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British con woman dupes Turkish estate agent

A 'British conwoman' has allegedly made off with €400,000 after duping a Turkish estate agent and swapping an envelope filled with cash.

The suspected thief, known only as Florentina G., is said to have executed the scam in Istanbul on July 3 by faking an interest in a luxurious apartment worth €4million in the city.
It is believed that she told the estate agent she wanted to buy the property on behalf of her company and suggested increasing the price from €3.2million to €4million so the two of them could split an €800,000 commission.

It is said that he agreed, but she claimed before they could finalise the deal she needed to check he had enough money to pay her, her half of the commission once the sale had gone through.
But when at his office she is suspected of secretly switching the envelope containing €400,000 in cash, for an envelope of Iranian rials worth only $5,000.
The estate agent claimed the woman first called him with an offer that her company would 'arrange the sale' of the property but first she needed to check that he had enough money to be able to split the commission.

Florentina and her alleged accomplice are understood to have flown in from London on the morning of July 3 for the meeting, which she attended alone.
When at the agent's office, she asked to check his half on the money, which he had in cash in an envelope, after examining it she allegedly put it into her purse.
He claimed he protested saying, 'you will get the commission when the sale is completed', and that she did not argue and removed the envelope from her bag and handed it back to him.
However, it is during this moment that she is suspected of secretly switching his money for Iranian rials worth only $5,000 and pocketing his 400,000 euros.
When he later checked the envelope and realised that he no longer had the cash, he alerted the police.

The police launched a swift investigation where they said they discovered she had gone to the local shopping centre to change her appearance by buying new clothes.
Before meeting back up with her alleged accomplice and heading to the airport.

Her partner was later caught by the authorities on route to Berlin with $15,000 cash on him. He told the police he did not know the suspect and that the money on him was his.
Florentina however allegedly managed to board a flight to Paris and successfully leave the country.
The Istanbul Police have been approached for comment. Source: Lettice Bromovsky https://www.dailymail.co.uk/

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Everyone is struggling with the heat as the weather reaches 40 degrees.
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It should not be left to our paw friends to help them reach areas that they can reach in a clean way that does not hurt them. Source: https://www.kusadasiolay.com/

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Artificial Intelligence – threat or opportunity for Kuşadasi, wider region?

By: Klaus Jurgens

Six articles, one almost two thirds of a page long, plus a frontpage header and all packaged into a 24 pages broadsheet newspaper, here as read in the Financial Times whilst collecting my usual load of UK publications whenever back home in the country, this time in mid-July.
Which subject am I referring to: perhaps Formula 1, a financial meltdown here or there, or the economic impact of Taylor Swift's massive concert tour on Britain's hospitality sector? Not at all – the hottest topical pick during an equally hot English summer (unless it rains as earlier that month) is Artificial Intelligence, or in short AI.

Let us first learn from the experts in the field: IBM states that 'Artificial intelligence, or AI, is technology that enables computers and machines to simulate human intelligence and problem-solving capabilities.'

Sounds harmless, does it not? But there is so much more to it, there are strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats involved (SWOT). Let me give examples: we humans are prone to make mistakes, learning by doing so to speak. Can a machine by telling us in advance what not to do help us out? Then the weaknesses – a machine only is as good as what we humans initially told that very machine about what and what not to do. Would AI thus simply copy human errors into its own actions? Opportunities there are and quite a lot as well – think helping with repetitive tasks in the workplace to be streamlined or actually carried out by a machine. Which brings us to the fourth item in the SWOT analysis introduced here: does AI pose a threat to our own livelihoods by taking away your and my jobs?

We shall now focus on my own profession, media and communications, so that I can make my point. Writing and if you really want to be more than merely moderately good requires time, research, and then some more time. Readers soon get used to the way you compose your contributions, every good writer has her or his unique style.

Your friendly columnist yesterday asked ChatGPT to help me out with a story about Kuşadası. I asked can you help me write an essay about 'Tourism in Kusadasi Türkiye'. AI would not know yet the new spelling for Turkey, that is Türkiye, neither can it automatically spell out the Turkish alphabet, but I tried my luck by suggesting 'Kusadasi' in English spelling, 'Türkiye' in Turkish alphabet spelling. First reply, within less than 30 seconds:
'Great choice! Kusadasi, Turkey, is a vibrant place with a lot of cultural and historical significance. How about we weave a story that captures the essence of tourism in Kusadasi, maybe with a touch of adventure or mystery? What do you think?'

We then continued and AI proposed a kind of mystery tale to attract readers to Kuşadası, visiting a cave nearby and so on and so forth. I could have easily composed my complete article for the August 2024 edition of The Ege Eye by pressing a few more buttons, job done, off to the next column or book chapter.

But not that fast please: unless I would have added which cave AI promoted my article would have been useless and you, dear readers, would have at once suspected that Klaus had hired a ghostwriter as the wordings did not reflect his usual style levels and rightly so. Now a second example, this time about London, again written by a machine on the spot upon me prompting the words 'London' and 'overcrowding': 'London, a bustling metropolis renowned for its rich history, cultural diversity, and economic prowess, faces the challenge of overcrowding—a pressing issue that shapes its urban landscape and social dynamics. The phenomenon of overcrowding in London is multifaceted. With a population exceeding 9 million people, the city is not only the capital of the United Kingdom but also a global hub for finance, culture, and tourism. Its attractiveness as a place to live and work has led to a steady influx of people from around the world, contributing to the strain on housing, transportation, and public services. Housing scarcity and affordability are significant concerns in London.'

I might have gotten away with the latter one – rather academic, correct, and even critical with regards to affordable housing in the capital. Which brings us to a certain worrying conclusion: AI receives more requests writing about London than other cities or countries, is thus 'western oriented'. I was told the more users ask for a specific topic, the better content ChatGPT will provide for. In order to do this, we need to be constantly chatting with ChatGPT (pun intended) as the machine improves its knowledge base the more people ask or contribute with specific topics and questions. Scary, is it not? So: we humans basically help to make AI better the more we engage with it online? But who monitors us, who prevents fake news from entering the AI knowledge pool, who manages propaganda attempts or even worse, hate speech? If 20 000 users ask via a troll system 'hate speech is good, right' maybe one day AI 'thinks' well, by sheer numbers of requests it must be good?

That was the more complicated side of AI. If we talk about Kuşadası and our southern Aegean region we might start approaching AI from a different angle. The field of education springs to mind as schools and nearby universities could use AI to enhance the quality and scope of teaching, imagine automatic translations into ten languages of a certain subject matter or students using AI from home to compare twenty book chapters, not just the one teacher handout in photocopied (expensive and environmentally unfriendly fashion). AI could help devise management strategies in our small and medium sized enterprises, consider marketing or cross-border sales. AI might support town halls citizens applications and access to services by starting using mobile phones and thus drastically reduce waiting times in public offices. AI can help design environmentally friendly houses – one of my architect friends here in Türkiye is doing just that – and there are so many more agenda items. AI is not a Wikipedia 2.0 – it can become the most revolutionary technological advancement since the advent of the internet decades ago.

Education, hotel and hospitality sectors, public services to repeat only three of the points made in the paragraphs above – my final verdict: AI is here to stay, we humans must make it work the way we need it in a democratic manner and ultimately it will make the workplace and our daily lives better but these are the early AI days. But AI must become a global feature and not just something reserved for developed nations such as Türkiye or the United Kingdom, think Global North versus Global South.

Why don't you try it once for yourself? No PR but the basic AI ChatGPT version is for free, play around a little and surprise your loved ones with a love letter written by a machine… my guess, sooner or later they will find out.
And above all else – meeting face to face is best and will always be. Machines can never take away that special feeling, luckily.

ENVIRONMENT

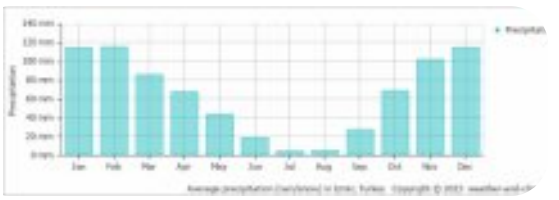
Izmir's soil parched, Turkish expert urges action against wildfires

A member of the Turkish Academy of Sciences (TÜBA) has sounded the alarm over the severe drought affecting Izmir, a popular Turkish holiday destination recently plagued by wildfires. The region's soil has dried out, necessitating immediate action to prevent further devastation.

Professor Doğan Yaşar, a member of the Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Change Working Group, highlighted the alarming conditions in the western city. "This year, Izmir received very little rainfall, which prevented the soil from retaining moisture. Coupled with temperatures about 4 degrees Celsius (7 degrees Fahrenheit) above average, even the smallest spark can ignite a widespread fire," he explained.

The wildfires, which began in June and intensified in July, have ravaged forests, scrublands and agricultural areas across the region. The combination of minimal rainfall and high temperatures has left the soil extremely dry, making it highly susceptible to ignition.

"From Buca to Bergama, nearly every area is burning daily," Yaşar stated. "Izmir recorded the least rainfall in Türkiye this June, with just 0.4 millimetres of rain. May also saw no significant precipitation. Similarly, (the province of) Aydın received the lowest rainfall in May. Without moisture, the soil dries out, and with temperatures about 4 degrees above average, even the slightest spark can turn everything into tinder."



