

## **PART 1 OSINT REPORT**

**Connections Between New York Mayor Eric L. Adams, the Turkish Government and Associated Individuals/Groups, and Donor Construction Companies Involved in the FBI Campaign Finance Investigation**

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This research is in two parts.

### **“THE ISTANBUL OF AMERICA”**

The newly elected Mayor of New York, Eric L. Adams has been a Borough President and is heavily connected to his multi-ethnic community. His sphere of influence and work is specially connected to the greater New York Turkish community who have a large presence in his district. Adams refers to New York as “the Istanbul of America”. Turkish businessmen engaged in construction have courted Adams for their special interests. Also included in the Adams/Turkish connections are Turkish cultural and student organizations, various Turkish businesses having interests, and Türkiye’s President Erdogan who wields an oversight and influence in the community.

While the process of these connections is familiar to a certain degree, Adams’ engagement with the Turkish community is of a *peculiar level of substantial activity* that has drawn the eye of the local press and law enforcement. A scandal arose regarding campaign funding and the FBI stepped in with a reported 100 officers making surprise raids on Adams’ closest staff members and confiscating equipment. In response, certain personnel are no longer in their positions. Adams and his attorneys are cooperating with the investigation.

An investigation led to an indictment of certain Turkish American individuals that are owners/operators of construction companies who committed campaign fraud to benefit Adams’ mayoral election. Additionally, various New York journalists have produced numerous articles highlighting the individuals involved in the funding scandal and Adams’ ties to wealthy Turkish businessmen. These articles reported on events that revealed Adams’ direct ties to the Government of Türkiye itself, personnel roles relating to Adams and the Turkish entities, Turkish businesses, the non-profits involved, Turkish Airlines, Erdogan’s family members, and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/new-york-city-mayor-eric-adams-charged-bribery-and-campaign-finance-offenses>

the numerous cultural events and activities that have taken place since approximately 2014 with Mayor Adams present.

The specific lines of inquiry to initiate the research are outlined below as are the responses to date. Since beginning this inquiry, additional known names were added to the lines of inquiry which will require more research to evaluate the connections. The research includes a culmination of the numerous articles and their provided relevant information, and OSINT software tools were used to fill in the gaps, etc. Additionally, a main graph was initiated to show the closest ties between all of the most relevant individuals.

Please note, some entities' information that was collected is deleted from this report in order to minimize irrelevant data. Those connections pertain to earlier property management and hotel businesses connected to Erden Arkan/KISKA that were also suspect for nefarious activities, but have not donated to Adams. The Kiska scandal involved the Marmara Hotel in Manhattan.

The report includes narrative findings stemming from the numerous articles on the matter.<sup>2</sup>

### **Lines of Interest for Research:**

1. KSK Construction and the employees who donated to Eric Adams, which was flagged by the Campaign Finance Board and led to the current investigation. Ties to Türkiye/AKP are newsworthy. The owner Ulgur Aydim of KSK shared anti-Erdogan posts on FB. The other owner is Erden Arkan. Provided is a link to a list of known KSK donors – Screenshot from the New York City Campaign Finance Board<sup>3</sup>:

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<sup>2</sup> All NY Times articles are behind a paywall. Currently, these are not included as other news agencies appeared to have good coverage of the scandal and much relevant information to begin the research.

<sup>3</sup><https://www.nyccfb.info/FTMSearch/Candidates/Contributions?ec=2025%2C2023%2C2022%2C2021%2C2018%2C2017%2C2013&rt=can&cand=1545&emp=Ksk>

Name	Address	Recipient	Employer	Date	Amount	Type
Arkan, Erden	New York, NY 10013	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: KSK Construction Group LLC Occupation: Owner	5/7/2021	\$1,500.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 8 ID: R0038554
Ayverdi, Mehmet	Flushing, NY 11354	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: KSK Construction Group LLC Occupation: Sr. Prod. Manager	5/7/2021	\$1,200.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 8 ID: R0038535
Dincer, Deniz	Brooklyn, NY 11201	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: KSK Construction Group LLC Occupation: Account Manager	5/7/2021	\$1,250.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 8 ID: R0038547
Kahyaoglu, Aysun	Flushing, NY 11360	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: KSK Construction Group LLC Occupation: construction	5/7/2021	\$1,250.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 8 ID: R0038545
Kotsonis, Georgia	Cliffside Park, NJ 07010	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: KSK Construction Group LLC Occupation: Business Logistics	5/7/2021	\$1,250.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 8 ID: R0038539
Mermer, Murat	Brooklyn, NY 11221	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: KSK Construction Group LLC Occupation: PM	5/7/2021	\$1,250.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 8 ID: R0038537
Nitka, Abigal	Brooklyn, NY 11211	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: KSK Construction Group LLC Occupation: Engineer/ Lawyer	5/7/2021	\$1,250.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 8 ID: R0038551
Nuriogullari, Adnan Can	Brooklyn, NY 11228	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: KSK Construction Group LLC Occupation: Project manager	5/7/2021	\$1,250.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 8 ID: R0038541
Ok, Elif	New York, NY 10001	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: KSK Occupation: Accountant	5/7/2021	\$1,250.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 8 ID: R0036091
OYman, Hakan	Ridgewood, NJ 07450	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: KSK Construction Group LLC Occupation: Finance Director	5/7/2021	\$1,250.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 8 ID: R0038543
Varol, Sertac	Flushing, NY 11360	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: KSK Construction Group LLC Occupation: Partner	5/7/2021	\$1,250.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 8 ID: R0038549

2. Cenk Öcal, was the top Turkish Airlines' executive in America until 2022. Ocal started as a flight attendant and moved all the way up and raised suspicion. Leaked emails between the AKP regime and a major Turkish proxy in the US, Halil Ibrahim Danismaz, showed that he was worried about getting paid by Turkish Airlines for so long without doing any work, to which his source in the regime said he would "continue to get paid as long as the AKP shall rule Turkey."



Cenk Ocal



Halil Ibrahim Danismaz

3. Politico reported they reviewed all of New York Mayor Adams' schedules as Mayor and Brooklyn Borough President over an 8-year period, and he met with Turkish groups 80 times.

4. Anyone who participated in the Turkish flag raising ceremony in 2023 and 2024.
5. Who donated to Adams from the Turkish community.
6. Turgev or Turken Foundation in NYC. The Turkish House.

#### **KSK Construction Group, LLC/KSK, LLC Group – Company Structure<sup>4</sup>**

1. Address 136 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Floor 2; Brooklyn, NY 11249. (718) 290-9111. Website is [www.kskllc.com](http://www.kskllc.com); email is info@kskllc.com. According to Zoom-info company directory last updated 12/06/23 KSK shows 56 employees in America<sup>5</sup>.
2. **Connection to Turkish Government is through its parent company and bank:** Articles from Politico and others state the owners of the company were born and educated in Türkiye and that KSK received tens of millions of dollars in loans from the New York branch of the [Turkiye Vakiflar Bankasi](#) which is the bank owned by the Turkish Government. A google search reveals several links.
3. The Daily Beast article <sup>6</sup> reveals Kiska's parent company (Kiska Construction Corporation, based in Ankara, Turkey) and the Bank's controlling funds. The Bank goes by another name in its registered filings as T. Vakiflar Bankasi T.A.O. New York Branch. The article names subsidiaries and subcontractors who received funding. Loan recipients also connected to KSK including loans to KSK executives, managers, employees and others with strong ties to KSK. These include MKD Group, 160 Dikeman Street, LLC, and Oily River Development owned by Ulgur Aydin aka Himli Ulgur Aydin. Sertac Varol signed documents in 2015 for a company called Citadel Development Corp for a loan to acquire a property in Queens. Others receiving loans were Aysun Kahyaoglu who is a project manager, her husband Faik and son Suleyman who run SKF Electrical which is a KSK sub.

Information on the donors listed in the screenshot above and other close parties is as follows:

1. Sertac Varol, KSK Managing Partner (Donor). Photographed with Adams on May 21, 2022 at the Federation of Turkish American Association parade on Madison Avenue. Varol told the press that he "didn't remember donating to Adams"<sup>7</sup>. Varol is age 65 and resides in Bayside, NY. Owns multiple properties worth millions and has three relatives. Relative's last name is Varol who has an email associated with KSK, LLC. He is listed as a managing partner at Sevenberry Construction and a VP at KSK Construction Group. Chairman at an entity by his own name, and shows an employment at Vmed Chiropractic & Acupuncture, PLLC. Has a couple of LinkedIn profiles.

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<sup>4</sup> A company structure typically is the first level of inquiry to establish the entities and begin making connections.

<sup>5</sup> Only a portion of the 56 are shown unless you register for an account.

<sup>6</sup> [Construction Company in NYC Mayor Probe Got Millions From Turkish Bank \(thedailybeast.com\)](#)

<sup>7</sup> [Eric Adams Campaign Ignored Warnings About Donations That Triggered FBI Probe | THE CITY — NYC News](#)



Sertac Varol

2. Murat Mermer, KSK Sr. Project Manager and Site Safety Manager (Donor): Photo from a site called RocketReach which also has his work history. DOB: 03.01.80. Has owned a handful of properties around Brooklyn and in Pennsylvania. Has also lived in NY.



Murat Mermer

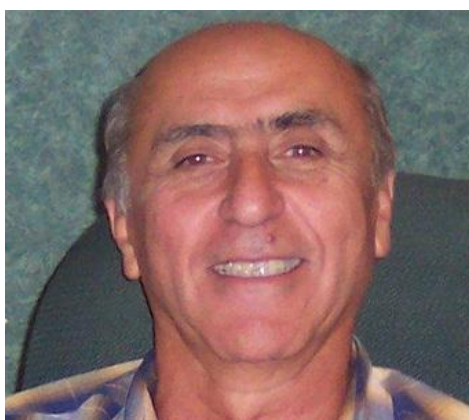
3. Mehmet Ayverdi, KSK Sr. Project Manager (Donor). He owns the property with Maria C. Ayverdi. Registered Republican. Age 63.
4. Ulgur Aydin, aka Hilmi Ulgur Aydin KSK Principal. Articles report Ulgur being investigated by the state for making racist remarks about a developer's wife and children after they complained of shoddy workmanship, and also regard a 2021 crane crushing incident on the Broome project. Not a donor.





Hilmi Ulgur Aydin

5. Deniz Dincer, Accountant (Donor): He is listed in public records as a finance director, accountant, and went to the Gazi University and Brandeis. Finance director at Kiska Development. Got a BA from Bogazici University and a MS from Galatasaray. This FB page shows a similar photo for the male and states he lives in Istanbul. <https://www.facebook.com/deniz.dincer> but the last post was 2015. Has a protected account on Twitter.
6. Erden Arkan, Esq. Partner (Donor) Public records contain his owned properties and work history. Erden is a registered Democrat. A Kiska scandal involved two corruption scandals involving bribes to city workers related to the projects in 2007 and 2008. Erdan Arkan is on FB with at: <https://www.facebook.com/erden.arkan.7> Last post was 6.30.17. Erden is also listed as an owner of EA Consulting. He is on LinkedIn and Facebook. FB education info lists him as educated in **Istanbul Technical University**. Articles refer to Erden of having a lavish lifestyle amid his legal troubles related to his construction businesses. The City's notable articles dig into two Kiska bribery scandals in 2007-08.<sup>8</sup>



Erden Arkan

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<sup>8</sup> [Eric Adams Donor Construction Firm Escaped Past City Graft Tangles | THE CITY — NYC News](#)

6. Sourav Khatua is a Construction engineer and superintendent. Not a donor.
7. Aysun Kahyaoglu (Donor). This person has two business associates with the last name Tunavelioglu. (Tuna being a Turkish surname). Aysun has tax lien and is also a debtor in some UCC filings in 2011. Has a few LinkedIn profiles. No social media footprint.
8. Georgia Kotsonis (Donor). Age 75. Registered Democrat in Manhattan. Drives a Mercedes. No social media footprint.
9. Abigail Nitka (Donor)-No media or public records footprint.
10. Adnan Can Nuriogullari (Donor) Born in 1983 and has one connected relative. Email is connected to KSK, LLC. He has a MBA from Louisiana Tech, a BS at Near East University, he is currently listed as a project manager at DPR Construction and has been a PM at KSK Construction Group since around 2015. He has had other similar jobs. FB is unavailable. He is on LinkedIn. Lives in Brooklyn.
11. Elif Ok (Donor) Brooklyn resident, and is 34. No other information.
12. Hakan Oyman (Donor). No real data other than residence info on public records.

Zoominfo notes that Ahmad Keramati is the Deputy CEO and Kal Silverman is the President of KSK. Various other business data bases have various names and titles. The number of employees fluctuate by about 10 values between the various websites. My visa jobs.com lists Ulguy Aydin as having filed a LCA for H1B visa; and Hakan Oyman filed a LC for a green card. Hilmi Ulgur Aydin has filed a LCA for an H1B Visa. Both list an address of 136 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Brooklyn and have 718 area code phone numbers with @kskllc.com as email addresses. There is another partner named Selim Akyuz.

KSK's main affiliate is [Agime Group, LLC](#); 1373 Broad Street, Suite 200B in Clifton, NJ 07013; (973) 272-8761. The following is a list of their lead personnel. None showed up on the campaign donor list. However, they sit on Turkish boards and were educated in Türkiye. Information is copied from their website.

#### **Personnel:**

1. Murat Agirnasli, CEO/President. He is also the president of Apparel Trading Intl, Inc. Has served as a board member and president of Turkish American Business Forum; founding member and currently serves as a member of the board and co-chair of Turkish Philanthropic Funds. Holds a BA from Bosphorus University, MA from the University of Richmond.
2. Erman Agirnasli, VP Development and Acquisitions. On the board of the TABF and on the junior board of Turkish Philanthropy Funds. Has a MS in real estate from Columbia University and a BA in history from Vassar College. Fluent in Turkish and Spanish, English.
3. Wife: Ender Agirnasli, CEO. Also educated at Bosphorus and Richmond. CFO of Apparel Trading International an importer and wholesaler trading company.
4. Oguz Orkan, Sr. VP Operations and Information Technology.



5. Harlan M. Lazarus, Esq of Lazarus and Lazarus.
6. Erden M. Arken, Esq. Architect, Advisory board. Graduate of Istanbul Technical University with an architectural engineering degree.
7. Tahir Demircioglu AIA, LEED AP BD+C, Advisory board. A licensed architect in both the USA and Turkey. BA in architecture from Middle East Technical University in Turkey.
8. Gokhan Savun, Advisory Board. Graduated from Bilkent University. Banking.
9. Bill Fried, Partner and Chair, Construction Litigation Group at Herrick Feinstein, LLP. Veteran litigator.

## The Current Campaign Funding Scandal

- From Gothamist: <https://gothamist.com/news/what-is-ksk-the-construction-firm-at-center-of-mayor-adams-fundraising-probe>. From this article are these persons of interest:
  1. Brianna Suggs key Adam's campaign fundraiser.
  2. Mayor Eric Adam's campaign counsel: Vito Pitta.
  3. Erden Arkan made a \$1500 campaign contribution in 2021. \$250 of that eligible for a match contribution of 8/1.
  4. New Jersey based developer Agime Group lists KSK as an affiliate whose contracts mostly are executed in partnership with KSK Construction Group, LLC. Agime's website lists Arkan as an advisory board member.
  5. Agime's CEO Murat Agirnasli did not respond to Gothamist's inquiries.
  6. The Division of Human Rights investigated KSK'S owner Ulgur Aydin after a complaint alleged Aydin made racist comments about the developer's wife.
  7. A handful of construction defect suits against Agime and pulling in KSK principals and a crane crushing employee death. Adam Bailey Leitman represents Agime.
- November 2, 2023 article from the Gothamist is about the FBI raid on Mayor Eric Adams' key fundraiser, Brianna Suggs. <https://gothamist.com/news/fbi-agents-seen-at-home-of-nyc-mayor-adams-top-fundraiser-in-reported-raid>
  1. Her company is Suggs Solutions, LLC.
  2. Rachel Atcheson is Adams' "body person".<sup>9</sup> She is identified in the indictment as the "campaign representative "1". She is a person who is privy to a lot of information including helping Dwayne Montgomery organize fundraisers for Adams. One of the comments in this article claims: "To add humor to this story - Rachel's partner/boyfriend is Sean McElwee, who was caught up in a straw donor scandal with FTX and Sam Bankman-Fried."
- From the October 24, 2023 article in The City:
  1. Persons of interest from this article are the two brothers Shahid Mushtaq and Yahya Mushtaq. Article says they "run a construction company in Queens". This company is called EcoSafety Consultants, Inc. They made straw donations in the names of six of their employees without the worker's knowledge. Pled guilty to misdemeanor conspiracy charges from a straw donor scheme that generated illicit public matching funds for Eric Adams' successful 2021 mayoral campaign. They agreed to cooperate

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<sup>9</sup> <https://gothamist.com/news/a-probe-into-illegal-donors-for-mayor-adams-touches-a-key-member-of-his-inner-circle-the-body-person>

with prosecutors for the larger investigation and provide witnesses to the DA.



