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Karaman (vilayet
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Karaman Province

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Laz¹ View of Politics

One day two Lazes became involved in a lengthy conversation. After a while the first Laz said, "I am giving serious consideration to becoming a politician

The second Laz asked, "Are you crazy?"

"Is that necessary?" asked the first Laz.

¹The Laz people constitute an ethnic minority living principally in Rize and Trabzon provinces in extreme northeastern Turkey. They are stereotyped as being stupid or inept, though in fact they are no different from other people.