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Foreign Policy

Boots on the ground in Syria 'if the US strategy includes going after Assad,' says Turkish PM

Ground troops can be used in the operation targeting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) as part of a comprehensive strategy also targeting the Bashar al-Assad regime, Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu has reportedly said.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 6, 2014, Boots on the ground in Syria 'if the US strategy includes going after Assad,' says Turkish PM, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/boots-on-the-ground-in-syria-if-the-us-strategy-includes-going-after-assad-says-turkish-pm.aspx?pageID=238&nID=72615&NewsCatID=338>

CNN, October 6, 2014, Turkey willing to put troops in Syria 'if others do their part,' Prime Minister says, <http://edition.cnn.com/2014/10/06/world/meast/amanpour-davutoglu-interview/index.html>

#### **UK jihadist prisoner swap reports 'credible'**

Reports that UK jihadists were involved in a prisoner swap between Islamic State (IS) and Turkey are "credible", Whitehall officials have told the BBC. The Times alleges that Shabazz Suleman, 18, and Hisham Folkard, 26, were among as many as 180 IS fighters traded for 46 Turkish hostages.

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BBC News, October 6, 2014, UK jihadist prisoner swap reports 'credible', <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-29504924>

Turkey Expands War Powers

Turkey's parliament voted on Thursday to expand the government's authority to order cross-border military operations, as Syrian Kurdish militia warned that Islamic State insurgents were close to overrunning a strategic town near the border.

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Wall Street Journal, October 2, 2014, Turkey Expands War Powers, [http://online.wsj.com/articles/turkeys-parliament-to-vote-on-expanding-governments-war-powers-1412247988?mod=WSJ\\_hpp\\_MIDDLENexttoWhatsNewsFifth](http://online.wsj.com/articles/turkeys-parliament-to-vote-on-expanding-governments-war-powers-1412247988?mod=WSJ_hpp_MIDDLENexttoWhatsNewsFifth)

#### **Biden Apologizes to Turkish President**



A diplomatic rift between Turkey and the United States was patched over late Saturday after the American vice president, Joseph R. Biden Jr., officially apologized to Turkey's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, for remarks suggesting that Turkey helped facilitate the rise of the Islamic State terrorist group.

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New York Times, October 4, 2014, Biden Apologizes to Turkish President ,
http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/05/world/europe/turkish-leader-demands-biden-apology.html?ref=todayspaper&_r=0

Turkey will fight terror but not for temporary solutions: Erdoğan

Turkey will not allow coalition members to use its military bases or its territory in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) if the objective does not also include ousting the Bashar al-Assad regime, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan hinted on Oct. 1. His words came just a day before Parliament is set to vote on a mandate to allow the deployment of foreign troops on Turkish soil.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 1, 2014, Turkey will fight terror but not for temporary solutions: Erdoğan,  
<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkey-will-fight-terror-but-not-for-temporary-solutions-erdogan.aspx?pageID=238&nID=72430&NewsCatID=338>

### **NATO Ready to Defend Turkey From Violence in Syria**

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization stands ready to defend the integrity and borders of all members on its eastern flank and will stand by Turkey if violence spills over from Syria, the bloc's new secretary-general said Monday.

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Wall Street Journal, October 6, 2014, NATO Ready to Defend Turkey From Violence in Syria,
http://online.wsj.com/articles/nato-ready-to-defend-turkey-from-violence-in-syria-1412602876?mod=World_newsreel_1

Turkey Denies Reports of Deal for Use of Its Bases in Fight Against Islamic State

A day after American officials said Turkey had agreed to allow its air bases to be used for operations against the Islamic State, which they described as a deal that represented a breakthrough in tense negotiations, Turkish officials said on Monday that there was no deal yet, and that talks were still underway.

