

In this week's *Türkiye in Focus*;

- The approval of the National Solidarity, Brotherhood and Democracy Commission's report with a high majority marks a landmark interval in the "Terror-Free Türkiye" process.
- The first meeting of the Board of Peace took place in Washington.
- Regulations aimed at mitigating the negative effects of social media on children are currently under discussion.

## National Solidarity, Brotherhood, and Democracy Commission Completes its Report with Approval from All Key Political Actors



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The political landscape in Türkiye has reached a defining milestone as the parliamentary Commission for National Solidarity, Brotherhood and Democracy formally adopted its landmark report. With 42 votes in favour, against two rejections and one abstention, the sheer scale of the consensus shows the high level of democratic representation. The fact that the AK Party, MHP, DEM Party, and – with one lone exception – the CHP have aligned behind this vision signals that the "Terror-Free Türkiye" process is not merely a government project, but a genuine national endeavour. This cross-party unity provides a robust mandate that elevates the initiative from a party-political policy to a collective democratic will.

The report's substance is equally compelling, framing the domestic peace process within a sophisticated geostrategy. It positions Türkiye as the vanguard of integrative policies, envisioning a "Terror-Free Region" built upon a historic Turkish-Kurdish-Arab alliance. Most striking is the explicit recognition

that the emotional and cultural gravity of Kurds, both within and beyond the borders, is naturally pulling them towards Türkiye. By grounding the common future in shared history and civilisation rather than just security, the commission suggests that internal consolidation is the prerequisite for Türkiye's pursuit of global justice. Crucially, this is being branded as the "Türkiye Model"; a process pointedly free from external third-party oversight, relying instead on national resources and parliamentary legitimacy.

Politically, the high level of support from both the government and the opposition is particularly auspicious for the road ahead. While the report itself is not legislation, it paves the way for a bespoke, temporary legal framework to address the complexities of the transition. For example, this includes the delicate and sensitive task of reintegrating former members of the PKK into society. The prospect of these sensitive legislative proposals arriving at the floor of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, backed by such a broad consensus, suggests that the usual heated parliamentary debates may be bypassed in favour of swift, decisive action.

Furthermore, the commission has taken the bold step of flagging the necessity for a new constitution, despite it falling outside its formal remit. This indicates that the "Terror-Free" era is viewed as the foundation for a broader systemic renewal in Türkiye's medium-term future. With intelligence and security sources reportedly confirming the PKK's move towards laying down arms, the focus now shifts entirely to the legislative chamber. The challenge remains formidable: the GNAT must now craft laws that balance the pursuit of social peace with the public's demand for justice, ensuring that the process is seen not as an exercise in impunity, but as the dawn of lasting domestic harmony.

## Foreign Minister Attends the First Meeting of the Board of Peace on Behalf of the President

Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan attended the inaugural Board of Peace meeting in Washington, representing the Presidency, to discuss the urgent crisis in the region. Türkiye remains actively engaged in fostering the necessary conditions for stability and has expressed its full readiness to lead the comprehensive reconstruction of Gaza. However, Ankara continues to voice serious concerns over Israel's persistent ceasefire violations, which not only hamper the delivery of vital humanitarian aid but also undermine the broader pursuit of a lasting political settlement for the Palestinian people.

Beyond immediate humanitarian concerns, Türkiye continues to assert its role as a key regional stakeholder by advocating for the political rights and sovereignty of Palestinians. This stance was further emphasised on Sunday, when Ankara strongly condemned Israel's decision to register vast areas of the occupied West Bank as "state property". Calling the move a flagrant violation of international law, the Turkish government noted that such measures severely threaten the possibility of



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a just peace. By addressing both the physical rebuilding of Gaza and the systematic illegalities in the West Bank, Türkiye maintains a principled and multi-dimensional approach to the conflict.

## Social Media Regulation for Children Is on the Agenda



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The conversation surrounding digital safety in Türkiye has taken a clear turn as the government prepares for new legal changes. Family and Social Services Minister Mahinur Özdemir Göktaş has highlighted growing concerns about

children's well-being, specifically noting shorter attention spans and declining school performance. While she is calling on parents to be more active at home, it is clear that the state believes a more formal framework is now necessary. The message is simple: the digital world is changing how children grow up, and the current hands-off approach may no longer be enough to protect their development.

However, the plan involves more than just social habits; it is also about security. Justice Minister Akın Gürlek has raised concerns about how criminal groups use social media to reach both adults and children. To address this, he has proposed a system requiring users to verify their identity to use these platforms. By working closely with the Family Ministry, the Ministry of Justice aims to remove the anonymity that often hides illegal activities. As these debates unfold in the coming weeks, Türkiye will have to decide how to balance personal privacy with the urgent need to keep its citizens safe from online crime.

### Highlights

- Marking a significant expansion of its maritime energy strategy, Türkiye sent the deep-sea drilling vessel Çağrı Bey to Somalia this Sunday.
- Türkiye's first armed unmanned surface vessel has been delivered for use by the security forces.
- Türkiye's local maritime capabilities were on display at the NATO Steadfast Dart 2026 drill, featuring the first-ever use of the TB3 armed unmanned aerial vehicles in such an exercise.

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