<https://www.thecity.nyc/2023/10/24/adams-campaign-donors-guilty/>

Shahid Mushtaq, right, and his brother, Yahya, enter Manhattan Criminal Court during a hearing in their straw donor trial, Oct. 24, 2023.

2. Four other Defendants named in the indictment include Dwayne Montgomery, former NYPD Deputy, Shamsuddin Riza, Millicent Redick, Ronald Peek, and EchoSafety Consultants, Inc. See photos at this article link: <https://nypost.com/2023/07/07/nyc-men-indicted-in-straw-donor-scheme-for-eric-adams-campaign-da/>
3. Shamsuddin Riza was on a call with Yahya on how-to pass-through contributions to the campaign. Shamsuddin had a call with Millicent discussing that she would recruit senior citizens in the Esplanade Gardens area of NY County to serve as straw donors. Shamsuddin instructed Millicent in substance to purchase money orders from different post office branches to prevent detection of the straw donor scheme. Riza gave Millicent a check for \$2100 to purchase money orders. Millicent deposited the check into her personal bank account. She then told Shamsuddin that she was meeting an individual to give him cash to reimburse the person's campaign contribution. She stated she was using both money orders and checks to avoid suspicion. Millicent purchased 9 money orders at \$200 each from PO Box branches in NY and the Bronx, delivered completed campaign cards to Riza and the checks and money orders for 12 contributions at \$200 each. She then deposited a \$1000 check from Riza into her personal account.
4. Shamsuddin Riza is a registered Democrat. He has a known alias as Samuel Riza Brown. He is 71 born 10.1952. His LinkedIn profile has him as the owner of EcoSafety and shows previous work as a licensed construction superintendent and site safety at United Construction Brothers Services in Albany. Most of his relatives have the last name Brown. Interestingly, several possible associates have the last name of

Montgomery most notably is Jovan C. Montgomery age 45. (Jovan is registered as a Democrat and has warrants for the sale of a controlled substance and a drunk driving charge, and emails relating to porn). Public records show a shared email address with Jovan.

5. Riza also has an email and work history with a **D&D Construction** where he is listed as Owner since 2014. Riza has employment information connecting him to Capital Growth, LLC at 20 Kraus Road in Albany, NY. Shamsuddin Riza shows a federal tax lien from 2005 for \$6,642.24; a FTL 2004 lien for \$39,405.26; and a \$841 civil judgment in 2010. Riza may be on TicToc and Twitter.
6. Shamsuddin Riza is listed as unemployed on the NYC campaign finance board and donated \$100 in 08.20.20 and \$500 on 04.30.21.
7. According to the indictment, the first named Defendant, former NYPD Officer Dwayne Montgomery sent Riza an email purporting to invite Shahid Mustaq and Yahya Mustaq to a meeting with the Mayoral candidate. Riza also invited the unindicted co-conspirator-2 a representative of the scaffolding company-1 to a meeting. Dwayne's part in the conspiracy was to recruit straw donors, provide funds and reimburse the straw donors. Dwayne organized a fundraiser, withdrew \$26,774 from "a" personal bank account (unnamed), withdrew another \$13,011 and began transferring small amounts via Cash App, Zelle, solicited credits for the contributions from "campaign representative-1, contributed to the campaign via various email portals, organized a second fundraiser, more contributions took place, and a conversation wherein DM claimed that "the candidate said he doesn't want to do anything if he doesn't get 25Gs". Dwayne and Riza discussed in a TP conversation on instructing donors to put future donations in the names of family members to avoid the campaign contribution limits and to generate matching funds from the CFB.
8. Dwayne's LinkedIn includes skills that could benefit his campaign activities. DM is 64 born 4/1959, he is a twice registered Democrat in two different addresses. He owns property with Chanita R. Montgomery. He has social media links on Twitter and FB, is known as "highroller711" on MySpace, has an Amazon profile. Some previously existing social media appears to have been removed and most likely due to the scandal.
9. Dwayne's company is called Overwatch Services. Dwayne is the CEO and it is a strategic security company. He has had 30 years with the NYPD and was a commanding officer of the 28<sup>th</sup> precinct. <http://www.overwatchservices.com/>
10. He has a misdemeanor criminal charge for defective equipment in 2017 from Botetourt, VA.

Dwayne Montgomery  
dwayne-montgomery-88237a68

**Usernames:**

dwayne-montgomery-88237a68

**Current Job:**

Executive Leader / Co-Founder at Public Safety Reimagined, LLC

**Previous Jobs:**

Director of Integrity at Teamsters Local 237

C.E.O. at Overwatch Services, LLC

Inspector at NYPD

**Education:**

Bachelor of Science (BS), Criminal Just from John Jay College of Criminal Justice

**Addresses:**

New York, New York

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<http://www.overwatchservi...>

**USER'S ID**

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**SKILLS**

Negotiation

Teaching

Training

Organizational

Team leadership

Analysis

Public relations

Event management

Leadership development

Government

Policy

Budgets

Supervisory skills

Strategy

Emergency management

Private investigations

Organizational development

Criminal investigations

Homeland security

Police

Public speaking

Strategic planning

Interrogation

Microsoft office

Public safety

Firearms handling

11. Yahya and Shahid each contributed \$250 to the campaign. Riza later instructed Yahya how to structure contributions through their employees. Yahya claimed they could do money orders from the post office. Riza told him to do so at different windows.

12. Ronald Peek instructed Riza and the others on how to structure the contributions and on how to avoid detection. Peek is 70, and a registered Democrat in Flushing, NY. No social media or other significant connecting info. Riza engaged Peek to work with Mushtaq to distribute the campaign funds among the EcoSafety employees. Evidently there are about 60 employees. Regarding the structure, in the indictment, a recorded call with Riza, Peek stated "you gotta be careful cause you gotta make sure you do it through workers they trust, that's not gonna talk, because remember a guy went to jail for that.". Peek stated he gave Dwayne Montgomery checks totaling \$5400 for contributions.

13. Evan Thies is Adams' 2021 campaign spokesperson denied knowledge of the crime and will work with the DA and the Campaign Finance Board. The schemes are set up to illegally generate public matching dollars.

- This article says there are 500 donors flagged for over \$300k before matching. "Bundlers/intermediaries" collect contributions that mushroom with public matching dollars. <https://www.thecity.nyc/2023/09/22/eric-adams-campaign-finance-board-bundlers/>. Other names in the article are JMart Supermarket Company and the New World Mall in Flushing, Queens where JMart is a tenant. More claims of forging from these accounts.
- Another business named Tangra Masala a Chinese-Indian fusion restaurant. Yahya and Riza spoke about the Tangra fundraiser. During the conversation, Riza encouraged Yahya to pass through donations to Adams using the names of their employees at EcoSafety. The article links the indictment and is a downloaded attachment.




- Additional donors connected to the relevant construction entities and/or the Defendants:
  1. Kagan Gursel donated \$400 in 2019, and \$250 x 2 in the summer of 2021. He is listed as a KISKA employee.
  2. Golan Rabbani, MD from Bronx, NY donated \$400 in 8/25/21. Employed by Ecosafety Consultants.
  3. Charlie Zharadake donated \$400 same as Golan Rabbani.
  4. Sharon Holland, employed by Dwayne Montgomery's Overwatch Services donated \$25 in 2020.
  5. On 4.18.21 and 8.18.21 16 employees of JMart donated exactly \$249 each. <https://www.nyccfb.info/FTMSearch/Candidates/Contributions?ec=2025%2C2023%2C2022%2C2021%2C2018%2C2017%2C2013&rt=can&cand=1545&emp=JMart>.
  6. On 8.8.21, the Building Manager for New World Mall (Shastri Etwaroo) donated exactly \$249.00 to the campaign. Jmart Group is a tenant of NWM.
  7. Michael Abiuso of Verus Construction donated \$2k on 8.18.21.
- Defendant Opensource Business Information:
  1. Mohammad Mushtaq Site Safety Manager at EcoSafety Consultants: Shows his licenses as a site safety manager, special rigger, CSFSM NYC Department of Buildings and ASSE with the American Society of Safety professionals.
  2. EcoSafety's FB page: [https://www.facebook.com/p/Ecosafety-Consultants-100076075397052/?paipv=0&eav=AfaaJ5U4Xisu-qZLAuXIP5yp1OOcVrT9W\\_Gm-oYfKPv67NwmpPYD3xjiJmmZ1jySWU&\\_rdr](https://www.facebook.com/p/Ecosafety-Consultants-100076075397052/?paipv=0&eav=AfaaJ5U4Xisu-qZLAuXIP5yp1OOcVrT9W_Gm-oYfKPv67NwmpPYD3xjiJmmZ1jySWU&_rdr). Phone number: (718) 850-1754
  3. Website: [https://www.ecosafety.nyc/?fbclid=IwAR3hB4RiVp6emZtE41Y\\_LuBE6y2-QUO9ad5VIR9m9Ni5\\_XbEw-LGQE8nXto](https://www.ecosafety.nyc/?fbclid=IwAR3hB4RiVp6emZtE41Y_LuBE6y2-QUO9ad5VIR9m9Ni5_XbEw-LGQE8nXto).
  4. EcoSafety Consultants Inc. 32-78 31st Street. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/mohammad-mushtaq-293744142/> Long Island City, NY 11106; Office: (718) 850-1754; Email: info@ecosafety.nyc
- List of employees EcoSafety Consultants. The rest of these names are NOT in the 11 named individuals on the candidate contribution list. However, many are connected to each other on public records.
  1. Mushtaq Raja; On Site Manager
  2. Nataly Higuera, Community Manager
  3. Thomas Houtas, MBE Certified
  4. Raja Yahya, Operations & Procurement Head
  5. Shariq Raja Mushtaq-President of EcoSafety: Shariq and his relatives involved in this investigation are listed as living in South Richmond Hill in New York. That includes Yahya, Mohammad R., Shariz Raja, Mohammad in Brooklyn, and Shahid R. Shariq is listed as DOB 11/98 and is currently 35. He has a few possible associates, a few phone numbers listed in Manhattan. DONATED: \$250 on 5.17.21 and \$150 on 8.25.21 under Eco Development. The report shows ECO Development, LLC in Astoria as the current address (3278 31<sup>st</sup>. St. Astoria). Address for Eco Safety Consultants is 9727 121<sup>st</sup> St. South Richmond Hill, NY 11419. He is also connected to a Gallian Builders Inc, at the Astoria address. Another business association is Leading Safety Advisors,

Inc. at the South Richmond Hill address. He is the CEO of all three entities. There is a possible Federal Lien for \$76,991.64 against him personally for 2017 taxes. None of the LinkedIn pages work. He is also connected to a Shamas Contracting Company. Shariq Mustaq donated \$250 on 5.17.21 and 8.25.21 under his employer Eco Safety.

6. James Murphy
7. Sammy Yuen, Manager, Construction Site Safety
8. Yahya Mushtaq, Management **INDICTED**. He too is a registered Democrat. Relatives are Shariq Raja Mustaq, Mohammad R., Shariz Raja and Shahid all in South Richmond Hill. He is on Twitter. His LinkedIn doesn't exist but the data says he is the director or operations and CFO at EcoSafety Consultants. He has a BA in marketing and real estate development from Baruch College. Other social media photos do not look like the indicted person in the photos in the articles. Yet, the twitter image is from 2009.
9. Vincent Wong, Manager, Site Safety & Manager, Concrete Safety
10. Shahid Mushtaq, 718-850-1754, shahid@ecosafety.nyc · www.ecosafety.nyc, 718-255-1504. Principal **INDICTED**. Shahid R. Mushtaq is 30, born in 1993 and is a registered Democrat. He has similar business associates with Shariq. No social media.
11. Mohammad Mushtaq, registered democrat at 604 Banner Avenue in Brooklyn which is the same address as "Data Construction" and Mouj Construction. Public records show him as age 63 born in 1960. However, there are several others with the same name. Public records could be mixing information across one another. Public records show the Shamas Construction CO address listed also at the 9727 121<sup>st</sup>. South Richmond Hill as the mailing address and there are several corporate filings. He likewise has a UCC filing secured by The Mountbattan Surety Company for machinery, accounts receivable and proceeds. He has a few previously owned properties and a couple of odd email addresses: outieboyz@yahoo.com; an email at blackplanet.com and one for a business he owns called Jahil's Den. Public records show a Muhammad Mushtaq on the Interpol Most Wanted list. Citizenship is Pakistan. Manager, Site Safety at EcoSafety Consultants, Inc. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/mohammad-mushtaq-293744142/> according to his LinkedIn that has a photo.






## Mohammad Mushtaq

Site Safety Manager at EcoSafety Consultants Inc


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EcoSafety Consultants Inc




New York Queens College

### About

I have over 27 years of experience in various Construction Projects, Management, Environmental Health and Safety experience in Major High rise Buildings in Private Sector and Dept of Housing Authority HPD City of New York, Commercial and residential projects . I was responsible for overseeing the development, implementation and continuous improvement of EcoSafety Consultants Safety compliance structure while maintaining a culture of commitment to zero injury. Free workplace and modeling safety as a top priority for the business.

Mohammad R. Mushtaq is the Key Principal at Shamas Contracting Company working with Shariq Mushtaq. Located at 4509 Park Avenue, Bronx NY 10457. He is the President. Phone is 718.563.2100. NOTE: Website seems to be DOWN because the old website at [www.shamas.us](http://www.shamas.us) goes to some kind of **Hamas** page from LinkedIn and



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**Company Description:**

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**Address:** 4509 Park Ave Bronx, NY, 10457-1306  
United States

**Phone:**

**Website:** [www.shamas.us](http://www.shamas.us)

**Employees (this site):** [Actual](#)

**Employees (all sites):** [Actual](#)

**Revenue:** [Modelled](#)

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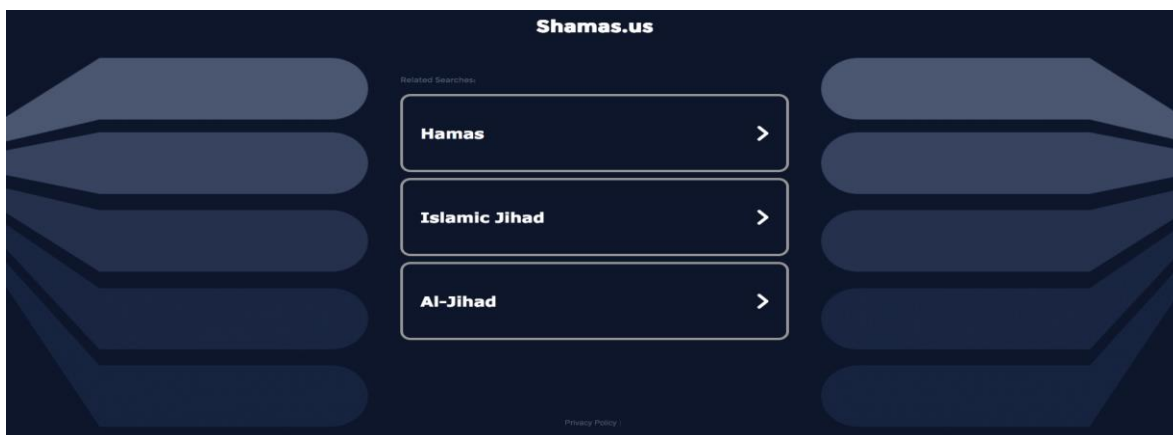
With over 12 years of experience in affordable housing, **Shams** has become an expert in turning around distressed properties. **Shams** is involved in the rehabilitation of over 200 buildings in...



from a construction company business directory website called DNB.com. The Data Construction Co at 604 Banner in Brooklyn no longer exists. This report also returned someone by the same name who is from PK and is on the **Interpol Most Wanted List**.



-  **Roberto Morales**  
Phone | Email
-  **Kareem Choudry**  
Phone | Email
-  **Luis Nieves**  
Phone | Email
-  **Juan Catano**  
Phone | Email
-  **Joaquin Rodriguez**  
Site Supervisor  
Phone | Email
-  **Richar Lopez**  
Project Manager  
Phone | Email
-  **Kamran Akhtar**  
Phone | Email



It doesn't appear any of the above Shamas employees donated to the campaign.

