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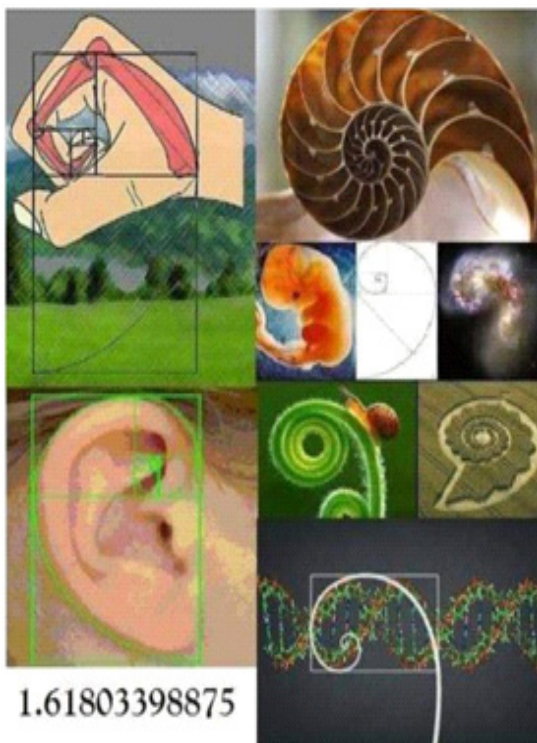
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Evidence for God

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Attorneys worldwide use direct evidence, that is, human eyewitnesses, testimony or circumstantial evidence, that is, inferences from facts to connect to an event. Today expert witness testimony uses circumstantial evidence to prove an event and to rule out doubt. Examples of circumstantial evidence are DNA, ballistic, fingerprint, skid marks, blood analysis, speed of light, gravity or the cosmological constant. Scientists state that there are 26 fundamental physical constants which describe the strengths of all the interactions and the physical properties of all the particles. We need these pieces of information to understand the Universe quantitatively, and answer the question of “how much” and why it takes 26 fundamental constants to give us our known Universe. Yet, even with them, they still don’t give us everything.¹ Why does the Fibonacci Principle manifest in



a spiral, in nature to a ratio of 1.618? Why is this mathematical golden ratio? How did 26 fundamental constants come into function? The circumstantial evidence that follows is so powerful that it points to a Creator!

Holy Scripture

The Bible states:

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows His handiwork.
Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech nor language
Where their voice is not heard.
Their line has gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world. Ps. 19:1-4*

*He has made everything beautiful in its time.
Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except
that no one can find out the work that God does
from beginning to end. Ecl. 3:11*

St. Paul wrote:

*because what may be known of God is manifest in them,
for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the
world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being
understood by the things that are made, even His eternal
power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse. Rom.*

Boosting Greek exports to the American market



Every time a prime minister visits New York for the annual session of the United Nations General Assembly, attention turns to his meetings with other state leaders as well as with important American businesspeople and funds.

Kyriakos Mitsotakis’ ongoing visit is no exception.

The Greek premier attended a meeting of heads of American companies organized by Goldman Sachs and had lunch with investors and the US secretary of commerce. He spoke at Bloomberg’s Global Business Forum. And he had to sit down with prominent Greek-American businesspeople. Each of these occasions is an opportunity for him to present his government’s pro-business economic reform program, as well as to foster a positive climate that can bring results in the future. Instant, tangible results, however, often come from parallel initiatives carried out on the sidelines of a prime minister’s visit by his ministers and aides. One such initiative was a meeting hosted by the increasingly active General Consulate of Greece in New York, where the country’s two deputy foreign ministers, one in charge of economic diplomacy and the other responsible for the diaspora, held a two-hour discussion with importers of Greek products in the American market.

The discussion pertained to practical matters such as legal and bureaucratic obstacles on both sides of the Atlantic, regulations concerning quality standards and, of course, the tariffs imposed on Greek imports to the US. The businesspeople included all of the biggest importers of Greek products on the east coast, firms that bring in ready-made consumer products as well as raw materials for products made in America. They talked about how to bolster the volume and value of imports. They mainly focused on Greek foods and beverages, and on ways to get them more prominently placed on American supermarket shelves.

Greece is already on the right path, as its exports have grown 20 percent over the past decade, even though there is room for improvement (the exports of competitive countries like Portugal rose 50 percent in the same period).

