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"News for the Turkish coast since 2005"

Kuşadası votes for continuity, stability; Mayor Günel re-elected

Türkiye is a seriously big country – yesterday it was once again time for holding local elections including those for mayors and municipal assemblies. Imagine 81 provinces with 973 districts and that was for starters only; then check on the number of eligible voters standing at just above 61.4 million citizens casting their votes at well over 200 000 (!) ballot boxes, and we realize what an amazing logistical undertaking it all is – and figuratively speaking and as expected, all went picture postcard perfect.

Photo Source: Oda TV

Referred to as 'Local Administrations Elections' votes were invited for Metropolitan Mayor, District Mayor, District Municipal Council Members and Mukhtar and Council of Elders in metropolitan areas. In provinces you could vote for Mayor, Provincial Council Members, Municipal Council Members and Mukhtar and Council of Elders.

And the winner in Kuşadası is? Incumbent Mayor Omer Günel came in as number one with 42.41 per cent of the vote representing the Republican People's Party CHP. His closest contender was Behçet Alp from the Good Party (İYİ Parti) scoring 37.06 per cent. A total of 16 candidates ran (source NTV). For local assembly votes the CHP topped the list with 42.75 per cent followed by the İYİ Party with 27.48 per cent whilst in total 19 parties stood for election.

Ömer Günel was born in Berlin, Germany in 1971. He completed his primary and secondary education in Antalya. In 1991, he came to Kuşadası. He completed his undergraduate degree at Dokuz Eylül University Faculty of Law and his master's degree in Economic Law at Istanbul Bilgi University. He studied European Union Expertise at Istanbul Commerce University Faculty of Law and worked as a lawyer for around 20 years. More details about our mayor's achievements can be sourced via www.omergunel.org.

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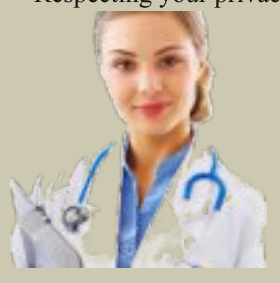

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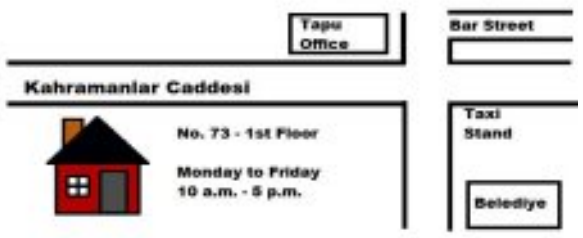

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How to Spot a Fake Facebook Account a Mile Away

From its inception, Facebook has had a major issue with fake accounts. Today, these accounts are just as prevalent as they've ever been. You can often find them replying to people's comments on public posts, for example, with many of them asking them to accept their friend requests or click on suspicious links.

Some accounts may attempt to scam you through some form of action such as sending money to them or visiting a phishing website.

Meanwhile, others may contribute to ad campaigns to sway public opinion or otherwise engage with other users.

At no time has this been more apparent than in the 2016 Presidential Election. To date, it is estimated that $100,000 was spent on approximately 3000 ads connected to about 470 fake Facebook profiles leading up to the election.

Beyond the highly publicized election "fakers", Facebook has an inordinate amount of fake accounts that defy its terms of use on a daily basis. However, Facebook has also worked to eliminate these accounts, with recent stats showing that Facebook took action on 1.3 billion fake accounts toward the end of 2022 alone.

fake Facebook Accounts – Background Information

What Are They Used For?

People use these accounts for fake likes, fake comments, fake reviews, etc. But what is really interesting, is that the issue perpetuates itself.

Someone who creates a fake account to like pages or leave comments actually has to like a variety of items, leave a variety of comments and interact with a range of people. Otherwise, the account will be deleted by Facebook.

Why Is This An Issue For Marketers?

These fake accounts also cause an issue for marketers. First, you don't want to be in a position of guilt by association. Secondly, you don't want to tarnish your company's good name by having unsavory or ill-intentioned ads run on your content.

How Are Fake Facebook Accounts Maintained?

With the recent light shone on these fake accounts and the spread of disinformation, Facebook has started to take a hard-line stance against those who use the platform for nefarious reasons.

But while Facebook works on doing its part to eliminate the problem, you need to do your own due diligence to spot the fakes.

Fake Facebook Accounts: What to Look For

To address fake accounts, it's important to know how to tell if a Facebook profile is fake. Some scammy Facebook comments are more obvious than others. Similar to this instance mentioned in the comments of our recent post, which had no connection to maverick trading or trading platforms.

Clicking on the profile, we were greeted by a cluster of photos on the left that appeared to belong to a real person, but all recent posts appeared to be about the same trading scam. It looked as though someone had spoofed another person's account to create one dedicated to pushing this particular scam. If you want to know how to spot a fake Facebook account, this is a great example of one that's easy to label as such.

Now, this appeared to be the type of fake account that was manually managed. But there are also ones that are automated. We'll get into all that.

Here is how to spot a fake Facebook account.

The Photo

One of the easiest ways to determine that a Facebook account is fake is by examining the photo.

It's often the case that fake accounts use a profile photo that they've downloaded from somewhere else online.

Here is one that liked a post I wrote. Looks a little suspect, don't you think? **Contd., on Page 6**

A RAY OF HOPE FOR FIRST TIME RESIDENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

An important meeting of Tourism Professionals was held in Fethiye recently at which the Minister for Tourism, Mehmet Nuri Ersoy attended.

Many questions were put to the Minister during this meeting.

One such question was concerning the difficulties foreigners are experiencing in obtaining first time residency permits and the effect this was also having on the region's income especially during winter season.

The Minister responded clearly by stating:

"Those who deposit 1.5 times the minimum wage into the bank every month can obtain a tourist residence permit with the approval of the relevant institution." (Ref: Business Turkey)
(The relevant institution being the GOC - IMMIGRATION OFFICES)

It was also brought to the Ministers attention by the Provincial Director of Tourism that they (foreigners) are also banned from opening accounts in banks.

The Minister's response to the Provincial Director was:

"Let's look into this matter. I will also talk to our Minister of Interior". (Ref: Business Turkey)

Last year, 16th November 2023 we reported in our newsletter ''The Ege Eye'' that Since February 2022 property had to be valued at 75.000 USDs to acquire Residency status.

This amount increased to 200.000 USDs in November though it did not affect property owners prior to 16th October 2023.

So, it may be good news also for those new property owners who acquired properties valued below the 200.000 USDs limit since October 2023 in that a possible new route may open up to obtain residency status for this group.

We, at The Ege Eye newspaper will keep you updated on any future development details come to hand.

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PASSPORT VALIDITY FOR TRAVEL TO TURKIYE

We have been notified recently that some tourists visiting Turkiye have not been able to board their planes because passports did not have the required days remaining to validate for entry.

Foreigners wishing to enter Türkiye should carry a travel document (passport) with an expiration date of at least 60 days beyond the “duration of stay” of their visa, e-Visa, visa exemption, or residence permit.