Some of Mohammad R. Mushtaq's associates have the last name Sarwar. Specifically, Mohammad Q. Sarwar is a registered Democrat and appears to also be on a **government watchlist from PK**. A Sakil Sarwar donated \$250 on 08.16.21. He is a "doctor".

Sarwar has a couple of UCC filings with the secretary of state in 2000 and 2005 regarding machinery, equipment and proceeds owned by The Mountbatten Surety Company in PA.

1. Engin Baydemir, Manager, Site Safety
2. Kanwar Abdul
3. Yahya Eco
4. Donald Gibbs, Director, Safety DONATED \$250 on 05.17.21
5. Charles Zahradka, Manager, Site Safety

Name	Address	Recipient	Employer	Date	Amount	Type
Rabbani, MD Golan	Bronx, NY 10462	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: Ecosafety Consultants Occupation: CAD	8/25/2021	\$400.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 12 ID: R0068172
Zharadake, Charlie	Franklin Square, NY 11010	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: Ecosafety Consultants Occupation: Consulting	8/25/2021	\$400.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 12 ID: R0068213

Others under the EcoSafety name that donated to the campaign.

- The following articles were harvested for relevant names and researched:
  1. Intelligencer: <https://nymag.com/intelligencer/article/what-we-know-about-eric-adams-ties-to-turkey.html>
  2. At [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov). October 19, 2022 is the transcript for Adams' remarks. Attendees in the article are:
    1. Commissioner Manuel Castro, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs.
    2. Ibrahim Kurtulus, Vice Chairman Bowling Green Association. Donated \$50 on 05.28.21.
  3. [Nymag.com/intelligencer](https://nymag.com/intelligencer) on 11/17/23 posts that Adams met with Hilmi Turkmen, the Mayor of Uskudar, Turkey at City Hall on May 13, 2022. This article talks about how Adams contacted the then fire commissioner Daniel Nigro urging him to temporarily allow the Turkish Government to occupy the Turkevi Center that was not yet open due to safety concerns. It drew FBI attention. They hosted a major grand opening for the building presenting Recep Tayip Erdogan when he was in town for a UN General Assembly. Adams received \$6k in donations from three board members of the Turken Foundation which is a nonprofit with ties to the son and daughter of Erdogan. The donors are volunteers with Turken and did not list the foundation as an employer when donating. They are accused of being a front foundation used by the Erdogan family to funnel money into the U.S. In 2018 Adams was seen with Behram Turan at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Turken House.
- Turan states his employer is CME associates and he is an engineer. Lives in Franklin Park, NJ. Donated in 2018 as below. \$1,000 was adjusted.

Name	Address	Recipient	Employer	Date	Amount	Type
Turan, Behram	Franklin Park, NJ 08823	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: CME Associates Occupation: Engineer	7/2/2018	\$3,000.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 1 ID: R0004187
Turan, Behram	Franklin Park, NJ 08823	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)		7/2/2018	(\$1,000.00)	Receipt Adjustments St#: 4 ID: R0016105

- At [www.legistorm.com](http://www.legistorm.com), the “Justice and Development Party of Turkey” registered as a foreign Principal under Halil Mutlu. Registration was on 05.11.22. In 11.08.23 article by The City, he is pictured presenting a certificate to the Turken Foundation board member Memis Yetim. Memis donated \$1,000 in 2021. <https://www.thecity.nyc/2023/11/08/eric-adams-erdogan-turken-foundation-turkey/>



Halil Mutlu



Memis Yetim

Name	Address	Recipient	Employer	Date	Amount	Type
Yetim, Memis	STATEN ISLAND, NJ 10306	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: Self-Employed Occupation: Private Limo Serves	7/30/2021	\$1,000.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 11 ID: R0052409

- The Turken Foundation was incorporated by Bilal Erdogan, Recep's son. The daughter's name is Esra Albayrak. The article states Adams received \$12,600 donations from two board members of the Turkish American Steering Committee. One was Halil Mutlu. The Turken Foundation, is otherwise known as the Turkish Youth and Education Service or <https://turgev.org/en/s/about-us> as TURGEV which is the Youth and Education Service Foundation of Turkey officially on the website. These two websites share some of the same board members. Foundation's principal is Ensar Vakfi, however not currently listed on the Turken Foundation's board or on the Turgen's board member page. Turken filed as a foreign agent on 05.18.22. They also listed the names of donors and what they donated for disbursements of political contributions over time and those are as follows:
  - 01.27.16 by Memis Yetim who gave \$5,400 to Hillary Clinton.
  - 04.20.19 by Memis Yetim who gave \$2,000 to Eric Adams.
  - 04.30.19 by Behram Turan who gave \$2,000 to Eric Adams.
  - 11.18.20 by Memis Yetim who gave \$1000 to Gregory Meeks.
  - Two other donations to Tayfun Selen of \$500 and \$5800 in 2021.
  - In the Appendix of this Registration Statement, the following names are listed as partners, officers, directors or persons who are performing functions of the registrant:
    - Behram Turan, Chairman of the Board, US Citizen
    - Memis Yetim, US Citizen, Treasurer

3. Esra Albayrak, Turkey, Director.
4. Ahmet Bayraktutar, Turkey, Director.
5. Mehmet Fehmi Bilge, Turkey, Director.
6. H. Ibrahim Bacaci, Turkey, Director
7. Selim Cakir, Turkey, Director
8. Omer Faruk Albayrak, Turkey, Director
9. Zulkarneyn Vardar, US, Director
10. Melike Kabatas, US, Director
11. Mustafa Ilbeyli, Turkey, Director
12. Haluk Gani, US, Director. Donated \$2,000 in 2018.

Name	Address	Recipient	Employer	Date	Amount	Type
Gani, Haluk	Edgewater, NJ 07020	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: Simpson Spence and Young Occupation: Broker	6/27/2018	\$2,000.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 1 ID: R0004004

In another appendix to this document, a list shows the Turken Foundation received monies from Turkiye Government for construction that adds up to millions of dollars from 2015 through the current registration. An individual named Ensar Vakfi also received funds beginning in 2014 for construction. Also attached is a Turken Foundation Disbursements from 2014 regarding housing, construction, expenses related to the student housing. Some are just titled “various vendor” and “employees”, and are hundreds of thousands of dollars.

- [Turkish American National Steering Committee](#)

[Turkish American National Steering Committee: Global Influence Operations Report \(global-influence-ops.com\)](#)<sup>10</sup>

1. “The Turkish American National Steering Committee (TASC) describes its [mission](#) as “to promote and amplify a united Turkish American voice on issues that affect the Turkish American community and United States-Turkish relations.” Its leaders however reflect close ties with Turkish President Erdoğan. TASC’s previous co-chair, [Halil Mutlu](#), is President Erdoğan’s [cousin](#). Current TASC co-chair [Gunay Evinch](#), is a principal of [Saltzman & Evinch](#), a law firm [retained](#) by Turkey and [registered](#) as a foreign agent of Turkey. Its former [treasurer](#), [Murat Guzel](#), [detailed](#) his engagement in US political activities in e-mails to Erdoğan family members. TASC has run events with groups from the [Global Muslim Brotherhood](#), including an [event](#) where president Erdoğan spoke alongside and met with a number of USMB leaders including [Oussama Jamal](#) of the [US Council of Muslim Organizations](#).”
2. In an [01.27.19 article](#) at [www.ourtasc.org](#) which is the Turkish American National Steering Committee’ website, they hosted Erdogan at 583 Park Avenue to over 1000 Turkish and American Muslim leaders. Attendees were:
3. TASC Co-chair [Gunay Evinch](#) who complimented accomplishments of the Federation of Turkish American Associations, the Assembly of Turkish American Associations, the

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.global-influence-ops.com/about-us/>

Diyanet Center of America, MUSIAD, TUSIAD, the American Turkish Council, and the Turkish American Business Council DEIK trade organizations. He recognized Mr. and Ms. Yalcin and Serpil Ayasli, the founders of the Turkish Coalition of American (TCA), Turkish American Legal Defense Fund (TALDF), and Turkish Coalition Political Action Committees (TC-PACs) for catapulting Turkish American public advocacy into a new era of success. Evinch recognized the Turkish National Lacrosse Team, made up mostly of Turkish Americans, which offered the President a team jersey from last summer's World Championships in Israel. TASC co-sponsored the Turkish Nationals. TASC Co-Chair, Dr. Halil Mutlu, thanked the TASC Board of Directors and main sponsor of the event, Vice President of ERG Construction Sani Erbilgin. Mutlu underlined the importance of strategic Turkish American alliances with the American Somali, Syrian, and Muslim communities. The TASC Board of Directors came on stage to present a gift to the Turkish President. They included: Treasurer Murat Guzel, Secretary General Oya Bain, Nevin Bakir, Dr. Tuncay Bayrak, Attorney Ayhan Ogmen, Aydin Mammedov, Dr. Behram Turan, and Memis Yetim.

4. Speakers at the event also included Osama Jamal, General Secretary of the United States Council for Muslim Organizations (USCMO), and Abdulhafid Djemil, President

Name	Address	Recipient	Employer	Date	Amount	Type
Guzel, Murat	Whitehall, PA 18052	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: NFS Inc Occupation: CEO	7/12/2018	\$5,000.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 1 ID: R0005631
Guzel, Murat	Whitehall, PA 18052	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: NFS Inc Occupation: CEO	8/13/2018	\$5,100.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 2 ID: R0005819
Guzel, Murat	Whitehall, PA 18052	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)		7/12/2018	(\$5,000.00)	Receipt Adjustments St#: 2 ID: R0005932
Guzel, Murat	Whitehall, PA 18052	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)		8/13/2018	(\$3,100.00)	Receipt Adjustments St#: 4 ID: R0015657

of the Islamic Leadership of New York (Majlis-i Shura), who commended Turkey's regional leadership, humanitarianism toward Syrian refugees, and humanitarian programs in Africa and Southeast Asia. They condemned PKK-YPG and FETO terror. Murat Guzel who is employed as a CEO by NFS Inc., donated and received adjustments in 2018:

Guzel is named in another scandal and court case regarding funneling money from the Turkish government. Guzel is also associated with Fethullah Gullen. <https://apnews.com/article/39237ec8a9d0458e9d23588fcc82ac30>





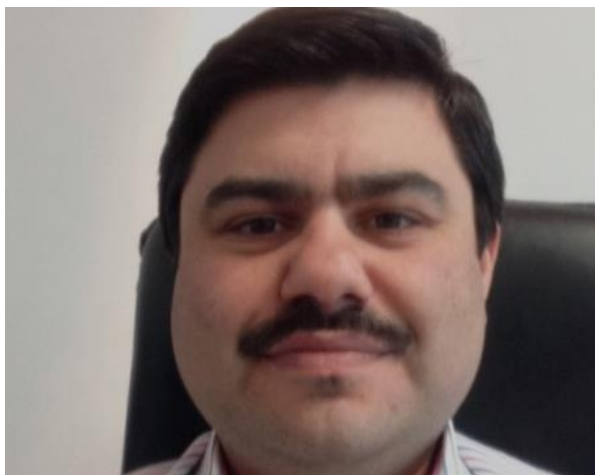
Murat Guzel

Another doner Aydin Polat is self-employed and donated \$175 in 2018.

- Politico's article: <https://www.politico.com/news/2023/11/17/eric-adams-turkey-connections-fbi-campaign-finance-investigation-00127716> claims they investigated thousands of pages of documents of Eric Adams' schedules and found the “nearly 80” events over 8 years to celebrate Turkey from 2015 on. Politico would have most likely obtained these documents through a FOIA request. The article claims Turkish Airlines is caught up in the FBI probe that centers around the 2021 campaign's collusion with the Turkish government in receiving illegal campaign contributions. Cenk Ocal was appointed to Adams' transition team and named to the “infrastructure committee” that numbered 800 people after his Mayoral win, and is a former employee of the airline. Suspended city staffer Rana Abbasova had served as Adams' liaison to New York's Turkish community and was reported to the feds for acting improperly. The investigation flagged three meetings when Adams was borough president, specifically a 2015 grand opening celebration for a Turkish restaurant she marked as “important”. Adams has a history of cultivating ties to many ethnic New York communities and they are surfacing in the FBI probe. Cenk Ocal being one of them, whose house was raided by the FBI. Politico's analysis of the schedules revealed three mentions of the airline at two planned banquets in 2019 and 2020 and an entry on 10.2.15 that read “Reschedule 4 p.m. Turkish airline. Rana my gifts”. Adams has a history of taking trips to Turkey that are funded by multiple entities including the Turkish Consulate who omitted the event from the required annual disclosure. The Association of Young Tourism Leaders funded another trip to Turkey four months later. He went with his son in 2017. In 2019 more celebration events with photos and trips. Adams was pictured with Turkish Airlines VP Mustafa Dogan and Ocal, the New York director for the airline.
- Politico offers a timeline here: <https://www.politico.com/news/2023/11/17/eric-adams-turkey-connections-fbi-campaign-finance-investigation-00127716> that within weeks of Adams taking office as the Brooklyn borough president in 2014, he hosted the consul

general at the Borough Hall and then met with his successors 6 more times over the years. He met often with Turkey Consul General Reyhan Ozgur outside the Turkevi Center whose Instagram page shows Adams 19 times. [https://www.instagram.com/tcnewyorkbk/?img\\_index=1](https://www.instagram.com/tcnewyorkbk/?img_index=1). His schedules show four separate events with the Turken Foundation who donated thousands of dollars to Adams mayoral campaign.

- Mustafa Dogan is listed on RocketReach at [https://rocketreach.co/mustafa-dogan-email\\_4397149](https://rocketreach.co/mustafa-dogan-email_4397149) as living in Istanbul, Turkey and is the VP of Sales and Marketing, General Manager and Director at Turkish Airlines.



- Is a family member or his wife named Aliriza Dogan? Prior to the 11/03/23 The City article about the \$10k donations returned to BAU, Adams honored Alriza as a restaurant owner. In 08.21.23 she hosted a fundraiser that netted almost \$21k for his campaign for “his work helping to feed homeless New Yorkers”. <https://www.thecity.nyc/2023/11/03/fbi-probe-eric-adams-campaign-turkey/>. Aliriza did not make a campaign donation.

#### • Bay Atlantic University Personnel

Name	Address	Recipient	Employer	Date	Amount	Type
Edib, Melek	Rockville, MD 20852	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: Bay Atlantic University Occupation: CFO	9/27/2021	\$2,000.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 12 ID: R0072480
KARATAS, DENIZ	Annapolis, MD 21403	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: Bay Atlantic University Occupation: Outreach Coordinator	9/27/2021	\$2,000.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 12 ID: R0072475
Ozdemir, Solmaz	Baltimore, MD 21206	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: Bay Atlantic University Occupation: Staff	9/27/2021	\$2,000.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 12 ID: R0072476
Ugur, Izel	Washington, DC 20017	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: BAY ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY Occupation: Registrar	9/27/2021	\$2,000.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 12 ID: R0072477
Vatanartiran, Sinem	Bethesda, MD 20817	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: Bay Atlantic University Occupation: Scholar	9/27/2021	\$2,000.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 12 ID: R0072474

#### • Striving for a Better New York

Politico article: <https://www.politico.com/states/new-york/albany/story/2021/10/18/adams-keynotes-fundraiser-for-new-pac-formed-to-support-like-minded-politicians-1391904> has Adams as the then candidate maxed out on his donations. Striving for a Better New York

(Alfred Cockfield, II a reverend with its treasurer Carmen Sterling raised money at a Manhattan night club). Most of the \$8M spent by PACs collectively came from a single outfit called Strong Leadership NYC funded by billionaire hedge fund managers such as Dan Loeb, Kenneth Griffin and Steve Cohen. The org is run by Jenny Sedlis, they support charter school. The bar is called Clinton Hall and is owned by Telly Hatzigeorgiou. Telly is not a donor.

