arrests of high-profile university board members and holding presidents signal that no one is "too big to fail" in the current financial probe.

- **Nihat Kırmızı:** The arrest of the Doğa Sigorta chairman and [Topkapı University Trustee head](#) signals the expansion of the fund manipulation probe into the academic and insurance sectors.

- **Altunç Kumova:** The holding patron's [confession that his company's 60-fold valuation increase was "abnormal"](#) has made him the public face of the financial crackdown.
- **Ali İşgören & Necip Doğan:** The arrest of these former [Silivri and Prison prosecutors](#) for their role in the Kozinoğlu death (and their FETÖ ties) marks a significant win for the Justice Ministry's historical cleanup efforts.
- **Friedrich Merz:** The Hristiyan Demokrat (CDU) leader in Germany is [facing calls for resignation](#) after his party barely cleared the 5% barrier in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, potentially ending his path to the Chancellery.
- **António Guterres:** The UN Secretary-General's [imminent departure on Dec 31](#) has triggered a diplomatic scramble to influence his successor, with Turkey looking to leverage its BMGK influence.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

TRT Haber maintains a **statist and nationalistic** editorial line that emphasizes Turkey's growing global importance while portraying domestic law enforcement as impeccably thorough. The **Lead Stories** are consistently Erdoğan's UN trip and the "World is bigger than 5" message, framing Turkey as the only moral actor in a collapsing world system. The "Fund manipulation" and "Alihan Kuriş" stories are used to project a sense of **law and order** and to distract from any inflationary pain by pointing to "external/ traitorous" financial manipulators and Israeli scammers. **Buried Stories** include the specific hardships of Turkish workers or the nuances of why the Eurofighter purchase is still only in the "technical review" phase.

Conspicuous Omissions include any detailed critique of the government's own role in the economic conditions that allowed the IPO bubble to form, or any platform for the Alihan Kuriş group's defense.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The world is framed as a landscape of **decaying old powers** (EU, UN), **aggressive but desperate powers** (US, Israel), and a **rising, principled Turkey**. The subtext is that the Western era of dominance is ending because it has lost its moral compass, as evidenced by the [Gaza crisis and UN vetoes](#).

COUNTRIES

- **Israel:** Portrayed as a **genocidal, lawless entity** that exports crime and destabilizes the region. Examples: "Soykırımçı İsrail" (Genocidal Israel) and the [Forex scam run by 11 Israelis](#).
- **United States:** Framed as **hypocritical and aggressive**, yet a necessary partner that is "stuck" in its own system. Donald Trump is seen as a **strongman but erratic**, whose "America first" policies [ignore global energy stability](#).
- **Germany:** Depicted as a **nation in crisis**, where the center has collapsed, and the rise of the AFD is a symptom of a [dying old order](#).
- **Greece:** Portrayed as **weak and incompetent**. The coverage of the Medusa-15 exercise mocks Greek soldiers [falling into the sea](#) and compares it to the "disciplined" Turkish Efes-2026 exercise.

LEADERS

- **Benjamin Netanyahu:** Framed as a **war criminal and "katil"** (murderer) who should be in [The Hague \(Lahey\)](#) rather than the UN podium.
- **Vladimir Putin:** Portrayed as a **cunning and patient** strategist who is preparing for a longer conflict with Europe while [offering cooperation if Europe yields](#).
- **Mahmoud Abbas:** Portrayed as a **victim of Western double standards**, denied a voice while his people are [slaughtered](#).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The Turkish media space is currently saturated with **coordinated state narratives** intended to frame domestic criminal investigations as a "Second Independence War" against financial and deep-state traitors. The [Kozinoğlu footage release](#) is a textbook example of narrative seeding; the video of a prisoner's friend washing a coffee cup is used to imply a [poisoning conspiracy](#) without definitive proof, preparing the public for high-profile convictions. Simultaneously, the "Hybrid War" panic in Europe is used by Turkish broadcasts to justify [Turkey's own military posturing](#), framing it as a necessary defense in an anarchic world. The "Israel-Forex" connection is heavily emphasized to [widen the scope of the boycott movement](#) from products to the financial sector.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **UN Structural Brinkmanship:** Turkey will likely propose a **General Assembly override** for BMGK vetoes in humanitarian crises. If ignored, Turkey may lead a coalition of "Global South" nations to [form alternate international arbitration bodies](#).
- **The Trump-Erdoğan "Hormuz Deal":** A meeting in New York or Miami will likely produce a **Turkish-led maritime escort plan** for oil tankers, allowing Trump to "withdraw" US forces while Turkey [secures the energy corridor](#) in exchange for F-35 readmission.
- **Domestic Financial Realignment:** The trusteeship of Alihan Kuriş's companies and the fund probes will lead to a **state-backed consolidation** of the bursa and factoring sectors, placing them under the direct supervision of [Emlak Katılım or Ziraat Bank](#).
- **German Coalition Collapse:** The loss in state elections will likely trigger a **snap federal election in Germany** by early 2027, with the AFD becoming a kingmaker or causing a permanent "Grand Coalition" [to block them](#).