In order to enter Türkiye having a visa with “90 days duration of stay”, foreigners should hold a travel document valid at least for an additional 60 days which totals to 150 days (90 days + 60 days) of validity at the time of entrance.
Ref Turkiye Ministry of foreign affairs.

Western Black Sea touristic train to roll out in April

A new tourist train line for those who want to explore the natural and cultural richness of the western Black Sea is soon to be in service in April.

The project, spearheaded by the Western Black Sea Development Agency (BAKKA) and launched in 2017, covers a 484-kilometer route between Ankara-Çankırı-Karabük-Zonguldak and aims to showcase the region's history, industrial heritage and natural beauty to visitors.

Starting in April, the Touristic Karaelmas Train will offer a comfortable travel experience to its passengers.

According to decisions made at a consultation meeting held on Feb. 20 at the Culture and Tourism Ministry, the Touristic Karaelmas Train will include three Pullman, a couchette wagon that can carry 230 people, and a dining wagon. The train will serve separate tourist groups in both directions.

The first service is scheduled to start on Apr. 12 and the stops and places to visit on the route will be determined by a technical team. The route will start from Ankara's Kalecik region and cover important touristic spots such as Çankırı's Salt Caves and museums, Karabük's historic Safranbolu district and Zonguldak's Gökgöl Cave.

Touristic train services are planned to be carried out reciprocally once a week between Friday and Sunday.

For the promotion and successful execution of the project, an info tour was organized on Mar. 8-9 at which influencers, important names and members of the press were invited.

In addition, various media and promotional campaigns will be carried out to popularize the region and support train tourism.

The project will contribute to the diversity of tourism in the western Black Sea region and will give a significant impetus to the development of train tourism as a new type of tourism.

The train line is expected to provide an unforgettable experience for visitors to the region and introduce the natural and cultural richness of the western Black Sea

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How can you tell if the photo was “borrowed”?

Simple: just fire up Google Image Search, then download the profile photo from the Facebook page that you suspect is fake.

Drag and drop that photo into the Google Image Search bar and click the Search button.

If the photo is from a fake Facebook account, you should see loads of matches across cyberspace.

Not sure how to tell if a Facebook profile is fake when the image doesn’t pop up in Google? Even if you can’t find a photo of an existing person through a reverse image search, the photo could belong to another person whose identity the scammer is using, such as another Facebook member.

In that first example comment I gave, for instance, the scammer used what looked like a genuine person’s photos to fill up the profile, but all posts were recent, and the person eliminated the ability for people to comment on those images.

Source:https://ignitevisibility.com/

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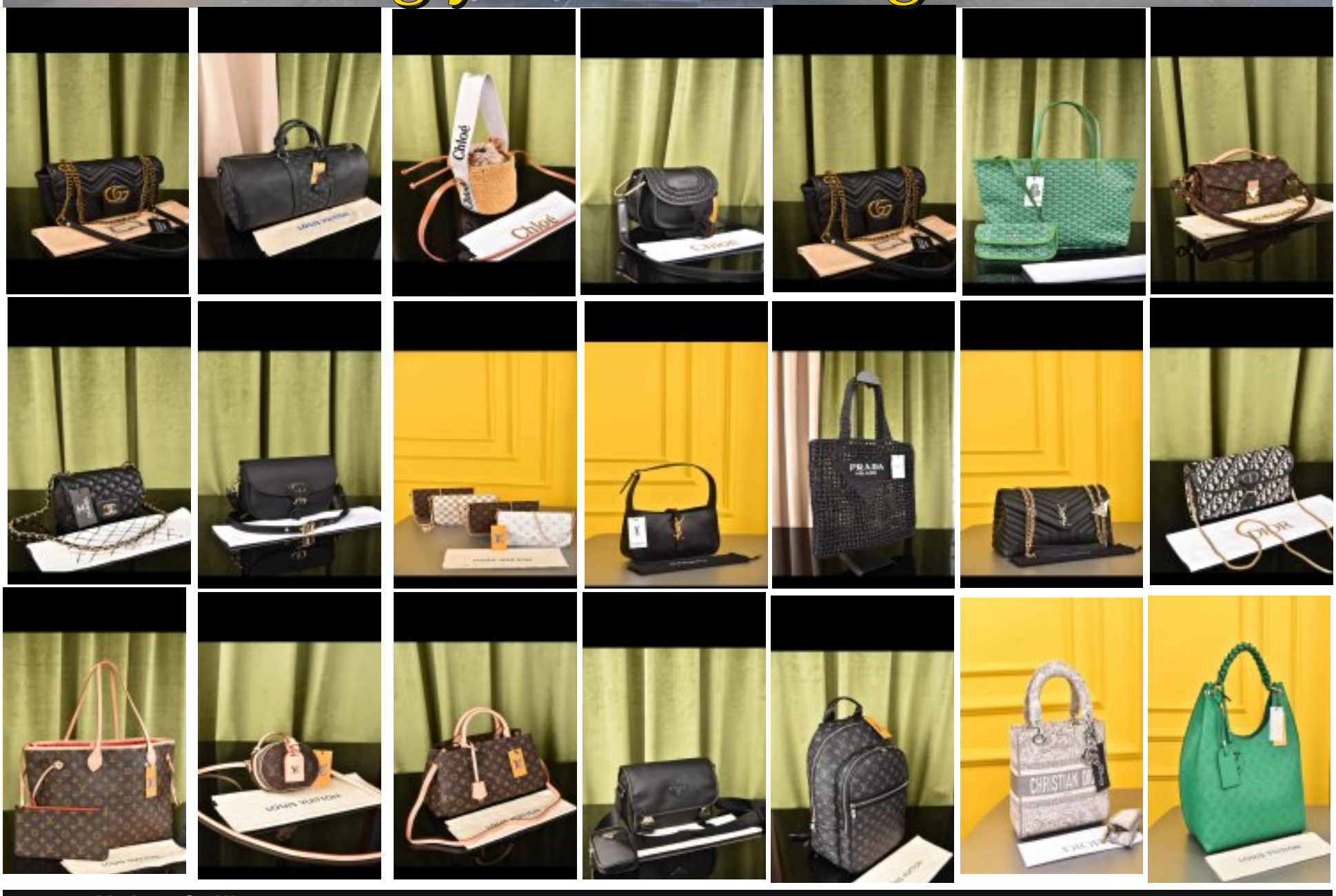

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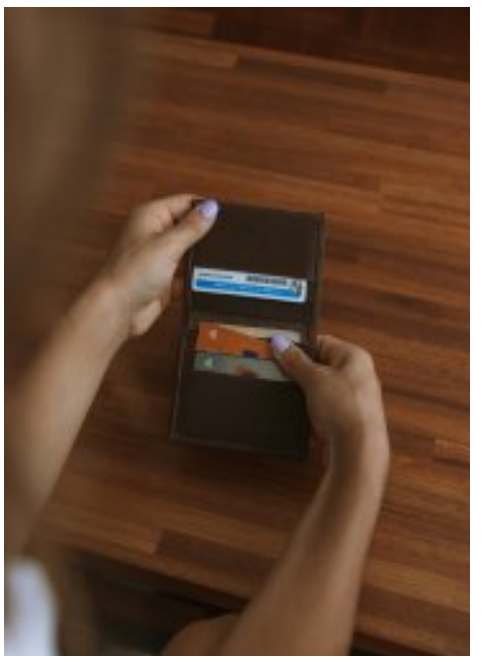
The Economy

Famous economist warned: Do not make this mistake with credit cards



With the ever-increasing financial difficulties and high inflation in Turkey, a critical warning came from the famous economist Şenol Babuşçu for citizens who cling to their credit cards like a person who falls into the sea clings to a snake. Babuşçu warned credit card holders, saying, "Do not fall into this trap."