Exports are also at the core of efforts to revive the flagging Greek economy, whose backbone is made up of small and medium-sized businesses. The reason is that, taken all together, the latter are not only responsible for a large chunk of the country’s gross national product while employing thousands of workers, but could also become very attractive to foreign investors. Nevertheless, there are risks such as the possibility that Donald Trump will raise tariffs on a broad range of European products as part of his ongoing trade war against the European Union.

Such dangers aside, a systematic cooperation between the Greek state and the business community with the aim of promoting exports could result in tangible benefits in a short period. Greece’s image has been improving steadily in recent years and it is now in a good position for the “rebranding” that the government is attempting.

Clinton: Russia 'grooming' Democratic candidate



Former US presidential candidate Hillary Clinton has said Russia is "grooming" a female Democrat in the 2020 White House race.

She said the Kremlin wanted the contender to run as a third-party candidate to divide liberal voters and help re-elect Donald Trump.

Mrs Clinton did not name the candidate, but she is believed to be referring to Hawaii congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard.

Ms Gabbard called Mrs Clinton's allegation "cowardly".

In an interview with former Obama adviser David Plouffe's podcast, Campaign HQ, Mrs Clinton, herself a Democrat, said the Russians have "got their eye on somebody who's currently in the Democratic primary and are grooming her to be the third party candidate".

"She's the favourite of the Russians," Mrs Clinton said, without naming her in the podcast that aired on Wednesday. "They have a bunch of sites and bots and other ways of supporting her so far."

Ms Gabbard hit back accusing "queen of the warmongers" Mrs Clinton of orchestrating a campaign to "destroy my reputation".

She challenged the former secretary of state to join the White House race and not "hide behind your proxies".

Presentational white space

Ms Gabbard is a military veteran and anti-war candidate who has called on the US to stop acting as the world's policeman.

In a live TV debate with 11 other Democratic contenders on Tuesday, she said



US media suggestions that she is a Russian asset were "completely despicable".

Ms Gabbard has previously ruled out an independent campaign.

In the podcast, Mrs Clinton also accused 2016 Green Party candidate Jill Stein by name of effectively being a traitor.

She raised the possibility that Ms Stein could run again as a third-party candidate "because she's also a Russian asset".

"Yes, she's a Russian asset, I mean, totally," added Mrs Clinton. "They know they can't win without a third-party candidate."

On Friday, Ms Stein hit back at Mrs Clinton's "rant", calling it a "crack down on dissent".

Presentational white space

Ms Stein's 2016 presidential election campaign garnered almost 1.5 million votes (1% of the national vote).

The number of ballots cast for Ms Stein in three states that turned out to be critical to the overall result - Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin - did exceed Mr Trump's margin of victory over Mrs Clinton.

However, there is debate over whether Ms Stein did in fact help elect Mr Trump since exit poll data suggests not all Stein voters would have picked Mrs Clinton as a second choice, or even voted at all.

Documents from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Russian investigation show that Russian nationals and corporations worked to boost Ms Stein's campaign in an effort to draw votes away from Mrs Clinton.

In 2018, Ms Stein acknowledged potential Russian interference in the US election, but said the US also meddled overseas.

"Interference is wrong and it's an assault against democracy, and it should be pursued," she said to CNN.

"But [the United States] should pursue it knowing that we do it, too."

Ralph Nader's Green Party candidacy in the 2000 White House election is often blamed or credited with helping George W Bush, a Republican, win the state of Florida, and thereby the US presidency.

Attracting investments, relations with Turkey: A new chapter?



It was a good visit. A tight schedule packed with trade and diplomatic meetings. Emphasis was put on projecting an image of Greece that is pro-entrepreneurship with the aim of attracting investment. It remains to be seen how investors will respond. The feeling among foreign and Greek businesspeople can be summed up as follows: You are on the right path; you need to take specific steps so that key investments move forward (such as the Elliniko project); we are already looking out for opportunity. After emerging from the crisis, Greece stands at a turning point. During his visit to New York, Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis sent out the right message. Its appeal will depend on the degree to which his words translate into actions. In the coming months, Greece will appear on the radars of many large and medium-sized investors at home and abroad. The follow-up will be the next key challenge. Greece has always had a problem here, even when the ruling officials had the best of intentions.

On a diplomatic level, the main event was Mitsotakis' meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The two leaders discussed all the major issues. Aside from the chronic Cyprus dispute, where the situation has become even more complicated following the discovery of gas deposits, one of the most pressing issues at the moment is migration.


