

PRESS CLIPPINGS – WEEK #12 (16/02 – 23/02)

TURKEY

BUSINESSES

- Turkish maritime industry size exceeds \$17.5 billion ([Hurriyet](#))
- Turkish manufacturing capacity usage lower in February ([Hurriyet](#))
- Turkey's external assets hit \$234 billion in 2018 ([Hurriyet](#))
- Istanbul hosts congress industry expo- Turkey's biggest tourism sector ([Hurriyet](#))
- Depreciation of lira drives hoteliers to shift focus to foreign tourists ([Hurriyet](#))
- Honda to end production of Civic models at Turkey plant in 2021 ([Hurriyet](#))
- Turkish businesspeople take action to achieve \$75B trade volume with US ([Daily Sabah](#))
- **Analysis:** This is how conservative social media icons are becoming successful entrepreneurs ([Ahval](#))

SECURITY

- Turkish defense minister meets with U.S. counterpart ([Daily Sabah](#))
- Afghan peace is discussed in Turkey amid historic developments ([Daily Sabah](#))
- Turkey and U.S. leaders talked over the phone to discuss withdrawal from Syria ([Reuters](#))
- Turkey tells U.S. not to leave power vacuum in Syria withdrawal ([Reuters](#))
- U.S. pushes NATO allies to keep observer forces in Syria ([AP](#))
- **Analysis:** America's only choice in Syria is to cooperate with Turkey ([Daily Sabah](#))

POLITICAL INSTABILITY

- European Parliament adopts draft report about an investigation on Turkey ([Bianet](#))
- Amnesty International calls once again for Osman Kavala and Yiğit Aksakoğlu's release ([Bianet](#))
- ECtHR ruling says Turkey violated six articles in one case ([Bianet](#))
- Assad says that "Erdoğan a small US pawn" ([Bianet](#))
- Turkey pro-Kurdish party HQ attacked ([BBC](#))

GOVERNMENT

- Court cancels environmental clearance for construction of power plant in Turkey's Bartın ([Hurriyet](#))
- According to the Trade Minister, "Turkey can act as center for international arbitration" ([Hurriyet](#))
- Minister's defense of police officer accused of sexual assault on parliamentary agenda ([Bianet](#))
- Words in mother tongues recorded as 'x' in parliament minutes ([Bianet](#))
- Council of Higher Education cancels gender equality project ([Bianet](#))
- AKP mayoral candidate Yıldırım resigns as parliamentary speaker ([Bianet](#))
- **Analysis** Erdogan woos voters with vegetables as AKP seeks to gain supporters ([AP](#))
- **Analysis:** Turkey-U.S. relations in the new global order ([Daily Sabah](#))

ECONOMY

- AKP to give lesson to those attempting economic attack on Turkey ([Hurriyet](#))
- Türk Eximbank receives \$380.5 mln loan ([Hurriyet](#))
- Foreigners sell Turkish equities and government bonds ([Hurriyet](#))
- Turkey's house sales decrease 25 pct in January ([Hurriyet](#))
- Turkish Central Bank takes step to increase liquidity ([Hurriyet](#))
- **Analysis:** This is how Turkey's economic crisis will end ([Ahval](#))

TUNISIA

BUSINESSES

- Tunisia and Spain ink USD28m in SMEs agreement ([MENA FN](#) and [Xinhua](#))
- Financing microprojects for new institutions ([La Presse](#))
- The fascinating story of a Tunisian entrepreneur ([Tech in Africa](#))

SECURITY

- German govt denies cover-up over Berlin Xmas market attack ([AP](#))
- Libyan authorities help free 14 kidnapped Tunisian workers ([AP](#))

POLITICAL INSTABILITY

- Secretary-general of Tunisian Nida Tounes Party resigns ([Middle East Monitor](#))
- The unsettling reality in which Tunisian households live in ([La Presse](#))

GOVERNMENT

- Tunisia's President thanks Kuwait for support ([Kuwait News Agency](#))
- Ghana and Tunisia set new agenda for growth ([Ghana Web](#))
- Emergency Powers Bill Threatens Rights ([Human Rights Watch](#))

ECONOMY

- The ingredients to a solid construction of the economy ([La Presse](#))
- The rise of an Advocacy Champion for the Tunisian Economy ([La Presse](#))
- Rate hike just the start for 'firefighting' Tunisia Central Bank ([Bloomberg](#))
- GDP grows 2.5% in 2018 ([African Manager](#))
- **Analysis:** East meets West at the International Forum for African Development ([La Presse](#))
- **Analysis:** Tunisia's economic morass ([The North African Post](#))