- Politico article: <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/01/23/eric-adams-pac-striving-new-york-1406521> talks about the PAC raised over \$1M from Trump real estate players, a New Jersey nightclub owner eyeing expansion into New York, and a tech giant who got a meeting with the mayor a day after giving \$50,000 to the group. The PAC, Striving for a Better New York was created by Alfred Cockfield II.
- Turkish Days was organized by the Turkish Consulate General. Attended at Brooklyn City Hall. Daily Shabab has posted articles on these events. Adams was there as were many others listed in the article. <https://www.dailysabah.com/turkiye/40th-turkish-day-parade-to-be-held-on-may-20-in-new-york/news>. Attendees and associates were: The Federation of Turkish American Associations (TADF), Consul General Reyhan Özgür, among the parade marchers; and at <https://www.dailysabah.com/turkey/2019/06/11/turkish-day-turns-new-york-red-and-white>. This article states: The event was attended by Justice Minister Abdulhamit Gül, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Yavuz Selim Kıran, Turkey's Ambassador to the U.S. Serdar Kılıç, Turkey's United Nations Permanent Representative Feridun Sinirlioğlu and Turkish Consul General in New York Alper Aktaş.
- The City article posts that **first lady Ermine Erdogan** attended the Path to the Global Zero Waste Movement at the Turkish House in New York and links to the following: <https://www.tccb.gov.tr/en/news/542/149508/first-lady-erdogan-attends-path-to-the-global-zero-waste-movement-event-in-new-york>.
- The Eric Ulrich Scandal  
Eric Ulrich (Former Department Building's Commissioner): <https://www.thecity.nyc/2023/09/15/eric-ulrich-city-hall-background-check-bribery-probe/>. Indicted with five co-defendants for taking bribes. Eric was a former fundraiser for Adams.



Eric Ulrich

## **PART II OSINT REPORT**

**Connections Between New York Mayor Eric L. Adams, the Turkish Government and Associated Individuals/Groups, and Donors Involved in the FBI Campaign Finance Investigation**

**BY: Lauren Morris  
January 12, 2024**

## **Introduction:**

For Part II of this OSINT research, we look at the following connections that Eric Adams has to the Turkish community in the categories of:

- 1. Turkish-American individuals with business interests in New York that are connected to Eric Adams and may also be connected to the Turkish Government/AKP Party of Erdogan.**
- 2. PACS and NGOs with ties to the Turkish Government.**
- 3. Individuals who have or are working directly for Eric Adams caught up in the FBI probe regarding suspect campaign finance and Turkish businesses funneling money to the Eric Adams 2021 campaign.**

The FBI probe is centered on whether Adams' campaign accepted foreign funds from the Government of Turkey through straw donors associated with KSK Construction, among others. This research has revealed numerous Turkish-American events that Eric Adams has attended hosted by various business entities, some of who are registered foreign agents and represented by the business' American contact, attorneys who work for lobbying firms or otherwise represent Turkish interests in New York City, and public relations individuals. The FBI probe and our current research reveals and connects the groups to well-known corruption scandals that expose KSK and associates, other felons involved in businesses that Eric Adams patrons; numerous trips to Turkey for Adams and his staff that were paid for by businesses associated with the government of Turkey, and donations to Adams from the Turkish community.

Adams has told the press that he has one of the largest Turkish populations in the United States and claims the trips to Turkey are important in "understanding the community he represents". He denies doing quid pro quo and defends his "assistance" to the Turkish community. Adams has traveled to Turkey approximately seven times for various events and tours and has vaguely mentioned to reporters that some of those trips may have been personal, however, Adams has yet to produce sufficient records for transparency and his daily Mayoral schedules contain redactions that conceal third party entities.

The Turkish community in New York is long established with wealthy and highly successful businesses and individuals building some of the finest high rises in the most elite districts in New York. Organizations who promote Turkey in New York give lavish events to honor leaders for their accomplishments and they court Mayor Eric Adams. Turkey has a yearly march in New York, a Consulate, and expensive student housing. The Turkish construction company KSK who are a part of the FBI probe, have achieved some of the City's largest contracts despite a history of safety violations and criminal indictments stemming from the associated construction company Kiska. New York City Turks own restaurants and other businesses in a wide array of industries, and there are several organizations that support and promote the homeland and strong business goals with New York. Prominent organizations are expanding throughout the United States to anchor in major cities and the Turkish Government is financing businesses in the United States through some of its most trusted companions. One

example is Dr. Halil Mutlu who is the American representative for AK-USA, the American of the AKP under Erdogan (*See profile in Part 1 Report*). Individual analysts and researchers have written extensively on the Turkish-American history, the agreements made between the countries, and the complicated conflicts that have plagued Turkey and therefore, Erdogan's standing in America.

This report will connect the main events and social interactions between Eric Adams and the Turkish community, who are the businesses and individuals, suspect activities, crime and scandal that caught the eye of the press and yielded much scrutiny, criticism, and an FBI probe. Readers of this report must consider that names of organizations change frequently, as do associated individuals. However, this report aims to highlight those persons of interest and groups with staying power in the progressive Turkish community. Some of the persons listed below are profiled in Part 1 along with social media photos.

## **Persons and Entities of Interest**

**Erden Arkan & KSK Construction, formerly with KISKA:** CEO of KSK Construction. KSK is targeted in the Eric Adams campaign finance FBI probe. Arkan is the former CEO for Kiska and maintained ties with Kiska during two “lurid” corruption scandals involving bribery of two Department of Transportation workers in 2007 and 2008. This article lists the forbidden activity between Kiska and city employees concerning numerous bribes, and a significant bribe of DOT employees for a \$400,000 kickback from signing off on \$6.6 million dollars in additional charges, gifts and perks, free hotel stays at Kiska owned hotels for a New York Economic Development Corporation's son during the High Line construction, and Kiska's rumored ties to organized crime. Kiska continued to obtain multimillion-dollar contracts with the City despite the scandals and numerous OSHA violations. Kiska's history has been investigated by journalists when KSK's entanglement in the subject FBI probe surfaced after the campaign finance records showed that KSK executives and staff raised \$13,950 for Adams in May 2021 as a pre-primary fundraiser organized by Arkan, KSK's founder and former CEO of Kiska. <https://www.thecity.nyc/2023/11/05/eric-adams-ksk-kiska-construction-bribes/>. However, in a 11.03.23 The Real Deal article, a May 2021 event led to contributions from 84 donors amounting to \$70k and \$64k in public matching funds.

Erden Arkin is also directly connected to a firm called EA Consulting which brands itself as business management and consulting experts. Their project page appears to show KSK buildings. However, their “other projects” are all in Ankara and Istanbul. They also do kitchen and bath projects across the US. The page lists Arkan's cell phone number (646) 226-4596 and email at arkan@kskllc.com. They are connected to Hudson Co. Inc., as a director of construction in New York and to Fabienne Benmoha, Director of Design.

KSK is a leading builder in New York of luxury condos and other high-end complexes in some of the best districts in New York. KSK's negative history includes a crane crushing accident and the ensuing lawsuit, numerous fines for safety violations. However, articles have not revealed construction defect litigation. The [www.seair.co.in/us-importers/ksk-construction-group-llc.aspx](http://www.seair.co.in/us-importers/ksk-construction-group-llc.aspx) indicates they are a “leading import company in the USA”. The website is a US import data dashboard providing trade analysis. Website shows a sample bill of lading indicating the manufacturer/shipper is from Turkey, for pre-engineered steel buildings and component parts shipped into Newark, New Jersey.

Arkan is also connected with the following entity: From the Agime Group Website: Erden M.



Arkan, Esq. Architect, Advisory Board: "Mr. Arkan is a graduate of Istanbul Technical University with an Architectural Engineering degree. He has over forty years of experience in multi-disciplined heavy construction and building development projects throughout the world. Mr. Arkan is a principal and partner of KSK Construction Group, a company that specializes in general contracting, value engineering and construction management. Throughout his extensive development and construction experience Mr. Arkan has overseen numerous construction projects ranging from large scale infrastructure to luxury high rise residential buildings. Mr. Arkan is a seasoned real estate professional utilizing both his expertise in the technical aspect of construction and in the business of real estate development projects."

## **David Saltzman & Gunay Evinch of Saltzman Evinch**

**David Saltzman** was the legal counsel to the Turkish Embassy in Washington in 2020 according to this article: <https://www.foreignlobby.com/2020/07/06/law-firm-made-to-register-as-turkish-agent-after-getting-15-million-over-two-decades/>. Saltzman & Evinch, PLLC – (Gunay Evinch – Partner) represent the Republic of Turkey in two civil lawsuits pertaining to an Erdogan visit on about 05.15.17 when the Turkish delegation's bodyguards ignored police commands, broke through the lines and attacked the crowd, fought with police, and injured citizens. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/district-braces-for-planned-visit-by-turkish-president-erdogan/2019/11/08/8943e48c-fb35-11e9-ac8c-8eced29ca6ef\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/district-braces-for-planned-visit-by-turkish-president-erdogan/2019/11/08/8943e48c-fb35-11e9-ac8c-8eced29ca6ef_story.html). Saltzman filed as a foreign agent in 2020 with law firm Partner - Efe Porturoglu, Associate Attorney - Rachel Denktas, and Consultant - Gani Kuseyri.

**Donations:** Saltzman has made political donations since 1995. <https://www.opensecrets.org/donor-lookup/results?name=David+Saltzman> to the Turkish Coalition USA, Northeast, New Jersey, Midwest, American Women, and to Eric Adams in 2021 and 2022. \$2k was returned in 2021. He has donated to both republicans and democrats and significant donations to the Republican National Committee.

Saltzman is also legal counsel for The Turkish Coalition of America a 501c3, <https://www.tc-america.org/> in Boston. P.O. Box 611, Bedford, MA 01730, Phone: 978.318.0047. See the CID for mission, financials and files uploaded by Sam Westrop.

**Gunay Evinch:** Donation records from 2005 to 2021: <https://www.opensecrets.org/donor-lookup/results?name=Gunay+Evinch>. He gives to the following Turkish Coalitions: Midwest PAC, USA PAC, New Jersey PAC, Heritage PAC, Northeast PAC, California, National Coalition of Turkish American Women. Frequent donor to the 10,000 Turks PAC, a donor organization serving AKP interests. Gunay Evinch has represented the Turkish American community on the Heritage Council of the U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI= head of all US intelligence) since 2007. <https://www.saltzmanevinch.com/ap-evinch.php>. Evinch is co-chair of TASC, and his law firm was made to register as a foreign agent of Turkey in 2020 after accepting more than \$15 million from the Turkish embassy. The move was considered long overdue. His firm was accused in a WSJ report of spying on Gulenists and creating dossiers on their American members. He represented the Turkish bodyguards accused of beating up protestors in 2019. He is a frequent 10,000 Turks donor.

Gunay is also listed with **Fulbright:** <https://fulbright.org.tr/posts/8/Günay-Evinch#>. This is the Turkish Fulbright Commission: "The Turkish Fulbright Commission or in other words, the

Commission for Educational Exchange between the United States and Türkiye, was established by a binational agreement signed between Türkiye and the United States in 1949. The Commission started its activities in accordance with Law No. 5596 enacted by the Turkish Parliament on March 13, 1950:

"The Commission supports Turkish and American graduate students, faculty members, teachers, artists and professionals through grants which include travel and living expenses. It also offers educational advising for Turkish students wishing to study in the U.S.A. Our Commission was founded to develop mutual understanding between the Turkish and American people through educational and cultural exchange. The Commission Board and the Executive Director are the administrators of our Commission. The members of the Commission Board are assigned by the Turkish and American governments and they represent both countries. Since the foundation of our Commission in 1949, funding has been provided by the governments of Türkiye and the United States; and has supported around 6,500 Turkish and American scholars. Turkish Fulbrighters return to Türkiye upon completion of their studies in the U.S.A. and work to serve their country. American scholars coming to Türkiye have made major teaching and research contributions in a variety of disciplines ranging from Science and Engineering to Business, History and Literature. Returning Fulbrighters from both countries often hold important positions in their academic institutions, public service, and in the private sector. Most participants maintain ties with their host country, thereby carrying out the goals of the Fulbright Program. Our head office is in Ankara and there is a branch office in Istanbul."

Gunay's profile introduction on the Fullbright Commission website: Günay Evinch is a second generation Turkish American of Ottoman Macedonian heritage. He practices foreign affairs law in Washington D.C. He has always had strong connections to Türkiye. Indeed, when he was only six months old, his parents sent him to Türkiye with a flight attendant, so that his grandparents could see him. He was the first child to fly across the Atlantic, alone! Mr. Evinch serves as Co-Chairman of the Turkish American National Steering Committee (TASC), which represents the broadest diversity of Turkish Americans nationwide. He is the first Turkish American jurist to be inducted into America's prestigious Cosmos Club. He also serves as Commissioner on the Maryland Governor's Committee on Middle Eastern Affairs as well as Turkish American Representative to the U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Mr. Evinch received the U.S. Fulbright Scholarship in 1991 in International Law. His host institution was Ankara University, though he spent much of his time in the field in eastern Türkiye, researching the Armenian Revolt (1885-1919). In 1994, he and a law school friend established Saltzman & Evinch in Washington D.C. He is a prog rock guitarist and was an international soccer player. He has worked also as a lawyer in San Francisco. He earned a BA in Public Service and Economics at UC Davis and studied European Union law one summer in Madrid. He claimed that the Armenian claim of genocide warrants a proper legal analysis as it is a crime defined by law. His JD thesis and the Fullbright program gave him access to resources, networks and field experiences for this work. Scope of research conducted in Türkiye: "I applied the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide to the Armenian case, and concluded that under

international law and the facts that are known, the Armenian case does not constitute genocide, though further research is necessary to explore the full tragedy, including the role of the Armenian Revolt in Muslim and Jewish population deficits in eastern Anatolia. You have to remember, my family was forced out of the Balkans; they survived to tell the story of anti-Muslim and anti-Jewish insurgencies, persecution, pogroms and massacres. The Ottomans lost in the Balkans, but they won in eastern Anatolia under identical privations of WWI." See the link for full bio on his Fulbright experience. Gunay married the daughter of the Mayor of Diyarbakir Turgut Atalay whom he met in D.C."

Gunay claims that his two principles then and today are Inter Turk Dialog and solidarity within Turkish American Diversity. He wants the Turkish community to become a "heritage community that enriches the homeland America and the motherland Turkiye. "Today, Turkish Americans are funding and operating what I call a four-dimensional public advocacy program. This includes classical lobbying by groups such as TASC; campaign funding by groups such as the Turkish Coalition Political Action Committees (TC PACs); legal defense of our Constitutional Rights by the Turkish American Legal Defense Fund (TALDF); and cultural activities such as the Washington D.C. Turkish Festival by the American Turkish Association of Washington D.C. (ATADC). It's a true team effort which has become a formidable force in Washington D.C. and nationwide."

Evinch specializes in public international law, corporate and business law, civil rights, and non-profit legal consulting. He also has extensive experience in representing foreign countries. Evinch serves on **Maryland Governor Lawrence Hogan's Commission on Middle Eastern Communities**. In 2016, Evinch became the Co-Chairman of the Turkish American National Steering Committee (TASC), which oversees the programs of America's leading Turkish American organizations and mosques. In 2013, Evinch was inducted into the Washington DC Cosmos Club for Distinction in International Law and Foreign Relations. In 2009-11, Evinch served as the first American-born and 14th President of the Assembly of Turkish American Associations (**ATAA**). Evinch also served on the Board of Directors of the World Affairs Councils of America National Board alongside Chairman Ambassador Marc Grossman in 2009-11. He has represented the Turkish American community on the **Heritage Council of the U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence** since 2007. Evinch completed his Juris Doctor at Washington & Lee University in Virginia (1991), EU Legal Studies at the College of William and Mary Program at the University of Madrid (1989), and Bachelor Degrees in Economics and Public Service at the University of California, Davis (1986). Between 1991-93, Evinch was a U.S. Fulbright Scholar in International Law and Sasakawa Scholar in Foreign Relations in Ankara, Turkiye. Evinch received the Lee Law Grant as well as the UC Regents Outstanding Senior Award. Evinch interned with the Federal Public Defender in Sacramento and San Francisco District Attorney in 1985. The bio lists his select publications, letters to the editor and public speaking engagements often on the Armenian genocide issue."

**Murat Guzel:** In this article: <https://dailycaller.com/2016/12/07/exclusive-dnc-official-shared-political-intel-with-turkish-government-officials-paid-for-pro-turkey-op-ed/> Guzel was the head of the Democratic National Committee's Heritage Council and claimed to have

paid a former GOP congressman to write a pro-Turkey op-ed last year and also provided secret updates on his own political activities to members of Erdogan's inner circle. He was interviewed by the FBI along with several Turkish nationals linked to its government over bombshell revelations from the hacked email account of Berat Albayrak, Turkey's Energy Minister and Erdogan's son-in-law. The emails, which number more than 57,000 were originally released by a hacker collective called RedHack, but they received little attention in the American press until they were published by WikiLeaks. The documents, almost all of which are in Turkish, shed light into many secret activities between Erdogan's government and U.S.-based operatives working to further Turkey's agenda.