Last July, Izmir experienced record-breaking temperatures of 43.2 degrees Celsius (109.76 degrees Fahrenheit) and sea temperatures of 32.7 degrees. However, the wildfires were not as severe due to relatively cooler and wetter conditions in May and June, which saw double the average rainfall.
"Despite the extreme heat and broken records last year, the wildfires were not as impactful because May and June were cooler and wetter," Yaşar noted.

"This year, we are paying a heavy price for the extreme drought in May and June, exacerbated by human error. We have lost significant areas."
Yaşar emphasized that human activities are the primary cause of these fires.
"Ninty percent of wildfires in Türkiye are caused by humans, primarily due to stubble burning and barbecuing. The main reason for the rapid increase in fires is the extreme dryness of the soil due to excessive heat," he said.

"Once a fire starts, it spreads uncontrollably, especially in July, the windiest month, which further fuels the fires."
According to the expert, immediate action is crucial to mitigate the impact of these wildfires and prevent further loss of valuable land and resources in Izmir.
https://www.dailysabah.com/

Wildfire near Turkey's Izmir airport halts flights

A wildfire that broke out in a forested area near Turkey's İzmir airport forced the airport to shut down and flights were diverted to nearby cities, budget carrier Pegasus said on July 18.
Pegasus said the İzmir Adnan Menderes Airport had been closed temporarily and its inbound flights were diverted to and landed at Bodrum Airport, in a statement on social media platform X.
As of 20 July, flights have been continued to be delayed as the fire extinguishing efforts continue nearby the airport.
Turkish authorities dispatched 7 planes and 16 helicopters to fight the fire, along with 35 fire trucks, a local governor's office said.
As the flames approached about 100 meters away from the houses in the Gaziemir district, the residents also joined the fight against fire, having a hard time due to heavy smoke.

As the flames threatened the neighboring houses, police and gendarmerie teams evacuated the residents. Beehives and barns in the area were also evacuated due to the fire.

A fire broke out in the forest area in the Foça district of İzmir as well.

The fire, which spread with the effect of the wind, was also effective in the Gendarmerie Commando Anti-Terrorist Operations School Command campus.

The fire, which started at noon, could only be brought under control in the evening.
Şahin Dönertaş, the Forestry Management Manager, who was in the pick-up truck that overturned during the extinguishing of a forest fire near in İzmir's Bergama district, died on July 18.
As of July 19, firefighter teams have been also continuing to work against a fire broke out in the agricultural field in Altıeylül district of Balıkesir province in July 18.

The governor's office stated that the fire started with a spark during hay baling in the field and spread to the forest.
The Balıkesir Governor's Office stated that grain harvesting and baling operations with combine harvesters were banned between 19-20 July in order to reduce the risk of fire in agricultural lands across the province.

Two of three people detained in connection with the fire were released while one suspect has been still in detention.
As the scorching heats and low precipitation affects Turkey, the number of fires increased throughout the country.

One of the main factors causing the fires in country is human-induced, particularly during the harvesting time. https://www.duvarenglish.com/

50cc motorcycle users are in trouble! 4 ministries are preparing to impose fines.

The Ministry of Treasury and Finance has acted regarding the import of motorcycles with an engine capacity of less than 50 cc to Turkey and increasing it to over 100 cc, thus avoiding the MTV.

The Ministry is preparing to impose penalties on drivers who increase the capacity of motorcycles with a cylinder capacity of 50 cc to a different cylinder capacity and the companies that do this!

The Ministry of Treasury and Finance has taken action for 50 cc motorcycles, which are in demand due to their affordable prices and exemption from tax and traffic insurance.

An investigation was launched after it was determined that importers brought engines with a cylinder volume of 50 cc to Turkey in order to evade the Motor Vehicle Tax (MTV) and then imported parts such as piston kits to increase the capacity to over 100 cc and assembled them in Turkey.

It was revealed that some vendors brought 125cc motorcycles from abroad to the country as 50cc and then increased the volume again with a high volume cylinder kit.

In line with the situation in question, it was determined that the companies importing motorcycles committed tax irregularities. On the other hand, it was determined that the motorcycles imported to the country as 50cc had a large market share due to being used with a B license.

LEGAL REGULATIONS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR 50 CC MOTORS

According to Neşe Karanfil's report; Work has begun to make arrangements for 50 cc motorcycles for which Motor Vehicle Tax (MTV) is not paid and traffic insurance cannot be obtained.

Due to the poor economic conditions in Turkey, after the austerity policy was implemented and the austerity measures announced in the public sector, companies importing low-volume engines were focused on.

According to information obtained from the Treasury and Finance Ministry sources, work has begun to take steps to prevent this situation.

COMPANIES DO NOT PROVIDE TRAFFIC INSURANCE FOR 50 CC MOTORS

On the other hand, although many citizens want to have traffic insurance in order not to suffer any damage in the event of a traffic accident, this attempt is unsuccessful. Traffic insurance companies avoid this process by using the lack of legislation for 50cc motorcycles as an excuse.

FOUR MINISTRIES TOOK ACTION AGAINST 50 CC MOTORCYCLES AT ONCE

The Ministry of Treasury and Finance is not the only one taking action regarding the steps to be taken regarding 50 cc motorcycles.

In fact, the Ministry of Industry and Technology, the Ministry of Trade and the Ministry of Interior are also preparing to get involved in the issue due to the fact that the volume increase process is not legal and the motorcycles violate both the type approval certificate. Thus, it is planned to take the necessary steps to impose penalties on those who import, sell and use 50 cc motorcycles.

TO BE INSPECTED AT INSPECTION STATIONS

It is planned to put vehicle inspection stations into operation to determine whether the motorcycles in question are brought to Turkey with a capacity of 100 or more instead of the 50cc shown. Another item on the agenda is to change the content of the tests carried out at vehicle inspection stations and to detect motorcycles with increased cylinder volumes and to ban them from traffic. https://www.milligazete.com.tr/

Ministry of Trade , Ministry of Interior , Ministry of Treasury and Finance , Motorcycle , tax

Warning for anyone heading to Turkey this summer

Turkey is a beautiful country for a holiday, but it pays to know the law of the land before you travel.

For travellers heading to Turkey for a summer getaway, there are a couple of weird rules that could see tourists in hot water if they break them.

Anyone heading to Turkey should be aware that there are strict laws in place about the flag - it is illegal to burn or deface it in any way, and this includes miniature replicas of it - like those on money.

Even though the chances of any sensible holiday maker burning cash are relatively low, it pays to keep in mind that you could face criminal prosecution or fines.

Writing on money or tearing it up could also see you in hot water for the same reason.

As well as these laws, it's also illegal to speak ill of the nation of Turkey on social media.

Another law in Turkey which could catch out tourists is that it's illegal to not always have some form of identification on you.

Citizens, non-citizens, residents and tourists are all required to carry ID on them 24/7, and Turkish police have been known to carry out spot checks, especially in crowded areas. Failure to show ID upon request could lead to a fine, so it's always better to have your passport or some other form of identification on you for safekeeping.

Snapping pictures could also get you into trouble - it's illegal to take photos of, or near the Turkish military or military spaces.

There might be some leeway if you ask politely but overall, it's better to be safe than sorry. Source: https://www.mirror.co.uk/

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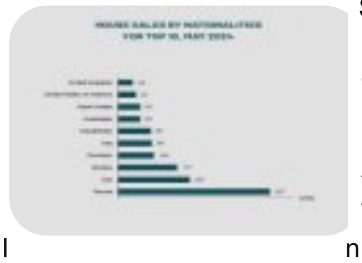
The Economy- House sales continue to Decline



Statistics released in early July - The number of housing sales across Turkey decreased by 2.4 percent in May compared to the same month last year, reaching 110,588.
Turkish Statistical Institute (TUIK) announced the housing sales statistics for May.

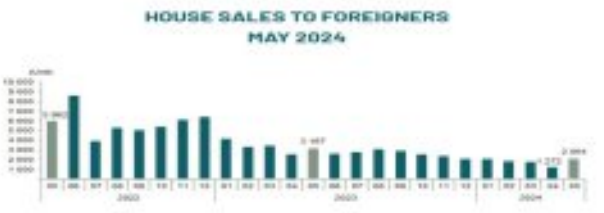
Accordingly, the number of house sales across Turkey decreased by 2.4 percent in May compared to the same month last year, falling to 110,588.
I n the January-May period, sales decreased by 3.4 percent compared to the same period last year, falling to 465,761.

Istanbul was the province with the highest share in housing sales in May, with 18,814.
This city was followed by Ankara with 9,861 house sales and Antalya with 6,306.

The provinces with the lowest housing sales were Bayburt with 37, Ardahan with 46 and Hakkari with 60.

Sales to foreigners fell by 34.8 percent

In May, 2,064 houses were sold to foreigners. These sales decreased by 34.8 percent on an annual basis in May. The share of house sales to foreigners in total house sales was determined as 1.9 percent.



Antalya took first place in sales to foreigners with 797 houses. This city was followed by Istanbul with 668 houses and Mersin with 164 houses.

House sales to foreigners decreased by 45.8 percent compared to the same period last year, reaching 9,021 in the January-May period.

The most housing sales by nationality were made to Russian citizens. In May, Russian citizens bought 437 houses from Turkey.

These were followed by Iranian citizens with 207 houses and Ukrainian citizens with 171 houses.

Mortgage home sales down

Mortgaged house sales across Turkey decreased by 63.9 percent in May compared to the same month last year, falling to 9,909. The share of mortgaged sales in total house sales was 9 percent.
Mortgaged house sales in the January-May period decreased by 58.7 percent compared to the same period last year, reaching 44,602.
2,316 of the mortgaged sales in May and 10,629 of the sales in the January-May period were calculated as first-hand sales.

