# Asymmetry and Leverage Effect of Political Risk on Volatility: The Case of BIST Sub-sector

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#### Abstract

Modelling volatility in financial asset prices is very important for investment decisions and risk management. It is known that, political risk has a negative effect on stock returns. Especially, markets in which political risk increased, investment decisions change based on the changes that occur in financial asset returns. On the other hand, investors react more to negative shocks than to positive shocks. In this context, for a healthy investment policy, it is very important to make decisions having regard to the variance breaks that occur because of the political risk. In the study, firstly, breaks in unconditional variance of Borsa Istanbul (BIST) sub-sector index returns are detected with Modified Iterated Cumulative Sums of Squares Method. In the sequel, political events are determined among all the events that cause breaks in variance. Finally, by using threshold autoregressive conditional heteroskedasticity (TARCH) model, it is tested that if political events that cause breaks in variance, cause asymmetry and leverage effect in volatility of sub-sector returns or not. According to the results, it is concluded that political risks that cause breaks in variance, cause asymmetry and leverage effect on return volatility of XKAGT, XTAST, XMANA and XMESY sub-sectors and the half-lives of shocks are less than one month for the mentioned indexes.

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#### **1. Introduction**

Volatility in asset prices affect investment decisions and portfolio management policies of investors based on changing risk. However, different types of shocks and crises that occur in financial markets in conjunction with the globalization, make difficult to determine and calculate risks properly. On the other hand, volatility can stem from the internal dynamics of markets based on the shocks caused by economic, political and social events, as it can stem from the other markets. Considering risks in conjunction with the events that change volatility provide important information to the investors about portfolio management. In this context, detecting breaks in variance is very important to calculate risk properly and for an efficient risk management.

While creating portfolio, some of the risks cannot be reduced with diversification. These risk factors are collected under the title of systematic risk and one of them is political risk. Political risk affect asset returns and the way of effect is generally negative. This risk type occur as a result of both national and international political events and it is higher in emerging countries than developed countries.

It is known that investors react more to negative shocks than to positive shocks. However, increase in the diversity of investment vehicles gives investors the opportunity of changing their positions. It is not possible that similar type of shocks affect different investment vehicles in the same durations. In this context, it will be healthier especially for the investors who create their portfolios with similar investment vehicles like stock indexes to designate their portfolio management policies bearing in mind the response durations of indexes to the political risks.

In the study, firstly, modified iterated cumulative sums of squares method which considers the heteroscedastic structure of financial times series, will be used in order to determine the breaks in unconditional variance By means of this method, events that cause breaks in the return variance of 18 sub-sector indexes of BIST Industrial (XUSIN), BIST Services (XUHIZ) and BIST Financial (XUMAL) sectors, will be determined. In the next step, events will be analyzed and political events will be detected among the events that cause breaks in variance. Finally, it will be tested with TARCH model that if political events cause asymmetry and leverage effect on return volatility or not and persistency levels of the shocks will be calculated.

#### 2. Literature Review

Volatility modelling's most important result with regard to financial asset return is that volatility shocks are persistent. However, volatility persistence seems higher than it is, especially in models in which, breaks in unconditional variance are ignored. This situation leads to calculation of risk wrongly and cause investors to take wrong investment decisions. It is seen when the literature reviewed that, persistence is lower in the studies that consider breaks in variance while modelling volatility.

Lamoreux and Lastrapes (1990), Malik and Hassan (2004), Rapach and Strauss (2008), Marcelo et al. (2008) determined the breaks in unconditional variance by using different methodologies. In these studies, it is concluded that persistency of volatility decreases when sudden changes in returns are considered. However, there are different methods that consider breaks in variance while modelling volatility. Fernandez (2005), Fernandez and Lucey (2006) and Fernandez and Lucey (2007) used different methods to detect breaks in variance. The results of these studies are similar with the literature.

There are studies in the literature that take in to account breaks in variance while analyzing the financial markets of Turkey. Gursakal (2009) considered breaks in variance while modelling currency return volatility. Demireli and Torun (2010) observed breaks in variance while analyzing economic, political and social event that are thought to effect open market gold prices in Turkey and United Kingdom. Çağlı et al. (2012) used models that detect the variance breaks, while modelling BIST100 Index and Industrial, Services and Financial sector indexes. When all the studies are considered together, it is seen that volatility persistency decreases significantly, when sudden changes in return are taken into consideration.