Guzel is the owner of Nimeks Organics, an organic juice company in Pennsylvania with the same address as the Natural Food Group but also listed on 52 E. Union Blvd in Bethlehem PA. They are a packaging, production and exporter of frozen vegetables and fruit products. Similarly, there is a business in Turkiye by the same name who is a grower and exporter of these same products. [www.nimeks.com.tr](http://www.nimeks.com.tr). The Manta business website indicates also that Nimeks Organics is in Whitehall, PA at the same address. Here he is with Congressional Candidate in September 2017 with Lindi LI for the Huffington post: [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/two-american-dreamers\\_b\\_597ff3cae4b0d187a5968fde](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/two-american-dreamers_b_597ff3cae4b0d187a5968fde). And a Google Search here: <https://efile.fara.gov/docs/6170-Informational-Materials-20210305-877.pdf> brings up a FARA filing on 03.05.21 showing Nimeks Organics as one of the top Turkish American companies and listing the US as a subsidiary founded in 2005 in Bethlehem. The companies appear to be directly linked.

Guzel has the largest political footprint of any of the operatives identified in the leaked emails from Berat Albayrak. Guzel has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to Hillary Clinton and his FB page is replete with photos of himself with democrats. Guzel is the director of MUSIAD-USA, a Muslim business association that represents Turkish companies, and pushing Turkey's political issues. MUSIAD – Young Musiad USA, become AKP politicians and share leadership roles with Murat in TASC. In a Sept. 8 email, Ibrahim Uyar, an executive at MÜSIAD-USA who co-founded a group called the Turkish American National Steering Committee (TASC) along with Guzel, informed Albayrak that he was questioned for an hour by two FBI agents. “They asked about MÜSIAD and TASC. They are accusing me of trying to intervene in American politics on behalf of our president and working as a secret agent in the name of the Republic of Turkey,” he wrote, according to a translation of the email. He also said that “they have studied our work in the last two years.” He added that Guzel and several other MÜSIAD board members, including Mustafa Tuncer, Emre Eren and Halil Danismaz, were also interviewed. Attorney, David Saltzman denied Guzel paid former Congressman Dan Burton for the Washington Times op ed and denied his client had been interviewed by the FBI.

While Guzel is no longer listed on the TASC website, an older page brings up he was a part of the executive committee and treasurer and he lives in Pennsylvania near his company and works more closely with his community there. From his bio on the now defunct page: “Working with the Community Action Committee of Lehigh Valley, Murat launched the SHE program for at risk middle school females. (Self Esteem Health, Education). <https://www.communityactionlv.org/she>. However, Murat Guzel is not listed on the website, but was on the founding floor due to a large donation. <https://thebrownandwhite.com/2019/01/31/she-program-bethlehem/>. He coordinates with the Second Harvest Food Bank and is an expert on organic nutrition for his company Natural Food Group which sells to many major supermarkets. He is a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in May 2018, one of the nation's most prestigious awards.

A Google image search shows Murat Guzel was given an Emgage award and has a photo hit piece about him in Google Images saying he is a **Gulenist**. Murat might be seen directly behind Adams in this article: <https://www.abdpost.com/eric-adams-basin-toplantisinda-dini-liderlerle-bir-araya-geldi-imam-ahmet-donmez-de-toplantiya-katildi/258228/>.

Murat's donations to NYC Mayor Eric Adams in 2019 returned \$3100, he has given to the National Coalition of Turkish Women, also gave \$33k to the National Republican Congressional Committee, \$5,100 to Adams on 8.13.18, it was returned two days later, TA Heritage, TC Northeast, TC New Jersey, he gave \$50k to Priorities USA Action. At an Ali Baba Fundraiser on July 12, 2018, Murat Guzel gave \$5,000 and another \$5,100 a month later. Aliriza Dogan is the owner of Ali Baba restaurant. Adams honored her at the flag raising ceremony in October 2021. The restaurant is a favorite for the Turkish community. Photo:



Eric Adams and Consul-General Reyhan Ozgurun of Turkish House at Ali Baba Restaurant. **Alizra Dogan** is the owner who was recognized at the Turkish flag raising ceremony in 2023.





**Negative News:** Guzel is tied to the convicted associate in California who donated to Trump: Imaad Zuberi <https://apnews.com/article/39237ec8a9d0458e9d23588fcc82ac30>. This is the article about Imaad Zuberi who possibly paid Guzel to be quiet about Zuberi's campaign dealings, and was convicted. Guzel **was** questioned by the FBI according to this article.

Murat was profiled in the Turk of America's 50 most prominent Turks publication (see herein) as the first Turkish-American Delegate to nominate a candidate for President of the US.

**Halil Ibrahim Danismaz** is the former president of the Turkish Heritage Organization and was in frequent email contact with Albayrak and Bilal Erdogan. Murat Guzel stated in leaked phone calls that Danismaz was investigated by the FBI.

**Ibrahim Kurtulus** comes up in articles that he has been donating to Adams since about 2015 and worked as a community outreach director. Open secrets here: <https://www.opensecrets.org/donor-lookup/results?name=Ibrahim+Kurtulus> has his donor information. He is in Staten Island. Occupation is an investment banker for Meyers Associates, LP and has given \$2k on 02.26.15. Kurtulus has given to the Turkish Coalition USA PAC and the Turkish Coalition New Jersey PAC since 2013. Articles claim he participated in flag raising events and paid General Flynn \$10k to deliver a speech in 2016. Flynn had served as an unregistered foreign agent for the Turkish Government in the 2016 Presidential campaign. <https://patabook.com/news/2023/12/11/fbi-probe-into-adams-campaign-puts-spotlight-on-turkish-influence-group-tied-to-erdogan/>. Kurtulus is featured in some of Ali Cinar's articles on Adams and the Turkish community events that Adams attended. Recent articles refer to him as the Vice Chairman of the Bowling Green Association. Other articles say he is the VP of the Assembly of Turkish American Associations ATAA. More on Kurtulus/Flynn relationship and his comments on FETO can be found here: <https://www.trtworld.com/magazine/feto-is-infiltrating-us-federal-institutions-48411>. Kurtulus' FB shows he was in Istanbul in December 2023 and posts photos of himself meeting



with the highest-ranking military officer in the providence of Rize, Hon. Colonel Ali Gungor. In November he was pictured with the newly appointed Consul General of the Republic of Georgia to New York, Maya Bartaia, and others.

Kurtulus wrote a lengthy letter to the New York Times regarding a documentary on the Armenians that was produced for the purpose of demonizing Turks, that he posted on his Facebook page. He is revered as a prominent community advocate who has raised the flags of other countries at Bowling Green for 20 years. He refers to Fethullah Gulen as a radical cleric who is harbored by the CIA. Kurtulus was listed in 2019 as a TASC Advisory Committee Member however, he is currently **not** listed on the site.

**Ali Cinar** is a journalist who has covered Adams for as long as he has been involved in the Turkish community and on Cinar's overseeing radar. Cinar was a good investigative link for events that contained photos of Adams and the various Turkish-American business people and their ties to Turkey, and Turkey officials who came to New York for these events. He is also connected to the Turkish Heritage Organization. Articles state he is the President of the Federation of Turkish American Associations FTAA.

**Ali Cinar/Journalist and writer for Turk of Amerika.** Turk of Amerika is a Business and Lifestyle magazine that appears to be an Ali Cinar originated project. A featured article shows Adams at the May 9, 2022 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the MET hosted by **Turkish Philanthropy Funds**.

<https://turkofamerica.com/business/associations/item/5308-turkish-philanthropy-funds-celebrates-its-15th-anniversary-at-met>. TPF's website [www.tpfund.org](http://www.tpfund.org) contains its form 990 reports which show donations to several universities for gender and equity programs from which they have 11 partners and several more under their equality and equity in education issue area that includes **Bogazici Universities**. This Turkish University is a main educational institution for several of the entities/individuals linked to Adams. Accordingly, the President and CEO of Agime Group, LLC, **Murat Agirnasli** (the company that Erden Arkin is listed as an architect and advisory board member), is the co-chair and founding member of TPF. Agirnasli has also served as a board member and the president of the Turkish American Business Forum (TABF). A son or family member with the same name Erman Agirnasli who is VP of Development and Acquisitions of Agime is also involved in both organizations.

Erden Arkan is a board member of Agime. TPF have numerous "partners" from Turkey on their website. They are a 501c3. Ergun Kirlikovali (once listed as the actual founder of TPF) is not on the current website. However, a google search with the two names shows this page is still discoverable: <https://www.tpfund.org/our-people/ergun-kirlikovali/>. The live site has the founders page greyed-out but the founders are listed and Ergun is not there. TPF's link analysis contains many entities and business connections.

**Ergun Kirlikovali:** Was Ergun removed from the TPF due to his public rants about Gullen that have been exposed? Ergun Kirlikoval is listed as the **founding President of the Turkish Philanthropy Funds**. Has served as President of Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA) from 2011 and 2013. He has served as President of American-Turkish Association of Southern California (ATA-SC), Public Relations Committee Chairman and later Western US Regional Director for the Federation of Turkish-American Associations (FTAA) in New York and ATAA in Washington DC. He went to Bogazici University. Lives in So. Cal. (Armenian genocide denier). He has a large media footprint. Kirlikovali made a comment on this article which received aggressive, lengthy responses and severe language regarding

Kirlikovali's character and other information that may or may not be helpful. <https://armenianweekly.com/2019/01/29/armenian-schools-in-california-vandalized-with-turkish-flags/>. Including the following:

**“The Turkish Coalition of America (TCA) founded by a Muslim Turk Yalcin Ayasli** who advocates Islamic fundamentalism, has been on a rampage filing lawsuits against American scholars, public & private officials, American universities and organizations who support the recognition of the Armenian Genocide. Recently a Federal Appeals Court threw out and put an end to TCA's legal tirade against the University of Minnesota for teaching the Armenian Genocide. With a budget of \$4.2 million in 2011, TCA's goal is to file frivolous and malicious lawsuits and to campaign with bullying tactics on denying the Armenian Genocide. Today the Islamic government of Turkey is on a mission to clean up and sanitize the Ottoman archives regarding incriminating documents on the Genocide of the Armenians. Check out the Wikileaks document 04ISTANBUL1074 which tells of a “cleansing” of the Turkish archives of incriminating documents on July 12th, 2004. Another response says that ethocide.com is funded and managed by Turkish denial authorities.”

**Turkish Philanthropy Funds Event on 5.9.22** at the Metropolitan Museum of Art honored **Hamdi Ulukaya, Founder of Chobani**. Photographed in the article with Adams is Hamdi and another man. <https://turkofamerica.com/others/life-style/item/5258-new-york-mayor-adams-at-the-turkish-philanthropy-ball>. Ali's second article regarding the same event, shows Adams at the podium speaking and indicates further individuals who attended the event were: “Along with Turkey's Ambassador to Washington **Hasan Murat Mercan**, and New York Consul General **Reyhan Özgür**. The Gala was attended by New York Mayor Eric Adams; Chobani founder and successful Turkish businessman Hamdi Ulukaya; 75 Main owner, Turkish restaurateur, and new TV star Zach Erdem; Gayrimenkul Investors Association (**GYODER**), US Representative Çağrı Kanver; and Turkish American community members.”

Also, photographed at the party were **Cenk Ocal and Alp Baysal**. **Baysal** was educated at Bogazici University and is the CEO of the Kiska entities including MSA94, MPA32 and Marmara Hotel. He is the “hotel hookup” for Marmara.

**Cenk Ocal** who served on the Mayor Adams' transition team, was a former **Turkish Airlines** Executive whose home was raided by the FBI in the Eric Adams campaign finance scandal probe. His title was the General Manager and New York Director for Turkish Airlines. Adams appointed Ocal, to the 800 person “infrastructure committee”. In the photo with Cenk, is Berna Ocal, Inci Mercan and Murat Mercan the Turkish Ambassador to the U.S. Adams was also with Murat Mercan at the May 22, 2022 Turkish Parade. <https://turkofamerica.com/others/entertainment/culture-art/item/5238-nyc-mayor-adams-attends-turkish-parade>. The event was covered by Ali Cinar who got a quote from Adams regarding the event.

**The American Turkish Society** hold a lavish annual event, webinars and other events pursuant to their 501c3 mission to foster the Turkish-American connection. They offer grants and education. They foster relationships with influential celebrities, elected and running for

office political candidates, American companies such as Coca-Cola. Successful Turkish businessmen include Hamdi Ulukaya, Founder and CEO of Chobani, and Americans including Martha Stewart, Dr. Oz, The Trump Family, and NYC Mayor Eric Adams. <https://americanturkishsociety.org/annual-gala/>.

**Derya Taskin**-CEO, Taskin Bakery; New Jersey's first Democrat American Muslim woman to be selected to the electoral college 12.14.20. Serves as an executive committee member of the National Coalition of Turkish-American Women PAC. Turkish-American businesswoman Derya Taskin was appointed to serve as the Deputy Mayor of Paterson, NJ in January 2016. Taskin also serves as the president of Paterson Turkish American Association and was appointed to be the Commissioner of the Library and Museum Board for Paterson in 2010. She acts as a liaison between City Hall and the Turkish community, which is growing rapidly and flourishing in the city. She also focuses on increasing commercial ties between Turkey and Paterson. She is known to MEF as a candidate for a senior position in the AKP's North American wing, and could be involved in other scandalous activity.

**Lydia Borland** – Written up in the Foreign Lobby Report (now defunct). <https://www.foreignlobby.com/2021/04/27/turkey-scrambles-to-rebuild-decimated-lobbying-team-as-tensions-with-us-pile-up/> She is defined as a long time Turkey lobbyist with her firm LB International Solutions. This report links many other known Turks now caught up in scandals. <https://www.meforum.org/62850/baird-turkeys-malign-influence-network-in-america> and mentioned the Justice and Development Party, the Turkish Heritage Organization. This article contains a video with Benjamin Baird talking about the growing political efforts through entities and proxies. Political espionage is sophisticated, multi-front for influence to show Turkey in a positive way and win over concessions by politicians, seeks to neutralize Fetullah Gullen and support for him, attempts to secure military contracts, fight sanctions, supports the global MB movement, undermines Israel, denies Armenian genocide, and infiltrates civil society to support US Turkey relations. Engaged in strawman donations. Leading is the Turkish Heritage Organization. **AI Monitor** <https://www.al-monitor.com/lobbying/turkey> indicates that LB International Solutions was paid by Greenberg Traurig for its Turkey work and had meetings with several republicans and democrats through 2020. Greenberg Traurig is an attorney firm in Albany who donated \$1000

Name	Address	Recipient	Employer	Date	Amount	Type
Greenberg Traurig PA	Albany, NY 12207	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)		6/7/2021	\$1,000.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 9 ID: R0045735

to Eric Adams in 2021 under the firm name on June 7, 2021. They are located at 54 State Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Albany, NY 12207.

According to Open Secrets, LB International Solutions a top foreign principal in 2023, received \$420k from the Government of Turkey Embassy, \$216k from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and \$210k from the Government of Turkey. <https://www.opensecrets.org/fara/registrants/D000099486>. See also here: <https://www.intelligenceonline.com/corporate-intelligence/2023/02/06/long-serving-turkey-lobbyist-lydia-borland-drums-up-support-in-congress,109910281-gra>. Lydia is also an officer on the Government Relations Association. Borland appears in Google searches largely connected to the articles written about her lobbying and foreign agent



activities, her large salaries in that regard, her roles with various agencies and her donor record. An article tying up several Turkish organizations involved in lobbying activities during Trump's Administration is found here: <https://courthousenews.com/boom-times-for-turkey-lobbyists-in-trumps-washington/>. Currently, it appears that LB is undergoing website changes and "coming soon".

**Ezra Friedlander** of **The Friedlander Consulting Group**, another lobbyist for Turkey and Azerbaijan, donated \$100.00 to Adams's 2021 campaign in 2018. Friedlander is engaged in high level work between Israel and Turkey and has received at least \$70,000 from the Turkish Government according to an article in Jewish Telegraphic Agency on 9.19.22 and their reporting from Open Secrets. Paid site **Intelligence Online 1.9.23** article indicates that Ezra is teaming up with Ankara's allies in regards to Azerbaijan and Turkey interests in the U.S. Another article in **The Yeshiva World** shows Friedlander speaking with both Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar in an attempt to build relationships. The article is a hit piece, calling Friedlander Reckless. Photo:



**G. Lincoln McCurdy** is President of Turkish Coalition of America and was written up in Ali's

TOA issue with Eric Adams. He was also a winner of the Distinguished Friends of Turkey event. McCurdy remains the President of the Turkish Coalition of America and is a Manager with the Ayasli Group.

