

## THE FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH AFRICAN DIRECTION IN TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY

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### **Abstract**

This article provides a comprehensive analysis of the formation and development of the Republic of Turkey's foreign policy towards North Africa. The study examines historical processes from the Ottoman era through the Cold War, the post-Cold War period, and the Arab Spring. Particular attention is paid to Turkey's geopolitical, economic, and military interests, with a focus on the Libyan crisis as a central component of Ankara's regional strategy.

### **Keywords**

Turkish foreign policy, North Africa, Neo-Ottomanism, Arab Spring, Libyan crisis, geopolitics.

### **Introduction**

North Africa Region geographical location, rich natural resources and strategic communication roads with international relationship in the system important place. This area covers Europe, the Middle East, East and the African continent gardener space as not only regional, but also global political directly to the processes impact showing is coming. Colonialism from the era then to the surface arrived political instability, state of the institutions vulnerability, security problems and external forces competition North Africa large countries interests collision coming to the area turned.

Cold war when finished, international in the system new power centers appearance it has been and many countries external policy diversification to do strive started. That's how it is. under the circumstances Turkey the Republic is also traditional To the West directed external policy with one in line To the Middle East, Caucasus and Africa attention North Africa Turkey for historical heritage, geopolitical interests and modern security issues harmonious important region as manifestation it has been.

The "Arab Spring" processes that began in 2010 In North African countries political systems from the trail issued and in the region, forces balance These processes Turkey external also important in politics turn made in Ankara in the region activity Especially the Libyan crisis Turkey's North in Africa political and military role open manifestation did important situation is considered.

**Literature analysis.** Scientific in literature Turkey's North African politics often neo-Osmanism concept, "strategic "depth" theory and regional power as formation process within analysis is done. Some researchers Turkey's to Africa directed policy mainly economic interests with if others explain him/her ideological and cultural factors with connects. Last published in years scientific affairs and the Libyan crisis and Eastern Middle Earth sea in the matter of Turkey's military to the activity separately attention is looking.

**Research methodology.** This in research good quality analysis from the methods used. Including historical - comparative approach, geopolitical analysis and the situation case - study method used. Main sources as official documents, political statements, scientific articles and international organizations reports analysis Libya crisis Turkey's North in Africa strategy explanatory main situation as selected.

### **Turkey and North African countries between relationship**



Turkey and North African countries between relationship Ottomans empire from the era From the 15th century to the 20th century on their heads until Egypt, Libya, Algeria and Tunisian Ottomans political impact under This was historical connections today's Turkey's daily to the region relatively political and cultural in the discourse important place occupies. However, Turkey Republic organization after finding, North Africa is far away time external in politics second level direction to be left.

**Cold post -war period and “African Strategy”.** Cold from the war then Turkey external in politics new priorities was formed. Since the 2000s, especially when the AKP came to power upon arrival, Turkey to Africa relatively active politics yurita Diplomatic representative offices number increase, trade and economic of connections expansion and humanitarian projects Turkey's in the region the impact increased.

### The Arab Spring and the Libyan Crisis

The "Arab Spring" in North African countries political instability Turkey this in processes active position especially In Libya National agreement government supported. Signed in 2019 military and sea to the borders related agreements Turkey's Eastern Medium land at sea geopolitical interests' protection to do service did.

**Discussion.** Turkey North in Africa policy historical inheritance and modern interests to the harmony is based on. However regional competition, economic restrictions and Europe countries pressure this politics far term to stability impact This point of view from the perspective of Turkey own strategy flexible and balanced in a way take to go forced

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