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## FIRST ELECTIONS HELD

# IBRAHIM ELECTED SULTAN IN NAIL-BITER, SERÇE WINS LANDSLIDE FOR GRAND VIZIER

(ISTANBUL) The first elections to high Ottoman office were held to great success over the past week. Contested were the two primary offices in our nation-Sultan, our executive leader and commandant, and Grand Vizier, the economic and legislative organizer. Both were hotly contested. Running for Grand Vizier were both Serçe- who ran on a broad platform of competence and her personal Universal Moralist Manifesto- and John the Jellyfish, who ran on a more narrow Serene Isolationist platform. Unfortunately for M. Jellyfish, M. Serçe was seen by many as the more qualified candidate, and the candidate with a greater grasp on the complex constitutional mechanics. She was endorsed by the People's Democratic Party, and the Greater Turkish Caliphate, and unofficially by several others, while M. Jellyfish stood with only the Serene Isolationist Party.-

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## LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS

LAWS PROPOSED DEALING WITH FINANCES, IMMIGRATION, AND TRANSPARENCY

(ISTANBUL) The first Legislative Session of the Grand Millets began today, presided over by our illustrious new Grand Vizier, M. Serçe. Danişmen hurried to propose laws for our great nation. Our Sultan, M. Ibrahim, proposed a law dealing with taxation and financial crimes. It formalizes definitions for several key indices in our economy, and clarifies how assets such as securities will be taxed. It also criminalizes defrauding the Ottoman government to obtain favorable taxation by illegally trading securities. Candidate for Grand Mufti (see MUFTI, Page Two) Kerim Incesu proposed no less than three laws and an amendment. M. Incesu's first proposed <u>law</u> would mandate the Grand Vizier provide public voting records for all members of the Grand Divan. Their second proposed <u>law</u> would mandate the Sultan keep a regularly updated public record of all financial transactions.

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## NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND MUFTI OPEN

KERIM INCESU ONLY
CANDIDATE FOR HEAD OF
HIGH COURT

(ISTANBUL) The Sultan, M. Ibrahim, has opened public nominations for the head of the Ottoman judiciary, the Grand Mufti. So far, only M. Kerim Incesu has put themselves forth, though M. Ibrahim retains the right to nominate anyone he wishes. The post is available <a href="here">here</a> for any readers who wish to make a case for themselves. As with Grand Vizier, some potential candidates may be deterred by the prospect of being the first, and the second nomination may be more heated.

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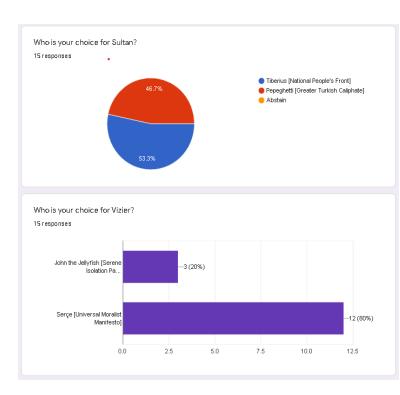
-M. Serçe was elected by a 60% margin, 80% to 20% (12-3). This newspaper expects, however, that in the next elections there will be a fiercer competition as more candidates feel they have a solid understanding of the duties of Grand Vizier. The Sultan race was far more contentious. Again, two candidates were nominated-Ibrahim, representing the National People's Front, and Pepeghetti, representing the Greater Turkish Caliphate. M. Ibrahim, running on an aggressive platform of expansion and secular conquest, was endorsed by the Ottoman Apocalypse Party, while M. Pepeghetti was informally adopted by more pro-peace activists, though they also espoused expansionist viewpoints, albeit tempered by religion. Exit polls indicated an extremely close race, and it took several hours for the race to be called narrowly in M. Ibrahim's favor. The final count was 53.3% for M. Ibrahim and 46.7% for M. Pepeghetti (8-7). Overall turnout for both elections was 97% (15/16). Güvenilir congratulates the winners on their success and the losers on their participation, and overall thanks everyone involved for a well-run first election.

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-M. Incesu's third proposed <u>law</u> would be a comprehensive penal code, detailing a series of crimes and offenses and their respective punishments. Their final proposal, an amendment, would modify the impeachment procedure, allowing a trial to begin with a 2/3rds vote and close with a simple majority. It would also provide an alternate candidate to preside over the impeachment of the Grand Mufti, along with miscellaneous and superfluous edits. The editor-in-chief of this newspaper, M. Îple Al-Rūmī, proposed a controversial law to allow limited foreign participation in the Ottoman economy, with greater participation allowed by personal or national subjugation to our laws and directives. The final proposed <u>law</u>, by M. HKim, would make all records of the Sultan public to Danışmen within seven days, and to the general public (including foreigners) in due time. This seems to be a blatant breach of national security, and for even proposing such a law, it is the position of Güvenilir that M. HKim should be arrested, their assets seized and redistributed to independent journalism, and then promptly exiled. No laws have been yet proposed dealing with binding the Sultan, though they may do so after publication of this edition.

#### **GRAPHIC**



(credit to Serçe for the graphic)