It was agreed that Ankara will make an effort to curb flows to the Aegean islands. Soon, Greece's migration minister will travel to Turkey. There it will become evident whether Erdogan's good intentions will turn into action.

Ankara needs to realize that, for a number of reasons, Athens could be its closest ally in the context of its political, economic and trade relationship with the European Union. This was also demonstrated in Mitsotakis' willingness to support further EU economic assistance to Turkey. But constant references to the Blue Homeland, the constant issuing of navigational warnings via navtex, and the publication of maps that depict half of the Aegean under Turkish control are of no help.

Erdogan needs to grasp that he has an interest in solving the Cyprus issue so that Turkish Cypriots can share in the revenues from gas findings as well as influence EU decision making, thus opening Turkey's accession to the regional energy puzzle. All that cannot be achieved with threats and provocations inside Cyprus' exclusive economic zone.

Greece's new administration turned up in New York ready to make a new start. Turkey's strongman has a chance to take steps (a drastic reduction of migration flows, an end to threats and provocations around Cyprus and in the Aegean) that will facilitate the resetting of the relationship while offering his country tangible advantages.

The ball is in his court. TOM ELLIS



Visiting Istanbul-based Ecumenical Patriarch Vartholomaios and Greek Archbishop Ieronymos held a joint church service on Saturday in which they commemorated the name of Metropolitan Epiphanius of Kiev, despite the vehement opposition of the Russian Patriarchate.

Migration minister backs new funds for Turkey



Greece's migration minister on Friday urged the incoming European Commission to renew a funding commitment to Turkey to stop migrants reaching the European Union.

Giorgos Koumoutsakos told The Associated Press in an interview that Athens would also welcome an enhanced NATO presence and tougher international patrolling off Greek islands where arrivals have spiked in recent weeks.

The EU has only paid out about half of the 6 billion euros (\$6.6 billion) promised to Turkey under a landmark 2016 agreement to halt westward migration, and officials in Ankara have recently threatened call off the deal without renewed disbursements.

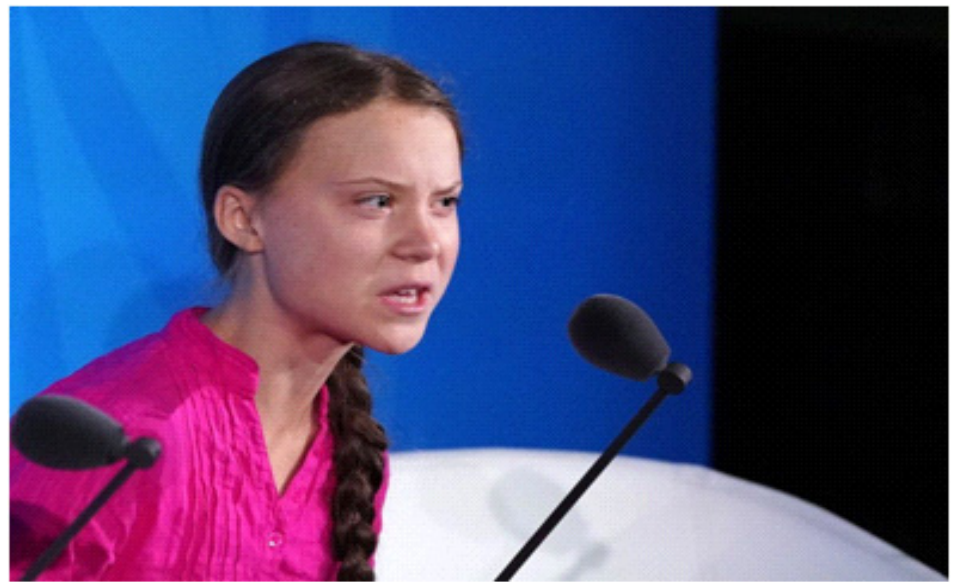
"I think that the EU should positively consider the possibility of new funding to Turkey. Of course, this will not be unconditional but it should be seriously and positively considered," Koumoutsakos said.

The new EU Commission will assume office on Nov. 1 under president-elect Ursula von der Leyen, with immigration as one of its main priorities.

More than half the migrants and refugees currently reaching the EU illegally travel from Turkey to the Greek islands or sneak over the heavily militarized Greek-Turkish land border. Refugee camps on five Greek islands are severely crowded. Earlier Friday, seven migrants were killed in the eastern Aegean when their boat sank near the tiny Greek island of Inousses. The victims included five children. Twelve others were rescued. He said Greece favored tougher patrolling around Greek islands by the EU border protection agency Frontex — raising the possibility of international operations inside Turkish waters.