First Hand Sales

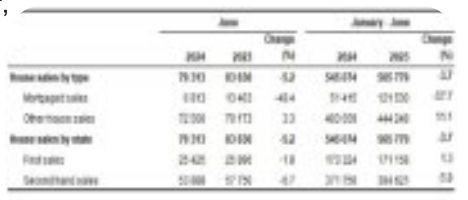
Other housing sales across Turkey increased by 17.3 percent in May compared to the same month last year, reaching 100,679. The share of other sales in total housing sales was recorded as 91 percent. Source: https://www.ekonomist.com.tr/

Other home sales between January and May increased by 12.6 percent compared to the same period last year, reaching 421,159.

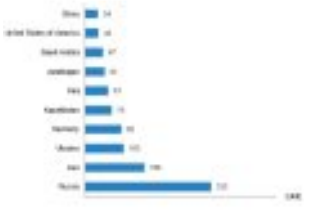
The number of first-hand housing sales in Turkey increased by 3.3 percent on an annual basis in May, reaching 35,558. The share of first-hand housing sales in total housing sales was determined to be 32.2 percent. First-hand housing sales increased by 1.8 percent in the January-May period compared to the same period last year, reaching 147,899.

Second-hand house sales in Turkey decreased by 4.9 percent in May compared to the same month last year, falling to 75,030. The share of second-hand house sales in total house sales was calculated as 67.8 percent. Second-hand house sales also decreased by 5.6 percent in the January-May period compared to the same period last year, reaching 317,862.

Update - June housing sales figures have been announced
The number of housing sales across Turkey decreased by 5.2 percent in June compared to the same month last year, reaching 79,313.



Housing sales statistics for June.



The number of housing sales across Turkey decreased by 5.2 percent in June compared to the same month last year, falling to 79,313.

In January-June, sales decreased by 3.7 percent compared to the same period last year, falling to 545,074.

Istanbul was the city with the highest share in housing sales in June with 13,025. This city was followed by Ankara with 6,866 housing sales and Izmir with 4,361.

The provinces with the lowest housing sales were Ardahan with 34, Hakkari with 40, Tunceli and Bayburt with 44. Ref: https://data.tuik.gov.tr/

Economy -“75 percent of stock market investors have investments below 50 thousand TL”

Pamir Karagöz, President of the Turkish Capital Markets Association (TSPB), who was a guest on Bloomberg HT, made evaluations about public offerings and the number of investors in the Stock Exchange.

Pamir Karagöz, who is also the first female President of TSPB, stated that capital markets have seen “serious” domestic investor interest after the pandemic.
Karagöz said that the number of investors has increased despite the increase in interest rates and noted that this situation is quite pleasing.

- Karagöz said, “On the stock exchange side, one in every 10 people is a stock investor. Currently, 45 percent of savings are in capital markets. We can now talk about permanence here.”

- Karagöz, who stated that 41 percent of the 7.7 million investors currently consist of young people under the age of 34, said, “Women constitute 40 percent of our investors.
  50 percent of stock market investors have a balance of less than 10 thousand TL, while 75 percent have a balance of less than 50 thousand TL.”

- Karagöz also said in her assessment that the rate of female managers in publicly held companies in Turkey is 18 percent, while this rate is as high as 40 percent in European countries.
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Tax package in Turkish Parliament: Minimum pension increases for Citizens

The tax package, which also includes an increase in the minimum retirement salary, was approved by the Parliament's Planning and Budget Committee.

With the regulation, the minimum retirement salary will be increased from 10 thousand lira to 12 thousand 500 lira.

The Bill on Amending Tax Laws and Some Other Laws was accepted in the TBMM Planning and Budget Committee.

With the 53-article bill, the minimum retirement salary will be increased from 10 thousand lira to 12 thousand 500 lira.
With the lowest pension regulation, the pensions of 3.7 million people will be increased.

Those receiving the lowest retirement salary will receive a salary of 12,500 lira in August. In addition, a difference payment of 2,500 lira will be made for July.

With the regulation, the monthly minimum payment amount, which was foreseen as 10 thousand liras for those who receive old age, disability, death pensions and their beneficiaries on a file basis, is being increased to 12 thousand 500 liras.

The cost of this increase to the budget will be 33.2 billion liras. If retirees who are on the agenda with EYT continue to work in the same workplace, the 5-point support premium provided to the employer will be removed. https://www.ntv.com.tr/

The foreign exit tax fee (for citizens leaving Turkey) will be increased from 150 lira to 500 lira. The fee will be increased each year at the revaluation rate.

Within the scope of the tax regulation, a minimum **corporate tax** of 15 percent will be collected from the profits of global companies' activities in Turkey.

The tax to be collected from **public private partnership companies** will be increased from 25 percent to 30 percent.
The proposal will also introduce measures to prevent informality and irregularities.

The **income of income taxpayers** from freelance professions such as doctors and dentists and commercial income such as restaurants and cafes will be determined at certain times of the year.
Those with a discrepancy of more than 20 percent between their income and their declarations will be invited to provide explanations.

The tax loss **penalty** to be imposed on those who operate off the books, in other words, who work without the knowledge of the tax administration, will be applied in an increased manner, such that the penalty will be 1.5 times for penalties imposed as 1 times the tax, and 4.5 times for penalties imposed as 3 times the tax.

A three-fold fine will be applied to the use of a **credit card or POS device belonging to someone else**. In this context, the total amount of the fine to be imposed within a calendar year will not exceed 20 million lira. Those who let someone else use their device will also be subject to the same amount of fine.

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The penalties for irregularities imposed within the scope of the fight against informality will be increased.

The penalty amounts to be applied in the case of repetition of certain actions will be increased.

The penalty amount of 3,400 TL applied in cases of **not giving and receiving an invoice**, not issuing a payment **recording device receip**t will be applied as 10 thousand TL in the first detection.
The penalty amount will be increased in subsequent detections.

Payments made by intermediary service providers and electronic commerce intermediary service providers, who enable contracts to be made or orders to be placed for the supply of goods or services of electronic commerce service providers in electronic commerce marketplaces, to service providers and electronic commerce service providers operating in accordance with the relevant provisions, due to their activities, are subject to tax withholding.

It is envisaged that **tax withholding** will be made on payments made to real persons in the fields of goods and services, taking into account the sectors and activities determined by the President.
Thus, it is aimed to ensure tax security and reduce informality.

The President is given the authority to determine rates for payments subject to tax withholding, separately or together, in terms of activities, payment types, sectors, business groups and business types.

VAT exemptions and discounts are being abolished for services such as rental and maintenance provided at **marinas to sea transport vehicles** used in non-commercial activities such as trips, entertainment and sports.

The proposal provides VAT exemption for aid provided by foreign state institutions and organizations due to earthquakes.

The limitation of "up to 20 percent" of the minimum fixed tax amount collected from certain **tobacco products** will be lifted; a fixed tax amount equal to the minimum fixed tax amount to be collected for the product in unit packaging will be collected.

The premium rate for short-term insurance branches is set at 2.25 percent; the President is authorized to reduce this rate to 1.5 percent or increase it to 2.5 percent.

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CrowdStrike glitch exposes fragility of global tech infrastructure

Risk-averse organizations around the world, from airlines and banks to hospitals, chose the cybersecurity company CrowdStrike to protect their computer systems from hackers and data breaches.

But all it took was one faulty CrowdStrike software update to cause global disruptions Friday 19th July that grounded flights, knocked banks and media outlets offline, and disrupted hospitals, retailers and other services.
"This is a function of the very homogenous technology that goes into the backbone of all of our IT infrastructure," said Gregory Falco, an assistant professor of engineering at Cornell University. "What really causes this mess is that we rely on very few companies, and everybody uses the same folks, so everyone goes down at the same time."

The trouble with the update issued by CrowdStrike and affecting computers running Microsoft's Windows operating system was not a hacking incident or cyberattack, according to CrowdStrike, which apologized and said a fix was on the way.
But it wasn't an easy fix. It required "boots on the ground" to remediate, said Gartner analyst Eric Grenier.
"The fix is working, it's just a very manual process and there's no magic key to unlock it," Grenier said. "I think that is probably what companies are struggling with the most here."

While not everyone is a client of CrowdStrike and its platform known as Falcon, it is one of the leading cybersecurity providers, particularly in transportation, health care, banking and other sectors that have a lot at stake in keeping their computer systems working.
"They're usually risk-averse organizations that don't want something that's crazy innovative, but that can work and also cover their butts when something goes wrong. That's what CrowdStrike is," Falco said. "And they're looking around at their colleagues in other sectors and saying, 'Oh, you know, this company also uses that, so I'm gonna need them, too.'"

Worrying about the fragility of a globally connected technology ecosystem is nothing new. It's what drove fears in the 1990s of a technical glitch that could cause chaos at the turn of the millennium.
"This is basically what we were all worried about with Y2K, except it's actually happened this time," wrote Australian cybersecurity consultant Troy Hunt on the social platform X.
Across the world Friday, affected computers were showing the "blue screen of death" – a sign that something went wrong with Microsoft's Windows operating system. But what's different now is "that these companies are even more entrenched," Falco said. "We like to think that we have a lot of players available but at the end of the day, the biggest companies use all the same stuff."

