PRESS CLIPPINGS – WEEK #13 (02/25 – 03/02)

TURKEY

BUSINESSES

- EU to help finance Turkish rail line to Bulgaria (Associated Press)
- Turkey's second vessel to start drilling in Mediterranean (Ahval)
- Municipalities' food stalls yielding results (Hurriyet)
- Azerbaijan becomes third largest gas supplier of Turkey (Azer Tac)
- *Analysis*: Turkey should be fairly included in the energy and trade developments in the eastern Mediterranean, says former Greek minister (Daily Sabah)

SECURITY

- IS militants continue to sneak into Turkey despite measures (AL-Monitor)
- 'Turkey will never allow terror corridor on borders', says Turkish Justice minister (Anadolu Agency)
- Turkey urges US to list PYD/YPG as terrorist group (Daily Sabah)
- Turkey in Patriot missile talks with US (<u>Hurriyet</u>)
- Turkey defense industry eyes full national development (Hurriyet)
- Turkey completes preparations for East of Euphrates op in Syria (Yeni Safak)
- Conflict India/Pakistan:
 - Pakistan welcomes Turkey's role as mediator with India (Hurriyet)
 - Turkey to do what is necessary to reduce tensions (Daily Sabah)
 - Turkey calls for calm (Hurrivet)
 - Pakistan thanks Turkey for steadfast support (Hurriyet)
 - o UN, Turkey assure Pakistan of full cooperation (Pakistan Today)

POLITICAL INSTABILITY

- Pakistan, Turkish leaders discuss India standoff (Associated Press)
- Turkey's state run agency accuses U.S. of brokering deal between YPG, ISIS (Ahval)
- Statement of solidarity by students of Istanbul University for their lecturers (Bianet)
- Erdogan threatens to reverse local election results (Voice of America)
- China closes down consulate general in Turkey amid tension in connection with Uygurs (<u>News.am</u>)
- Economic problems at forefront of mayoral polls of Turkey (Hurriyet)

GOVERNMENT

- Turkish legislator gets prison term for 'aiding' Gulen (Associated Press)
- Date of Transfer to 3rd Istanbul airport postponed once again (Bianet)
- Qatar boasts good relations with Turkey as tensions rise with Saudi Arabia (Daily Sabah)
- Turkey congratulates Nigeria's Buhari on presidential victory (News Nigeria)
- Analysis: A Russian propaganda outlet prospers in Turkey (The Economist)

ECONOMY

- Erdogan says Turkey will cut inflation rate to 6-7% (Reuters and Ahval)
- *Analysis*: The political influence on state bank lending in Turkey (LSE Business Review)

TUNISIA

BUSINESSES

- Mixed prospects on the confidence index of the private sector and households (La Presse)
- *Analysis*: Negligence of Tunisian railway company is killing innocent people (Inkyfada)

SECURITY

- U.S. and Tunisia are fighting militants together (The New York Times)
- Daesh suspect attacks Tunisia judge with gavel during trial (Middle East Monitor)
- Analysis: Internal Threats to Tunisian Security—From the Borders to the Cities (The Jamestown Foundation)

POLITICAL INSTABILITY

- Strike wave shakes North Africa (<u>WSWS.org</u>)
- 19 'toxic' letters addressed to public figures, seized (Middle East Monitor)
- Attempt to shut down prominent LGBTI organisation condemned (Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch)
- Digital exhibits keep Tunisia revolution vibrant (Arab News)
- *Analysis*: Is the next Arab uprising happening in plain sight? (The Washington Post)
- Analysis: The Success and failures of the Arab Spring (Tel Aviv University)

GOVERNMENT

- Ex-Tunisia PM says UAE is 'sabotaging democracy' (Middle East Monitor)
- Migrant landings in Europe decrease in 2019 (Prokerala)

ECONOMY

- Tunisia initiates new WTO dispute complaint against Morocco book duties (Africa News)
- After salary rises, IMF delays loan for Tunisia (Middle East Monitor)
- Tunisia's parallel economy attracts 41.5% of workforce (World Bank)
- Youth is a new element of hope for Tunisian economy (Ansa Mediterranean)
- Tunisia's central bank says Dinar hard to defend as reserves fall (Al Arabiya)
- Analysis: The economic indicators of the government's agenda (La Presse)