He said: "It depends very much on how the Turkish side would react to this, but the more the better: I mean if you have a robust presence with an assertive mandate, this would definitely produce better results than the ones we have right now."

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Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg speaks at the 2019 United Nations Climate Action Summit at UN headquarters in New York City. She said: "I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean, yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you? You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words ... people are suffering. People are dying. Entire eco-systems are collapsing."



Gallery assistants pose with an artwork entitled Devolved Parliament by British artist Banksy, ahead of auctioneer Sotheby's contemporary art sale, as part of the Frieze Art Fair in London. The artwork was created in 2009 and could fetch more than £1.5m, according to Sotheby's.



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NEWS FROM GREECE

Greeks losing sight of Euroleague play-off spots



Greece’s Euroleague representatives are already drifting away from the top eight spots of the table, that lead to the playoffs, after their home losses this week, as Panathinaikos went down to Armani Milano and Olympiakos to Zenit St Petersburg.

For the second week in a row the Greens lost 79-78 (exactly the same score), despite once again having the final shot in the game with a few seconds on the clock. Yet just like in the match at Villeurbanne a week earlier, Nick Calathes took the last shot on Thursday and failed from close distance but under pressure.

Pressure is also growing on coach Argyris Pedoulakis, as the Greek champion relied once again only on the personal qualities of some of its players, namely Jacob Wiley (17 points) and Calathes (23 points).

The lead kept swinging from the hosts to the visitors and back, and when Panathinaikos advanced 68-61 in the last quarter the Italian team had the answer from the 6.75-meter line on a night when it made 14/26 triples.

Panathinaikos, on the other hand, had a miserable 4/21 in three-pointers and paid for that dearly, even though it improved its free-throw record (9/11).

Both the Greens and the Reds are on a 1-2 record after three games.

Olympiakos surrendered to Zenit in overtime with a 77-68 score in Piraeus on Friday. The Reds’ roster once again seemed unable to match a team that on paper was inferior, disappointing the 7,000 fans who filled up half of the Peace and Friendship Stadium.

The Russians had a slight edge for most of the game and thought they had won it when they went into the last minute with a six-point lead.

Olympiakos had 1/17 triples halfway through the third quarter, but it came back from the dead with two triples by Antonis Koniaris and a precious one from Costas Papanikolaou six seconds from the end that forced overtime (64-64).

However the visitors strolled to an easy nine-point win in overtime as Olympiakos appeared to have run completely out of steam, succumbing to its first defeat at home this season, despite having Kevin Punter and Nikola Milutinov score 16 points apiece.

Brussels disappoints Zaev’s EU aspirations

People walk in front of the offices of the European Union with logos reading 'EU for You' in Skopje, North Macedonia, 18 October 2019. EU leaders have delayed the decision for accession talks with North Macedonia and Albania for the third time as they gathered in Brussels for a two-day summit dominated by Brexit talks

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“If we want to be respected, we have

Time for Greek tourism to diversify its product, says Retso



Tourism cannot operate on autopilot, Yiannis Retso, head of the Greek Tourism Confederation, said on Friday.

Speaking at the entity’s annual conference, he explained that the future of the sector demands the formation of strategic management and the immediate implementation of plans, with tourism in Greece expanding into spheres beyond the sea-and-sun model.

"Now is the time for major changes in Greek tourism," Retso stated, adding that the demise of Thomas Cook illustrated that – far from abandoning major tour operators – Greek tourism must consider the enrichment of alternative options through new channels.

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Reach of 'social dividend' may grow

Finance Ministry sources have noted that the so-called social dividend will go toward the weakest social groups, such as the unemployed and people on low wages, and not just retirees with low pensions.

The amount to be handed out from the primary surplus overrun is estimated to reach or even exceed 400 million euros. The draft budget submitted to the European Commission puts the figure at 0.2 percent of gross domestic product – i.e. around 380 million euros – and indications to date regarding the course of revenues lead to the conclusion it may well head even higher.



The same sources speak of particularly encouraging takings from the debt settlement program with up to 120 tranches, which can guarantee an increased social dividend. Nevertheless they also cite a minimum figure of 250 million euros.