**TAIK & Mercury Public Affairs:** TAIK are the Türkiye-U.S. Business Council established in 1985. Their mission is to enhance trade and investment relations between Turkey and the U.S. [www.taik.org.tr](http://www.taik.org.tr). TAIK has numerous partners including **Halkbank** (Türkiye Halk Bankası A.S. aka Halkbank) who was **charged** in Manhattan Federal Court for its participation in a multi-billion-dollar Iranian sanctions evasion scheme.

Other TAIK “member companies” are **Turkish Airlines** and the **American Turkish Society**. Turkish Airlines is one of the closest linked entities to Adams in the link analysis. TAIK members have worked closely with Erdogan and the PR relations firm, **Mercury Public Affairs, LLC** under the direct oversight of Turkey's Ministry of Trade and are also connected to the **Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEIK)**. Mercury's FARA was filed on August 13, 2020. The filing is complicated under section 8/9 to state the nature of the business:

“The principal consists of private member companies that have business ties with the U.S. Principal operates under the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEIK), which in turn operates indirectly under the auspices of the Turkish Ministry of Trade (MOT). While the MOT maintains some limited oversight authority over DEIK to ensure its continuity of operations, registrant has been informed that the Turkish government does not finance, control, or direct the activities of DEIK, or in turn, those of principal. DEIK's interactions with principal are limited to providing logistical support, similar to the support provided to approximately 142 other business councils. Due to overlapping priorities, registrant's work may be supervised or directed by, or coordinated with DEIK representatives and administration representatives, and may inure to their benefit. Registrant is separately registered for work performed on behalf of the Turkish government and reports accordingly. In addition to the foregoing explanation, the contract is fully-financed by the principal and registrant understands the principal to be a nongovernmental entity. Despite these facts, registrant has filed this registration in an abundance of caution.”

Then in response to section 10 if the foreign principal is an organization not owned or controlled by a foreign government, political party or other foreign principle, state who owns and controls it the response from the FARA is: The principal consists of private member companies that have business ties with the U.S. Principal operates under the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEIK), which in turn operates indirectly under the auspices of the Turkish Ministry of Trade (MOT). While the MOT maintains some limited oversight authority over DEIK to ensure its continuity of operations, registrant has been informed that the Turkish government does not finance, control, or direct the activities of DEIK, or in turn, those of principal.”

The attorney for MPA, LLC was Leonardo Dosoretz who executed the 2020 filing. The publication The City articles discuss the hundreds of thousands of dollars that Mercury has received from the Turkish Embassy and the Turkish-U.S. Business Counsel for public relations and business diplomacy services. The City reports that the company ended its

embassy contract after Armenian Americans publicly attacked Mercury for working with Erdogan's regime. Mercury retained its contract with TAIK. However, in 2022 after Amaris Cockfield's short-term relationship with Mercury, TAIK signed a contract with a new lobbying firm Actum. The City articles go into depth on the conflicts, and the power of Mercury. Currently on TAIK's website, none of the board members list Mercury as the entity they represent, and Mercury may be changing their name and personnel due to the Eric Adams scandal.

Connected to TAIK and MPA and caught up in the fundraising scandal is **Amaris Cockfield** who registered as a PR Consultant under Mercury Public Affairs, LLC in DC on a part time basis. She provided a list of very small donations on her FARA registration. She filed on January 26, 2021 under Mercury as the primary registrant to do business on behalf of Turkish – U.S. Business Council (TAIK), the foreign principal. She filed to render consulting services for public relations regarding issues of interest to the principal on a part time basis. This article claims the trade org's chairman worked closely with Erdogan and oversees Mercury under Turkey's Ministry of Trade. Also connected to the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey aka DEIK. <https://www.thecity.nyc/2023/11/29/adams-press-secretary-cockfield-foreign-agent-turkey/>. According to the New York Post <https://nypost.com/2023/11/02/metro/fbi-raids-home-of-top-mayor-eric-adams-fundraiser-brianna-suggs/>, **AL Cockfield's PAC “Striving for a Better New York”**, paid Brianna Scuggs more than \$100k. His daughter Amaris worked at the time as a spokesperson for the City Hall press office at \$110k a year. Her title was deputy press secretary. See *connection map*.

**Alfred Cockfield:** Cockfield and family have been supporters of Eric Adams since he was Borough President. His wife is Audrey Linette and daughter is Amaris. Both Alfred and his wife list “God's Battalion of Prayer” as their employer. Alfred is the Director and Linette is the Administrator. Amaris made one donation of \$20.00 to Adams on 2.4.13 as a student. Linette and Alfred have donated small amounts since 2012. However, the reports are that Alfred's PAC, Striving for a Better New York raised significant funds for Adams. When questioned about any pay for play accusations or scrutiny, Al Cockfield staunchly defended his actions and denied any conflict of interest. The people named in this Politico article have not donated to Adams directly. The article claims that Striving paid Brianna Suggs, however, that is all the article states. <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/01/23/eric-adams-pac-striving-new-york-1406521> Other Politico articles claim that Cockfield, II is a Queens and Brooklyn based reverend with a long history with Adams, as does PAC treasurer, Carmen Sterling (not a donor).



Cockfield, A. Linette	Arverne, NY 11692	<b>Recipient:</b> Adams, Eric L <b>Office:</b> Borough President (2013)	<b>Employer:</b> God's Battalion of Prayer <b>Occupation:</b> Administrator	6/30/2012	\$20.00	Monetary Contributions <b>St#:</b> 5 ID: R0002331
Cockfield, Alfred	Arverne, NY 11692	<b>Recipient:</b> Adams, Eric L <b>Office:</b> Borough President (2013)	<b>Employer:</b> GBP <b>Occupation:</b> Director	7/6/2012	\$50.00	Monetary Contributions <b>St#:</b> 6 ID: R0002231
Cockfield, Alfred	Far Rockaway, NY 11691	<b>Recipient:</b> Adams, Eric L <b>Office:</b> Borough President (2013)	<b>Employer:</b> God's Battalion of Prayer <b>Occupation:</b> COO	7/31/2012	\$25.00	Monetary Contributions <b>St#:</b> 6 ID: R0002830
Cockfield, Alfred	Far Rockaway, NY 11691	<b>Recipient:</b> Adams, Eric L <b>Office:</b> Borough President (2013)	<b>Employer:</b> God's Battalion of Prayer <b>Occupation:</b> COO	9/21/2012	\$52.00	Monetary Contributions <b>St#:</b> 7 ID: R0003666
Cockfield, Alfred	Far Rockaway, NY 11691	<b>Recipient:</b> Adams, Eric L <b>Office:</b> Borough President (2013)	<b>Employer:</b> God's Battalion of Prayer <b>Occupation:</b> COO	3/10/2013	\$100.00	Monetary Contributions <b>St#:</b> 7 ID: R0005726
Cockfield, Alfred L	Far Rockaway, NY 11691	<b>Recipient:</b> Adams, Eric L <b>Office:</b> Borough President (2017)	<b>Employer:</b> God's Battalion of Prayer <b>Occupation:</b> COO	9/30/2015	\$175.00	Monetary Contributions <b>St#:</b> 4 ID: R0008904
Cockfield, Alfred S	Arverne, NY 11692	<b>Recipient:</b> Adams, Eric L <b>Office:</b> Borough President (2017)	<b>Employer:</b> GBP <b>Occupation:</b> Director	10/22/2015	\$175.00	Monetary Contributions <b>St#:</b> 4 ID: R0009107
Cockfield, Amaris	Jamaica, NY 11433	<b>Recipient:</b> Adams, Eric L <b>Office:</b> Borough President (2013)	<b>Occupation:</b> Student	2/4/2013	\$20.00	Monetary Contributions <b>St#:</b> 7 ID: R0005361
Cockfield, Audrey	Arverne, NY 11692	<b>Recipient:</b> Adams, Eric L <b>Office:</b> Mayor (2021)	<b>Employer:</b> Not Employed <b>Occupation:</b> Not Employed	7/1/2021	\$50.00	Monetary Contributions <b>St#:</b> 10 ID: R0048883
Cockfield, Audrey	Arverne, NY 11692	<b>Recipient:</b> Adams, Eric L <b>Office:</b> Mayor (2021)	<b>Employer:</b> Not Employed <b>Occupation:</b> Not Employed	8/1/2021	\$250.00	Monetary Contributions <b>St#:</b> 11 ID: R0053179
Cockfield, Audrey L	Arverne, NY 11692	<b>Recipient:</b> Adams, Eric L <b>Office:</b> Borough President (2017)	<b>Employer:</b> God's Battalion of Prayer <b>Occupation:</b> Administrator	9/30/2015	\$175.00	Monetary Contributions <b>St#:</b> 4 ID: R0008903

Continuing with the TAIK connections:

**DEIK/World Turkish Business Council:** Under Turkey's Ministry of Trade: DEIK's President is **Nail Olpak**. DEIK are directly linked to **TAIK**, The Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Trade, DTIK, and the IV TABEF which is the African Union. The main website linked above lists 98 founding institutions and members.

**Another US linked group on the map is MUSIAD.** The group is linked to exporters, contractors, various materials, construction and other industries' manufacturing, businessmen, steel producers, shipbuilders, young executives, economic development firms, travel agencies, insurance, tourism, transport, agriculture, exporters, numerous chambers of commerce, and numerous other industries from food to aerospace. There are 35 board members that represent TOBB, TIM, MUSIAD and TMB at the top of the list. From the Members Council **UNITED STATES** Page [HERE](#):

**Year of Establishment:** 1985

**Founder Chairperson:** Şerif Faralyalı

**Counterpart Organization:** U.S.-Türkiye Business Council

**Chairperson representing Türkiye:** Mehmet Ali Yalçındağ

**Company:** Maytech Group

**Counterpart Chairperson:** Hamdi Ulukaya

**Company:** Chobani

DEİK/Türkiye-US Business Council (TAİK) is the first Business Council that was established by DEİK in cooperation with the US Chamber of Commerce. Its purpose is the advancement of trade and industrial cooperation and the facilitation of joint investments. Further goals are: creating of joint Turkish-American ventures in third countries, identifying legal and practical restrictions to trade and joint ventures, lobbying for their removal or improvement, submitting suggestions to respective authorities, promoting Türkiye and Turkish economy in United States.

The focus areas of the Business Councils are: Energy, infrastructure, banking and finance, relations with Ankara, ATC relations, direct foreign investment and foreign trade, pharmaceuticals, communication, culture and arts, corporate relations, automotive industry,

defense and security, political relations, telecommunication and media.

**American-Turkish Council (ATC)** and DEİK/Türkiye-US Business Council organize the Joint Annual Conference in Washington which is the most extensive forum on Turkish-American economic relations. The conference sessions' agenda include topics such as: energy, construction and project development, defense, telecommunication and transport, agriculture and food, textiles, finance and banking, tourism, and investment and trade opportunities in Türkiye and the United States. The sessions are attended by business community members and state administration, they offer a platform to exchange views and opinions and to assess business opportunities. In the context of the annually organized Joint Conference, TAIK's Board of Directors visits members of the US Congress, government representatives, think tanks, international finance institutions and members of the press to exchange views.

Business Council puts emphasis on the promotion of Türkiye in the United States. For this purpose, TAIK has organized seminars on bilateral business opportunities in places such as Washington D.C., New York, Chicago, Houston, Columbus, San Francisco, Boston, New Orleans, Charlotte and Manchester.

DEİK members attended the **Turkish Philanthropy Funds event on 5.9.22** covered by Ali Cinar. NYC Mayor Eric Adams is photographed with Hamdi Ulukaya (CEO of Chobani). Adams spoke at the event also attended by **GYODER** and Murat Mercan, Turkey's Ambassador to Washington, and NY Consul General Reyhan Ozgur. <https://turkofamerica.com/others/life-style/item/5258-new-york-mayor-adams-at-the-turkish-philanthropy-ball>.

Here is the Türkiye - U.S. Business Council website: [https://www.deik.org.tr/turkiye-america-business-councils-turkiye-u-s-business-council?pm=28&sm=yurutme\\_kurul](https://www.deik.org.tr/turkiye-america-business-councils-turkiye-u-s-business-council?pm=28&sm=yurutme_kurul) and the page indicates the counterpart is called the American-Turkish Council (ATC). The US profile indicates several contact persons for TAIK/DEİK with **Ayşe Nil Sarıtepe** listed as the North America Business Councils Director. The diplomatic missions tab indicates addresses in DC, New York, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Miami, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

**Turkish Airlines** is one of their most prominent partners for TAIK events and the activities page has lengthy narratives on US events organized by TAIK which included President Erdogan, World Bank executives, journalists and the attending Turkish delegation from the event in New York on September 26, 2018. <https://www.deik.org.tr/turkiye-america-business-councils-turkiye-u-s-business-council?pm=28&sm=etkinlikler>. The organization made a statement on its activities page about the US placing **sanctions** on The Turkish Minister of Justice Abdulhamit Gül, and the Minister of Interior Süleyman Soylu for the arrest and detention of Pastor Andrew Brunson. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm453>. The sanctions were posted by the US Treasury on August, 1 2018. Brunson had been in prison 2 years at that time.

Link analysis connects TAIK -Türkiye-U.S. Business Council to DOJ reports and indictments regarding the **Halkbank** sanctions evasion scandal of 2017 and the numerous crimes and subversion through opportunistic means by the Minister of Economy in Turkey at the time **on behalf** of the Iranian government and other entities.

**Ali Cinar/Turk of America's** 09.13.21 article entitled **Turks Who Own Manhattan's Most Expensive Homes** revealed a large and detailed list of prominent Turks in New York. The

following names were revealed as Eric Adams' donors on the NYC Campaign Finance Board:

**Izak Senbahar**: Donated \$1,000 on 8.15.21. He is employed by Alexico Group, LLC (real estate). TOA: "One of NY's most well-known Turkish construction investors has built several symbolic buildings in Manhattan . . . "had his first experience in the construction sector in Turkey at age 26, with Oguz Gursel, head of Turkey's Kiska" (one of Turkey's most prominent construction firms). Senbahar built **Marmara**, **Elektra**, **The Grand Beekman**, **The Mark**, **The Lural**, and **56 Leonard** in Tribeca. Still prominent in New York living in a house on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue's upper east side. He is profiled on Ali's 50 most . . . the article claims that Oguz contacted Izak on his plan to extend Kiska to the US. Senbahar and Partner at the time Mahir Furtun suggested Gursel start with mall projects. Simon Elias is Izk's partner (not donors).

On 8.18.21 **Zahra Bahari** who works for The Powell Companies Real, LLC as a CEO donated \$2k. Donors and may have been to the MET party and seen in event photos. <https://www.thepowellcompaniesreal.com/the-team>. They are fashion tycoons. A foreign LLC.

**Tumay Basaranlar**: Owner of Atlantic Management Group donated \$5100 on 11.09.18 for the 2021 Mayor campaign and was returned \$3100 the same day. Tumay is listed of having a penthouse flat and manages the property on Hudson Street that was worth 3.5M in 2011.

**Sinem Vatanartiran** employed as a scholar by **Bay Atlantic University** donated \$2k on 9.27.21 and it was returned the same day. Same donation scenario by BAU registrar **Izel Ugur**. Same exact scenario for BAU's CFO **Melek Edib**.

**Ama Dwimoh is a City Attorney** and traveled to Istanbul with Adams. She has donated **eight times** to Adams for his 2021 Mayoral run beginning in 2019. No larger than \$250. Total \$1275. She also was registered as a self-employed attorney under Ama Stephanie Dwimoh and donated to EA as borough president in 2012-2013 totaling \$225.

**Edward Mermelstein** has donated three times between 2019 and 2021. He lists himself as the managing member of One and Only Holdings. He is a Jewish Ukrainian, has a JD from Thomas Cooley Law School. He is a financial investment advisor, real estate developer and media pundit. He is the founder of several companies including the One & Only Realty which is the investment arm of One & Only Holdings, and founded the real estate law firm Rheem Bell & Mermelstein. He had a \$250 adjustment in 2021 and so his total is \$2k. On January 5, 2022 he was named Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of International Affairs. Mermelstein's wife Rose Caiola donated \$2k on 2.24.21. Edward traveled to Istanbul in 10.22 with Adams and Adams's Chief of Staff Frank Carone. Photos and story:





Politico articles also show the 10.22 trip to Istanbul with Adams and then chief of staff Frank Carone and Edward Mermelstein. This trip was paid for by **GYODER**, a Turkish real estate group who hosts the event every year. Gyoder is branded as “Turkey's Real Estate Platform”. They are the “door of the sector opening to abroad and representing Turkey in international platforms”. Nesecan Cekici is the Chairman. Politico reported that Frank Carone **spoke** at the

event and then was joined by Mermelstein on a panel. <https://www.politico.com/news/2023/11/17/eric-adams-turkey-connections-fbi-campaign-finance-investigation-00127716>. Here is the YouTube showing their appearances: <https://youtu.be/CrKg3xZSN8Q?si=RiSvOkdh2tGuIAJY>. A City Hall spokesperson, Charles Lutvak, said the two aides attended to advance New York's affordable housing work, develop diplomatic relations and improve the city's global standing.