Stuffed aubergines/eggplants with lentils and vegetables; Mercimekli Karniyarik

Ozlem Warren

My family loves Karniyarik, Stuffed aubergines/eggplants with minced/ground meat and vegetables, one of my favourite dishes growing up in Turkey too. We equally love lentils; in an attempt for my children to enjoy lentils more, I made this plant based version of Karniyarik, using green lentils and vegetables, Mercimekli Karniyarik. Filling has been similar to Antakya's Mercimekli Mualla, Aubergine, lentils and peppers cooked in olive oil recipe.

I used green peppers here and added pul biber, Turkish red pepper flakes in the seasoning, along with the refreshing dried mint. The end result has been so very delicious and light in flavour – delighted to report the children loved it too.

I sprinkled some grated cheese (mild grated mozzarella, Turkish beyaz peynir or feta cheese would all work well) over a couple of our Stuffed aubergines, this version has been a delicious variation too. You can prepare the filling ahead of time; this lovely dish tastes even better the next day and freezes well.

Author: Ozlem Warren
Recipe type: Vegetarian, Vegan
Cuisine: Turkish cuisine
Serves: 4

Ingredients:

2 dark purple medium aubergines/eggplants
60ml/4tbsp green lentils, rinsed
1 medium onion, finely chopped
3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
½ green bell pepper, finely chopped (save 4 thin strips of green peppers for decoration)
200g/7oz (1/2 can of) chopped tomatoes
120ml/4fl oz water
60ml/4tbsp light olive oil, canola oil or groundnut oil to par bake the aubergine halves
30ml/2tbsp olive oil (for the filling)
4 slices of tomato for decoration
30ml/2tbsp grated cheese (mozzarella or beyaz peynir, feta cheese) – optional –
10ml/2tsp dried mint
5ml/1tsp Turkish pul biber or chili flakes
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 200C/400F
Cut the aubergines/eggplants in half lengthways leaving the stalk intact. In each half of the aubergine, cut a deep split lengthways without cutting through to the skin on the opposite side and leaving ½in/13mm uncut at either end. Sprinkle salt over the flesh side of the aubergines and leave them aside for 15 minutes.

Dry the aubergines/eggplants with kitchen towel thoroughly. Place them on a baking tray, skin side down. Pour in the light olive oil (or canola or groundnut oil) over the aubergine halves and rub the oil all round them. Bake in the preheated oven (200C/400F) for 30-35 minutes, until they soften and start to get a nice brown colour at the edges.

While aubergines are baking, put the green lentils in a pan of boiling water, stir and cover. Simmer in low heat for 15 minutes. Drain the water and place the lentils in a medium sized bowl.

Combine the partially cooked lentils with onion, garlic, bell peppers, chopped tomatoes, salt, dried mint, olive oil and Turkish pul biber or chili flakes in the bowl. Season with ground black pepper; check the seasoning and add more salt if needed.

Take out the partially baked aubergines from the oven and turn the heat down to 180C/350F.
Once cool enough to handle, gently open up the cavity of the softened aubergines. Place them on a baking dish. Spoon the filling into the cavity of the aubergine/eggplant halves, also some over the top. Place a slice of tomato and pepper on each half. Pour water on the can of chopped tomatoes you have used, to finish off the left over tomato sauce. Mix and pour this on the baking tray.
Cover and bake in the oven for 35 minutes.
Then uncover the baking dish (and check if it needs topping up with a little more water), and if you prefer, sprinkle some grated cheese over.
Bake further 10 minutes or until they are tender and the aubergines/eggplants are nicely browned on top.

Serve warm or at room temperature, with pide ekmek or crusty bread aside.
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Sports News in Turkey

Why do Turkish fans whistle foreign national anthems?

Another case of Turkish fans whistling the national anthems of their rival countries was added to EURO 2024. Sociologists have discussed this situation, which has been encountered frequently in recent years. UEFA has also made a statement on the subject.
Turkey made a magnificent start to the European Football Championship (EURO 2024) by beating Georgia 3-1 with generic goals. However, an incident that occurred during the pre-match ceremony overshadowed this positive picture created by the victory. Before the match, the Turkish National Anthem was played in the stadium first, followed by the Georgian National Anthem. However, whistles were heard from the stands while the Georgian National Anthem was played.

After the match, Georgian Technical Director Willy Sagnol praised the fans' enthusiasm and the atmosphere in the stadium, but he also complained: "The only thing I was sorry about was the whistling of our national anthem. This shouldn't be done, it should be respected. Unfortunately, this didn't portray a good image of Turkey at that moment."

Hamit Altıntop, the Board Member Responsible for National Teams of the Turkish Football Federation (TFF), made a statement on Thursday and called on the Turkish people to prevent a similar situation from happening again:
"There is an element that spoils that beautiful picture a little bit in the Georgia match. I ask the Turkish people and nation. Let us also show respect and not whistle the national anthem of the other side. Because on the other hand, we have the same expectations. I believe that they deserve this too."

Danger of punishment from UEFA

TFF President Mehmet Büyükekşi also made a statement saying, "There was a little whistling while the Georgian National Anthem was being sung, this did not suit us. We are both neighbors and friends. UEFA penalizes such things. Respect for national and religious values is important."
The relevant article of the UEFA Disciplinary Regulations states that "causing discomfort during the national anthems" will be punished.
Speaking to DW Turkish, sports lawyer Emin Özkurt said that federations are fined for violations such as mass whistling or booing during the national anthem.
Lawyer Özkurt, who is the only Turkish referee at the International Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), said that the amount of the fine would be around 10 thousand euros, which is not a large amount but will cause loss of prestige.
In a statement made to DW Turkish by UEFA, it was indicated that no investigation was carried out regarding the Türkiye-Georgia match.

Sociological dimension

The fact that whistling the national anthems of rival countries has become a habit in stadiums in Turkey in recent years has also created controversy from a sociological perspective.
Arel University Sociology Department Head Prof. Dr. Hayati Tüfekçioğlu, in his assessment to DW Turkish, said, "Of course it is shameful. Moreover, Georgia is not a country with which we have had significant political problems recently. However, this situation is not limited to the Georgia match, it also occurs in other matches."
Tüfekçioğlu, who stated that this attitude of the fans in Turkey has been observed in the past during the minutes of silence before the match, recalled the whistles and slogans rising from the stands during a national match in Konya in 2015 when the victims of the Ankara Train Station massacre were commemorated, and in Istanbul when those who died in the ISIS attack in Paris were commemorated.

"Three basic sources"

According to Prof. Dr. Tüfekçioğlu, who says, "In all countries, people actually love their homeland, country and flag. We are not the only ones. But the dose of this love we have is a problematic dose. An extremely high dose. A dose that may even show pathological characteristics that will enter the boundaries of psychology," the source of this situation can be gathered in three main points:

"Its first source is the language of politics, the way of doing politics, the way of doing identity politics. Its second source is the press, and its third is the school.
This high dose of nationalism is fed by these three sources. The abnormal identity consciousness transmitted from these three sources has penetrated into all segments of society much more than is thought."
Stating that "it is as if doing anything to someone else is legitimate", Prof. Dr. Tüfekçioğlu said, "This identity politics has recently begun to take on a different form. In other words, a religious identity has begun to come to the fore alongside nationalist identity politics. And this seems much more serious" and added the following warning: **contd. page 14**

The story behind the photo of Messi and baby Lamine Yamal

Photos from 2007 of football legend Messi and baby Lamine Yamal together have surfaced. So, what is the story behind the trending photos?

Recently, especially after Spain's victory in the EURO 2024 European Football Championship, photos of famous footballers Lionel Messi and Lamine Yamal taken together have emerged.

Messi, who appeared in front of the cameras for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in 2007, was 20 years old at the time. Messi, who would one day become one of the best footballers ever, was just starting to gain fame.

In the photos taken by Associated Press (AP) Barcelona-based freelance photographer Joan Monfort, Messi is seen holding a baby.
The baby is Spanish footballer Lamine Yamal, who turned 17 a few days ago and was chosen as the "Best Young Player" of the EURO 2024 tournament.

Yamal became the " youngest player to score " in the tournament's history with his goal against France in the EURO 2024 semi-finals held in Germany.

Yamal's goal helped his team beat France 2–1, helping Spain advance to the final.

A 2007 photo of Messi and Yamal attracted attention after it was shared on Instagram by Yamal's father, Mounir Nasraoui, with the caption "the beginning of two legends."

Like Messi, Yamal went on to play for Barcelona. Having attended Barcelona's famous La Masia youth academy and making his debut for Barcelona in April 2023, Yamal became the club's youngest-ever starting 11 player and goal scorer, as well as the youngest goal scorer in the Spanish league.

Messi made his international debut at the age of 18 and has won the Champions League four times with the club and is Barcelona's record goal scorer with 672 goals.

"UNICEF held a raffle in the Roca Fonda neighbourhood in Mataro, where Lamine's family lives," Monfort said. "They entered a raffle to have their picture taken with a Barca player at Camp Nou, and they won."

"Messi didn't even know how to hold him at first," Monfort said. "Messi is a very introverted man, he's shy. He was coming out of the dressing room and suddenly he found himself in another dressing room with a plastic tub full of water and a baby in it. It was a complicated situation."

Monfort said he only realised the baby was Yamal when the photo started going viral last week.
After the photoshoot, memory of the photo fell into the deep recesses of his mind as he focused on other work – he was a regular at many of Barcelona's successes with Messi on the pitch, while he also covered the the Olympics, Formula One and MotoGP.