The definitive decisions about who precisely will receive the handouts have not yet been made, and The creditors have said the decisions rest with the government, but have clearly expressed their preference for the handouts to be given to the financially weakest, with low or no salaries.

ATHEX: Stocks keep inching higher at Athinon Ave

Unlike most of its eurozone counterparts, which appeared particularly nervous due to the raging interna-



tional trade wars, Athinon Avenue demonstrated resilience on Friday, again edging higher, although this time turnover was in line with the weather in Athens, reminiscent of the dog days of summer. This resilience was also reflected in Greek bond yields, which dived to new historic lows.

The Athens Exchange (ATHEX) general index ended at 862.58 points, adding 0.38 percent to Thursday’s 859.32 points. On a weekly basis it advanced 0.77 percent.

The large-cap FTSE 25 index expanded 0.13 percent to 2,135.22 points, while the mid-cap index contracted 0.40 percent.

The banks index improved 0.60 percent, as Eurobank earned 1.15 percent, Alpha grabbed 0.64 percent and Piraeus collected 0.27 percent. Fourlis Holdings increased 1.50 percent and Hellenic Petroleum gave up 1.66 percent.

In total 53 stocks posted gains, 39 took losses and 28 were unchanged.

Turnover amounted to 41.7 million euros, down from Thursday’s 73.4 million.

In Nicosia the general index of the Cyprus Stock Exchange decreased 0.21 percent to close at 65.11 points.

Church feud with Moscow imminent



Amid the turmoil that has engulfed the Orthodox Church over the contentious issue of the Ukrainian Church’s independence from Moscow, Ecumenical Patriarch Vartholomaios arrived in Greece on Friday, where he is expected to hold a service Saturday with Greek Archbishop Ieronymos.

According to church sources, the two men will commemorate the name of Metropolitan Epiphanius of Kiev, despite Moscow’s threat on Thursday that it will sever ties with Ieronymos if he does.

The decision by Vartholomaios, the spiritual leader of the world’s Orthodox, to grant Kiev independence earlier in the year has been backed by Ieronymos but fiercely opposed by Moscow Patriarch Kirill, who as a result cut ties with Vartholomaios

PICTURES OF THE WORLD



A protester takes part in the global climate strike, near the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in Bangkok, Thailand. The protest called for "an end to the age of fossil fuels, and climate justice for everyone".



A child holds a newly-hatched baby sea turtle, born at a protective nesting site at a beach near Mikhmoret, north of Tel Aviv, Israel. The site was set up as part of the Israeli Sea Turtle Rescue Center's conservation programme.



French elite acrobatic flying team Patrouille de France perform during the 8th Athens Flying Week aviation event over Tanagra air base, north of Athens, Greece.



Participants dress in traditional attire during rehearsals for Garba, a folk dance to be performed at the upcoming Navratri festival in Ahmedabad, India. The festival will see devotees worship the Hindu goddess Durga.

PM: Greece requested drafting of backup plan for migration



Greece called on the European union to prepare a back-up plan in case the number of migrant and refugee arrivals becomes unmanageable by the country, Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said after the end of the summit meeting in Brussels on Friday. Mitsotakis said he does not want to be an alarmist or exaggerate the problem, but the request was made to prepare for any unforeseen developments.“I cannot accept that the EU will be caught unprepared again. I do not believe Turkey will do what it has threatened, that is, open the borders. But we have to be prepared for the worst eventuality so that we do not just react to developments,” he said, adding that currently there os no back-up plan.

"I hope we will never get to this point of having to ask for anything extra." He said EU leaders adopted Greece's proposal that the Union should support countries like Greece which are mostly affected by the rise in migrant and refugee arrivals in the past few months.

Asked about the overcrowding in migrant camps on the islands of the eastern Aegean, he said transferring vulnerable people to the mainland is the only way to deal with the problem and pointed to the new government legislation on asylum which he said aims to increase returns of failed asylum seekers.

European leaders also condemned Turkey's illegal prospecting activity within the Cypriot Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and adopted the decision of the EU foreign ministers' council for sanctions against Turkey, he said.

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Greek FM advises caution on Turkey, says ‘dust must settle’ in Syria



Greece needs to be cautious and not jump to any hasty conclusions regarding Washington’s announcement that Turkey has agreed to a five-day ceasefire in northern Syria to allow the withdrawal of Kurdish troops, Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias said on Thursday night.

