

Selected Articles: The US-Turkey Crisis

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[Gina Haspel CIA Torture Cables Declassified](#)

By [The National Security Archive](#), August 13, 2018

Current CIA director **Gina Haspel** described graphic acts of deliberate physical torture including the waterboarding of a suspected Al-Qa’ida terrorist under her supervision when she was chief of base at a CIA black site in Thailand in 2002, according to declassified CIA cables – most of which she wrote or authorized – obtained by the National Security Archive through a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit and posted on the Web today.



[The US-Turkey Crisis: The NATO Alliance Forged in 1949 Is Today Largely](#)

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By [Philip Giraldi](#), August 13, 2018

The immediate cause of the breakdown is ostensibly **President Donald Trump's** demand that an American Protestant minister who has lived in Turkey for twenty-three years be released from detention. **Andrew Brunson** was arrested 21 months ago and charged with being a supporter of the alleged conspiracy behind the military coup in 2016 that sought to kill or replace **President Recep Tayyip Erdogan**.



[The Other Hiroshimas: A Review of Napalm: An American Biography](#)

By [Robert Barsocchini](#), August 13, 2018

The major turning point that would see an unprecedented rise of fire-weapons was World War II. With Germany leading the way, Japanese and British forces also used incendiaries to devastating effect, but the weapon would be taken to new heights by the United States. Initially, US officials said they wanted to avoid the “area bombing” – killing everyone in a large area – that was being carried out by the above groups on various cities. But soon they abandoned this approach and embraced the method. Wanting to further increase their ability to destroy large areas, and with particular regard to the wooden cities of Japan (66), the US Chemical Warfare Service assembled a team of chemists at Harvard to design an incendiary weapon that would be optimal for this goal.



[Russia Finance Minister: We May Abandon Dollar in Oil Trade as It Is Becoming “Too Risky”](#)

By [Zero Hedge](#), August 13, 2018

And with the US threatening to impose a new set of “crushing” sanctions on Russia, including in retaliation for the alleged Novichok nerve gas attack in the UK, Russia not only intends to continue liquidating its US holdings, but to significantly reduce its reliance on the US Dollar.



[World Markets Brace for Impact of Turkish Lira Crisis](#)

By [Nick Beams](#), August 13, 2018

The key question in major financial markets when they open for trading today will be the impact of the ongoing Turkish financial and currency crisis amid warnings that it could have far-reaching global implications.

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