Political risk causes changes in financial asset returns and it is shown by many studies in the literature. Chan and Wei (1996), Kim and Mei (2001) and Mei and Guo (2004) found that there is a negative relationship between political risk and stock prices. Aggarwal, Inclan and Leal (1999) considered breaks in variance and they found that emerging stock markets are effected from country-specific political events. Kaya et al. (2014) analyzed the impacts of political risk on Turkish stock market. According to the results, there is long-term relationship between political risk and stock prices and the direction of the relationship is negative. Çam (2014) investigated the effects of political risk on firm value and he showed that political risk affects firm value.

On the top of the studies focusing on the effects of political risk on stock returns, there are studies in the literature that analyze the effects of political risk on macroeconomic variables. Busse and Hefeker (2007) and Lensink, Hermes and Murinde (2000) studied on the effects of political risk on foreign capital investments and they indicated that there is a relationship between two variables. Alesina, Ozler, Roubini and Swagel (1996) and Şanlısoy and Kök (2010), analyzed the relationship between political instability and economic growth and in harmony with the literature, they found a reverse relationship between the variables. Arslan (2011) researched the relationship between political instability and gross domestic product (GDP) and he resulted that there is a long-term relationship between two variables.

Unexpected increases and decreases in financial asset returns cause asymmetric changes in volatility. In other words, in financial markets, the impacts of positive and negative shocks can differ from each other. The leverage effect in volatility modelling means that bad news have more effect on volatility than good news. Asymmetry means dissymmetrical effect of good and bad news on volatility. In this context, in the markets in which asymmetry and leverage effect exist, investors should change their portfolio management decisions if political risk occur. There are quite a few studies in the literature that analyze leverage and asymmetry effect for different markets.

Fabozzi, Tunaru and Wu (2004) calculated volatility of Shenzhen and Shanghai stock markets and they resulted that, the models which consider asymmetry and leverage effect\_are successful to analyze volatility dynamics. Goudarzi and Ramanarayanan (2011) determined asymmetry and leverage effect for Indian stock market. Özden (2008) modelled volatility of IMKB100 Index return and he indicated that the best model is the model which considers asymmetry and leverage effect. Akkün and Sayyan (2007) determined asymmetry in IMKB stock returns with asymmetric conditional heteroskedasticity models. Kıran (2010) investigated the relationship between trading volume and IMKB100 return volatility with different volatility models and he showed the asymmetry in return volatility.

When all the studies in the literature are considered together, it is seen that, it is necessary to determine breaks in variance in order to calculate risk properly. Besides that, it is clear that political risk has an important effect on stock returns. Therefore, in volatility modelling, determining the political risks that affect stock returns negatively, will present important information to investors. In this context, the aim of the study is to detect if political events that cause breaks in variance, cause asymmetry and leverage effect in volatility of BIST sub-sector index return or not and to calculate persistency levels of shocks.

### 3. Methodology and Data

The data set of the study consists of daily returns of BIST sub-sector indexes between 01.021997-11.03.2014. Sub-sectors of Industrial (XUSIN), Services (XUHIZ) and Financial (XUMAL) sectors are Food, Beverage (XGIDA), Wood, Paper, Printing (XKAGT), Chemical, Petroleum, Plastic (XKMYA), Basic Metal (XMANA), Metal Products, Machinery (XMESY), Non-Metal Mineral Product (XTAST), Textile, Leather (XTEKS), Electricity (XELKT), Telecommunication (XILTM), Sports (XSPOR), Wholesale and Retail Trade (XTCRT), Tourism (XTRZM), Transportation (XULAS), Banks (XBANK), Leasing, Factoring (XFINK), Real Estate Investment Trusts (XGMYO), Holding and Investment (XHOLD) and Insurance (XSGRT).

We used 4407 data of XGIDA, XKAGT, XKMYA, XMANA, XMESY, XTAST, XTEKS, 4304 data of XTCRT, XTRZM, XULAS, XBANK, XFINK, XHOLD, XSGRT, 4224 data of XELKT, 3592 data of XGMYO, 2458 data of XILTM and 2573 of XSPOR, because, the start dates of the indexes are different and indexes were closed in some days.

In the study, in compliance with our purpose, we used modified iterated cumulative sums of squares method, in order to detect breaks in unconditional variance of the series.

Inclan and Tiao (1994) introduced modified iterated cumulative sums of squares (ICSS) method to determine the breaks in unconditional variance of time series. The model was developed, in order to detect breaks in variance that occur because of the sudden shocks.