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New York Times, October 13 2014, Turkey Denies Reports of Deal for Use of Its Bases in Fight Against Islamic State, [http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/14/world/europe/not-so-fast-turkey-says-on-us-use-of-air-bases.html?ref=todayspaper&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/14/world/europe/not-so-fast-turkey-says-on-us-use-of-air-bases.html?ref=todayspaper&_r=0)

### **Syrian Clash Jolts Turkish Peace Talks**

The siege by Islamic State militants of the Syrian Kurdish city of Kobani has roiled Turkey's push to end its own three-decade Kurdish insurgency, as Ankara put forward a new peace plan on Monday.

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Wall Street Journal, October 13, 2014, Syrian Clash Jolts Turkish Peace Talks, <http://online.wsj.com/articles/turkeys-kurdish-peace-plan-threatened-by-inaction-against-islamic-state-1413220595>

U.S. Sends Mixed Signals on Syria Buffer Zone

The U.S. and its allies raised the possibility of setting up a safe zone for refugees along the Syrian-Turkish border—a proposal that the government in Ankara has been pushing heavily.

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Wall Street Journal, October 8, 2014, U.S. Sends Mixed Signals on Syria Buffer Zone, <http://online.wsj.com/articles/turkey-moves-to-curb-protests-over-government-refusal-to-intervene-in-syria-1412768164>

### **Turkey to Help Train and Equip Moderate Syrian Rebels**

Turkey has agreed to support a new U.S.-led effort to train and equip moderate Syrian rebels, American officials say, as Ankara backs part of the work of an international coalition, while disagreeing on goals of the military effort in Syria.

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Wall Street Journal, October 10, 2014, Turkey to Help Train and Equip Moderate Syrian Rebels, <http://online.wsj.com/articles/turkey-to-help-train-equip-moderate-syrian-rebels-u-s-officials-say-1412970068>

US Department of State Press Release, October 9, 2014, Special Presidential Envoy John Allen Meetings with Turkish Officials on Efforts to Counter ISIL, <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2014/10/232819.htm>

Ankara looks at bright side of EU's bittersweet report



Ankara is looking on the bright side of a bittersweet European Union progress report, as EU Minister and Chief Negotiator Volkan Bozkır used noticeably positive language when discussing the content of the report, describing it as “constructive and objective.”

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 8, 2014, Ankara looks at bright side of EU’s bittersweet report, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/ankara-looks-at-bright-side-of-eus-bittersweet-report.aspx?pageID=238&nID=72695&NewsCatID=510>

### **U.S. Airdrops Arms to Kobani**

The U.S. military dropped weapons, ammunition and medical supplies to the besieged Syrian town of Kobani. U.S. President Barack Obama informed Erdogan about the planned airdrop during a telephone call on Oct. 18, according to an administration official who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

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Bloomberg, October 20, 2014, U.S. Airdrops Arms to Kobani, <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-10-20/u-s-planes-drop-weapons-ammunition-to-kurds-in-kobani.html>

New US Ambassador to Turkey presents credentials

The new U.S. Ambassador to Turkey, John Bass, presented his credentials to President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on Oct. 20.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 20, 2014, New US Ambassador to Turkey presents credentials, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/new-us-ambassador-to-turkey-presents-credentials.aspx?pageID=238&nID=73233&NewsCatID=510>

### **Venezuela Gets U.N. Seat; Turkey Is Denied**

Despite objections by the United States, Venezuela secured a seat on Thursday at the global table of high power, the United Nations Security Council, while Turkey, a vital but complicated American ally, was resoundingly defeated.

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New York Times, October 16, 2014, Venezuela Gets U.N. Seat; Turkey Is Denied, <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/17/world/americas/venezuela-gets-security-council-seat-turkey-fails.html?ref=todayspaper>

Greek Cyprus cries foul as Turkish vessel enters waters



Greek Cyprus on Oct. 20 accused Turkey of taking "provocative and illegal" action by sending a survey boat to an area where the Greek Cypriot government has licensed exploratory drilling for oil and gas.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 20, 2014, Greek Cyprus cries foul as Turkish vessel enters waters,  
<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/greek-cyprus-cries-foul-as-turkish-vessel-enters-waters.aspx?pageID=238&nID=73225&NewsCatID=359>

