

GEOGRAPHICAL AND GEOPOLITICAL NOTES

- Libya, as a whole, remains crucial for Greece's security and prosperity, not least Cyrenaica for well-known reasons: the Barcean arc located closer to Greece, bordering to Egypt, rich, though not exactly master of its natural resources, indelible Hellenic heritage.

The Greek government must stay steps ahead of other's pursuits.

- In the light of looming normalization of ties btw Assad's Syria and Erdogan's Turkey, becomes clear that the other normalization, namely Ankara's with Jerusalem cannot go too far. Nor can Jerusalem sympathize with Baku, in the face of Aliyev's onslaught on the Republic of Armenia, as the case was back in autumn 2020, during war for Nagorno Karabagh.

- UKRAINE

Some western observers had since June anticipated a shaky equilibrium in the battlefield by September, reckoning that this would prod the conflicting parties, after Ukraine scored some good results, to engage in serious peace talks.

Ukraine has surprised Russian forces in the north-eastern front, putting pressure upon Donbas, while stalling in the southern front around Kherson, seemingly sustaining serious casualties.

This is not the endgame; Russia will have not been got down. Their resilience is in principle stronger than Ukraine's for all the Western boost to the latter in terms of armaments, advice, and financial support. The war will continue till the one of the two opposing camps cedes ground. President Zelensky's vistas in the eyes of his Atlantic backers have been reinforced. For how long? Not hasten to declare victory. Russia can afford bleeding for a considerable period of time.

Without further elaboration, situation reminds us of the ominous for the Central powers' year 1918. Let's revisit our history books.

- Stravonas turns his attention, as everybody does, to elections in Sweden, Italy, Bulgaria, Israel, last but not least in mid-term elections in USA. We'll see to what extent, following election day in the US, London and Washington will see eye to eye with regard admonitions upon the president of Ukraine.

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Day of erection of the Holy Cross