ICSS algorithm depends on IT test statistic that is derived from the use of sum of the squares of error terms;

$$IT = Sup_k \left| \sqrt{\frac{T}{2D_k}} \right| \tag{1}$$

Therefore, it can be seen from equation 1 that, ICSS algorithm depends on  $D_k$  statistic and the null hypothesis is as unconditional variance is constant.

$$D_k = \frac{c_k}{c_T} - \frac{k}{T}, \quad D_0 = D_T = 0, \quad k = 1, , , T$$
(2)

 $C_k$ , is the sum of cumulative squares of error terms under the assumptions of identical and independent processes and it is shown as follows;

$$C_k = \sum_{t=1}^k \varepsilon_t^2, \quad k = 1, , T, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim iid \ (0, \sigma^2)$$
(3)

Null hypothesis is rejected and it is concluded that there is a break in variance if  $Max_k \sqrt{\frac{T}{2D_k}}$  value is bigger than critical value.

In ICSS algorithm, IT test statistic depends on the assumption that error terms are distributed iid. But financial time series are generally heteroscedastic and distributed leptokurtic. Sanso et al. (2004) developed modified IT test statistic in accordance with the distribution properties of financial times series under definite assumptions, for the situations that error terms are not distributed iid.

$$k_2 = \sup_k \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} G_k \right| \tag{4}$$

$$G_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\widehat{\omega}^4}} \left( C_k - \frac{k}{T} C_T \right) \tag{5}$$

In the study, political events that cause breaks are detected, after determination of the breaks in variance of BIST sub-sector index returns. In the next step, return volatility is modelled regardless of political risks. Finally, political events are included to the model as dummy variables and it is tested with TARCH model that if political risks cause asymmetry and leverage effect in return volatility or not.

Generalized autoregressive conditional heteroskedasticity (GARCH) model which is developed by Bollerslev (1986) is a volatility model that shows conditional variance depends on its own lagged values alongside of lagged values of error terms. As to threshold autoregressive conditional heteroskedasticity (TARCH) model proposed by Glosten, Jagannathan and Runkle (1993) is a model that shows the effects of negative and positive shocks on volatility are not symmetric. The conditional variance of TARCH model is given at equation 6;

$$h_{t} = \omega + \sum_{j=!}^{q} \beta_{j} \sigma_{t-j_{t}}^{2} + \sum_{i=!}^{p} \alpha_{i} \varepsilon_{t-i}^{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{r} \gamma_{k} \varepsilon_{t-k}^{2} I_{t-k}^{-}$$
(6)

In TARCH model, the effects of good news ( $\varepsilon_{t-i} > 0$ ) and bad news ( $\varepsilon_{t-i} < 0$ ) on conditional variance are different.  $I^-$  is dummy variable and it takes "1" value when  $\varepsilon < 0$  and "0" value when  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

 $\gamma_k$  parameter which expresses leverage effect, indicates asymmetry if it is different than zero. There exists leverage effect if  $\gamma_k > 0$ . In other words, if  $\gamma_k > 0$ , bad news increase volatility more than good news. On the other hand, when there exists leverage effect, conditional variance is stationary if  $\left(\alpha + \beta + \frac{\gamma}{2}\right) < 1$ . In TARCH model the effect of good news is  $\alpha_1$  and the effect of bad news is  $\alpha_1 + \gamma_k$ .

In the study, it is also aimed to be calculated persistency level of political shocks by calculation of half-life of shocks. Half-life of shock measures half-life of a shock to conditional variance in daily frequency. Half-life of shock is calculated as follows;

$$L_{half} = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) / \ln(\alpha + \beta) \tag{7}$$

#### **4. Empirical Results**

In the study, before, detecting breaks in variance and modelling volatilities, the graphics (Appendix -1), stationary (Appendix -2) and descriptive statistics of all BIST sub-sector index return series are analyzed.

