# **PRESS CLIPPINGS – WEEK #16 (04/07 – 04/14)**

# **TURKEY**

### **BUSINESSES**

- Pakistan-Turkey to increase bilateral trade volume (<u>Dunya</u>)
- Turkey's auto industry produces over 360,000 vehicles in Q1 (<u>Hurriyet</u>)
- Uber to scale down operations in Turkey (<u>Hurriyet</u>)
- Turkey set to invest \$11 billion in energy efficiency (<u>Hurriyet</u>)
- Turkey, Russia create 900 million euro investment fund (<u>Hurriyet</u>)
- 37% of Turkish consumers prefer domestic products (<u>Hurriyet</u>)

### **SECURITY**

- Moscow praises Turkey over stance on S-400 systems despite U.S. pressure (Ahval)
- NATO hails Turkey's pivotal role in Middle East (<u>Hurriyet</u>)
- US includes Turkey in countries for high risk of kidnapping (<u>Stockholm Center for</u> <u>Freedom</u>)
- $\rightarrow$  <u>Analysis</u>: Syria safe zone may be 'safe zone' for Turkey-US relations (<u>Daily Sabah</u>)

# POLITICAL INSTABILITY

- Istanbul a hub for Arab exiles taking on their oppressive governments (<u>Ahval</u>)
- Defeated Erdoğan will try to divide Turkish opposition (<u>Ahval</u>)
- AKP Candidate Mandated Instead of Winning HDP Candidate (Bianet)
- $\rightarrow$  <u>Analysis</u>: Turkey's local elections rapidly turning farcical (<u>Ahval</u>)
- $\rightarrow$  <u>Analysis</u>: Turkey has much to demand back from NATO (<u>Hurriyet</u>)

### **GOVERNMENT**

- Turkey's claims of PKK demise exaggerated (<u>Ahval</u>)
- Russia applauds Erdoğan for tough stance (<u>Daily Sabah</u>)
- $\rightarrow$  <u>Analysis</u>: What is next for Turkey after the local elections? (<u>Aljazeera</u>)

## **ECONOMY**

- Dollar Keeps Rising Against Turkish Lira (<u>Bianet</u>)
- Turkey should pursue fiscal policy to reduce inflation rate; IMF (<u>Ahval</u> and <u>CNBC</u>)
- Turkey's Central Bank Chief Says Inflation to Decline Gradually (<u>Bloomberg</u>)
- Turkish economy to recover from recession in 2020; IMF (<u>Hurriyet</u>)
- Turkey to focus on structural reforms in the treasury (<u>Hurriyet</u>)

# **TUNISIA**

### **BUSINESS**

- TunisAir struggles as flights are cancelled due to lack of payment to pilots (<u>La</u> <u>Presse</u>)
- Development of e-commerce in Tunisia (<u>ilBoursa</u>)
- Amen Bank announces a net profit of 120 million dinars in 2018 (ilBoursa)
- Squeezed Tunisian farmers eye EU imports with concern (Middle East Eye)
- $\rightarrow$  <u>Analysis</u>: Scandal hits trade unions amidst misbehavior of union heads (<u>La Presse</u>)

### **SECURITY**

• Tunisians fear more deaths on coast (<u>Aljazeera</u>)

### **POLITICAL INSTABILITY**

- UN 'gravely concerned' over Tunisia detention of Libya expert (<u>Business Standard</u>)
- Tunisians block roads in response to new gas price hikes (<u>Al-Monitor</u>)
- Ten reasons why Tunisia's transition model won't work in Algeria (<u>Middle East</u> <u>Eye</u>)
- UN Libya expert detained in Tunisia on spying charges (<u>Albawaba</u>)
- Leadership struggles in Tunisia deepen, ruling party elects two leaders in parallel congresses (<u>Euronews</u>)

### **GOVERNMENT**

- Kuwait parliament Speaker holds official talks with Tunisian counterpart (MenaFN)
- Tunisia prepares for socio-economic programme ahead of election (<u>Albawaba</u>)
- Tunisia campaigns for a non-permanent seat in the UN Security Council (<u>Asharq</u> <u>Al-Awsat</u>)
- Tunisia calls for Arab League to readmit Syria (Milbank)

## **ECONOMY**

- Union leader claims that IMF recommendations shall only be followed once basic worker's needs are fulfilled (La Presse)
- Money Market Rate falls 7.85% for the first time since February (ilBoursa)
- → <u>Analysis</u>: Union leader claims that IMF recommendations shall only be followed once basic worker's needs are fulfilled (<u>La Presse</u>)