



EDITOR'S VIEW

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In the wake of Unity, Turkey decides to take responsibility over the Middle East and lead the Muslims through a better future with pleasant living conditions in a peaceful world, where Muslims have equal rights once more just like on Ottoman times. In fact, it should be over-expressed that Ottoman Empire ruled the world by the Unity of different cultures, religions and races. In contrast, today’s powerful states’ unity is based on just religion.

Perhaps, every other person has an idea or is aware that, in today’s world, the term “Unity” equals to “Christianity”. The rest of the world is prone to be dismantled. This is the logic that belongs to “Crusaders”, who started their duty in 1091. They have been actively doing their best to dig the Middle East and Africa since the World War I, when the Ottomans, successor of the mainly Muslim unity lost the control and Republic of Turkey was born from its ashes. The new Turkish state, after it finally got its freedom from the invaders in 1923, started from the scratch by building a democratic republic over the last remnants of the Ottoman Empire. It has never been easy for Turkey to walk the democracy line in harmony because of either the financial problems or political unrests procreated by the servants of the invaders. The young state struggled through coups, some of which successfully completed and some of them were only left as unsuccessful attempts.

Unfortunately, Turks had to live through a well-written-scenario on 15 July 2016, namely “Attempted Terrorist Coup in Turkey”. The so called master-mind, Fetullah Gulen, is just one of the servants of the crusaders. The country residing such servants is the United States, which basically is the base and a safe-ground, where the crusaders can legally clean up their international mess.

The picture drawn in Turkey on July 15 suggests that each terrorist group is established and financed by the actuators that can be either officials from different governmental institutions and intelligence agencies or just losers (terrorists) that can only survive out in the bushes. It is possible, by using those actuators, to topple presidents and lock the countries by bureaucracy. Let’s not forget the servant media, through which propagandas can be pursued to confuse and enrage the folks against their governments.

Turkish president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, has seen one side of the coin from 2010 through June 2011 elections, when he noticed that a few of his executives and political mates were, in fact, infidels. Their game was to stop the development of Turkey and lower Erdogan’s popularity. However, they needed Justice and Development Party (AKP) to keep their status and perhaps, get stronger in the government. Which is why they only needed Erdogan to step away and let AKP in their dirty hands. So the whole propaganda about Erdogan being the bad guy mainly came from his own bureaucrats and AKP followers. Erdogan spoke but the bureaucrats did the reverse so that people would be enraged and Erdogan would lose his popularity. That did not happen, which indeed got on the nerves of the gamers and pushed them towards the coup attempt. The coup attempt again returned them empty handed. These days, Turkey have been trying to clean those infidels from the government and its institutions.

What happens next all depends on how well this cleaning process can be practised! However, being optimistic is a must for Turks since the role/responsibility they have been striving for will do the best for the Middle Easterners.



Energy, of course, is still the main actor of all the hassle in the Middle East. The crusaders are feeding over the trade from the energy sources of the region, which, in fact, covers majority of the world's energy resources. Losing the upper hand to Turks is a "No, No!" for them. So Turkey has to be weaker, should never be the dominator in the region, and should be kept out in energy matters.

Turkey has to realize once that the Middle East Unity is the key to establish political and economic stability for Turks and Arabs but to be able to do that, it has to grasp the upper hand in energy trade, consequently in energy researches and related technologies. What good is it if you do not have an efficient company or companies actively working and controlling the energy resources and the trade in the region?

Why is the energy trade so important? The total trade amount in the world totals a bit more than 20 trillion US dollars and more than half of the total amount is accomplished over petroleum and its products, related technology and merchandise. Thinking about Turkey's revenues as about \$190 billion, the amount of money circling around Turkey's borders is over fiftyfold than its current revenues. So why not stand up and have your share from this beautiful glory?

There are certain steps required to be taken such as comprehending the balance in the energy game and how to reverse the balance in Turkey's favour. It is always better to analyse how major countries involved in the Middle East do what they want. For instance: Presidents and ministers travel along with a group of business people whenever they seek to establish great ties with another country. The situation is similar here, too, but the stage they are on is a bit bloody, which is why all those countries move with their military powers to shape and secure certain lands with good natural resources.

Believe me, those businessmen are no civil engineers that talk about rebuilding the damaged houses. They are surely energy companies to aggregate the most attractive

fields that are filled with hydrocarbons. Now that it is clear what to do along with the military incursions in Syria, Turkey should encourage its oil companies to do some detailed research and create a path to the new Syria's energy constitutions and have a possessive role in petroleum and trading laws of the free Syria by adding their knowledge, experience in geoscience and trading.

Turkey can easily be a part of the legislative partner for free Syria, acting as the big brother and filling all the political and bureaucratic gaps in the newly succeeded Syrian government. Additionally, it should open up the path or guide the Turkish industry to new ventures no matter how well internationally competitive the industries are. Correct time for such acts has always been along with the first step taken. So does Turkey have such plans in the future of Syria?

Turkey, at this point, should definitely focus on its energy politics and strategies on behalf of its political and military activities in the Middle East. The focus requires comprehending how the energy game is played in the region, what countries are involved and how their companies proceed behind closed doors. Hence, Energy Policy Turkey would like to illuminate certain moves and actions that will determine the next and following game-changer-steps.

This issue covers up mending relations with Israel and Russia. The buzz about the Eastern Mediterranean gas resources and a possible Egypt-Israel-Cyprus/Turkey gas pipeline is put under investigation. Suggestions for where and how to stand in the Mediterranean were analysed along with the technicalities. The pipeline from Northern Iraq to Iran is also highlighted in detail. Some questions regarding the possibility accountability of such project are answered by examples. Turkey's position and advantages for any pipeline projects to Europe around Turkish borders seem to be all in favour of Turkey. Correct timing, possessive actions and efficient planning will place Turkey in the spotlight, which is why impressive strategies should be engraved in political moves and actions.

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The myth about oil shales is cracked down and analysed for how valuable an energy source it can be for Turkey. Understanding the environmental effects of shale gas business seems to play a key role before going too deep in oil shale reservoirs.

Advice regarding renewable energy sources and getting prepared legally in the future for a balanced move forward approach are practical information that Turkey has to consider as Turkey’s renewable energy potential is quite notable. Nuclear energy has been a turning point for Turkey’s energy future but it is still questionable if the pros weighs heavier than the cons. “Coal” is a matter subject that needs to be handled correctly. Some experts claim that “black gold” is Turkey’s future energy source just because Turkey has some coal reserves. Yes, Turkey has coal reserves but what matters is the coal’s calorific value!

At last, the coup attempt is examined through the energy window. Some questions are raised and tried to be answered as if there is any relationship between countries and their energy initiatives in the region. Even though there is no clear evidence between energy and the coup attempt, all the countries involved in the region seem to stand on their energy foot.