While citizens' financial difficulties are increasing day by day in Turkey, credit cards, which are used as a means of borrowing instead of a means of payment, have begun to raise a red alarm...

In addition to the programs implemented within the scope of combating inflation, an increase in credit card minimum payment rates is expected for 2024.

Famous economist Prof. credit cards, which are actually a means of payment but used as a borrowing tool by citizens who cannot make ends meet. Dr. Şenol Babuşçu warned the citizens.

While it is stated that increases in credit card usage, tax increases and new taxes may come to the agenda after the election, these increases are expected to affect a wide range of products, including credit cards.

Possible new steps may include:

Increases in basic services and products (natural gas, electricity, urban transportation, high-speed train, bridges and highways, food products).
Increases in tax rates (SCT, property tax, corporate tax, income tax and income tax withholding, fees and fines).

Introduction of new types of taxes (wealth tax, real estate tax).

In addition, it is observed that the limit usage rate decreases in cards with high limits, while the limit usage rate increases in credit cards with a limit of 25 thousand TL and below.

TUKONFED Banking Commission Chairman Hüseyin Ölmez states that this increase depends on the minimum payment amount and warns that if the minimum payment amount is paid, the remaining debt will be transferred to the next month with interest and this may increase the interest cost of consumers.

One should be careful against minimum payment traps. Drawing attention to the 'Minimum payment trap', which brings high interest costs to consumers and where unpaid amounts accumulate as non-performing loans, Hüseyin Ölmez emphasized that this situation causes consumers' purchasing power to decrease and payment difficulties.

Drawing attention to the decrease in the usage rate of high-limit cards and the increase in the usage rate of low-limit cards due to the increase in debts under legal follow-up observed in BRSA data and the transfer of non-performing loans to follow-up accounts, Ölmez stated that this situation could lead to social problems and emphasized that new regulations should be made in consumer finance.Source:Aydin Post

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Latest regulations may increase appetite for loans: Akbank CEO

Changes to regulations introduced earlier in February may increase banks’ appetite for extending loans, says Kaan Gür, CEO of Akbank, one of Türkiye’s largest private banks.

Those changes also eased cost pressures for banks, Gür told a press conference on Feb. 13.

On Feb. 5, the Central Bank announced that reserve requirements of eligible deposit banks maintained for their Turkish Lira deposit and FX-protected deposit accounts with a maturity longer than one month will be subject to remuneration every three months.

The bank added that this regulation aimed to strengthen the monetary transmission mechanism, increasing the share of Turkish lira deposits and supporting the transition from FX-protected deposits to lira deposits.
Gür also said that some portion of the loan requests started to switch from lira to foreign currency.

The bank executive added that non-performing loans may increase this year.

According to the latest data from the Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency, the share of non-performing loans in total loans was only 1.6 percent as of the end of December 2023.

Akbank will invest a total of $ $200 million in technology in 2024, Gür also said.

The lender earmarked another $600 million for technology investments in the next three years, according to the bank’s executive.

Akbank’s consolidated net income increased by 11 percent in 2023 from the previous year to 66.5 billion liras. Its revenues rose from 103 billion liras to 141.5 billion liras.

The lenders’ total assets grew 66 percent to reach 1.9 trillion liras, while deposits grew 79 percent to 1.3 trillion liras. Source: Hurriyet Daily News

Decision from the Supreme Court: Saying 'Hello' is a reason for divorce! "If Graham Bell heard about it, he would give up on invention"

The Supreme Court issued a decision that will set a precedent in divorce cases. Accordingly, spouses saying "Hello" to each other can be considered a reason for divorce.

The 2nd Civil Chamber of the Supreme Court of Appeals made a decision that will set a precedent in divorce cases. In a divorce case held in Samsun, the first instance court deemed the spouses' different faulty behaviour towards each other, as well as the fact that one of the parties addressed his wife as "Hello", as a fault, and decided to divorce them.

Lawyers for both parties objected to some of the decisions taken in the case and applied to the Regional Court of Justice for appeal review. After the appeal requests were examined, the parties' requests were rejected, and an appeal was made this time.

As a result of the appeal review, the 2nd Civil Chamber of the Supreme Court of Appeals rejected the parties' objections and decided that addressing his wife as "Hello" was a faulty behaviour.

"HELLO' JUST KEEP IT ON THE PHONE"

Citizens also commented on the Supreme Court's decision to consider the word "Alo" as a reason for divorce.

A citizen named Bülent Bozkurt said, “There is also a way to say 'hello'. It's normal to say hello, but it's not what you say, but how you say it that matters. You know, if you say 'Hello' like that, it becomes an insult. Style is important. It is considered a degrading attitude between spouses. Normally, if he filed a lawsuit or complained, that means he is complaining about the situation. Otherwise, there is nothing in the normal word 'Hello'. We have been married for 30 years. “I recommend love, respect, empathy for each other, understanding, cooperation and sharing life together.” said.

His wife, Ayşe Bozkurt, said, “There were other problems, too. We talk sweetly; Like 'My love, my dear'. "Let the word 'Hello' remain only on the phone, and spouses should approach each other with respect and love." he said.

"IF GRAHAM BELL HAD HEARED IT, HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP ON THE INVENTION"

A young man named Yaprak Yılmaz, who was surprised by this decision of the Supreme Court, also mentioned Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone and the word "Hello", and said, "I heard it for the first time. Divorce was very easy in this era. If so, just say 'Hello'. While Graham Bell said, "If he heard this, he would give up on the invention," and a young man named Can Durgun said, "I heard it for the first time, too. The woman used it as an excuse. The woman already wanted a divorce, she used it as an excuse. "I think so," he said.

"I THINK IT'S A VERY SMALL THING FOR MARRIAGE"

A woman named Hatice Aslan, who said that she and her husband have been happily married for 45 years, said, “I think it is a very small thing for a marriage. You will tolerate some things and be patient so that it will last. Old marriages and new marriages are very different. Patience and empathy are necessary. If there are things that cannot be carried, then yes, but even the smallest things are not worth it. First of all, it's a shame for the children. Maybe one of both sides will soon regret what they did and said. It is necessary not to hear it at that moment, but to explain and talk to him calmly at another time, but also to let the other person know that you are disturbed by him. Then you give your responsibility to him and do your duty.” she said.

Her husband Remzi Aslan said, “I think it is unreasonable. We advise them to be patient. “We advise them to be respectful,” he said.
Source: Hurriyet Daily News

Hagia Sophia gets new furry mascot

A new cat has sauntered into the Hagia Sophia mosque's newly opened visiting floor, capturing the hearts of local and foreign tourists in Istanbul and evoking the fond memory of Gli, the beloved feline who passed away in 2020.