Even when he captured a then 15-year-old Yamal becoming the youngest player in over a century to make his Barcelona debut last year or when he was watching the teenager dazzle in his early performances at Euro 2024, Monfort had no idea he'd already snapped photos of the Spain international when he was a baby.

It was only in the hours after the then-16-year-old Yamal had provided an assist and played a vital role in Spain's quarterfinal victory over tournament host Germany that Monfort was told of his prior meeting with Yamal. (https://edition.cnn.com/)
"It's very exciting to be associated with something that's caused such a sensation," the photographer told the Athletic. "It's all been amazing. We took so many photos, so many images."

"I'm really happy that Lamine grew up to be a footballer and that he has this photo. It's a nice thing, especially in today's football, where so much is about money and power." Source: https://tr.euronews.com/

Lamine Yamal's stunning Euro 2024 with Spain

Luis de la Fuente made Yamal the youngest ever Spain international when he debuted against Georgia in September 2023. And the winger broke his Barcelona teammate Gavi's record as youngest ever goal scorer by netting on debut in that game.

Yamal has quickly become an important player in La Fuente's side and he's afforded the freedom to roam from the right flank and drift infield on his left foot.

Barcelona view Yamal as the most talented player to come through their academy since Messi. The Catalonia giants have been plagued by financial problems, but they have the most valuable collection of U21 players in the world and Yamal represents the future alongside Pedri, Gavi and Pau Cubarsí. Source: https://www.transfermarkt.com/

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"In this identity, the religious color is increasingly present alongside the nationalist identity, and the religious color carries the potential to target not only others outside Turkey but also secularists within Turkey." -

"We shouldn't blame it on all football fans"

Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Narlı, Head of Bahçeşehir University Sociology Department, stated that in order to understand the behavior of Turkish fans, it is necessary to keep in mind that football fields are areas where political messages are given and political violence is displayed, and said, "Since the early 20th century, football matches have been used as platforms for political expression, protest, propaganda and sometimes violence."

Underlining that it is not possible to attribute the incidents in stadiums, which have "also become arenas of political violence", to all football fans, Prof. Narlı says, "There are many examples of violent incidents led by ultra groups and hooligans.
These groups usually have strong political connections and can be further sharpened by the effect of political polarization. They have strong prejudices and see the opposing team not only as opponents but as enemies.

The nationalist enthusiasm associated with these matches can turn from excitement to aggressive feelings in stadiums and encourage violence."

Stating that the attitude of Turkish fans, especially in recent years, to whistle the national anthems of rival countries should be considered in this context, Prof. Narlı comments, "In an environment like Turkey where political polarization is increasing and tensions are experienced in domestic and foreign policy, the political violence displayed in stadiums may once again be led by ultra groups and hooligans."

Prof. Dr. Narlı also points out that the reaction of TFF officials to the whistling of the Georgian National Anthem is a positive situation.
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Turkish hamam's journey of cleansing and culture

The Turkish bath, or "hamam," stands as a timeless emblem of cleansing, relaxation, and cultural heritage in Türkiye.

Originating from Roman and Byzantine traditions and further refined during the Ottoman Empire, the hamam is not merely a place for bathing but a sanctuary for physical and spiritual rejuvenation.

Historical and architectural marvel

Rooted in antiquity, the Turkish bath integrates architectural brilliance with practicality. Influenced significantly by Roman bathhouses, hamams evolved into grand structures featuring domed ceilings, marble interiors, and a complex network of hot, warm, and cold chambers. The layout typically includes the "caldarium" (hot room), "tepidarium" (warm room) and "frigidarium" (cold room), each serving specific therapeutic and social functions.

Cultural significance and social hub

Beyond its architectural splendor, the hamam embodies profound cultural and social significance. It serves as a communal space where people from all walks of life converge, not only to cleanse their bodies but also to nurture social bonds and uphold traditions. Rituals such as the "bride's bath" and "sultan's bath" underscore its role in pivotal life events and celebrations, adding layers of meaning to its existence.

Health benefits and therapeutic rituals

The therapeutic benefits of the Turkish bath are manifold. The combination of steam, water, and heat stimulates circulation, detoxifies the body, and revitalizes the skin. Traditional rituals like the "kese" (exfoliation) using a coarse mitt and the application of aromatic soaps and oils enhance the cleansing process, leaving the skin supple and rejuvenated. The soothing ambiance of the hamam also aids in stress relief, promoting overall well-being.

Traditional materials enhance experience

Central to the authentic hamam experience are its traditional materials:

Kese Glove: Made from natural silk or cotton, the kese glove is essential for exfoliation in the steamy environment of the hamam. It removes dead skin cells, opens pores and leaves the skin smooth and renewed.

Soap and Foam: Traditional hamam soap is crafted from natural ingredients, gently cleansing and moisturizing the skin. Foam massages during the bath provide relaxation and promote a sense of well-being.

Tas (Bowl): Used for the ritualistic pouring of water over oneself or others, the tas completes the cleansing ritual and balances body temperature.

Peshtemal (Turkish Towel): Made from lightweight, absorbent cotton, the peshtemal is used for drying off and lounging in the hamam's relaxation area.

Marble and Wooden Elements: The interior of the hamam often features marble surfaces and wooden benches, contributing to its luxurious yet serene atmosphere. Source turkey today

Modern adaptations and cultural continuity

While the essence of the Turkish bath remains rooted in tradition, contemporary hamams have adapted to modern lifestyles. Today, they continue to attract visitors seeking relaxation, hygiene, and cultural immersion. Modern amenities such as massage therapies, aromatherapy, and wellness treatments complement traditional bathing rituals, ensuring that the hamam experience remains relevant in the fast-paced world.

Preservation and future prospects

Efforts to preserve historic hamams across Türkiye highlight their enduring legacy. From the grandeur of Istanbul's Cemberlitas Hamami to the intimate charm of rural bathhouses, each hamam tells a unique story of architectural prowess and cultural continuity. As custodians of this heritage, modern generations strive to safeguard these sanctuaries of wellness and tradition for future generations to experience and cherish.

In conclusion, the Turkish bath transcends mere hygiene; it is a profound cultural institution that celebrates the union of body, mind, and spirit.
Its enduring allure lies not only in its architectural splendour and therapeutic benefits but also in its role as a timeless symbol of Turkish hospitality and cultural identity.

Environment - Untold story of Ethiopia's endeavour in combating climate change

Ethiopia's Green Legacy Initiative, launched in 2019, combats climate change by planting billions of trees and boosting forest coverage

According to environmental experts, climate change is a shift in weather conditions with a global effect expected to last decades or centuries.

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) defines it as a change of climate that has been attributed directly or indirectly to human activities, altering the composition of the global atmosphere. The occurrence of frequent climate change will pose an incredible challenge to our planet Earth and humanity. Nowadays, climate change has become a real threat at the international level posing an imminent danger that challenges the very survival of human beings.

Since the 1980s, the world has been experiencing extreme weather, frequent and severe heat waves, desertification, flooding, the melting of arctic snow, losses of biodiversity, land degradation, the reduction of productivity and other many challenges due to climate change. In this regard, developed countries, especially those in the Western Hemisphere, have contributed the lion's share by polluting the environment through greenhouse gas emissions from heavy industries. Africa has contributed the least toward current global warming and carbon emissions despite having been affected and suffering the most.

The Horn of Africa is an important geostrategic area on the global map. Countries in this part of the world have been hit by climate change-induced problems for the past five decades. The challenges are manifested by major environmental disasters such as desertification, loss of biodiversity, recurrent drought, flooding, land degradation and insect infestation. This global environmental problem has resulted in severe food and water insecurity and the rise of new variants and pandemic diseases. In this regard, the Horn region has also experienced a prolonged drought due to the failure of rain for three consecutive production seasons, exposing millions of people to chronic food shortage, suffering and displacement. The drought also affected the survival of livestock which culminated in the death of millions of cattle in just three years.

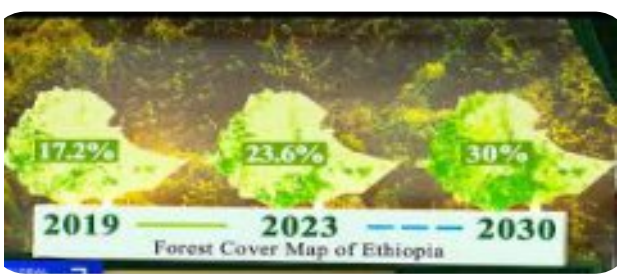
Ethiopia is at the center of the Horn of Africa countries and has been hugely affected by the impact of climate change such as recurrent drought, desertification and environmental degradation.

Cognizant of the danger posed by climate change in the region in general and Ethiopia in particular, the reformist leader of Ethiopia, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, launched a national program of planting trees known as the Green Legacy Initiative in 2019. The initiative is an ambitious program embarking on planting billions of tree seedlings across the country aimed at building the green economy in Ethiopia. In the first year of the initiative, the government of Ethiopia planted over four billion various seedlings and shattered the world record planting over 353 million trees in a single day.

For this to be achieved, the government inspired and mobilized a workforce of over 25 million each year throughout the country, fostering a collective sense of responsibility in combating climate change.

