

PRESS CLIPPINGS – WEEK #5_ (12/28/2018 – 01/04/2019)

TURKEY

BUSINESSES

- Turkey to explore metallic minerals in Uzbekistan ([Hürriyet](#))
- Turkey encourages its business people to invest in Pakistan: Erdoğan ([Yeni Safak](#))
- Turkey's manufacturing PMI at 44.2 in December ([Hürriyet](#))
- 250 apply for Turkish citizenship through investment ([Hürriyet](#))

SECURITY

- Turkey, Iraq to deepen support against terror groups ([Associated Press](#))
- **Analysis:** US needs to coordinate withdrawal from Syria with Turkey ([Daily Sabah](#))

POLITICAL INSTABILITY

- Over 18,000 Turkey citizens faced legal action over social media use in 2018 ([Ahval](#))
- 'At least 351 curfews declared in last 3.5 years' in Turkey ([Bianet](#))
- Met with impunity in Turkey, Roboski massacre to be taken to UN ([Bianet](#))
- **Analysis:** The weakness of Turkey's democratic institutions affects its wealth ([Ahval](#))

GOVERNMENT

- Turkey rebuffs Pompeo's remarks over 'slaughtering Kurds' ([Hürriyet](#))
- Turkey to host meeting on Afghanistan in the spring ([Associated Press](#))
- Uncertainties and contradictions to cloud Turkish foreign policy in 2019 ([Ahval](#))
- **Analysis:** Turkey distances from EU target while improving ties with EU members ([Hürriyet](#))

ECONOMY

- Turkey's exports hit all-time high with \$168 billion in 2018 ([Hürriyet](#))
- Turkey's inflation rate falls 0.4% monthly in December- but remains high at 20.3% ([Associated Press](#))
- Turkey's net external debt stock stands at \$286 billion ([Hürriyet](#))

TUNISIA

BUSINESSES

- Norwegian Panoro completes acquisition Omv Tunisia ([Ansa Med](#))
- Tunisia ranked 82nd best country for business by Forbes ([African Manager](#))
- Tunisia's Syphax Airlines gets green light to resume flights ([Forbes](#))
- 19 to 7% reduction in VAT on fixed Internet services in homes ([African Manager](#))

SECURITY

- Two jihadists attack security raid ([Middle East Online](#))
- Tunisia faces challenge of dealing with female terrorists detained abroad ([Xinhua](#))
- Police continues to tighten the grip around terrorists ([African Daily Voice](#))

POLITICAL INSTABILITY

- 8th anniversary of Tunisian uprising sees multiple suicide attempts ([Asharq Al-Awsat](#))
 - Tunisian opposition figure urges 'new political vision' ([Anadolu Agency](#))
- **Analysis:** Is revolutionary fervor afire, again, in Tunisia? ([The New York Times](#))

GOVERNMENT

- Tunisian opponent: we need to unite protests to overthrow government ([Middle East Monitor](#))
- **Analysis:** The Tunisian parliament is "a hundred years behind" ([Qantara](#))

ECONOMY

- Budget deficit improves by 840 million dinars at end October 2018 ([African Manager](#))