As of Jan. 15, the Hagia Sophia was organized as a visiting floor with a gallery and a place of worship, and the entrances were separated. The practice was put forward as a solution to the long queue at the entrance of the historic site.

While the prayer hall of Hagia Sophia is free of charge for worshippers, those who want to see the gallery on the second floor pay 25 euros ($26 dollars).

Visitors of the gallery also get the chance to meet Hagia Sophia's new mascot; the first cat to enter the visiting floor, likened to the famous Gli of the mosque.

The visitors could not resist petting the friendly cat which quickly became a favourite among locals and tourists alike.

Visitors lined up to pet the cat and have their photos taken with it as the cat's contented mood put a smile on their faces. Source: Hurriyet Daily News

RAMADAM HOLIDAY EXTENDED TO 9 DAYS

The Last day of work for Public Sector employees will be Friday 5th of April returning on Monday 15th April 2024.

Public Sector employees are those who work for government departments such as the Tax Office, Council Offices, Residency Office & schools.

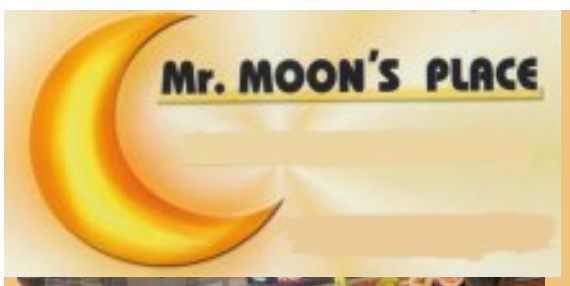
The Banks will be closed from Noon on the 9th of April re-opening at 09:00am on the 15th April.

It is holiday time for the Turkish people. There will be occasions where ATMs will not dispense cash, so it is important to organize your funds in advance where possible.

Upcoming dates:

23 April - Tuesday - National Sovereignty and Children's Day National holiday
1 May - Wednesday Labor and Solidarity Day National holiday

As outlined above, Government Departments and Banks will be closed on 23rd April and 1st May.



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Turkish style rice pilaf with orzo or vermicelli – Sehriyeli Pirinc Pilavı

Ozlem Warren

Pilaf, or pilav as we call, is an important dish for us, Turks.
It accompanies almost every Turkish meal, including our casseroles, meatballs.
The iconic Turkish bean stew, kuru fasulye is always served with pilav, the combination referred as “kuru fasulye - pilav”. Combined with chickpeas, Nohutlu Pilav is another delicious variation and a much loved street food- a meal in itself with pickles, tursu aside.

Turks are passionate about making pilav. Proper Turkish pilav needs to be grainy, “tane tane pilav” as we say, and mastering to make it properly is a real test, traditionally, for a Turkish lady before marriage. Rinsing then soaking the rice in warm water is an important stage, as it helps to get rid of excess starch and make the rice grainy.

We also use either chopped vermicelli like tel sehriye or orzo like arpa sehriye which is sautéed in our rice, which adds additional texture and flavour. Short grain baldo rice is the preferred choice in Turkiye, though I prefer the more widely available long grain rice.

Make sure to let your rice rest for 10 minutes, covered with sturdy paper towel and lid, before serving – paper towel will absorb any excess moisture and make your rice grainy, “tane tane.” Afiyet Olsun.
Author: Ozlem Warren

Recipe type: Pilaf, vegetarian, vegan
Cuisine: Turkish cuisine

Ingredients
200g long grain rice
2tbsp olive oil
3tbsp orzo (or tel sehriye, chopped vermicelli)
420ml hot water
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Instructions

1. Place the rice in a strainer and rinse under running warm water, until the water runs clear. Then place the rice in a bowl and cover with warm water with a pinch of salt and set aside for 15 minutes – this will help get rid of the excess starch.

2. Pour in the olive oil in a medium size pot and stir in the orzo or tel sehriye, vermicelli, sauté over medium to high heat for 3-4 minutes, until it starts to turn dark golden. Drain the excess water in the rice bowl using a strainer and stir the rice into the pot. Stir and combine for 1 – 1 ½ minutes, so that the rice grains coat with the oil too.

3. Stir in hot water, season with salt and freshly ground black pepper and mix to combine. Cover, bring the pot to the boil, and then turn the heat to low. Simmer for 15 minutes, covered; during this cooking time, do not stir the rice. Turn the heat off once the rice is cooked and water is absorbed. Now place 2 sturdy paper towels or clean tea towel over the pot and put the lid back on to seal, and leave to rest for 12-15 minutes. The paper towels will absorb any excess moisture and make your rice grainy, “tane tane pilav”, as we say in Turkish. Fluff the rice with a fork, check the seasoning and add more salt or pepper to your paste and serve. We love pilav rice with pickles, tursu and a dollop of yoghurt aside, as well as along with casseroles.

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Sports around Turkey

Athletes from Aydin returned from the Turkish Championship with medals

Multi-Branch Türkiye Indoor Championship was hosted by Bursa. In the organization held between 7-18 February, young athletes had the opportunity to showcase their talents. Athletes from Aydin, who achieved success in competitions in many categories, returned from the championship with medals.

While the competitions in the Women's U18 category witnessed great excitement, athletes competing in the 60-meter hurdles, high jump, long jump, shot put and 800-meter run competed fiercely. Athlete from Aydın, Tuana Akgün, who showed a remarkable performance among young talents from all over Turkey, won the title of Turkish Champion with her successful performance.

Among the athletes competing in the 60-meter hurdles, 60-meter run, high jump, long jump, shot put, pole vault and 1000-meter run in the Heptathlon branch of the Men's U18 Category, athlete Koray Uygun from Aydın, who left his opponents behind with his performance, became the Turkish Champion.

In the Women's U16 category, in the Triathlon branch, which includes the 60-meter hurdles, long jump and shot put disciplines, athlete Öykü Ceylin Tekdal from Aydın came third in Turkey with her performance. Tekdal, who competed fiercely, crowned his success by winning the bronze medal.

Congratulating the successful performances of the athletes from Aydın, Aydın Youth and Sports Provincial Directorate said in its statement on the subject, "We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this magnificent organization, congratulate our athletes and wish them continued success." (IHA) Soure: Aydin Post

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The best way to store onions

It adds longevity to the onions: This storage method will keep them as fresh as the first day without spoiling until the summer months!

It can be difficult to keep onions, which add flavour to almost every dish in the kitchen, without spoiling. With this storage method, your onions will remain as fresh as the first day without spoiling until the summer months.

Onion, which is indispensable for the flavours it adds to meals, salads and appetizers, is also very beneficial for health. However, there are some tips to consider when storing this healthy food.

There are some techniques to consume onions healthily in every season. With the help of these techniques, your onions neither turn green nor spoil.

Moreover, this method is quite simple to implement. The method that will keep your onions at the same freshness throughout all four seasons and will not cause your onions to be thrown away in a short time...