Since 2019, the government of Ethiopia continued planting trees every year, mainly during the rainy season from June to September. This summer, Ahmed launched the Green Legacy Initiative for this year, setting a goal to plant 7.5 billion trees of various types. Over the past five years, more than 32.5 billion tree seedlings that adapt to different agroecological zones were planted all over the country. Due to the realization of the Green Initiative, the forest coverage of the country has improved from 17.2% in 2019 to 23.6 % in 2023. In this connection, focus has also been given to indigenous trees such as Olea Africana, Cordia Africana, Hagenia Abyssinica, Cupressus Lusitanica and other many highland, midland and lowland trees. Besides, seedlings like avocado, mango, guava, peach and other tropical and sub-tropical fruits that will contribute to ensuring food security and food self-sufficiency have been given exceptional consideration in the Green Legacy Initiative.

The purpose of the Green Initiative is to address the challenges posed by shocking climate change in Ethiopia and the larger region of the Horn by greening the mountains, gorges, hills and cities of Ethiopia through the concerted efforts of the government of Ethiopia and its people. Continued on the next page 17



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The Green Legacy program helps to enhance forest coverage, protect land degradation and balance the ecosystem in creating a greener and more sustainable environment for future generations.

It also averts the devastating effect of climate change through afforestation and reforestation programs that will greatly boost the reduction of environmental pollution by absorbing atmospheric carbon dioxide and other dangerous greenhouse gases that enormously contribute to global warming and depletion of the ozone layer.

To this end, the government of Ethiopia has mobilized people from all walks of life, including the diplomatic community in the country, to fight the effect of climate change tooth and nail, investing over $50 billion in the past five years.

On top of that, Ethiopia has also shared 1 billion seedlings with its six neighbouring countries as part of regional integration through green diplomacy. On the other hand, by mobilizing the farmers during winter, the government continued to intensify soil and water conservation activities throughout the entire country.

In the past five years, many thousand kilometres of soil and water conservation activities have been completed. These include the construction of physical structures such as stone bunds and soil bund terraces, building traditional ditches, gabions, culverts and canal structures throughout the country to restore degraded land, barren mountainous, gorges and hillside lands.

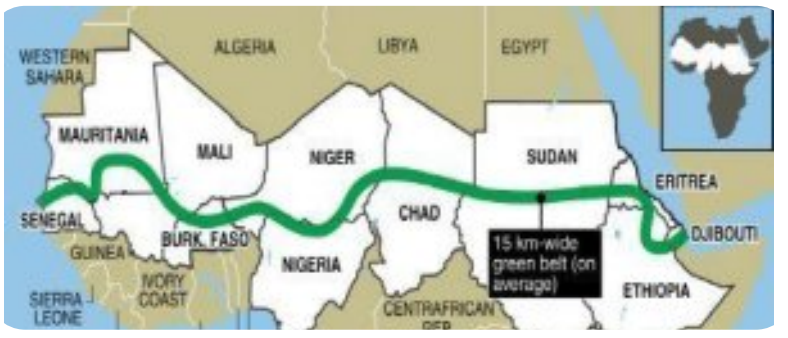
The afforestation, together with the construction of such soil and water conservation structures, on top of protecting soil erosion and land degradation, creates favorable conditions for the water to percolate, reducing flooding and runoff, and recharging the groundwater table that enhances the springs, streams and rivers.

Such green legacy initiatives and water shade management in Ethiopia makes a tremendous contribution to normalizing the ecological system, averting desertification and environmental degradation, as well as sustaining the flow of water on transboundary rivers such as the Blue Nile (Abay).

In this connection, it would be advisable for the lower riparian countries of Egypt and Sudan, who have been claiming to have monopolistic control over the Nile River, to join in supporting and funding the Green Initiative for the sake of their own national interest that centers on ensuring the sustainability of water flow.

Moreover, the international community, the United Nations and the Conference of the Parties (CoP) must support such an initiative that serves humanity as a common good to motivate other societies and governments to replicate the same program in other parts of the region.

The Green Legacy Initiative, apart from its achievements in improving environmental degradation, will also contribute to the grand objective of uniting the people of Ethiopia toward achieving the goal of the African Green Belt Initiative.



Furthermore, the government of Ethiopia is working with full commitment to realizing a zero carbon emission target in 2030, generating its energy from clean sources such as hydropower, wind, solar, geothermal, etc. As the main driver of regional integration, Ethiopia connected via an electric grid to Djibouti, Sudan and Kenya, sharing its clean energy and working to connect with Tanzania, South Sudan and Somalia.

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On our web Page: https://arktr.org/ and within the pages, you will discover the boundless dedication of our team and the profound impact of your donation support

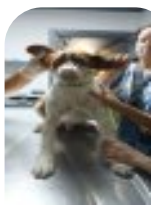
DONATE TODAY - Every click, every donation, and every message sent is a beacon of hope for those who cannot speak for themselves. Join us on this journey of kindness, where together, we make waves of change in the vast sea of animal welfare. Thank you for caring deeply and for being a vital part of our mission.

Kusadasi Street Animals

PAWS AND CLAWS ANIMAL CHARITY – KUSADASI

About Us:
We are a group of Expats joined for the purpose of helping the street and shelter animals of Kusadasi.
Paws and Claws (Kusadasi Hayvanlara Yardim Dernegi) is established for the primary purpose of providing medical care and medical needs of the street and shelter animals.
One Member of the group has the general ethos of this group summed up very well as follows:
“Hi, my name is Zak. It is heart breaking to live with the number of stray animals on the streets in Turkey.
Many are abused & abandoned, desperately seeking human contact.
At the end of holiday season at our tourist town when the hotels close, their food supply stops, and many become malnourished and sick. Paws & Claws started 10 years ago as a volunteer run legal charity to provide veterinary care for the sick & the injured on the streets.
As a very small charity Paws & Claws rely on donations from fellow animal lovers to make a difference for these animals in real need.
This year with the economy changing in Turkey we are having a very hard time.
Each year we provide veterinary care for around 400 animals in our small city.
Please, join our Facebook group “Kusadasi Paws & Claws” to see our work & contact us for your questions.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/1398110913740651

Our work is aimed at:
1. Primarily, medical emergency needs.
2. If funds available spay and neuter animals that have entered our care for treatment reasons. This will be done if funds are available when the animal is in good health.
3. Provide food and other care needs for the animal in foster care, to the person(s) providing the care.
4. To find homes for street and shelter animals when possible.
5. To help and support each other to serve our joint purpose.



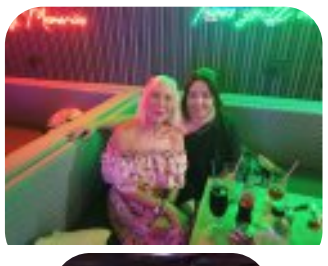
Lost and found pets can be posted on the page.
Our page is open to all member posts to address issues, problems and share the joys of our animal world.
Any posts that are found to be from breeders to sell for profit or any advertisement for profit will be removed.
Businesses and individuals who are contributors to our group will be honoured and mentioned whenever appropriate.

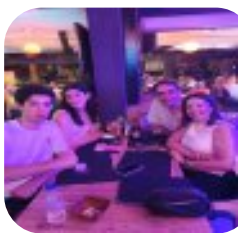
How we gain funding
Ways you can donate:
Please help us continue our work. Your donations are a source of life for so many street animals.
We have 3 ways for your convenience:
1. Our Turkish bank account at IŞ Bank - Iban: TR39 0006 4000 0013 0240 6949 12 - Kusadasi Hayvanlara Yardım Derneği
2. From your PayPal to our email address - pawsofkusadasi@yahoo.com
3. Our Gofundme account1. PayPal
   https://www.gofundme.com/f/paws-and-claws-animal-charity-kusadasi-turkey

Paws and Claws also raise valuable funds through an on-line auction of products which are donated by individuals both here in Kusadasi and those living or travelling here from abroad.
The group recently posted the following request to its membership:
“Precious friends & supporters we do need your love, caring & donations now”

Events are also organised by their business sponsors who provide the space and staffing etc so as to further enable the animal charity continue their work with helping the Street Animals.

One such event was held on Saturday next 20th July at The Temple Boutique Hotel. This event was very successful and enjoyed by all who attended.
The result has hugely assisted Oya and her team with vital donations which have greatly helped with animal medical bills and after care.





The entire system has changed in electricity subscriptions!

Meters will be removed one by one!

According to the statement made by the Electricity Market Regulatory Authority (EPDK), a new regulation will be implemented that concerns all electricity subscribers. With the decision of EPDK, there will be a transition to a smart meter system for meters connected to the electricity distribution system.

Thanks to the National Smart Meter System (MASS), meters will be managed through a central software. Electricity consumption data will be verified and stored with the two-way communication feature.
Flash change that concerns millions of electricity subscribers! It covers all subscribers; meters will be removed one by one.

The MASS system will consist of a modem, central communication software, communication protocol, data concentrator and user mobile application components. The process of replacing existing meters with smart meters will be carried out by legal entities with a distribution license.

INVOICE COMPARISON AND WARNING SYSTEM
With the MASS system, Electricity Distribution companies will provide service to subscribers via mobile applications. Subscribers will be able to see their daily and monthly average electricity consumption via their mobile phones.

In case of excessive consumption, they will be able to receive warnings against the possibility of potential illegal use. They will also be able to receive information by comparing their own consumption with the average consumption of users with similar profiles and receive warnings when they exceed their consumption limits.

INTERRUPTIONS WILL BE NOTIFIED INSTANTLY
Within the scope of the new regulations, the current year and the previous year's outage durations, numbers and outage start, and end times of electricity subscribers will be compared. Subscribers will be provided with instant information about notified and unnotified outages via the mobile application. In addition, subscribers' complaints and demands can be received via this application.