### **Turkey's EU bid has not developed right: EU president**

Turkey's EU accession bid has not progressed properly, European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said during an address to the Chatham House think tank on Oct. 20 in London, holding both parties responsible for the lack of progress.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 20, 2014, Turkey's EU bid has not developed right: EU president,
<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkeys-eu-bid-has-not-developed-right-eu-president.aspx?pageID=238&nID=73228&NewsCatID=510>

Turkey aims for hearts and minds of EU public

Turkey launched a new European Union communications strategy on Oct. 16 to repair its broken perception in the eyes of European citizens, prioritizing as targets countries that support Turkey's accession process the least.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 16, 2014, Turkey aims for hearts and minds of EU public,  
<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkey-aims-for-hearts-and-minds-of-eu-public.aspx?pageID=238&nID=73093&NewsCatID=510>

### **US Vice President Joe Biden to visit Turkey next month**

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden next month visits Ukraine as well as Turkey, where fighting across the border in the Syrian town of Kobane has sparked tensions with Washington.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 28, 2014, US Vice President Joe Biden to visit Turkey next month,
<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/us-vice-president-joe-biden-to-visit-turkey-next-month.aspx?pageID=238&nID=73551&NewsCatID=359>

Turkish Leader, Using Conflicts, Cements Power



Sprawling over nearly 50 acres of forest land that was once the private estate of Turkey's founding father, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, a new presidential compound has nearly 1,000 rooms, an underground tunnel system and the latest in anti-espionage technology. It is larger than the White House, the Kremlin and Buckingham Palace.

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New York Times, October 31, 2014, Turkish Leader, Using Conflicts, Cements Power, <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/01/world/europe/erdogan-uses-conflict-to-consolidate-power.html?ref=todayspaper>

### **Iraqi Kurdish Fighters Enter Turkey En Route to Syria to Battle Islamic State**

Iraqi Kurdish forces arrived early Wednesday in Turkey en route to reinforce a Kurdish militia battling Islamic State militants in the Syrian city of Kobani, a ground intervention that will be the first by a Western-backed foreign force since the Syrian conflict began.

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Wall Street Journal, October 29, 2014, Iraqi Kurdish Fighters Enter Turkey En Route to Syria to Battle Islamic State, <http://online.wsj.com/articles/iraqi-kurdish-fighters-head-to-kobani-in-syria-to-battle-islamic-state-1414518448>

Domestic Politics

Gov't sets up new committee to coordinate Kurdish process

The Turkish government has moved to set up a body to better coordinate the Kurdish peace process, Deputy Prime Minister Bülent Arınç has said, amid uncertainty over how the ongoing unrest in northern Iraq and Syria will affect the stalled process.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 1, 2014, Gov't sets up new committee to coordinate Kurdish process, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/govt-sets-up-new-committee-to-coordinate-kurdish-process.aspx?pageID=238&nID=72395&NewsCatID=338>

### **Turkish Constitutional Court strips Internet authority of right to close websites**

The Constitutional Court has ruled as "unconstitutional" the Telecommunications Directorate's (TİB) authority to close websites within four hours on the basis of national security, protecting public order, or preventing crime.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 2, 2014, Turkish Constitutional Court strips Internet authority of right to close websites, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkish-constitutional-court-strips-internet-authority-of-right-to-close-websites.aspx?pageID=238&nID=72479&NewsCatID=339>

Turkish Airstrike Hits Kurds, Complicating Fight Against Islamic State

Turkish fighter jets struck Kurdish insurgent positions in southeastern Turkey on Monday, shaking the country's fragile peace process with the Kurds and demonstrating the complexities surrounding the American-led coalition fighting the Islamic State, which Turkey is under heavy pressure to join.