Paper or cardboard…

The biggest mistake made when storing onions is keeping them in the sun. Onions stored in sunny places take less time to spoil.

When you store onions in a cool and dry place, your onions will not spoil and will remain consumable for a long time.

Of course, you don't just need a cool and dry place; you also need to store it with by-products such as potatoes and garlic. In addition, after making sure that the onions do not get moisture while storing them, the main trick is to put them under the onions in paper or cardboard, which will increase your storage time. Source: Aydin Post

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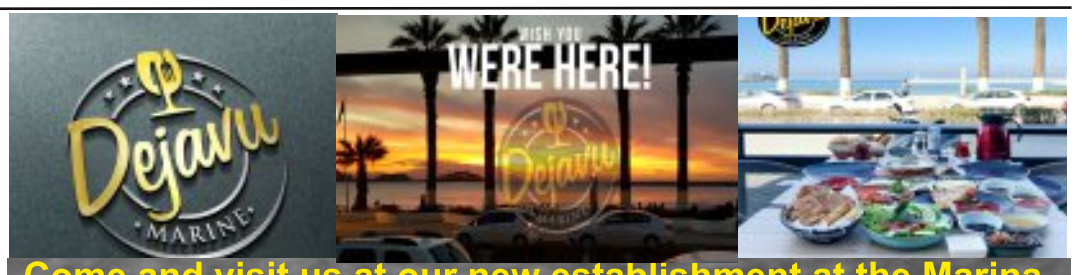

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WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY – 2ND APRIL 2024

World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) aims to put a spotlight on the hurdles that people with autism and others living with autism face every day. As a growing global health issue owing to its increasing exposure in the press and common knowledge, autism is an issue that is only gaining more understanding and WAAD activities are planned every year to further increase and develop world knowledge of children and adults who have autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

What's more, World Autism Awareness Day goes one step further to celebrate the unique talents of those with autism, while putting a huge focus on the warm embrace and welcome that these skills deserve through community events around the globe.

Autism presents in many ways. Sometimes autism can be hard to identify - You may:

- communicate and interact with other people in a certain way.
- need support interpreting other people's thoughts and feelings.
- find things like bright lights or loud noises overwhelming, stressful or uncomfortable.
- get anxious or upset about unfamiliar situations and social events.
- take longer to process information depending on the context, how it is presented or your anxiety level at the time.
- do or think the same things over and over.
- prefer routine and predictability in your life.

Signs of Autism might be noticed when you're very young. But sometimes they're not noticed until you're older.
Autism is not an illness. Autism is a unique way of being. Being autistic does not mean you have an illness or disease. It means your brain works in a different way from other people. If you're autistic, you're autistic your whole life.

Autism is not a medical condition with treatments or a "cure". But some autistic people need support to help them with certain things.
Autism is different for everyone.
Autism is a spectrum. This means it is different for every autistic person.

Some autistic people need little or no support. Others may need help from a parent or support person every day.

Like everyone, autistic people have things they're good at as well as things they struggle with. Being autistic does not mean you can never make friends, have relationships or get a job. But you might need extra support with these things. Being autistic does not have to stop you having a good life.

Autistic people and learning

Some autistic people have average or above average intelligence.
Some autistic people have a different learning style or an intellectual disability. Some people may need help with daily life.
Sensory issues
Some people with autism may have sensory issues.
These may include how they experience:

- texture - they may have issues with food, for example, some foods may feel unpleasant in their mouth.
- lights - for example, office lights may feel too bright in the workplace.
- noises - sounds in school may be overwhelming.

Other names for Autism - Some people use other names for autism, such as:
- autism spectrum disorder (ASD) - the medical name for autism
- Asperger's (or Asperger syndrome) is used by some people to describe autistic people with average or above average intelligence.

More about Asperger's - Doctors do not diagnose people with Asperger's anymore because it's now thought of as part of autism. If you were diagnosed with it in the past, you are now understood to have autism. You do not need to be assessed or diagnosed again. It's not clear what causes autism.
There are probably a number of different causes for autism, but it is not fully understood.

Autism is:
- not caused by bad parenting
- not caused by vaccines, such as the MMR vaccine
- not linked to diet
- not an infection you can spread to other people.

Autistic people often have other conditions, such as:
- attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- dyslexia - issues with reading
- dyspraxia - issues with movement
- mental health problems, such as anxiety, depression, or obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD)
- intellectual disabilities
- epilepsy
- problems sleeping (insomnia)
- problems with joints and other parts of the body

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OUT AND ABOUT IN KUSADASI ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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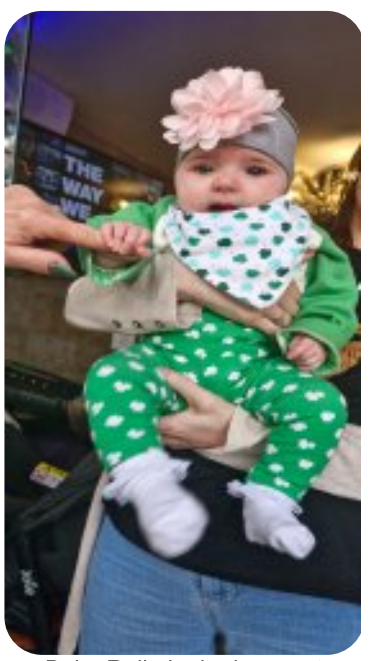

Baby Rojin looked soo cute at DeJavu Centrum

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A group at De Javu Centrum

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Violet, Brendan, Pat, Liz, Mandy, Gerry and Brendan K enjoying the Dent Bar

Mary and Ella enjoyıng the festivities at Dejavu Marina

10 fun facts about Ramadan in Türkiye

Leyla Yvonne Ergi

The holy month of Ramadan is one of the most wonderful times of the year to be in Türkiye. From the spiritual atmosphere to the increased acts of charity and a focus on values, this month will offer a lot of insight into Turkish culture

Ramadan in Türkiye, as in many other predominantly Muslim-majority countries, is a significant and special time. For 30 days, many will embark upon a daylight fast from sunrise to sunset in what is the largest communal fast in the world. This is a sacred time for Muslims, and the fast is also considered to be a sort of spiritual renewal. Whether you practice the fast or not, there are some interesting facts to be aware of during this holiest of months and especially if you happen to be in Türkiye.

Cannon firing for iftar

In some places in Türkiye, a cannon is traditionally fired to signal the beginning of iftar, which is the fast-breaking meal that takes place after sunset. In Istanbul for example, a cannon may be fired in Sultanahmet in a traditional ceremony. The noise can be quite shocking for those unaware of this tradition and so be forewarned that you may hear a big blast nearing sunset.

Ramadan drummers

In some Turkish cities and towns, tradition includes the presence of Ramadan drummers. These drummers, known as " sahur davulcuları," roam the streets before dawn, beating drums to wake people up for sahur, the predawn meal. This can also come as a surprise to those unfamiliar with this tradition, especially toward the end of the fasting month when they may go door to door to receive a tip for their services, which is also par for the custom.