SUBSCRIBERS WILL BE WARNED
The closing periods of the electricity meter on the system will be determined and a warning notification will be sent to subscribers when consumption occurs. Within the framework of technical quality parameters, the data obtained regarding electricity usage will be shared with subscribers over the internet.

IT WILL WORK COMPATIBLE WITH THE NEW SYSTEM

In the transition process to the new electricity system MASS, priority will be given to new meters. In this context, meters with an annual consumption of over 10 megawatt hours, those that need to be replaced due to malfunction or those suspected of illegal electricity will be replaced with priority, as well as those of industrial and agricultural subscribers.

Over time, this new system will be rolled out to the entire electricity grid. The existing meters currently in use and with remote reading feature will also be made compatible with the new system. The system's work process will continue to be recorded to protect data security. Source: https://www.sesgazetesi.com.tr/

BE AWARE - Residency Permits

Foreigners, from the date on which information and documents have been fully submitted and accepted by the competent authority, the ninety-day period begins.

The ninety-day period is the timeframe during which at any time or date your permit will be sent to the PTT office.

Foreigners can exit from turkey with the residence permit application document approved by the Directorate along with the fee receipt on condition of entry within 15 days.
However, in case of staying abroad for more than 15 days, the provisions of the tourist visa shall apply to the foreigner. In other words, your 90/180 tourist visa kicks in.

If your Permit has not arrived at the PTT office before you travel home or abroad. The PTT will hold it for one month after which it is sent to the Migration office (local foreigners police station).

If you are not planning on returning to turkey within the period and are unable or have concerns about collection of the Permit, please immediately get in contact with us at the Foreign Citizens advice center or The Ege Eye Offices in Kusadasi. You will be happy you made that call !!

Please remember, that your residency permit can under law be cancelled if out of Turkiye for more than 120 days. @trisha

Attention Aydin residents!
Ferry Trips and prices have changed

Muğla Metropolitan Municipality, which started the Didim-Turgutreis-Bodrum sea bus services on July 1st also started the Fethiye-Marmaris services on July 2nd.

15 days later, a new tariff was implemented for sea bus transportation upon the request to Muğla Metropolitan Municipality for changes in the fee and travel hours.

In the statement made by Muğla Metropolitan Municipality regarding sea bus services, “As the metropolitan municipality, we have updated the hours and prices upon the demand of our citizens who have used the sea transportation that we started for 15 days to reduce the land traffic density in our province and to enable local and foreign guests to see blue tourism more closely.”

The changes made as of July 15, upon request, are as follows:

Fethiye - Marmaris journey times and prices:
Fethiye - Marmaris (Cruise time 2 hours 15 minutes)

Monday: 08:00, 14:00, Tuesday: 08:00, 11:00, 17:00, 19.40, Wednesday: 11:00, 17:00, 19:40, Thursday: 11:00, 17:00, Friday: 08:00, Saturday: 08:00, 14:00,19.40, Sunday: 11:00, 17:00

Marmaris - Fethiye (Cruise time 2 hours 15 minutes)
Monday: 17:00, Tuesday: 11:00, 17:00, Wednesday: 08:00, 14:00, Thursday: 08:00, 14:00, 19:40, Friday: 17:00, Saturday: 11:00, 17:00, Sunday: 08:00, 14:00, 19:40.

1 person one way: 300 TL According to the Regulation on Urban Public Transportation Vehicles Travel Cards, Student Card Holders, Teachers and Passengers aged 60-65: 200 TL. Passengers over the age of 65: free. 0-5.5 age group: free.

Relatives of veterans and martyrs (for people who have a veteran card and a free travel card for relatives of martyrs from the Ministry of Family and Social Policies):
Free.

40 percent and above disabled (for people who have a free travel card from the Ministry of Family and Social Policies): Free Bodrum - Turgutreis trip hours and prices: Bodrum - Turgutreis (Journey duration 35 minutes) Every day: 11:15, 19:50, Turgutreis - Bodrum (Journey duration 35 minutes) Every day: 10:20, 19:00 1 person one way: 100 TL.

According to the regulation on city public transportation travel cards, student card holders and teachers: 60 TL, passengers over the age of 65: Free, 0-5.5 age group: Free Relatives of Veterans and Martyrs (for people who have a veteran card and a free travel card for relatives of martyrs from the Ministry of Family and Social Policies): Free. 40 percent and above disabled (for people with a free travel card from the Ministry of Family and Social Policies):

Free Didim - Turgutreis - Bodrum trip hours and prices: Didim - Turgutreis (Cruise time 1 hour 10 minutes) Everyday: 09:00, 17:45, Turgutreis - Didim (Cruise time 1 hour 10 minutes).

Everyday: 12:00 20:35 Didim - Bodrum (Cruise time 1 hour 40 minutes), Everyday: 09:00, 13:45, 17:45, Bodrum - Didim (Cruise time 1 hour 40 minutes). Everyday: 11:15, 15:45, 19:50 1 person one way: 150.

According to the regulation on city public transportation travel cards, student card holders and teachers: 100 TL. Passengers over 65 years of age: 75 TL. 0-5.5 age group: Free. Relatives of veterans and martyrs (for people who have a veteran card and a free travel card for relatives of martyrs from the Ministry of Family and Social Policies): Free. 40% and above disabled (for people who have a free travel card from the Ministry of Family and Social Policies): Free.

Türkiye’s 1st jazz record: 'Jazz Semai'

The 'Jazz Semai' project, Türkiye’s first jazz record released in 1978 by Tuna Ötenel, Erol Pekcan and Kudret Öztoprak, exemplifies how jazz's remarkable ability to synthesize various music styles led to the creation of unique, culturally infused sounds worldwide
The most remarkable feature of jazz is its ability to incorporate and synthesize various music styles. The genre succeeds in adapting to music from anywhere in the world.

After phonographs and records, jazz reached millions of people through films and radios, discovering new music with technology. The best aspect of recordings is that they enable distant cultures to touch each other. As jazz spread worldwide, it established itself in almost every country. Musicians adapted their traditional rhythm patterns to the style, gradually moving away from American jazz to find their own sound. Many of the innovative and creative developments occurred thanks to musicians who could interact with American jazz using their local music traditions.

Based on this context, we welcomed the “Jazz Semai” project.

“Jazz Semai” is Türkiye’s first jazz record, published in 1978 by Tuna Ötenel, Erol Pekcan and Kudret Öztoprak. They were inspired by listening to LPs titled in Spanish, Polish and Flamenco, asking themselves, “Why not Turkish Jazz?”

Before making the record, the three musicians performed together for six years at the Ankara Hotel. Kudret Öztoprak played bass guitar, Erol Pekcan played drums and Tuna Ötenel played piano and saxophone.

In the album, they adapted and performed a Bektaşi hymn called “Ali’yi Gördüm Ali’yi” in a jazz style. Apart from “Ali’yi Gördüm Ali’yi,” all compositions were by Tuna Ötenel. The title track, “Jazz Semai,” which features Sufi or sometimes traditional Turkish melodies, uses the hicaz mode, one of the most commonly used in Turkish music.

Looking at the history of jazz in Türkiye, the 1930s are significant. We see jazz musicians like Viktor Kohenka, Haris Akıncı and Arto Haçaturyan during this period. Cüneyt Sermet, a notable figure in the formation of jazz in Türkiye, mentions the influence of Armenian and later Jewish musicians, and subsequently, significant contributors to Turkish jazz such as Arif Mardin, Ismet Saral, Erol Pekcan and Emin Fındıkoğlu.

In the 1960s, Cüneyt Sermet, a jazz critic and double bass player, was the music director of Ankara Radio and produced a jazz program on TRT. Upon listening to the Jazz Semai record, he criticized, “I felt like I was at a circumcision ceremony while listening to this music.”

After reading Cüneyt Sermet’s response in an interview with Batu Akyol, I concluded that his criticism might not be worth considering since he also falsely stated, “There is no music among the Turks; there is no such thing as Turkish music.”

"Jazz Semai" is a significant work in Turkish music, especially in Turkish jazz history. It is a record that will be remembered and listened to for years to come. https://www.dailysabah.com/

IZMIR AS A MUSIC/CONCERT VENUE

Izmir, a coastal city on the Aegean Sea, is also a hub for Turkish music, with genres like Arabesque and Turkish pop finding a prominent place in the city's music venues and clubs. The city's vibrant nightlife includes live music performances in popular districts like Alsancak, where local bands and international artists entertain music enthusiasts. Izmir's music festivals, such as the International Izmir Festival and the Izmir European Jazz Festival, showcase a blend of genres, making the city a melting pot of musical styles and cultural influences.

The city's musical scene is characterized by a fusion of Anatolian rock melodies, Mediterranean music, and contemporary genres. Bands like Mor ve Ötesi (Formed in Istanbul), have achieved national fame for their alternative rock sound and socially conscious lyrics. Their thought-provoking songs have resonated with the city's youth, reflecting contemporary issues and perspectives. Moreover, the city's rich folk music heritage is celebrated through artists like Cem Adrian, a renowned musician known for his fusion of Turkish folk, jazz, and rock. Adrian's experimental approach to music has earned him a devoted following, showcasing Izmir's ability to nurture diverse musical styles and innovative artists.