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect a flurry of [further arrests in the Turkish financial sector](#) as Masak (Financial Crimes Investigation) processes the ham data from Swiss accounts. The UNGA will conclude without a US-Iran deal, but with a [working group established](#) to discuss Iran's 7 conditions. High fuel prices will persist.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): Turkey will formalize its [COP31 initiatives](#), likely linking

"Zero Waste" to **new carbon taxes** or trade credits. The Alihan Kuriş prosecution will broaden to include [high-level political figures](#) alleged to have protected the group. The US mid-term results will determine the [escalation level in Hormuz](#).

Long Term (1-5 Years): Turkey will complete its [Moon mission \(2027\)](#) and establish itself as a [space-capable Muslim power](#). The "World is bigger than 5" campaign will likely result in the **expansion of G20-style governance** over the traditional BMGK structure as the latter remains paralyzed [by Russia and the US](#).

RISK ASSESSMENT

The primary threat matrix involves energy supply shocks and the systemic contagion of domestic financial scandals into the broader economy.

- **Energy Grid/Refinery Failure:** Physical shortages of diesel and gasoline in Europe could lead to rationing. **Triggers:** Houthi strikes on Saudi pumping stations or a total [US mazot export ban](#). **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Critical; would trigger 10-15% inflation in 30 days. **Mitigations:** Accelerated [US-Turkey LNG/Energy deal](#) and bypassing damaged Saudi pipelines.
- **Systemic Market Contagion:** The IPO investigation could lead to a loss of faith in the Borsa Istanbul. **Triggers:** Revelation of [defaults in larger, non-quarantined funds](#). **Likelihood:** Medium. **Impact:** Severe; could cause a massive [outflow of foreign capital](#). **Mitigations:** SPK's fast-tracked [15-day reimbursement plan](#) via public banks.

- **US-Iran War Escalation:** A miscalculation in the Hormuz Strait leading to a top-tier US combat loss. **Triggers:** Sinking of a US carrier by [Iranian long-range missiles](#) or a Houthi hit on Mecca infrastructure. **Likelihood:** Medium. **Impact:** Global; would draw Turkey [into active conflict](#). **Mitigations:** Secret ["backdoor" diplomacy](#) in New York between Pezeşkiyan and US officials.
- **Far-Right Unrest in Europe:** Political paralysis in Germany leading to civil strikes or violence. **Triggers:** The AFD's [win in Saksonya or Brandenburg](#) and CDU's refusal to govern. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Moderate; would weaken NATO unity [against Russia](#). **Mitigations:** Rapid CDU leadership change and early federal elections.
- **Information Warfare/Hybrid Sabotage:** A coordinated cyber-physical strike on Turkish or European infrastructure. **Triggers:** Destruction of [fiber optic cables](#) in the Baltic or Mediterranean. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Severe; would paralyze [global financial markets](#). **Mitigations:** UNGA-led [AI security convention](#) and increased naval patrolling.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **The Iranian Perspective:** The broadcasts lack any direct input from Iranian officials regarding the ["7 conditions"](#) or their view of the US visa "jest."
- **Economic Spillover of Sanctions:** There is no analysis of how US sanctions on [Iranian/Russian partners](#) might be affecting Turkish companies currently under investigation.