Fresh pide

During the holy month of Ramadan, a special flat bread referred to as “Ramazan pidesi” is prepared by bakeries. A favorite for most Turks, in the late afternoon, when the puffy, large round pide is fresh from the oven, lines may form in front of bakeries solely for people wanting to purchase this pide, which is an integral if not obligatory item on every table set during Ramadan.

Special dishes

Traditional Turkish dishes take center stage during Ramadan. Special iftar staples often include dates, olives, soup and pide that accompany a stew-like vegetable or meat-based dish. Traditional desserts like baklava and güllaç are also popular during this time. Supermarkets will have Ramadan boxes providing the main ingredients or spices for many of these dishes

Public iftar events

Various municipalities, organizations, businesses and even individuals organize large public iftar events, where people come together to break their fasts. These events often take place in public squares or parks, promoting a sense of community and unity.

Sultanahmet lights

The historic Sultanahmet district in Istanbul is adorned with special Ramadan lights during the month. The area around the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque is beautifully illuminated, creating a festive and spiritual atmosphere.

Nightly festivities

In various cities, especially Istanbul, the nights come alive during Ramadan with special events and festivities. Public spaces, mosques and marketplaces are often beautifully illuminated, and there may be cultural and religious events throughout the month. Many people like to take a walk after the fast-breaking iftar meal and so pedestrian areas will be more crowded than usual and some shops and markets will stay open later.

Shadow puppetry

Türkiye’s "Hacivat and Karagöz" shadow puppetry used to be performed at the palatial grounds and would feature at events held during Ramadan in the Ottoman Empire. While the practice has greatly diminished, during this month it can be revived in a throwback to Ottoman times in special Ramadan events geared toward children.

TV series and special programs

Television channels in Türkiye often adjust their programming during Ramadan to include religious shows, special dramas and cultural programs that align with the spirit of the month. These programs attract a wide viewership and the drama series are referred to as "Ramazan Dizileri."

Transportation changes

There is an important rule of thumb regarding transportation and traffic during the month of Ramadan and that is to do your best to avoid heading somewhere close to iftar. In Istanbul, iftar is at approximately 7:15 p.m., while in Ankara it is around 7 p.m. due to the timing being defined by the movement of the moon. While the hour leading up to iftar will be an extremely crowded time for transportation and traffic, once iftar starts the opposite will be the case and suddenly the streets will be quiet. Public transportation services are increased during the month of Ramadan such as the Istanbul metro running until 1 a.m.

Keep in mind that drivers may also be additionally agitated nearing the hour of iftar as well as throughout the day due to the challenges of maintaining the fast. Taxis especially may not want to take customers close to the time of iftar as they may want to join their family for the fast-breaking feast. The key here is to have empathy and compassion and to be aware that for a vast majority of people here in Türkiye, adhering to their religious obligations this month will be their main priority. Source: Leyla Yvonne Ergil...for more great artıcles ın Englısh go to: https://www.dailysabah.com/

WHAT MAKES TURKISH FAMILY LIFE REALLY TICK SO WELL?

Written by: Klaus Jurgens

The other day and whilst being assigned for a week-long documentary project working with a European based television network in France before returning home to Kuşadası early this month of March, your friendly columnist visited the home of a lady originally hailing from Türkiye who had agreed to tell us her story live on camera; not simply a tale playing to the viewer's gallery but a serious reflection about the quality of life, about work, about differences or similarities between two countries – basically, a feature about day-to-day events, an insight into two or even more cultures yet at the end of the filming one thing became crystal clear: we live in an intertwined world, we do actually share the same core values, we are basically one.

Nevertheless, the issue that interested me most whilst having the chance to interview her together with a colleague and our local host so that language was no obstacle as on that occasion it was a joint venture involving individuals speaking various different languages, i.e. Turkish, German, French and Spanish, were questions about family life.

We mentioned in the preceding paragraph that as global earthlings we all share common aspirations and feelings but is it at the same moment not correct to say that when beginning a conversation with a person from Türkiye, more often than not the first comments or questions would be about family? Think, how is your husband or wife? Consider, how are the children doing? Then, what about your grandparents? It comes naturally over here and as we witnessed once again, comes naturally over there as well.

To let you in on a number of personal experiences comparing them with what our kind interview partner explained – here we go.

My daughter goes to the hair stylist!

Initially it took me quite some time. Born in Germany what back then was still West Germany, grown halfway to a man in London, later on embarking on living with family in Paris in France it is reasonably accurate to say that a certain international approach to managing ones' affairs happened naturally.

Marriage soon came my way – the happiest day of my life only to be topped by having our first daughter joining our global community here in Türkiye who herself by now has embarked on a hopefully long-lasting relationship. History repeats itself, as they say.

But what I really wanted to hint at is the one thing that took me quite some time to appreciate as mentioned above: even if you are a man of a certain mature age and luckily having entered Turkish family life you are always treated not only as a valued and cherished member of that very extended family but by having become part and parcel of that institution, too, have no chance but to oblige by its written or mostly unwritten rules.

The first such item on any new arrival's integrating agenda is to accept the fact that your wife's mum is the leader of the gang so to speak. Her daughter may be married for 30 years, her grandchildren long out of the house but either by regular face-to-face contacts or by daily telephone alerts she would exert control. Not in any negative fashion – but just to make sure she knows everything.

Which brings us to our next observation - even if her husband would be the only breadwinner which of course in these modern and economically challenging times is rather unlikely everywhere on our shared planet – she would figuratively speaking be running her household according to her devices. Time of dinner? Time for cleaning? Time for calling most fellow family members and in particular own children? Preparing for eventual holidays?

The good news is that once we have adapted to this relatively new family territory, we soon learn how to manage it to everyone's liking and advantage. We no longer question the influence of the lady of the house but actively support her. We listen, we talk, we cooperate. Instead of constantly saying, 'you are wrong', we start by explaining our background and considerations. Conversation and dialogue is the key to success.

And sometime thereafter we find out that the way Turkish mum's and Turkish families in general are managed is actually perfect. Our individualism is soon mirrored by solidarity. Our ideas of 'I decide everything' is shortly paired with 'let's do it together'. Need a helping hand? Done. Need another family member to collect your own little ones from school? No question. Homework support across languages? No question. Ran into a little financial trouble? Only question is who helps first. Then you return the favours. And then some more.

Hence, and in case you wondered, on to the somewhat tricky subject of the hair stylist. When asked about her children - three in total – our French TV interview guest happily told us two already out of the house, whilst her 17-year-old third daughter still lives at home. With many different linguistic and country backgrounds coming to the fore it is logic that questions arose with regards to that young adult's thoughts and plans for the future, including living where and how once raising a family many years later herself.

Proud mum said, let us wait a little and then we will see. Daughter replied, of course I have friends and go out with them. And then in one of the most diplomatic comments I had heard for many a year her mum said, if there would be a first romantic relationship in the making once she turned 18, she would probably say, 'I go to the hair stylist'. Daughter smiled, mum smiled, TV crew smiled.

Listening, learning, communicating, talking, understanding – the Turkish way of life, our global way of life. Having met our Turkish interview partner whilst being away from Türkiye for a few weeks let me realize once again how blessed we are indeed being here, being part of that amazing social fabric. It may take time, but every minute was well spent.