Descriptive Statistics of BIST-IND Sub-sector Index Return Series								
	XGIDA	XTEKS	XKAGT	ХКМҮА	XTAST	XMANA	XMESY	
Mean	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	
Median	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	
Maximum	0.183	0.178	0.159	0.187	0.170	0.198	0.177	
Minimum	-0.192	-0.193	-0.165	-0.186	-0.176	-0.208	-0.186	
Std. Dev.	0.024	0.023	0.026	0.025	0.020	0.029	0.026	
Skewness	-0.226	-0.758	-0.251	-0.002	-0.257	-0.052	-0.178	
Kurtosis	9.989	12.055	7.877	8.626	11.334	8.031	9.218	
Jarque-	9007 5*	15478 1*	4414 2*	5812.1*	12801.1*	4649 3*	7123 5*	
Bera	2007.5	10 17 0.1	1111.2	5012.1	12001.1	1017.5	1123.3	
LM(1)	649.7*	570.6*	408.6*	650.1*	755.2*	333.5*	646.5*	
(5)	167.2*	166.9*	138.5*	183.8*	210.1*	122.7*	175.7*	

Table 1 Descriptive Statistics of RIST Sub-sector Index Return Series

Descriptive Statistics of BIST- SRV Sub-sector Index Return Series											
	DLXELKT	DI	LXULAS	DLXT	RZM	DLXT	CRT	DLXILT	ſM	DLXSPOR	
Mean	0.000		0.001	0.000		0.00	1	0.000		0.000	
Median	0.000		0.001	0.0	00	0.00	1	0.000		0.000	
Maximum	0.195		0.189	0.1	98	0.17	8	0.180		0.152	
Minimum	-0.198		-0.183	-0.1	95	-0.20	)4	-0.196	5	-0.204	
Std. Dev.	0.029		0.028	0.0	32	0.02	5	0.028		0.021	
Skewness	0.102		-0.028	0.2	01	0.03	8	0.043		-0.442	
Kurtosis	9.321		7.377	8.7	95	10.49	92	9.736		13.851	
Jarque- Bera	7039.9*	3	435.7*	6050	).6*	10068	.1*	6537.8	*	12706.9*	
LM(1)	364,4*		348,7*	548	,6*	372,8	}*	275,4*	k	44,6*	
(5)	115,5*		93,1*	159	,4*	169,1	*	113,8*	k	28,1*	
	Descriptive	Stat	tistics of B	IST- FI	N Sub	-sector In	ndex ]	Return Se	ries	I	
	DLXBANI	K	DLXF	INK	DLX	GMYO	DL	XHOLD	]	DLXSGRT	
Mean	0.001		0.001		0.	0.000		0.001		0.001	
Median	0.001		0.000		0.001		(	0.001		0.001	
Maximum	0.173		0.171		0.180		0.179			0.172	
Minimum	-0.212		-0.184		-0.191		-0.202		-0.207		
Std. Dev.	. Dev. 0.030		0.027		0.023		0.027		0.028		
Skewness	Skewness 0.107		-0.1	51	-0.170		-0.046			-0.130	
Kurtosis	Kurtosis 7.206		7.933		9.	.735	,	7.988		7.939	
Jarque	Jarque 3181.1		4380.5		68	805.2	4	463.0		4386.9	
LM(1)	254,9*		377,	7*	49	06,4*	3	390,6*		384,2*	
(5)	(5) 88,6*		134,8*		139,8*		133,6*			144,4*	

As it is seen from Table 1 that all of the BIST sub-sector index return series are not normally distributed according to skewness, kurtosis and Jarque-Bera statistics. However, all of the series have heteroscedasticity problem. Concordantly, in order to detect breaks in unconditional variance, modified iterated cumulative sums of squares method is used and break dates are given in Table 2.

	BIST-IND	)	BIS	T-SRV	BIST-FIN	
	A. 03.19.2003	Second Gulf War		12.07.2001	XBANK	09.08.2003
XGIDA	B. 07.10.2008	Terrorism	XFIKT	07.06.2007		06.08.2004
	C. 02.24.2009	Political Party Crisis	ALLINI	09.17.2010		06.26.2007
XTEKS	A. 04.15.2003	Second Gulf War	XULAS	04.14.2003		09.05.2008
	A. 04.03.2003	Second Gulf War		05.07.2003		12.01.2008
XKAGT	B. 05.31.2010	Political Crisis with Israel	XTRZM	06.08.2009		03.24.2003
	A. 03.26.2003	Second Gulf War	XTCRT	04.09.2003		05.11.2006
XKMYA	B. 01.10.2008	2008 Global Crisis		03.21.2003	XSGRT	06.21.2006
	C. 02.20.2009	Agreement Between Government - Sector	XILTM	09.18.2007		09.11.2008
XTAST	A. 04.15.2003	Second Gulf War	-	03.05.2009		11.24.2008
	A. 03.25.2003	Second Gulf War	XSPOR	09.22.2006		09.21.2011
	B. 01.15.2008	2008 Global	ASION	06.16.2008	XFINK	08.06.2004
XMANA	C. 09.08.2008	Crisis				12.08.2011
	D. 12.15.2008	CHISIS				03.25.2003
	E. 05.24.2010	Walkout			XHOLD	09.10.2008
XMESY     A. 04.14.2003     Second Gulf War				XGMYO	11.25.2008 03.07.2006	

