



TURKEY IN RECENT CRISIS: A CAPITOL HILL PERSPECTIVE

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"The post-September 11 war on terrorism has enhanced Turkey's strategic importance for the U.S. Turkey is the most reliable and stable U.S. ally in the region and the best prevailing example of a secular, democratic Muslim-majority state. Its increased stature ameliorates Turkey's often problematic image on Capitol Hill but it does not fully obviate Turkey's need to deal with the difficult issues that produced this image. The interplay of these factors will determine the future of US-Turkish ties and, in turn, deeply influence the outcome of U.S. policies in Turkey's neighboring regions." - *A. Makovsky.*

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