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Supporting local charities

By Karen Froggatt

It's been another busy month for the ARK team of volunteers.

As usual, we responded to numerous calls for assistance from concerned individuals, as well as identifying cases of need ourselves. 25 cats and 5 dogs received veterinary treatment - some relatively minor and some life-threatening.

The recently reconstituted ARK Committee is now starting to focus on achieving the objectives we set ourselves after the January General Meeting. As you'll imagine, there's always lots to do!

Animal neutering continues to be top of our list of priorities, supported by Kusadasi Belediyesi (Council) who neuter street animals free of charge. However, catching street animals can be very difficult (and time-consuming), particularly those who view human beings with suspicion and fear. Using funds donated by our amazing supporters we've been able to acquire so much better cat-catching equipment and aim to get more soon. When catching cats, we remind ourselves that the average female cat can give birth to around 180 kittens in its lifetime, which demonstrates how crucial the neutering programme is.

We continue to operate feeding programmes in some areas of low population (thanks to some wonderful individual supporters), including at Ephesus, where there were over 130 cats at the last count! We desperately need to avoid expansion of the cat population in Ephesus, though it is outside the Kusadasi geographical area, therefore we need to find other solutions.

Although the panel of vets we use (Nevzat, Cagdas and Pandora) help us enormously – not least with advice to assist with the many challenges which arise - costs obviously continue to rise. Donations from people who share our passion for animal welfare are our lifeblood. I'm delighted to report that there'll we now have a new donations mechanism which will accept donations in multiple currencies, thanks to Shawn Parsons – one of ARK's volunteer Board/Committee members. Shawn's patience knows no bounds but has been severely tested by the demands and bureaucracy we often face. It's certainly much easier to operate charitable organisations in the UK and I'm sure in many other countries than it is in Turkey ….

Regarding our projects (which there's a growing list of), we're desperate to attract more volunteers, whether that be feeding programmes, catching animals for neutering, helping at events or involvement in a multitude of other things that the ARK team does. Please let us know if you can help - even if just for a few hours a month.

On our list of objectives is for ARK to have influence on animal welfare practices and legislation as broadly as possible. We are increasingly engaging with HAYTAP, the Turkey-wide animal welfare organisation and aim to work with them to drive change.

The holiday season is fast approaching us. As usual, we'll be involved in a number of events and activities to help us raise funds, as well as to raise our profile and attract ongoing donations and awareness. In April we'll be celebrating ARK's 6th birthday and hope to do it in style. Please look out for news of forthcoming events and activities, but here's a specific date for your diary - Friday 21st of June. This is the date of our 'White Party' (an American tradition), when we'll celebrate the first day of summer with a high-profile event. Following the success of last year's event this year's venue needed to have greater capacity. I'm delighted to report that it will be held at Seckin Saklik Bahce (Secret Garden). I often think that this beautiful restaurant is one of Kusadasi's best kept secrets, though it has been there since the 1970s and still has the same owner. It has stunning views, fabulous food, and an amazing ambience. Further details will be available in coming weeks. I encourage you not to miss it….

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank my colleagues on the ARK Committee and Board, who spend considerable time and attention aiming to make ARK as successful as it possibly can be. We want to alleviate hunger and suffering and to ensure that street animals receive the love and care they deserve. I'd also like to thank the small team who volunteer their time at the Belidiye's animal shelter. They see first-hand the impact of accidents, illness and sometimes abuse, and continue to do a fabulous job supporting the Belediye team with their tasks, while also giving the animals lots of love, cuddles, and individual attention.

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MUSIC AND FASHION

Lady Gaga knows her listeners are eager for updates on her upcoming seventh studio album.
On March 26, while speaking with YouTuber NikkieTutorials, the “Bad Romance” singer assured her fans, known as Little Monsters, that “I’m working as fast as I can” to finish it.

“I will say that I am feeling deeply inspired right now and I’m so excited for everything that I have to show all the fans,” Gaga said in a clip from the interview posted to social media. “I’m deeply grateful for everybody’s excitement in my creativity.”

While details on what her new music will sound like are sparse, the Oscar and Grammy winner did share on her Instagram page in February that she’s “not making a rock album.”

She has also been dropping hints on her Instagram page in recent months showcasing photos of herself in the recording studio, playing the piano and sharing in a post that she’s “writing lyrics in bed.”

It has been four years since Gaga released a studio album, last dropping her dance-centric album “Chromatica” in 2020. But in the meantime – and to be fair – the multi-hyphenate star has been busy.

Gaga has been hard at work filming the hotly anticipated “Joker” sequel titled “Joker: Folie à Deux,” which wrapped production in April of last year and is coming out in October.

In the sequel, which is billed as a musical, Gaga plays Harley Quinn alongside Joaquin Phoenix, who is reprising his titular role as the Joker.

In 2020, Phoenix won a best actor Oscar for his performance as the twisted DC villain. Ref: Haberin Devamı

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English, Korean, Spanish songs popular in Turkey

According to the research, which examined 1,899 foreign songs according to language and genre, English songs are the most listened to after Turkish ones.

They are followed by Korean and Spanish songs.

The Research on Foreign Music Listening Habits in Türkiye was conducted by eliminating the Turkish songs among more than 5,000 songs and using the remaining 1,899 songs.

The research showed that nine out of 10 foreign songs listened to by Turkish listeners are in English.

Speaking about the research, Preply Europe Regional Manager Director Mustafa Ali Sivişoğlu said, “The music contents published by various platforms at the end of the year shed light on popular songs in Turkey, but they do not offer a comprehensive insight into foreign-language songs. The research shows that 92 percent of the most listened-to songs in a foreign language are in English.

Despite this dominance of English, it is not surprising that Korean takes second place. Popular Korean TV series and the K-pop movement, which has become a trend all over the world lately, make Korean a popular language through the most listened to K-pop groups with strong fan bases such as BTS.”Sivişoğlu stated that among the nearly 2,000 foreign songs examined in the research, languages such as Spanish, French, Hindi, Albanian, Arabic and Dutch also entered the list.

“We believe that dances performed with different songs on short video platforms may be behind the popularity of these languages.
The fact that songs in languages such as Albanian and Hindi attract attention from all over the world helps these songs to be among the most listened-to songs on other platforms.

We see that Turkey's most listened to foreign songs are produced in a total of 13 languages, which shows that Turkish listeners are willing to listen to universal notes even if they do not know their meaning,” he said.Stating that they also studied the most popular foreign singers in Turkey to enrich the research, Sivişoğlu said, “On the list of the most popular foreign songs, we listed the artists with the most songs.
Among the singers who appear on these lists with more than 15 songs, The Weeknd was the winner of the list with 55 songs.
The Weeknd was followed by Ariana Grande. South Korea's BTS became the third most popular foreign artist in Turkey with 47 songs.

When we look at worldwide data, we can say that Turkish listeners follow global trends closely with their interest in names such as The Weeknd and Ariana Grande.”