**Table 2. Break Dates in Unconditional Variance** 

When Table 2 is analyzed it is seen that there are more breaks in XMANA, XBANK and XSGRT sub-sector index returns. On the other hand, for BIST - IND sector index returns, it is concluded that the events that cause breaks in unconditional variance are generally associated with political risk. The events that cause breaks in unconditional variance of XUHIZ and XUMAL sub-sector index returns show similarity with BIST - IND sector index returns. But also there are different risks that cause breaks in unconditional variance of these indexes. In this context, in line with our purpose, we only modelled volatilities of BIST - IND sub-sector index returns.

The events that cause breaks in variance of BIST - IND sub-sector index returns are given in Table 2. It is detected that political risks that are related with internal dynamics of indexes cause breaks in variance alongside of international political events like Second Gulf War and 2008 Global Crisis.

In the next step, volatilities of BIST - IND sub-sector index returns are analyzed with TARCH model regardless of breaks in variance. ARCH-LM test is applied to residuals of models, in order to test ARCH effect. Also, Ljung-Box test is used to determine if there is autocorrelation in residuals and square of residuals.

	XGIDA	XTEKS	XKAGT	XKMYA	XTAST	XMANA	XMESY
ω	0.0009*	0.0008*	0.0007*	0.0009*	0,0011*	0,0012*	0,0011*
α	0.129*	0.185*	0.141*	0.114*	0.187*	0.109*	0.111*
γ	0.018	0.058*	0.081*	0.034*	0.051*	0.034*	0.061*
β	0.841*	0.785*	0.809*	0.854*	0.779*	0.867*	0.856*
LM(1)	6,891*	0,908	2,299**	3,211	3,064**	2,688**	3,056**
(5)	2,503**	2,111**	1,485	1,067	1,7978	1,4995	1,621
Q(10)	3,026	55,84*	16,17	28,22*	12,71	10,18	7,19
(20)	6,676	75,34*	21,03	41,25*	25,74	18,62	10,29
Half Life of	22.8	22.8	13.5	21.3	20.0	28.5	20.7
Shocks (Day)	22.0	22.0	15.5	21.5	20.0	20.5	20.7

Table 3. TARCH(1,1) Model without Dummy Variables

\*%1, \*\*%5 Significance Level

Table 3 shows that, TARCH (1,1) models have heteroscedasticity and autocorrelation problems and coefficients are statistically insignificant. Therefore, in the next step of the study, volatility of industrial sub-sector returns are analyzed with TARCH model by adding political risks as dummy variables.

	Table 4. TARCH(1,1) Would with Dunning Variables							
	XGIDA	XTEKS	XKAGT	XKMYA	XTAST	XMANA	XMESY	
d	0.032*	-0.015**	0.021**	0.037*	0.007*	0.011*	0.022**	
ω	0.0009*	0.0008*	0.0007*	0.0009*	0,0011*	0,0012*	0.0009*	
α	0.122*	0.183*	0.142*	0.115*	0.184*	0.109*	0.113*	
γ	0.031*	0.057*	0.077*	0.037*	0.046*	0.036*	0.063*	
β	0.841*	0.785*	0.809*	0.851*	0.784*	0.865*	0.853*	
LM(1)	6,379**	0,9128	1,371	2,658	2,454	1,309	2,389	
(5)	2,339**	2,121	1,707	0,927	0,911	0,418	0,641	

Table 4. TARCH(1,1) Model with Dummy Variables

Q(10)	3,436	55,67*	16,75	27,27*	13,52	9,72	8,22
(20)	7,415	74,97*	21,74	40,16*	27,85	18,16	12,55
$\alpha + \beta + \frac{\gamma}{2}$	0.979	0.997	0.990	0.985	0.991	0.992	0.998

\*1%, \*\*5% Significance Level

Table 4 shows the parameters of TARCH (1,1) model with dummy variables which represent breaks that are determined with modified iterated cumulative sums of squares method. All of the dummy variables are statistically significant and there is no heteroscedasticity and autocorrelation problem in TARCH model of XKAGT, XTAST, XMANA and XMESY at 5% significance level. All of the models satisfies  $\left(\alpha + \beta + \frac{\gamma}{2}\right) < 1$  condition.