“Obviously this is better than more human lives being lost, military operations, refugees and another conflict in the area, but as to what it means, it is still too soon to tell. We need to let the dust settle first to see how the situation will develop,” Dendias told Skai TV.

With regards to Turkish violations in the Aegean and Cyprus’ exclusive economic zone, Dendias said that Greece has an duty to continue seeking channels of communication with Ankara, but nevertheless has red lines it will not cross. “We will always do what needs to be done,” he said. “But we will not roar and shout. We will explain, frankly, to the Turkish side what out interests are, how the international law stands from our side, what our red lines are.”

He stressed that Greece should not be regarded as a small and weak country on the sidelines of events, but as a country with significant powers that sees Turkey as an equal. “We look at Turkey in the eye, frankly, with respect and with sincere wishes that it does well, that one day it succeeds in its European aspiration, that its citizens enjoy all the same rights as those enjoyed by European citizens... I wish all this for Turkey,” Dendias said. “We can improve the potential, we can deepen cooperation, but we are still a country that has accomplished a lot of important things.”

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Trump impeachment inquiry: Pompeo subpoenaed by House Democrats



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has been ordered by Democrats to turn over documents relating to the Trump administration's dealings with Ukraine.

In a letter, the heads of three House committees subpoenaed Mr Pompeo to produce the documents within a week. It is the latest move in rapidly escalating impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump. He is being scrutinised for pushing Ukraine's president to investigate his Democratic rival Joe Biden. In a separate development on Friday, the US special envoy for Ukraine negotiations, Kurt Volker, resigned, according to US media reports.

Washington has been rocked by a complaint from an intelligence whistleblower that Mr Trump was "using the power of his office to solicit interference from a foreign country in the 2020 US election". Mr Trump had denied putting any pressure on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in a phone call in July, when Mr Biden was leading polls to win the Democratic nomination for the White House race. But a transcript of the call released by the White House showed that the president did press Mr Zelensky to investigate Mr Biden. Mr Trump has alleged that Mr Biden pressed for the sacking of Ukrainian prosecutor Viktor Shokin in 2016 to protect a business that employed his son, Hunter Biden. Mr Biden did call for the sacking of Mr Shokin, even threatening to withhold \$1bn (£813m) in aid to Ukraine. But so did a number of other Western officials who saw Mr Shokin as a hindrance to anti-corruption investigations.

Impeachment is a rarely exercised two-stage political process by which a US president can be removed from office for wrongdoing. Even if President Trump was impeached by the House of Representatives, he is unlikely to be forced out of the White House because Republicans control the Senate. The US president has dismissed the impeachment proceedings as a "hoax" and "another witch-hunt".

What is the Pompeo subpoena about? The subpoena was issued in a joint letter by the House's Foreign Affairs, Intelligence and Oversight committees. The committees are headed by Elliot Engel, Adam Schiff and Elijah Cummings, respectively. In the letter, the committees said they were investigating "the extent to which President Trump jeopardized national security by pressing Ukraine to interfere with our 2020 election and by withholding security assistance provided by Congress to help Ukraine counter Russian aggression". They added that the subpoena was issued because Mr Pompeo had failed to comply with demands to provide relevant documents. They said his refusal "impairs Congress' ability to fulfil its constitutional responsibilities to protect our national security and the integrity of our democracy". The three committees also scheduled testimony from five other State Department officials - including Mr Volker and the former US ambassador to Ukraine, Marie Yovanovitch. Mr Pompeo is yet to publicly comment on the subpoena.

Democrats began a formal impeachment inquiry earlier this week amid allegations that the president had abused the power of his office to help with his re-election. The whistleblower's complaint, which was released on Thursday, characterises the president's conduct as a "serious or flagrant problem, abuse, or violation of law". The whistleblower said they had learned from several sources that senior White House officials had intervened to "lock down" all details of the call with the Ukrainian president, particularly an official word-for-word transcript. "This set of actions underscored to me that White House officials understood the gravity of what had transpired in the call," the whistleblower wrote. The whistleblower's identity remains unknown, but several media outlets have identified them as a CIA officer.

