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REPORT RELEASED BY AVİM TITLED 'THE US NAVY FLEET IN THE BLACK SEA AFTER THE FIRST WORLD WAR AND THE HISTORICAL REALITIES IN THE NEAR EAST'

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The Center for Eurasian Studies (AVİM), in its ongoing effort to understand the dynamics of the Eurasia region, offers a contribution through a report by Dr. Teoman Ertuğrul Tulun titled "The US Navy Fleet in the Black Sea after the First World War and the Historical Realities in the Near East".

The Wider Black Sea region (WBSR) has historically been a crucible of strategic significance, primarily due to its positioning at the juncture of Russia, the Caucasus, the Middle East, and Central Asia. The relentless pursuits of Russia for dominion over the Turkish Straits mirror the region's geostrategic importance. This report casts light on Russia's intrinsic motivations rooted in its geographic longing for warm waters.

Yet, the study moves beyond Russia's geopolitical ambitions and delves deeply into the rationale behind the presence of US Navy units in the Black Sea post the First World War. It explicates their pivotal role in safeguarding American interests and citizens, as epitomized by the appointment of Admiral Bristol. As the commander of a naval task force, Admiral Bristol simultaneously upheld the role of the top US diplomat in İstanbul from 1919 to the inception of the Republic of Türkiye in 1923.

A central theme of this report is its examination of the US Navy's intricate involvement amidst armed insurgencies, especially the Pontus Greek citizens of the Ottoman Empire. Moreover, it illuminates the discerning policies of the US administration, which were markedly different from other Allied powers in their interactions with the Ottoman Empire.

Furthermore, the report delves into the stance of Admiral Bristol, drawing attention to the criticisms he faced from Armenian and Greek communities for his pragmatic approach of championing American interests.

For those seeking an in-depth exploration of these historical nuances, the report can be purchased at bookstores and directly from the AVİM.

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