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Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that this country has endured yet another mass shooting. The Turkic American Alliance condemns in the strongest terms such senseless violence, and our prayers and thoughts are with all those affected by the tragic events that took place at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C.

During September 2013, TAA's time has pretty evenly split between New York City and Washington, D.C. In NYC, TAA attended the World Peace Orchestra, an Executive Board meeting, the Caspian Forum New York 2013, and the 68th United Nations General Assembly Debate.

In Washington, D.C., TAA met with the Honorable Christopher Coons of the U.S. Senate, hosted a daylong grassroots workshop/seminar for members from the Mid-Atlantic region at our headquarters and organized a panel discussion on the topic of Turkish foreign policy challenges on Capitol Hill.

In New York during the United Nations General Assembly Debate, I had the honor of meeting with many honorable international leaders, including President Abdullah Gul of Turkey, President Dervis Eroglu of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, Turkish Minister of Development Cevdet Yilmaz, and Afghan Minister of Education Farooq Wardak, in addition to journalists, policymakers and businesspersons.

One of our member organizations, the Niagara Foundation, which is part of the Turkish American Federation of Midwest (TAFM), hosted its annual Peace and Dialogue Awards ceremony this month.

Yours sincerely,

Faruk Taban, Ph.D.
President

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Letter of Condemnation: Navy Yard Shootings

Sep 16, 2013

The Turkic American Alliance is shocked and saddened by the mass shooting at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. We offer our prayers and deepest condolences to the families of the twelve victims whose



lives were cut so short. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to those eight who were grievously injured in the attack; may they make a

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Inaugural World Peace Orchestra Performance in NYC



Sep 10, 2013

On Tuesday, September 10, 2013, TAA President Dr. Faruk Taban attended the World Peace Orchestra (WPO) at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts complex in New York City. Composed of 134 young musicians from over 50 countries, WPO was founded in New York in 2013 as a unique nonprofit organization that encourages the growth of budding

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Turkish Journalists Visit TAA



Sep 16, 2013

On Monday, September 16, 2013, Turkish economics journalists visited TAA offices during the Minister of Economy Zafer Çağlayan's visit to the United States. TAA Program Director Murat Akkus briefed the delegation on the work and activities of TAA, as well as discussed the current state of Turkish and American economies and the

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Niagara Foundation Hosts 8th Annual Peace & Dialogue Awards



Sep 16, 2013

On Monday, September 16th, the Niagara Foundation of the Turkish American Federation of Midwest (TAFM) hosted its 8th annual Niagara Peace and Dialogue Awards. These awards recognize individuals and organizations in the Chicago community that have demonstrated a strong commitment to serving their community and

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Meeting with Senator Chris Coons

Sep 17, 2013

Early on Tuesday, September 17, U.S. Senator Chris Coons from Delaware was present for a breakfast meeting at the Turkic American Alliance. At the meeting, attendees were briefed about the work of TAA, in addition to the work one of its member organizations, Rumi Forum. Rumi Forum's President Emre Çelik discussed the


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Rethink Conference on Turkey's Foreign Policy Challenges


Sep 24, 2013

On Tuesday, September 24, 2013, Rethink Institute hosted a 2-part panel discussion at its office headquarters with Turkic American Alliance. The conferences examined Turkey's foreign policy challenges against the backdrop of the current developments in the Middle East while addressing the following questions: How will Turkish foreign

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TAA Congressional Talk on Turkey's Foreign Policy


Sep 25, 2013

On Wednesday, September 25, 2013, TAA hosted a panel discussion on Turkey's Foreign Policy Challenges. Wednesday's panel discussion took place on Capitol Hill in the Cannon House Office Building. Turkic American Alliance President Faruk Taban opened the event with introductory remarks. He reminded guests that the last time TAA was on

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Caspian Forum New York 2013


Sep 25, 2013

On Wednesday, September 25, 2013, Turkic American Alliance member organization directors attended the Caspian Forum in New York at the Waldorf Astoria Grand Ballroom. Organized by the Caspian Strategy Institute (Hazar Strateji Enstitüsü, or HAZAR), the main focus of the Caspian Forum New York was the Southern Gas Corridor.

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TAA Meets with President Gül in New York

Sep 26, 2013

On Thursday, September 26, 2013, His Excellency the President of Turkey Abdullah Gül met with 30 leaders of TAA component organizations and other Turkish American organizations. They included Faruk Taban and Murat Akkus from TAA; Furkan Kosar, Selim Ozcicek, Murat Kaval, Zafer Akin, Celil Yaka and Nebi Demirsoy from the Council of Turkic

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Reception at Clinton Residence

**Sep 30, 2013**

TAA President Dr. Faruk Taban was invited to attend a reception at the home of the Honorable Hillary Clinton, former Secretary of State. This reception took place on Monday, September 30, 2013, and was attended by around 50 guests, including two TAA colleagues, several former governors, leading businessmen and women in the community, and

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