

# Foreign Policy w/ Barçın Yinanç: Interview with Şafak Gökürk

## The State of Israel-Palestine Conflict

Barçın Yinanç talked to Ambassador (R) Şafak Gökürk on May 25, 2021, via Zoom about the state of the Israel-Palestine conflict.

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# **Şafak Gökürk**

## **Ambassador (R)**

Safak Gokturk is a retired Turkish diplomat and 63 years old.

During his career (1979-2019), he held numerous positions including those of First Secretary in Athens, Deputy Chief of Mission in Tehran, Consul General in Frankfurt, Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN in New York, Deputy Director General for the Middle East, Director General for Policy Planning and Ambassador to Egypt, Singapore and Norway.

He is married with two children and lives in Ankara.



## **Barçın Yinanç**

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Barçın Yinanç, is currently an independent journalist. She has a career of 30 years covering Turkey's foreign policy and international relations. She writes analysis and opinion articles for the websites T24 and Yetkinreport. She also provides comments to news channels.

Until September 2020 she was the opinion editor of the English language Hürriyet Daily News, where her columns were also published. She also conducted the paper's weekly interviews for nearly a decade.

Prior to that Yinanç worked in CNN Türk's İstanbul headquarters as an editor for a news program.

Yinanç started her career in Ankara; where she worked 15 years as a diplomatic reporter before moving to İstanbul.

She travelled extensively in Europe and the Middle East, covering Turkish leaders visits to these regions and reported from key summits of NATO, EU and OSCE. In 2001 she became a tv reporter and worked in CNN Türk Ankara office until 2004 when she moved to İstanbul.

Yinanç studied international relations at the Middle East Technical University (ODTÜ) in Ankara.

She is the Olympic torchbearer of 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics. She is a member of Diplomatic Reporters Association, Ski Club of International Journalists (SCIJ) and Women in Foreign Policy Platform.

Barçın Yinanç speaks fluent English and French.

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