ARCH ( $\alpha$ ) parameter shows the short-term response of conditional variance to market shocks. According to the model results, XTAST has the highest  $\alpha$  value. In this context, it can be said that volatility of XTAST sub-sector index return is more sensitive to market conditions. GARCH ( $\beta$ ) parameter shows the long-term persistency in conditional variance independently of market conditions. So, it can be said that, it will take along time for disappearance of volatility of XMANA sub-sector index return.

If  $\gamma_i$  parameter, which is in the volatility model of XKAGT, XTAST, XMANA and XMESY sub-sector index returns, is different from zero, it means that the effect of political risks and positive events are different. On the other hand, all of the  $\gamma_i$  parameters in the models are bigger than zero and it shows that, the effect of political risk on volatility is bigger than the effect of positive events. In other words, political risks have asymmetry and leverage effect on volatility of XKAGT, XTAST, XMANA and XMESY sub-sector index returns. The effect of political risks and positive events on conditional variance is given in Table 5.

	XKAGT	XTAST	XMANA	XMESY
Positive Events (a)	0.142	0.184	0.109	0.113
Political Risks (α1+γk)	0.219	0.23	0.145	0.176

Table 5. The Effect of Political Risks and Positive Events on Conditional Variance

Half-lives of shocks are given in Table 6.

Table 0. Hall-lives of Shocks						
XKAGT	XTAST	XMANA	XMESY			
13.8	21.3	26.3	20			

Table 6. Half-lives of Shocks

When Table 6 is analyzed it is seen that, half-lives of shocks for XKAGT, XTAST, XMANA and XMESY index returns are less than one month. The sector which has the highest half-life of shock is XMANA with 26 days. In this context, it can be said that, investors who are willing to invest in industrial sub-sectors, should consider persistency of shocks and asymmetry and leverage effect of political risk while they give short-term purchase and sale decisions.

### **5.** Conclusion

In the study, in which asymmetry and leverage effects on return volatility are analyzed, first of all, breaks in unconditional variance of BIST sub-sector index returns are detected. Results indicates that, Second Gulf War and 2008 Global Crisis effected almost all of the selected sub-sector indexes. The other shocks that cause breaks in variance generally develop out of sector-specific events. It is also seen that, the events that cause breaks in unconditional variance of Industrial sub-sector indexes are generally associated with political risks and there are more breaks in XMANA, XBANK and XSGRT sub-sectors than the others.

While modelling volatility of industrial sub-sector index returns, political risks are taken as basis in accordance with the aim of the study and it is tested that if political risks cause asymmetry and leverage effect or not. According to the results, political risks cause asymmetry and leverage effect on volatility of XKAGT, XTAST, XMANA and XMESY sub-sector index returns. In other words, political risks have more effect on volatility of XKAGT, XTAST, XMANA and XMESY sub-sector index returns, than positive events. In this context, political events should be observed attentively when political risks increase because of the asymmetric structure of industrial sub-sector index returns. Persistency of shocks are short-term. The half-lives of shocks for XKAGT, XTAST, XMANA and XMESY index returns are less then one month. Also it is resulted that volatility of XTAST sub-sector index return is more sensitive to market conditions. Therefore, risk-sensitive investors should refrain from short-term purchase and sale when sudden changes occur in the market. However, short-term asymmetry gives opportunity of high return to the investors who are risk-seeking.

When all the results are considered together, it can be said that, investors who want to invest in BIST, should care the breaks in variance and political risks. Political risks have short-term effects on BIST industrial index returns. Therefore, investors who want to invest in industrial sub-sectors, should take into consideration political risks, in short-term investment decisions, risk management and value at risk calculations. For a further study, the study can be replicated as considering interactions between financial markets and with a data set that includes different investment vehicles.

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## Appendix -1



Figure 1. The Graphs of Industrial Sub-sector Index Returns



Figure 2. The Graphs of Services Sub-sector Index Returns



Figure 3. The Graphs of Financial Sub-sector Index Returns

# Appendix -2

Table 7. Unit Root Tests of Industrial Sub-sector Index Return Series

	ADF			
	Level			
DLXGIDA	-66.24615*			
DLXTEKS	-61.72251*			
DLXKAGT	-64.06808*			
DLXKMYA	-66.01480*			
DLXTAST	-63.23306*			
DLXMANA	-65.78301*			
DLXMESY	-63.25297*			
*U is rejected at 0/1				

\*H<sub>0</sub> is rejected at %1