- **Internal Dissent within the Süleymanlılar:** The coverage frames the entire [Alihan Kuriş group](#) as a monolithic criminal entity, ignoring potential internal splits or members who oppose the leadership.
- **Real Cost of the US-Iran War:** Transcripts mention [175 students and teachers killed](#) in a school attack, but fail to investigate the source of the munitions (US vs Israeli vs error).

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The "Managed Default":** The IPO manipulation probe is not an organic investigation but a **state-directed pruning** of the business class to consolidate the economy under three or four [pro-government mega-holdings](#), using the "Swiss account" narrative to justify nationalization.
- **The UN as a Decoy:** Erdoğan's trip to New York is not about the General Assembly, but a cover for **final-stage military coordination** with the US for a joint ["Hormuz Pacification"](#) operation that would see Turkey take over Gulf security duties permanently.
- **Black Swan - The Saudi-Israeli Pivot:** If Suudi Arabistan abandons the "Mekke İttifakı" to sign a [formal defense pact with Israel](#) to stop Houthi füzeler, Turkey's regional posture would collapse, forcing a **total retreat** from its Mediterranean ambitions.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Immediately increase [antisubmarine and drone patrols](#) around key Turkish drilling vessels in the Mediterranean to prevent "hybrid" sabotage during the UNGA period.
- **Economic:** Standardize [transparency protocols](#) for all funds with assets over 10 billion TL to prevent a recurrence of the current manipulation scandal.
- **Diplomatic:** Formalize the ["Zero Waste" standard](#) into a regional trade requirement, effectively using climate policy as a non-tariff trade barrier.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chain:** Shift logistics from maritime routes to the [Irak Development Road](#) as the Hormuz/Bab-el-Mandeb risk remains unmitigated.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Audit all [offshore transfers](#) to Switzerland or EU tax havens, as Masak is likely to retroactively scan all transactions from the last 24 months.
- **Capital Allocation:** Focus on the [Turkish defense and chip-manufacturing sectors](#), which are being insulated by state subsidies and protective legislation.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Governance is currently focused on emergency market stabilization and historical judicial correction through a series of new departments and specific amendments to the capital market and anti-terror codes.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **The 12-Article "Terror-Free Turkey" Act:** A legal framework that requires the Milli Güvenlik Kurulu (MGK) to [officially certify a terrorist group's dissolution](#) before judicial leniency is applied. It also prohibits ["separatist language"](#) in political discourse.
- **Digital World Child Rights Agreement:** A new protocol signed by **Emine Erdoğan** that sets [global standards](#) for tech companies and digital platforms regarding child safety and content moderation.
- **The "Digital Company" Initiative (2027-2029):** A part of the Medium-Term Program designed to [reduce bureaucracy](#) for tech startups, allowing for one-stop-shop registration and [Unicorn-level acceleration](#).

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **UNGA 81 Press Conference:** President Erdoğan's departure statement [outlining the "Human-Centered" foreign policy](#) and the intent to address the "Hormuz Energy Crisis."
- **19th Turkey Investment Conference (NYC):** A high-level meeting where **Mehmet Şimşek** and **Fatih Karahan** will present [Turkey's strategic economic roadmap](#) to NYC fund managers.
- **Kozinoğlu Testimony Leak:** The **Hasan Atilla Uğur** deposition regarding the ["cisim" \(object\)](#) in his hand in prison footage, which has fueled public demand for a broader purge of the old Silivri staff.