The Environment

Earthquakes hit manufacturing in southern provinces: Report

The devastating earthquakes that hit 11 southern provinces in February last year have impacted the labour market and the manufacturing sector in those regions, according to a report by the Presidency of Strategy and Budget.

The earthquakes killed nearly 54,000 people in early February in 2023.

Skilled labour has left the quake-hit cities to find jobs in other parts of the country, while those who remained in the affected provinces shifted from the manufacturing sector to the construction industry.

The impacts of the earthquakes were far-reaching, as documented in the report. Exports from quake-hit provinces have declined by $2.9 billion.

The share of those 11 provinces in Türkiye's total export revenues shrank from 10.2 percent to 9 percent. The exports were most affected in the provinces of Osmaniye, Hatay and Kahramanmaraş.

On top of that, workers previously employed in the manufacturing sector started to work in the construction sector after the earthquakes, causing a shortage of labour in the manufacturing industry.

The manufacturing sector was dealt another blow as businesses in those regions cancelled orders, while manufacturing companies' machinery were heavily damaged.

The share of industry in the regional GDP of the earthquake-hit provinces was 29.7 percent, while services accounted for 43.5 percent.

People living in the earthquake-hit provinces have become more dependable on state support. The number of people on social welfare increased from 1.8 million in 2022 to nearly 2 million last year.

The poverty among the elderly spread following the disaster, according to the report.

The size of a household in the affected provinces is 3.7 people, above the country's average.

The government allocated 1 trillion Turkish Liras in the 2024 budget to finance the earthquake-related expenditure, corresponding to 9.3 percent of the central government budget.

The combined share of those 11 provinces in Türkiye's national income was 9.9 percent or around $89.7 billion as of the end of 2022, while per capita income in those areas was $6,317, which was also below the country average.

Despite the devastating effects of the twin quakes, the Turkish economy remained resilient, growing around 4.7 percent in the first nine months of 2022.
The reports noted that the economic growth was driven largely by consumption.

"With the migration from the affected regions to the other provinces, the demand spread throughout the country and the basic needs of those affected by the earthquakes together with the expenditures made to meet the need for goods and services," it said.

The report concluded the contraction in domestic demand that might have occurred due to earthquakes was only limited as a result of those developments.

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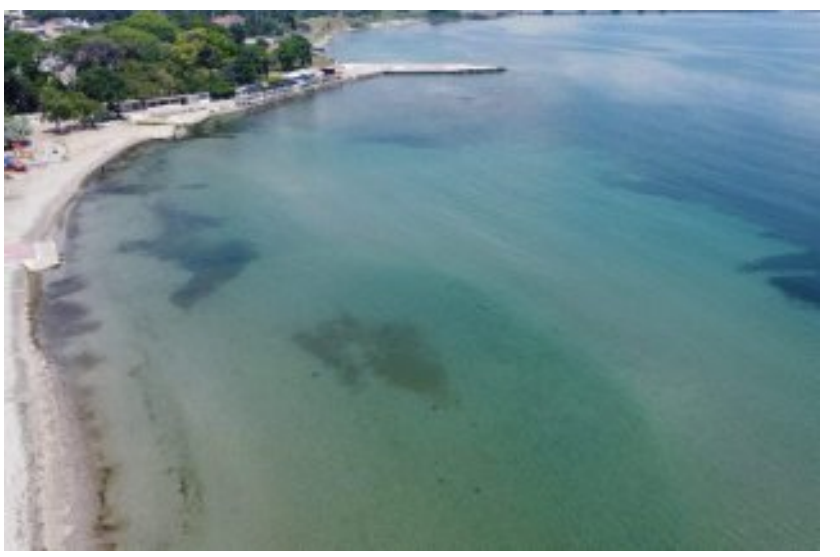
The Environment

Rising temps in Marmara Sea spark environmental concerns



The surge in temperatures played a significant role in environmental issues, notably contributing to the mucilage problem experienced in the region and the dissolved oxygen in water affecting marine life.

The Marmara Sea has witnessed a significant increase of 2.5 degrees Celsius (4.5 degrees Fahrenheit) in water temperature since 1970, a trend attributed to the escalating global warming and climate change, according to insights shared by professor Lokman Hakan Tecer, dean of the Engineering Faculty at Namık Kemal University (NKÜ) Çorlu.

Tecer highlighted a stark rise in long-term average temperatures, from 15.3 degrees Celsius in 1970 to 17.8 degrees Celsius last year, signaling a worrisome surge.

Emphasizing the broader trend in rising water temperatures around Türkiye's surrounding seas, Tecer noted substantial increases in the Aegean, Mediterranean and Black Seas over the past five decades. The Marmara Sea, particularly affected, experienced a staggering 0.9-degree increase, while the nearby Black Sea witnessed nearly a 1-degree rise. Similarly, the Aegean Sea rose by 1.4 degrees, and the Mediterranean registered an increase of 1.2 degrees.

Highlighting the profound environmental implications of rising temperatures, Tecer linked this phenomenon to adverse effects in aquatic ecosystems. The surge in temperatures played a role in significant environmental issues, notably contributing to the mucilage problem experienced in the region.

Moreover, he underscored the critical importance of dissolved oxygen in water for marine life. With rising temperatures, the concentration of dissolved oxygen decreases, impacting the living conditions of aquatic organisms. This decrease in oxygen levels poses a threat to marine life and has contributed to the decline in fish species.

Recent reports indicated a notable shift in the fish population within the Marmara Sea, witnessing a decline in certain species while observing an increase in others like jellyfish and stingrays. Tecer attributed the increase in sea temperature not solely to mucilage but also to the broader effects of global temperature rises due to climate change. He noted that while wastewater discharge into the sea, including cooling and heated sources, could have a localized effect, the primary driver of rising temperatures remained climate change and the overarching global warming phenomenon.

In essence, Tecer stressed that combatting climate change and addressing global warming remains pivotal in mitigating the environmental impacts and safeguarding the delicate balance of aquatic ecosystems in the Marmara Sea and beyond. Source: Daily Sabah. You will find more articles in English at dailysabah.com/

UN Int'l Day of Zero Waste – 30th March 2024

The United Nations has hosted an event to mark the second International Day of Zero Waste, highlighting a project initiated in Türkiye aimed at reducing waste burden, with Turkish first lady Emine Erdoğan calling for tangible steps towards sustainability.

March 30 was declared as International Day of Zero Waste by a United Nations General Assembly resolution in 2022.

In a video message sent to the event in New York, Erdoğan pointed out that every day, an amount of plastic equivalent to 2,000 garbage trucks is dumped into the oceans, rivers and lakes.
"Does it sit well with our conscience that a plastic island the size of a continent floating in the ocean is the work of this century's humanity? If humanity were truly making progress, shouldn't this progress make the world a more civilized and humane place?" she asked.

Drawing from bitter experiences of climate change and environmental pollution, she stressed the need to both combat these challenges and take tangible steps towards sustainability in the context of the responsibility to future generations.

Erdoğan also expressed satisfaction that the Zero Waste project initiated in 2017 has evolved into a global movement by a U.N. General Assembly resolution.

In a video message, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres also conveyed his gratitude to Türkiye for its vision and leadership.
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