

PRESS CLIPPINGS – WEEK #4 (12/21 – 12/28)

TURKEY

BUSINESSES

- Turkish ministry announces new insurance scheme to support SMEs ([Hurriyet Daily News](#))
- Turkey's leading business group welcomes new economic measures ([Hurriyet Daily News](#))
- Turkey's clothing exports reach \$18bln in 2018 ([Hurriyet Daily News](#))
- Eximbank aims to finance 27% of Turkey's total exports ([Hurriyet Daily News](#))

SECURITY

- Turkey works to renew the territorial integrity of Syria ([Ahval](#))
 - Turkish defense firm Aselsan inks 502 million lira deal ([Hurriyet Daily News](#))
- **Analysis:** What is Turkey's plan in Syria? ([Hurriyet Daily News](#))

POLITICAL INSTABILITY

- Turkish TV watchdog suspends news shows that criticized Erdoğan ([Ahval](#))
- **Analysis:** CHP Deputy Chair predicted that separation of powers in Turkey would disappear- he was right ([Bianet](#))
- **Analysis:** 2018 a 'Pitch Black' year for media in Turkey ([Bianet](#))

GOVERNMENT

- Turkey condemns Israel's decision to expand settlements in West Bank ([Ahval](#))
 - Social protection expenses in Turkey reach \$105 bln in 2017 ([Hurriyet Daily News](#))
- **Analysis:** Turkey's Erdoğan is quietly courting Indian Muslims ([Haaretz](#))

ECONOMY

- More Turkish firms apply for bankruptcy protection ([Ahval](#))
 - Turkish economic confidence rises for second month ([Ahval](#))
 - Minimum wage in Turkey raised by 26% ([Hurriyet Daily News](#))
 - Turkey received \$8.1 bln in foreign investment in nine months ([Hurriyet Daily News](#))
 - Turkey to meet \$170 billion export target this year ([Hurriyet Daily News](#))
 - Turkish Treasury to sell FX bonds to legal entities ([Hurriyet Daily News](#))
- **Analysis:** Turkish minimum wage increase will be inflationary ([Ahval](#))

TUNISIA

BUSINESSES

- Pakistan Tunisia talks to proceed ahead for finalizing PTA ([Daily Times](#))

SECURITY

- Clashes in western Tunisia after self-immolation of journalist ([Reuters](#))
- Tunisia busts cell planning attacks on security forces ([Reuters](#))

POLITICAL INSTABILITY

- According to new study, MENA economies lag behind in gender equality ([Forbes](#))
- Unlike other Arab regimes, Tunisia's remembers old crimes ([The Economist](#))
- Tunisian teachers demand better pay, protest work conditions ([Associated Press](#) and [Reuters](#))
- In Tunisia, villagers destabilized by war against jihadists ([Le Monde](#))

GOVERNMENT

- Zohra Driss, the businessperson, turned politician ([African Manager](#))
- Middle East rocked by protests 8 years after Arab Spring ([Yeni Safak](#))
- Tunisia resumes direct flights with Syria ([Middle East Monitor](#))

ECONOMY

- Tunisian police, protesters clash again over unemployment ([Associated Press](#))
 - Tunisia's best hope for economic reform ([Asharq Al-Awsat](#))
- **Analysis:** Central bank head Marouane El Abbasi, Tunisia's best hope for economic reform ([Bloomberg](#))