KEY STORIES

- **Erdoğan UNGA Departure:** President Erdoğan departs for NYC to address the 81st UN General Assembly on Sept 22; he is the [4th speaker](#); themes include UN reform, Gaza, and US-Iran war mediation [at the Türkiye center](#).
- **Hormuz Energy Crisis:** The strait remains contested; Iran claims full control while the US claims the [sea lanes are cleared of mines](#); physical oil price surges to [138 USD at refineries](#).
- **Stock Market Fund Scam:** Investigation into IPO manipulation; **Altunç Kumova** arrested; companies valued at [1.3 trillion TL](#) with only 100 employees; 131 funds liquidated; 51 suspects [banned from travel](#).
- **Swiss Account Transfers:** Masak reports **Serdar Turhan** sent [15M USD](#) and **Muhammet Yazıcı** sent [25M EUR](#) to Swiss banks days before the fund defaults.
- **Alihan Kuriş Prosecution:** 29 detained, [23 companies seized](#); alleged money laundering and [cash hidden in aid boxes](#) for the Süleymanlılar network.
- **Kozinoğlu Murder Probe:** Reopening of the 2011 death of MIT official **Kaşif Kozinoğlu**; former prosecutors İşgören and Doğan arrested for [FETÖ links](#); new footage shows [delayed medical intervention](#).
- **German State Elections:** AFD wins [37.1%](#) in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern; Merz and SPD collapse in [Berlin](#); political crisis in Germany [intensifies](#).
- **Israel-Forex Scam:** 203 suspects detained in Istanbul/Muğla for a [13 billion TL](#) illegal Forex network run by 11 [Israeli citizens](#).
- **Russia-Ukraine Escalation:** Zelensky approves [long-range strikes](#) into Russia; drones hit a [Moscow refinery](#); Putin claims Europe is [preparing for war](#).
- **Turkish Space Program:** First Moon mission [ayap-1](#) production complete; launch in early 2027; %80 local components; target [Moon impact](#).
- **MHP Ankara Congress:** State Bahçeli emphasizes a ["Terror-Free Turkey"](#) vision for the "Century of Turkey"; Alpaslan Doğan re-elected [as Ankara head](#).
- **COP31 Preparation:** Environment Minister **Murat Kurum** expects [100,000 visitors](#) to Antalya for the climate summit; Turkey to launch a [new finance model](#).
- **TOKİ Discount:** 25% discount for cash payment of TOKİ debt starting [Sept 22](#); 228k citizens [eligible](#).
- **Rize Floods:** 40+ landslides in Rize; İğidere and Pazar districts hit hardest; [190kg rain/sqm](#); cleaning and [damage assessment](#) ongoing.
- **Greek Exercise Failures:** Medusa-15 exercise ridiculed as ["amateur"](#) and "uncoordinated" after Greek soldiers fell off [landing craft](#).
- **FETÖ Catalog Marriages:** 15 arrested in Ankara for organizing "catalog marriages" within public institutions [via the Bylock app](#).
- **Gerede Fair:** Historical fair in Bolu draws [tens of thousands](#) to its 100-acre site for [yöresel products](#).
- **Gaziantep Cancer Treatment:** Natural Killer (NK) cell therapy successfully applied to lung cancer patients [at Gaziantep University](#).

- **Eurofighter Procurement:** Turkish technical team inspects maintenance facilities [at RAF Cuningby](#) in the UK as part of the [40-jet purchase process](#).
- **Ankara Culture Road:** 5th Turkey Culture Road festival starts in Ankara; 518 events across [42 venues](#) through Sept 27.
- **Menemen Pottery Festival:** 5th International Pottery Festival hosts masters [from 45 countries](#) in İzmir.
- **Medical Insurance for Cleaners:** New rules for home cleaners; 22.2 TL daily premium for [less than 10 days work/month](#); employer liable for [accidents](#).
- **Bursa Gastronomy Festival:** 5th festival concludes; Varank mocks Özel for refusing [börek from citizens](#).
- **Hatay Tepsi Kebabı:** Traditional dish journey [to the wood-fired oven](#) highlighted as a geographic indicator.
- **Della Miles in Gaza:** US artist **Della Miles** speaks out against [Gaza genocide](#) on TRT2.
- **Hamsi & Palamut Season:** Fishing ban ends; abundance of palamut (100-150 TL) and hamsi (200-250 TL) in [Karaköy market](#).
- **UMRE Journey:** 100 martyr relatives depart from [Esenboğa](#) for Umre pilgrimage sponsored by the state.
- **Mid Cancer Warning:** Experts note stomach cancer [shifting to younger ages](#) due to fast food and **Helicobacter Pylori**.

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