CULTURE

Izmir's historic sites, including the ancient Agora of Smyrna and the Kadifekale Castle, provide glimpses into its rich past and architectural heritage. Izmir's Kemeraltı Bazaar, a bustling market area, offers a variety of products from textiles to spices, reflecting the city's trading traditions. The city's cuisine is renowned for its Aegean flavors, featuring dishes like grilled seafood, olive oil-based mezes, and sütlaç (rice pudding), inviting food enthusiasts to savor the authentic tastes of the region. Izmir's arts scene, with theaters like İzmir State Opera and Ballet and the Ahmed Adnan Saygun Arts Center, showcases a wide range of performances, from classical ballet to contemporary theater, enriching the city's cultural offerings.

TRENDING IN FASHION

Turkish wedding gowns garner attention with surge in export

Turkish wedding gown exports amounted to $3.7 million in 2023, up 35.7 percent year-on-year from 2022, the Turkish Statistical Institute (TÜİK) data revealed.

Türkiye's statistical bureau said wedding gown manufacturers in the country exported over 23,300 gowns last year, with more than 7,800 gowns sold to Germany.
In the same period, Saudi Arabia was the second-largest recipient of Turkish-made wedding gowns with a little over 2,000 units, followed by Iraq with 1,700, Austria with 1,400, and Sweden with a bit over 1,000 units.

As for 2024, Turkish wedding gown exports amounted to $1.4 million in January-May.

During that period, Türkiye exported over 11,800 gowns, some 2,900 of which were imported by Germany.
Iraq was the second-largest importer of Turkish wedding gowns with 1,450 units in the first five months of the year, followed by Denmark with 1,300, the U.S. with 1,340, and Austria with over 900 units.
Hüseyin Öztürk, the head of the Turkish Fashion and Apparel Federation, said that the wedding gown industry has a large domestic market and a strong export potential.

"Turkish wedding gown makers have made a name for themselves with their competitive designs and quality from Europe to America and to the Gulf and Central Asia," Öztürk said.

Turan Aksoy, the president of the Istanbul Wedding Dress Manufacturers and Exporters Association, also noted that Turkish wedding gown designers have really stepped up their success in custom-fitted and high-end "haute couture" gowns.

Aksoy noted that with the high-quality materials used in gowns, coupled with excellent dressmaking, the preference for Turkish-made wedding gowns has grown worldwide, especially in contrast to European competitors, as Turkish gowns offer more variety. Source: https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/

FASHION - DID YOU KNOW

Dior bags cost only $57.4 to produce.

Recent reports from the Wall Street Journal highlighted raids in Italy targeting the production of luxury goods by leading brands, including Christian Dior and Giorgio Armani.
Italian courts have responded to these findings by appointing trustees to oversee the production operations of Dior and Armani in Italy following investigations into allegations of labor exploitation.

Dior, under the umbrella of luxury conglomerate LVMH, has refrained from commenting on the specific allegations to the Wall Street Journal but has reportedly taken steps to address supply chain issues.
Meanwhile, Armani has asserted its commitment to transparency and collaboration with authorities to minimize abuses in its supply chain.

Seemingly expensive bags

According to documents reviewed which the investigations, Dior paid suppliers approximately €53 per handbag, which it then retails for €2,600.
Similarly, Armani bags were sold to suppliers for €93, resold to Armani for €250, and subsequently priced around €1,800 in stores.
Dior forced people to work 24 hours
In a recent ruling, the Italian subsidiary of LVMH, the French luxury brand conglomerate that produces Dior bags, came under court scrutiny in early June after allegations of subcontracting to Chinese companies accused of violating labor rights.
Reuters reported that the 34-page court ruling stated that workers were forced to sleep at the workplace to ensure they worked "24 hours a day."
Electricity consumption data revealed uninterrupted production cycles, including holidays, further highlighting the operational demands.
Moreover, the documents noted that safety devices on machines were removed to increase worker speed, illegally reducing production costs.
Consequently, while each Dior bag costs around 53 euros to produce, these items are subsequently sold in stores for €2,600.
This ruling marks the third preventive measure taken by Milan's court against Dior this year.

Armani seeks profit violating regulations

Similarly, last April, trustees were appointed to oversee a subsidiary of Armani amid accusations that the fashion group had not sufficiently audited its suppliers.
In response, Armani Group stated they were striving to minimize supply chain abuses during that period.

Court documents also alleged that the violation of regulations was not an isolated incident among Italy's production capacity fashion companies but rather a systematic pursuit of profit.
The appointment of trustees aims to ensure better oversight of brands' production processes and improve working conditions. https://www.turkiyetoday.com/

Sanliurfa – What to see and do. Part 3. By Lisa Morrow.

SANLIURFA HISTORY

At first sight, when you approach Sanliurfa on the airport bus, the city resembles nothing more than a mess of high-rise apartments haphazardly sprawled across the rolling plains of southeastern Turkey. However, another world awaits in the old town centre. The name Urfa, as most people call it, is derived from the early Aramaic language when it was called Urhai. The Abgarid Dynasty ruled the region from the 2nd century BC, founding the Kingdom of Osroene/Orshone in 132BC. Around 150AD King Edessa V. Abgar Ukkama professed his belief in Christianity. The name Urfa was replaced with Edessa and the city became the seat of the most important Syrian bishopric. Even now it's often referred to as the City of Prophets due to its religious importance. The city had a mixed population including Greeks and Parthians but was fundamentally Syriac. When the Romans took over in the 3rd century AD, they also called the city Edessa, and this was the name used by successive rulers until sometime in the late 16th early 17th century when the Ottomans annexed the city from the Byzantines. From then on Urfa was a Turkish city, despite briefly being occupied by Muhammad Ali Paşa, the Ottoman governor of Egypt, in the late 1830s.

When French troops occupied Urfa in 1919 during the Turkish War of Independence, the locals bravely resisted. So much so that in 1984, the Turkish Grand National Assembly passed an act adding the prefix "şanlı" to the city's name. Plain Urfa became glorious Urfa, or Şanlıurfa, to give its full name.

WHAT TO SEE IN SANLIURFA Continued Part 3

Gobeklitepe archaeological site

When German archaeologist Klaus Schmidt started digging into a mound 22 kilometres north east of Sanliurfa, the site had already been assessed by a team of anthropologists from the University of Chicago and Istanbul University anthropologists in the 1960s.

They decided the mound that rose 15 metres above the surrounding area was nothing special, but Schmidt had a feeling. To him the site definitely looked man made so in 1995 Schmidt assembled a team of six people, including himself, and they started digging.
Very quickly they struck what turned out to be the top of a megalith nearly 5 metres in height. Further work uncovered more pillars, all weighing between 7000 and 1000 kilograms, carved with foxes, lions, birds and poisonous insects.

What they didn't find was any proof this was part of a permanent settlement. This is significant because up until this discovery, sites of worship had always been found near the remains of houses, cooking hearths, rubbish dumps and buried fertility figures. Using carbon dating, Schmidt and his co-workers were able to estimate Gobeklitepe's age to around 9000BC.

Sanliurfa Archaeology Museum

One of my favourite pieces

Once you're back in town grab some lunch and then head to the Sanliurfa Archaeology Museum. It includes lots of finds from Gobeklitepe among the more than 10,000 items on display.

There are 14 exhibition halls spread over two floors. The ethnographic section contains display cases full of clothes, silver and bronze ornaments, handiworks, doors with epitaphs, examples of calligraphy and hand written Korans, but I headed straight for the exhibition hall dedicated to Assyrian, Babylonian and Hittite artefacts. I just adore the crinkly hair and beards styles on the sculptures.

In the second and third halls there are Neolithic, Clacolithic and Bronze age stone tools, terracotta objects, stamps, pithoi, necklaces, figurines, metallic tools, ornaments, and idols. These days I sometimes skip exhibitions like these because I've seen so many similar collections, but not in this case. Standing in a section of his own is Urfa man, the famous Balıklıgöl statue. At 9,500 years old, Urfa man is the world's oldest life-sized statue of a human and is really incomparable to anything else I've ever seen.

Purists might scoff but there's also a reconstruction of the Gobeklitepe temple. I loved it because you can walk among copies of the pillars, allowing you feel the majesty of the megaliths contained at the original site and imagine their spiritual impact on the people who made them.

But wait, there's more. Out in the grounds there are various archaeological items scattered about, but most importantly, there's the path to the Haleplibahce Mosaic Museum, located in a covered circular building. Your museum entry ticket gives you access and I guarantee you'll be blown away when you see the mostly intact mosaics on what was originally the floor of an ancient Roman townhouse. They were discovered quite by chance, during construction work to improve the museum's sewage system.

Inside, a circular path built over the mosaics lets you see the complete floor which covers 5,000 square metres. The mosaics include portraits of wealthy nobles, religious figures, an African man, possibly a slave, leading a zebra on a chain and mythological scenes of centaurs, as well as Amazon queens on horseback hunting tigers for whom this 'Villa of the Amazons' is named. One of the most important works depicts Orpheus surrounded by wild animals. This mosaic was created in 184AD and then sometime in the 1950s a visiting archaeologist wrote about it, but then it disappeared from sight, only to resurface at an auction in New York in 1999. The mosaic was finally returned to Turkey in 2012, only after some clever detective work and pressure from various people including academics and the Turkish government. Here's where you can read about its rediscovery and return to Turkey. The full story is quite eye-opening. **Next month we have part 4.**

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Euro Rate = 35.60 - Total Interest Gained = 240,724.00 tl

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