



AK Party's Iran Policy

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Abstract

Unlike the previous Turkish governments, the AK Party government in Turkey has developed a different policy on Iran and neighbor states. AK Party came to power in 2002 and it has tried to establish good relations with its neighbors. The period of 2002-2011 has been one-party rule in Turkish political life so it has played more powerful for nearly a decade. Ahmed Davutoglu, the minister of foreign policy of Turkey, called famous doctrine "Zero problem" policy with its neighbors. However, some journalists in Turkey sharply criticized this-policy and found it as "Utopia". Either it will be a reality or utopia, something is very clear that is Turkey's policy has transformed in a different way. This transformation is particularly seen in relations between Turkey and Iran. Iran is one of the most important states in the Middle East. In this point, Iran's diplomatic relations with USA and Western states are so important for Turkey. This paper will analyze AK Party's Iran polices comparing regional powers and other actors on this region. Especially Iran's nuclear works have created big reaction on Western world for a long time. Turkish governments' attempts are so significant while evaluating this subject.

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