On October 25, 2022 the 17<sup>th</sup> Turkish Real Estate Summit was held at the Zorlu PSM (performing arts center in Istanbul). **Adams appeared** during the conference on a screen and the "Get Stuff Done" website is here: <https://www.nyc.gov/content/getstuffdone/pages/>. Adams has received much scrutiny and criticism for the high salaries paid to his Executives.

<https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/003-22/mayor-adams-members-his-senior-team>

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/international/about/international-affairs-team.page>

<https://nypost.pressreader.com/article/281625310113780> This article touts the expensive new hires by Adams and their nefarious relationships and/or activities.

### **Turk of America/Ali Cinar (Admin) Articles on NYC Mayor Eric Adams & Turkish Community EVENTS:**

November 25, 2014: NYPD Veteran, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams have met the Turkish American Community Leaders in Brooklyn. New York Consul General **Ertan Yalcin**, Deputy Consul General **Reyhan Ozgur**, President of Turkish American Chamber of Commerce **Ali Kocak** and many Turkish American businessmen gathered together to meet the Borough President at Opera Cafe<sup>11</sup>. Borough President Eric Adams stated that "I am so happy to be here with you tonight. I know that the number of Turkish Americans are increasing in my borough and I am ready to help you all." He also indicated that he hasn't been in Turkey yet but he is planning to travel to Turkey in the near future.

New York Consul General **Ertan Yalcin** was honored to meet the Borough President and he said "New York Turkish Consulate and Borough of Brooklyn have been working together over 15 years and the relationship between the two parties will be stronger under his new term. <https://turkofamerica.com/business/associations/item/521-borough-president-meets-the-turkish-american-community>.

December 3, 2014 Adams held as Borough President, his first interfaith breakfast. There were over 300 leaders. **Turkish Origin Fatih Mosque and Eyup Sultan Mosque leaders** attended. **Ayhan Ozmekik** who is the Turkish American Youth Association President attended and discussed the next year's event. <https://turkofamerica.com/people/professionals/item/447-brooklyn-borough-president-eric-l-adams-interfaith-breakfast>. From TOA/Ali's 50 most prominent . . . (page 65) is **Mustafa Yilmaz and 29 board members** who founded the United American Muslim Association of New York (**UAMA**). Article indicates they have established 22 mosques and 11 dorms in the US and Canada. It is the largest Sunni Muslim religious organization established

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<sup>11</sup> Employees of Opera Cafe Lounge, Mustafa Boz and Dogan Dinc both "Managers". Each donated \$500 on 7.4.18 to Adams' 2021 Mayoral Campaign.

in the US according to the article. They have the Sultan Mosque in Richmond, British Columbia and Fatih Mosque in Toronto. The article contains a list of the associated mosques.

December 28, 2014 vigil for two slain NYPD officers attended by **Erhan Yildirim** and Ibrahim Kurtulus, Eric Adams. **The United American Muslim Association Fatih Mosque** a Turkish American group based in Brooklyn made a statement at the program on Sunday night on behalf of the United American Muslim Association which represents 33 other Mosques in the US and is headquartered in Brooklyn. <https://turkofamerica.com/poli/item/864-turkish-american-community-condemns-murder-of-police-officers-wenjian-liu-and-rafael-ramos>.

April 19, 2015 Admin (Ali Cinar): NYPD Captain Quick Visits Fatih Mosque in Brooklyn. Ibrahim Kurtulus was the community outreach director at the time for the Brooklyn Borough President, Eric Adams. It is a Turkish Mosque. There also was **Erhan Yildirim**, Community Affairs Coordinator for the Moslem Communities at NYPD. <https://turkofamerica.com/people/professionals/item/450-nypd-captain-quick-visits-fatih-mosque-in-brooklyn>.

A Turk of America May 23, 2016 article is on the Turkish Day Parade: "The first activity of this year's festival took place at Bowling Green Park on Wall Street on May 20. Turkish Consul-General in New York Ertan Yalçın, **Turkish U.N. Military Attaché Colonel Metin Adıyaman**, **New Jersey Turkish Hearth Association head Mehmet Yar**, and **Atatürk Culture and Education Foundation (AKDEV) head Gül Karyıldız** participated in the event, as well as artists **Hülya Polat and Selim Bölükbaşı, who flew to New York especially for the festival**. Activist İbrahim Kurtuluş, who was closely involved in organizing this year's event, said their aim was to "introduce and promote Turkish culture and values to American society." Brooklyn Mayor Eric Adams and Turkish Consul-General Yalçın delivered speeches at the municipality, which was decorated with Turkish and American flags and where national anthems were played and Turkish food was offered to guests. **Lütfü Savaş, the Mayor of Hatay, a Mediterranean city on Turkey's troubled border with Syria, was also present.** <https://turkofamerica.com/others/life-style/item/2125-turkish-day-parade-in-new-york>.

A Turk of America July 26, 2017 article highlights Adams 5<sup>th</sup> trip to Turkey on Turkish Airlines and his wish to buy a home in Turkey. The article talks about Uskudar and Brooklyn being sister cities by heart. Adams encouraged Turkish business expansion. E-2 visas for Turks has surged over 300% in the last 5 years. He claimed that Brooklyn was making zoning changes to attract higher developers. Adams praised the Airline's high level of security. Finally: "At the meeting with Adams, **\*\*\*Daily Sabah's Editor-in-Chief Serdar Karagöz presented the mayor the report prepared by Daily Sabah Center for Policy Studies, "Evidence of Gülen's Involvement in July 15 Coup Attempt," which elaborates evidentiary documents how FETÖ plotted the failed coup attempt of July 15. Indicating his awareness of Gülen's followers and their activities in the U.S. and Brooklyn, Adams said his will to follow the issue.**" <https://turkofamerica.com/poli/item/4471-sisters-by-heart-ueskuedar-brooklyn-to-make-most-of-commercial-exchange>.

Ali covered another event May 11, 2022 for Turk of America. **Uskudar Mayor Hilmi Turkmen** and Turkey's General Counsel Reyhan Ozguy visited Adams in his office before the Ladies Sultans Exhibition event. It was called a working meeting regarding social and environmental issues. "New York Mayor Eric Adams, during his mayorship of Brooklyn, made Üsküdar and Brooklyn twin cities and went to Istanbul and visited Üsküdar. Eric Adams, who cares about Turkish-American relations, works closely with the Turkish community in New York and participates in many Turkish-American events."



Ali is prolific with on line publications on Turkish Americans at a website <https://issuu.com/turkofamerica>. Ali's regular website is at <https://turkofamerica.com>. In this issue at <https://issuu.com/turkofamerica/docs/ilovepdf.com/44> Ali profiles Oguz Gursel's work as founder of Kiska USA in the 2014 March – April Turk of America publication "The 50 Most Influential Turkish Americans". One of the subtexts of the magazine is entitled "The Ayaslis, Changing the U.S. Political Landscape". The list includes Hamdi Ulukaya founder of Chobani who has been honored at events Ali covered. Covered in the publication who are listed here elsewhere in the report is Cenk Uygur, media host, Huffington Post blogger and contributor to Daily Kos and Politico among other endeavors.

**Ayhan Ogmen** is an immigration attorney with three offices in NY, Long Island and Brooklyn. Ayhan donated \$2500 on 7.11.18; \$1500 on 10.29.15; \$500 was returned as an adjustment on 7.11.18; and donated \$2100 on 6.12.23. Ayhan has a full-page ad in this publication.

**Haldun Tashman** was profiled in the publication as the founder and chairman at the time of Turkish Philanthropy Funds. Others who joined were Ozlenen Kalav, Enrich Ozada, Mustafa K. Abadan and Haluk Soykan. The web site lists these names and also Ozlenen Kalav, and Murat Agirnasli. "The premiere giving vehicle towards Turkey". None are donors to EA. Internet searches say that also Ergun Kirlikovali is a "founding President of TPF" but he is not on the current website.

**Mehmet Celebi** (on the priority list-not a donor) Politician, finance, entertainment. President from 2000-2006 of the **Assembly of Turkish American Cultural Alliance**; 2013-2015 **Assembly of Turkish-American Associations**. Also big in **Chicago's Council on Foreign Relations Task Force on Strengthening America**; The Civic and Political Integration of Muslim Americans.

**Ali Cinar** himself is in the 50 most . . . publication. Article states he is a member of the **Advisory Board of Turks Abroad** and former president of the **Federation of Turkish-American Associations** [FTAA]. Ali is a NYC major event organizer. The FTAA is an umbrella for 50 associations. He served from January 2012 to Jan 2014. He is a coalition builder and very well liked. He was the first person who raised the Turkish flag over the state of Connecticut's capital building. He achieved Grand Central Turkish Day at an NBA game and Turkish Restaurant week in NYC. He invited NBA star Mehmet Okur as a guest to one of the Federation's events. FTAA is a main organizer for the parade. May is known as Turkish month in NY.

**The Spring 2019 Issue has Eric Adams on the front cover** "Will Eric Adams become the next NYC Mayor". It highlighted the TPF and TA's Turks of America Awards/The Distinguished Friends of Turkey. Winners were Eric Adams, BAU International and other known businesses from this investigation are found in Ali's publication. Others include the Turkish Cultural Foundation at [www.turkishculture.org](http://www.turkishculture.org). He claims in the article that 18 prominent Turkish-Americans selected the award recipients who are: Mehmet Ali Yalcindag, President of TAIK;

Ali Cinar President of the Turkish Heritage Organization; Ugur Terzioğlu, President of the American Turkish Business Development Council; Barbaros Tapan, journalist and member of Golden Globe; Lincoln McCurdy, President of Turkish Coalition of America; Mehmet Kirdar, President of the TPF, Prof. Haluk Onal, President of the Turkish-America Scientists and Scholars Association TASSA; Mustafa Tuncer, President of the Independent Industrialists and Businessmen Association MUSIAD. There were numerous people awarded including Cenk Ocal and David Saltzman, judges, business people, artists, bankers, etc. *See pages 5 and 6 of the publication.*

Other associations recognized were the American Friends of Turkey. Lolita Zinke former Congressman Ryan Zinke's wife spoke at the event and was photographed with Cenk Ocal. Eric Adams profile can be seen on page 30. Vakif Bank has a full-page ad in the e-zine. Islamic Relief USA has a full-page ad. The back page is a full-page ad with a 2017 group photo for the Turkish Coalition of America Youth Leadership Congress and Internship in Washington.

Donors from this article are **Mehmet Kirdar** (Then President of the Turkish Philanthropy Funds) who donated \$5k with all returned for 12.18.18; \$2k on 8.24.21.

Turkish Airlines:



Photo: Consul General **Reyhan Özgür** left of the Turkish Consulate/Turkish House in New York; Eric Adams and Emre İsmailoğlu, GM of Turkish Airlines at the MET. Turkish Airlines management were also **involved** in the Ensar Foundation and the Foundation of Youth and

Education in Turkey and jointly created the Turken Foundation in 2014 as a 501c3. On June 19, 2019, **Elite Traveler** and Turkish Airlines celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the airline's direct flights to New York. **Elite Traveler's website contains info about the event, its attendees and shows photos of Adams at the event. <https://elitetraveler.com/features/turkish-airlines-celebrates-25-years-of-direct-flights-to-nyc>.**

Turkish Airlines was **fined \$300,000** by the U.S. Department of Transportation in 2014 for late responses to consumer complaints. The briefing room released the document on July 25, 2014 and the consent order.

**Turkish Consulate General in New York:** Info from:  
**<https://embassies.info/ConsulateofTurkeyinNewYork>**

Head of the "Mission" is Reyhan Ozgur. Consular jurisdiction is NY, NJ, Penn, and Del. Offers the following services: immigration legal services, visas, passports. Other consulates in the US are in D.C. as the embassy; consulate generals in Chicago, Boston, Miami, Beverly Hills, Houston and the permanent mission in NYC. Website contains an Invest in Turkiye tab, announcements and news.

**Turkevi Center of New York linked CHP Amerika** which is the Republican People's Party (CHP) and the filed 6.05.2017 FARA by Fazli Yurter Ozcan. The supplemental statement indicates a long list of activities and meetings with various entities in the United States including the Pentagon and at the White House. Donations include to various Turkish individuals for their representation in the United States. CHP have an active FB page **[HERE](#)** and an active Twitter **[HERE](#)**. Main website is **[HERE](#)**. Turkish website **[HERE](#)**. There are two individuals heading up this organization and their profiles will be linked to that entity. They are Yurter Ozcan and CHP Chairman Kemal Kilicdaroglu which opened the entity in the US in 2013. Their websites and social media pages are active in 2023. Also linked connections with Elite Traveler to Turkish Airlines and Mayor Eric Adams and others. The "Turkish House" and the "Turkevi Center" in NYC are linked to the same IP address and location and are located across from the UN Headquarters.

**Kemal Kilicdaroglu** Former Chairman of the CHP is Erdogan's rival and main opposition leader to the AKP. In November 2023 he was replaced by **Ozgur Ozel**.

**Fazli Yurter Ozcan**, filed the FARA in 2017 for the CHP Representation to the United States, LLC at an older address of 5112 Mac Arthur Blvd. Apt 211, Washington DC 20016. **The research turned up an Al Monitor for Turkey lobbying and links the CHP to the current players and to Halkbank attorneys. <https://www.al-monitor.com/lobbying/turkey>.** Al Monitor reports Ozcan as having received large sums of money from the CHP.

**Turken Foundation:** Ensar Foundation and the Foundation of Youth and Education in Turkey (TURGEV) jointly created the Turken Foundation in 2014. Erdogan's son in law Berat Albayrak leaked emails that the family are all involved according to open-source reporting. The Turken Foundation manages a 21-story dormitory in Manhattan. Other names associated with Turken are TURGEV (Turkish Youth and Education Service Foundation) and associated TUGVA (Turkey Youth Foundation) led by Bilal Erdogan who is known for radical ties and has

been the subject of criminal coverups by his father.  
<https://www.meforum.org/62750/erdogan-family-foundation-intelligence-surveillance>  
<https://www.meforum.org/64646/turkish-president-erdogan-is-grooming-his>

Turken Foundation Board Members: Behram Turan, Chairman; Memis Yetim, Treasurer.  
Directors: Zulkarneyn Vardar, Esra Albayrak, Melike Kabatas, Mustafa Ilbeyli, H. Ibrahim Bacaci, Selim Cakir, Omer Faruk Albayrak, Ahmet Bayraktutar, and Fehmi Bilge.

**Event:** At an event held on September 20, 2019, Erdogan delivered remarks in New York to the Turken Foundation representatives. He claimed he closely follows the activities of the Turken Foundation to “make sure our youth are raised in the best manner”. “We do not have even a single child to lose to terrorist organizations whether it be DAESH, PKK, or FETO.”  
<https://www.tccb.gov.tr/en/news/542/130591/-the-future-of-a-nation-that-turns-its-back-on-its-youth-is-under-threat->

<https://nordicmonitor.com/2022/09/the-us-based-foundation-run-by-erdogan-family-pretends-to-be-dead-after-money-laundering-accusations/>

Turken's parent Ensar favors a radical cleric named Hyrettin Karamin (see Sam Westrop's reporting). **Attorney Ismail Cenk Dilberoglu** became a member of the Ensar Foundation in 2005. Ensar was founded in 1979 for education, culture, youth, scientific research and analysis. Dilberoglu was appointed as a Member of the Executive Committee by the Board of Directors on August 12, 2015 of Turkish Airlines. He is also the Executive Director of **Turk Hava Yollari**, a company that engages in the provision of domestic and international air transport and cargo services **aka Turkish Airlines** located in Istanbul, Turkey.<sup>12</sup> Dilberoglu works alongside Bilal Eksi who is the CEO of Turkish Airlines and CEO at Turk Hava Yollari.