On 25 July, Mr Trump raised Mr Shokin's removal during a phone call with Ukraine's newly-elected president - details of which were released by the White House following the whistleblower's complaint. What Trump's Ukraine phone call really means Mr Trump went on to discuss Hunter Biden and the unsubstantiated allegation that his father - then the US vice-president - stopped an investigation into his son's employer by lobbying Ukraine to fire Mr Shokin. Media caption What we know about Biden-Ukraine corruption claims The chief prosecutor's office had an open inquiry into Burisma, a natural gas company on which Hunter Biden was a board member. In a BBC interview, former Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin said Mr Shokin was sacked for corruption, denying Mr Trump's claims. Who is Kurt Volker? Appointed in 2017 in a volunteer capacity, Mr Volker was a key player in US efforts to help resolve an ongoing crisis in Ukraine that started with the annexation of Crimea by Russia and Moscow's support for separatists in the east. Mr Volker was mentioned in the whistleblower's complaint on 12 August. It says that Mr Volker and the US ambassador to the EU, Gordon Sondland, met President Zelensky and other Ukrainian politicians on 26 July. The complaint says Mr Volker and Mr Sondland "reportedly provided advice to the Ukrainian leadership about how to 'navigate' the demands that [President Trump] had made of Mr Zelensky".

Green House Sparta is the layest success of Green House

The GreenHouse, created to enhance and promote Greek entrepreneurship, presented GreenHouse Sparta in cooperation with The University of Peloponnese, The Public Central Library of Sparta, and Sparta TechLab in Sparta October 8-12. Organized by The Hellenic Initiative in collaboration with the Alba Graduate Business School of The American College of Greece over the past six years, GreenHouse has already hosted events in six cities: Athens, Patras, Heraklion, Kalamata, Corinth, and Chalkida, having supported 442 entrepreneurs so far.

The project was also held under the auspices of the Municipality of Sparta and the Laconian Chamber and included a multitude of free-of-charge activities mainly designed for entrepreneurs, aspiring entrepreneurs, as well as university and high school students.

Attendees of Sparta's GreenHouse had the chance to participate in the two-day entrepreneurship workshop, in educational sessions on digital media use in business, as well as in open discussion forums with entrepreneurs. Prominent business persons such as Paschalis Tilellis - Plexiart, Elina Kakuru - Kakuru, and Katerina Exacoustidou - Vitabroad, shared their thoughts and experience with the event's participants, including over 50 students of the 2nd High School of Sparta and many more local stakeholders.

The goal of GreenHouse Sparta was to combine Alba Graduate Business School's expertise with local Spartan entrepreneurial spirit and to provide comprehensive support to business efforts in the city. The GreenHouse helps anyone who wants to grow their business ideas regardless of age or range of economic activity. This year, thanks to THI's support, GreenHouse has broadened its horizons and expanded its efforts to support entrepreneurship throughout Greece, both geographically and in terms of the project's overall results.

GreenHouse is transforming from a three-day entrepreneurship workshop into a five-day modular activity organized in cities throughout Greece to enhance entrepreneurial action.

An attendee of GreenHouse Project at Sparta stated: "GreenHouse helped me expand my horizons on entrepreneurship and overcome uncertainties and blind spots in bringing potential business ideas into life. Getting to know people with whom I share similar interests was of equal importance. I think that knowledge and collaboration are the most valuable elements for seeking and building new business ideas. I would like to thank GreenHouse for the experience."

GreenHouse is just one of the many aspects of the Venture Garden, an entrepreneurship-educational program conducted by Alba Graduate Business School, The American College of Greece in Athens, and the American College of Thessaloniki under the auspices of The Hellenic Initiative. It has evolved into one of Greece's premier entrepreneurial educational programs, having helped over 415 ideas to grow into businesses.

George P. Stamas, President of the Board of Directors of The Hellenic Initiative, said, "The Hellenic Initiative, through its many endeavors in Greece, especially its annual Venture Fair, knows very well the talent and energy of the country's young entrepreneurs and we are committed to providing them with the knowledge, mentoring, and networking opportunities that will enable them to succeed and to soar." Peter Poulos, THI's Executive Director, stated: "The Hellenic Initiative is very proud to support such an exemplary endeavor like GreenHouse as boosting youth Greek entrepreneurship is imperative for the Greek economy. Similar projects will eventually help higher growth rates return, addressing one of our country's major issues, the continuous loss of precious human capital."

For more information please visit the [website](http://www.TheHellenicInitiative.org/) of Greenhouse. About the Hellenic Initiative Our Mission: Investing in the future of Greece through direct philanthropy and economic revitalization. We empower people to provide crisis relief, encourage entrepreneurs, and create jobs. We are The Hellenic Initiative (THI) - a global movement of the Greek Diaspora.

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