Articles talk about a school boy molestation scandal in 2016 related to Ensar personnel. Another article talks about Baskent Gaz gas company that made an \$8B donation to the Turkish Red Crescent. Then RC transferred \$7,925,000 to Ensar. The dorm that has become the subject of journalistic scrutiny that the Turks built in New York is in one of the most expensive districts. Turk of America article 11.10.23 Turks Who Own Manhattan's Most Expensive Homes gives an extensive run down of everyone. Behran Turan is a board chairman (donor). Turken gave Eric Adams \$6k via three board members. Memis Yetim donated \$1,000.00 on 7.30.21. He lists himself as self-employed and occupation is “private limo serves” He lives in Staten Island. The word Turken doesn't come up in the campaign finance search.

**Event:** 6.19.19 event at the MET was hosted by Elite Traveler and Turkish Airlines. Attended by Adams, Martha Stewart and other celebs, H.E. Ambassador Feridun Sinirlioglu who is a permanent representative of Turkey to the UN. Elite Traveler's website hosts “The Mark” as one of the top 13 hotels in NYC. <https://elitetraveler.com/travel/hotel-news/best-hotels-in-new-york>. The Mark is owned by **Izak Senbahar** (see herein).

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<sup>12</sup>Turk Hava Yollari A.O. Is owned by the following shareholders: Arrowstreet Capital, LP, Norges Bank Investment Management, The Vanguard Group, Inc., Dimensional Fund Advisors LP, BlackRock Fund Advisors, AllianceBernstein LP, APG Asset Management NV, BlackRock Advisors (UK) Ltd., The Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec, and JPMorgan Investment Management, Inc.

### **Turkish House/Turkevi Center:**

Turkevi Center aka Turkish House: 821 First Avenue-The high-rise Turkish Consulate building houses offices and diplomatic facilities for the Turkish Consulate and U.N. representation. Perkins Eastman is the Architect. The Republic of Turkey bought the 5-story rental building in September 2011 for \$5.1 Million and also owns various buildings on the east side according to news report from The Real Deal who reported the story on September 28, 2016. Its purpose is to house the Consulate General of Turkey and Permanent Mission to the US offices and residences. Plans are for a 35-story building. MEF report here talks both about the Turkish House and the Turken House: <https://www.meforum.org/islamist-watch/62987/turkey-islamist-government-enters-manhattan-real>.

This is the video from when Adams went to see the damage from the attack on the Turkish House: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CsjiSQagPEM/> with Reyhan Ozguy. There are several articles on the attack and the suspect was arrested. Adams was Brooklyn's Borough President at the time and inquired with Daniel Nigro on the status of the permit to host Erdogan at The Turkish House grand opening and ribbon cutting event on 9.21.21. Nigro has since retired as Fire Commissioner and declines to answer questions. The scandal is whether Adams took steps to get city approval to open the Center prior to the fire suppression system being even close to completion. Adams denies ordering Nigro to take any steps. However, the fire protection consultant Sparc Fire Protection Engineering said that guards would be posted and put on fire watch and the fire department issued the temporary certificate. City Hall attorney Lisa Zornberg have been cooperating with LE and fielding press questions. The FBI seized cellphones and raided the homes of chief fundraiser, Briana Suggs and confiscated Adams' cell phones.

Cenk Ocal served on Adams' transition team and was a former Turkish Airlines Executive. "Several properties have been raided" in the FBI probe and a warrant that seeks records related to the contributions including those from KSK Construction and Bay Atlantic University including its President, Sinem Vatanartiran (see below). Numerous articles can be found on the internet. Adams and his spokespersons, and some of the donors' report and the campaign records show that monies were returned in keeping with Adams "strict campaign fundraising rules".

### **Events with the Turkish Consul, leaders from Turkey and Eric Adams:**

Event on October 29, 2023 covered by The Daily Sabah with Eric Adams was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Republic of Turkey held at the Cipriani in NYC. Erdogan appeared via big screen. The event was attended by Ambassador Hasan Murat Merican, Consul General Reyhan Ozgur and musical artists, photo exhibitionists. 1300 guests for a patriotic Turkish event. Adams spoke on the Turkish community's contributions to the U.S., and on the significance of cultural exchange and collaboration.

September 19, 2023 event was covered by The Daily Sabah with First Lady Ermine Erdogan and Eric Adams at the "Towards Global Zero Waste Movement" held in New York. The event was a signing ceremony of the Global Zero Waste Goodwill Declaration in New York. This is a part of the climate change initiative and drew attention to global food waste. Food health is an issue that is shown on Adams' schedule for other meetings. The event featured remarks from

Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change Minister Memet Ozhaseki, U.N. Habitat Executive Director Maimunal Mohd Sharif, U.N. Environment Programme (UNEP) Executive Director Inger Anderson and U.N. Dep. Secretary General Guy Ryder. Omer Faruk Tekbilek performed and other artists presented their works made from sustainable materials. The event was attended by 8 other first ladies and a foreign delegation. Ermine then met with Veronica Alcocer Garcia (Colombia) at the Turkish House.

Instagram from TCNEWYORKBK video of the 40<sup>th</sup> organized march by the Federation of Turkish American Associations in Manhattan: <https://www.instagram.com/p/Csemldhgli0/> showing Reyhan Ozguy.

## Universities:

**Bay Atlantic University:** Another pathway of funding for Adams has come from individuals and employees associated with Bay Atlantic University. Five donations came in after a September 18, 2021 fundraiser, but the monies were returned 17 days later. Some of the official known trips Adams and staff took to Turkey were paid for by BAU's sister university - **University Bahcesehir, GOYDER, Turkish Airlines, and The Association of Young Tourism Leaders**. Adams signed sister city agreements with two districts in Istanbul, and **Uskudar**. Adams has had meeting with individuals going as far back as 2015 according to reports. Additional funds for the \$15,000 trip were also paid for by the Turkish Culture and Promotion Office in New York.

**Sinem Vatanartiran BAU President 2014;** Melek Idib – DVO; Izel Ugur-formerly executive assistant to BAU Prez. All three donated \$2k each. 11.03.23 The City article shows 10.27.23 article and flag raising ceremony and the donations are now a part of the FBI probe for Adams conspiring to funnel money from the Turkish Government to his campaign. This screenshot from the Campaign Finance Board shows the five donations on 9.27.21, however, it does not show the refunds. An article entitled The Association of Young Tourism Leaders attached to Eric Adams, claims the Association covered costs for Adams and staff for his second trip to Turkey.

Name	Address	Recipient	Employer	Date	Amount	Type
Edib, Melek	Rockville, MD 20852	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: Bay Atlantic University Occupation: CFO	9/27/2021	\$2,000.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 12 ID: R0072480
KARATAS, DENIZ	Annapolis, MD 21403	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: Bay Atlantic University Occupation: Outreach Coordinator	9/27/2021	\$2,000.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 12 ID: R0072475
Ozdemir, Solmaz	Baltimore, MD 21206	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: Bay Atlantic University Occupation: Staff	9/27/2021	\$2,000.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 12 ID: R0072476
Ugur, Izel	Washington, DC 20017	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: BAY ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY Occupation: Registrar	9/27/2021	\$2,000.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 12 ID: R0072477
Vatanartiran, Sinem	Bethesda, MD 20817	Recipient: Adams, Eric L Office: Mayor (2021)	Employer: Bay Atlantic University Occupation: Scholar	9/27/2021	\$2,000.00	Monetary Contributions St#: 12 ID: R0072474

Bahcesehir University is a sister to BAU and its founder also founded BAU here. Adams met with their officials twice in 2015 in Turkey. 12.12.15 he met with Enver Yucel of BAU Global. Costs were paid by the Universities and Turkish Airlines. Additional funds for the \$15k trip was



paid for by the Turkish Culture and Promotion Office in NY and local municipal governments. Counsel Ama Dwimoh went on this trip. Second trip he went with Ama Dwimoh and Rana Abbasova and it was covered \$14k by The Association of Young Tourism Leaders. Rana was the Borough Hall Volunteer. *Please note* that the AYTL is a vague umbrella for getting young people into the tourism business. It may take more research to make the direct individual connections between this entity and Adams.

**Himli Turkmen:** Mayor of Uskudar Turkey. He and Adams met in NY on 5.13.22.

**Bank:** Valiflar Bankasi loaned \$14.9 million to KSK and \$7.4 lines of credit to KSK after 5.7.21 fundraiser. They also have made numerous loans to KSK associates.

### **Follow Up Noted Events and Information:**

1. Gyoder Real Estate Group hold an annual event in Istanbul. In October 2022, Adams and two of his highly paid executive staff (Edward Mermelstein named Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of International Affairs; and Chief of Staff Frank Carone), his city attorney, Ama Dwimoh, and other staff members traveled to Turkey. Mermelstein, Carone and Adams addressed the attendees at the event. Mermelstein and Carone were in-person panelists. Adams was in Turkey but appeared via a screen from another location. The photos and links to the video are shown above. Gyoder posted the photos and the YouTube video on their website. Politico did *not* post the video or the screenshots.
2. Ali Cinar's report on the Daily Sabah's Editor in Chief presented the Mayor with anti-Gullen information. This is not reported anywhere else other than this ezine that Cinar publishes. While Ali Cinar is one of several journalists who have followed Adams, Cinar has followed him closely and is often the publisher of information that only he has obtained from being onsite at every event.
3. Elite Traveler is a host with Turkish Airlines for the MET event. Elite's website promotes a hotel "The Mark", as one of the top hotels in NYC. The Hotel is owned by Izak Senbahar who is an Adams donor, a high-end developer, connected directly to KISKA, and built the Marmara. (The Marmara was a part of scandal articles that showed they gave a free hotel stay for the son of Nazir Mir, VP of Capital Programs at New York's Economic Development Corporation during the time the payoffs were occurring with the DOT during a bridge construction).
4. Dr. Halil Mutlu is resigned from the Turken Foundation and the TASC boards and is not on websites. A FB post accuses of Mutlu having a long history of political payoffs including Ilhan Omar, Lindsey Graham and others. He is now the USA representative of the AK Party USA. His 2023 FARA indicates "reimbursement" monies to three Turkish individuals as well as millions of dollars for a new building project. I do not believe this new info from the FARA is published anywhere. Adams has met four times with the Turken Foundation according to his schedules.

The following table taken from Eric Adams' published schedules shows the meetings with Turkish Individuals and Groups:

Based on the published and **heavily redacted schedules**.

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4.	2.20.15	Turkish American Youth & Educational Foundation	25
5.	2.26.15	Photo Op w/Brooklyn Ambassador to the Turkish Community, Ibrahim Kurutulus	30
6.	3.20.15	Interview with Forum USA (Turkish Newspaper)	43
7.	4.18.15	Ataturk Okulu 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual International Children's Day Celebration	56
8.	5.11.15	Cancelled-Federation of Turkish American Association	69
9.	5.14.15	US and Turkish Flag Raising	72
10.	5.22.15	BP drop in a 12:00 pm Turkish Student Delegation	78
11.	6.6.15	<b>Per Rana this that important</b> – 8:00 Bahche Restaurant Grand Opening of Turkish American Restaurant	87
12.	6.26.15	American Turkish	104
13.	7.2.15	Turkish Cultural Center Brooklyn	108
14.	7.3.15	Turkish American Cultural Center Eyup Sultan Mosque	113
15.	8.28.15	Interview With Turkish NY.com	139
16.	8.28.15	Turken Foundation	139
17.	8.31.15	Republic of Turkey-Turkcell celebrates the 15 <sup>th</sup> year of its listing at the New York Stock Exchange	142
18.	8.31.15	Turkcell	142
19.	9.11.15	Turkish American Cultural Center Eyup Sultan	146
20.	9.25.15	Turken Event	155
21.	9.26.15	Rana to do table; Turkistan and Uzbek community event	156
22.	10.01.15	Meat giveaway with press conference Suleyman and Turkish Cultural Center	159
23.	10.2.15	Reschedule 4pm Turkish Airline; <b>Rana my gifts</b>	160
24.	10.9.15	Meeting with Turkish Delegation	164
25.	10.29.15	FYI-Turkish Consulate General – 92 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey to the UN	174
26.	10.30.15	Turkish American Families Cultural Association	175
27.	11.15.15	Turkish American movie to be filmed in Brooklyn	184
28.	11.24.15	Turkish Cultural Center Brooklyn Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner	189
29.	11.25.15	Dinner with Turkish Consul General Ertan Yalcin, Deputy Consul General Reyhan Ozgur, Tim Pearson, Sr. Advisor to Borough President Ingrid Lewis Martin and Special Counsel to Borough President Ama Dwimoh	190
30.	12.19.15	American Association of Crimean Turks – Our Traditional Crimean night	206
31.	12.23.15	Turkish Group	208
32.	5.26.16	Turkish Cultural Center – 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Friendship Dinner	24

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33.	6.24.16	Turkish American Eyup Sultan Cultural Center Ramadan Iftar Dinner	38
34.	8.16.16	August 17 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> , Turkey women coming to NY	60
35.	8.19.16	Meeting with Hannelore Struger – Waniek and daughter from Turkey	62
36.	10.29.16	Federation of Turkish American Associations Turkish Day of Republic	86
37.	3.23.17	Meeting w/Federation of Turkish American Associations	77
38.	4.7.17	Dinner with Turken Foundation	94
39.	4.27.17	Turkish Cultural Center Brooklyn Annual Friendship Dinner Award Ceremony	115
40.	5.18.17	Federation of Turkish American Associations Turkish Flag Raising	144
41.	6.23.17	Turkish American Eyup Sultan Cultural Center Ramadan Iftar Dinner	67
42.	6.29.17	Meet and Greet with Besiktas USA Association, a Turkish Soccer Org.	119
43.	7.13.17	Meeting with Turkish Students	171
44.	9.20.17	Turks of America WBSNY World Business Summit NY	400
45.	10.1.17	Turkish American Eyup Sultan Cultural Center	447
46.	3.29.18	Meeting with YGA, youth group from Turkey	369
47.	5.2.18	BP must attend/8:15 pm Board of Directors of the American Turkish Society Gala	533
48.	5.25.18	Ali Cinar Turkish Heritage; Rana	648
49.	5.30.18	FYI/Turks of America (TOA) Consulting Group Award Ceremony	668
50.	10.6.18	Turkish Consulate General in NY – Reception to bid a farewell at the Turkish Consulate General	1322
51.	10.21.18	BP will try his best to attend; Azerbaijan Society of America; Azerbaijan, Turkish, Uzbek, Tadjik, Kazak will be celebrating 27 years of independence	1404
52.	10.29.18	FYI Likely, Turkish Consulate General 95 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception	1452
53.	10.30.18	Turkish Singer	1464
54.	11.6.18	BP is confirmed; Turkish Philanthropy Fund – Excellency Philanthropy Awards Gala honoring Demet Sabanci (Chairman and founder DEMSA Group and Turkey One Association)	1500
55.	11.25.18	Turken Opening	1578
56.	12.15.18	Turkistanian American Association 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	1691
57.	2.15.19	Turkish American Business Forum Networking Event	155
58.	3.8.19	Interview with Turk of America Magazine	253
59.	5.17.19	Federation of Turkish American Association; 38 <sup>th</sup> Turkish American Day	621
60.	5.18.19	38 <sup>th</sup> Annual Turkish Day Parade and 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ataturk	636

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61.	5.31.19	Turkish American Eyup Sultan Cultural Center Ramadan Iftar	708
62.	6.7.19	Turks of America 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Reception	751
63.	6.9.19	Celebration of Turkish American Heritage Day	761
64.	6.19.19	Turkish Airlines 25 <sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary	817
65.	11.1.19	American Turkish Society Gala	609
66.	1.16.22	Mayor of Gaziantep, Fatma Sahin and delegation . . . (newest schedule)	13
67.	5.13.22	Mayor of Uskudar (Municipality Istanbul), Mr. Himli Turkmen (newest schedule)	133
68.	5.15.22	Street co-naming Gjergj Kastrioti Skenderbeu (5 <sup>th</sup> century Ottoman Turks) (Newest schedule)	135
69.	5.21.22	Federation of Turkish American Associations parade (newest schedule)	141
70.	11.14.22	Meeting with Mrs. Fatma Sahin, Mayor of Gaziantep, Turkey	88

Adams has met twice with Fatma Sahin, Mayor of Gaziantep Turkey in 2022 and the Mayor of Uskudar.

Adams has met four times with the Turken Foundation.

Adams has met six times with the Turkish Consul General.

Adams has attended three Turkish Ramadan Iftar dinners.

**LINK ANALYSIS GRAPH**  
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