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New York Times, October 14, 2014, Turkish Airstrike Hits Kurds, Complicating Fight Against Islamic State, <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/15/world/europe/turkey-airstrike-kurds-isis.html?ref=world>

Hurriyet Daily News, October 14, 2014, Turkish fighter jets bomb PKK positions for first time since start of peace bid, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkish-fighter-jets-bomb-pkk-positions-for-first-time-since-start-of-peace-bid.aspx?pageID=238&nID=72941&NewsCatID=341>

### **Government pleased with vote results for top Turkish judicial body**

The ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) has not hidden its pleasure over preliminary results in a key vote at Turkey's top judicial body, in which candidates reportedly supported by the government scored an overwhelming success.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 13, 2014, Government pleased with vote results for top Turkish judicial body, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/government-pleased-with-vote-results-for-top-turkish-judicial-body.aspx?pageID=238&nID=72893&NewsCatID=338>

Death toll in Turkey climbs to 37 as interior minister presents grave cost of unrest

Turkey's interior minister has presented the grave cost of recent violence in Turkey, noting that over 30 people have been killed in armed clashes between protesters demonstrating in solidarity with the Syrian border town of Kobane and groups opposing them since Oct. 7.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 10, 2014, Death toll in Turkey climbs to 37 as interior minister presents grave cost of unrest, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/death-toll-in-turkey-climbs-to-37-as-interior-minister-presents-grave-cost-of-unrest.aspx?pageID=238&nID=72791&NewsCatID=341>



### **Turkey's massive corruption case dropped by prosecutor**

The Istanbul prosecutor has decided not to proceed against 53 graft suspects including former ministers' sons, the former manager of Halkbank, and a controversial Iranian-Azeri businessman. With the decision to drop the case, the final part of a legal scandal that has been dogging President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's inner circle since late 2013 has been buried.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 17, 2014, Turkey's massive corruption case dropped by prosecutor, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkeys-massive-corruption-case-dropped-by-prosecutor.aspx?pageID=238&nID=73149&NewsCatID=338>

New York Times, October 17, 2014, Some Charges Are Dropped in Scandal in Turkey, <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/18/world/europe/some-charges-are-dropped-in-scandal-in-turkey.html?ref=todayspaper>

Talk of early election gains momentum in capital Ankara, mobilizes top election board

Talk of an early election that has gradually gained momentum in the Turkish capital has prompted the country's top election board to kick off its preparations for a parliamentary election, which is still currently scheduled for June 7, 2015.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 19, 2014, Talk of early election gains momentum in capital Ankara, mobilizes top election board, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/talk-of-early-election-gains-momentum-in-capital-ankara-mobilizes-top-election-board.aspx?pageID=238&nID=73202&NewsCatID=338>

### **Growing Kurdish Unity Helps West, Worries Turkey**

Kurds in Iraq and Syria set aside long-held rivalries and took steps to unify their forces this week to battle Islamic State, gaining greater international legitimacy but magnifying fears in Turkey that a powerful enemy is on the rise.

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Wall Street Journal, October 23, 2014, Growing Kurdish Unity Helps West, Worries Turkey, <http://online.wsj.com/articles/iraqs-kurdish-regional-government-set-to-approve-kobani-reinforcement-plan-1413978673>

FATF removes Turkey from gray list over fight against terror financing



Turkey will be removed from the gray list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) -- the international body responsible for setting global standards for combating terrorist financing -- as the country has made sufficient improvements regarding the relevant standards, according to a report recently released by the organization.

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Today's Zaman, October 23, 2014, FATF removes Turkey from gray list over fight against terror financing, [http://www.todayszaman.com/business\\_fatf-removes-turkey-from-gray-list-over-fight-against-terror-financing\\_362421.html](http://www.todayszaman.com/business_fatf-removes-turkey-from-gray-list-over-fight-against-terror-financing_362421.html)

Financial Action Task Force, October 23, 2014, Mutual Evaluation of Turkey: 15<sup>th</sup> Follow-up Report, <http://www.fatf-gafi.org/documents/news/fur-turkey-2014.html>

### **PKK hijacks truck, seizes explosives: Turkish army**

Militants from Turkey's outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) on Oct. 27 hijacked a truck, seizing 400 kilogrammes (880 pounds) of the explosive substance ammonium nitrate, the Turkish army said.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 27, 2014, PKK hijacks truck, seizes explosives: Turkish army, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/pkk-hijacks-truck-seizes-explosives-turkish-army.aspx?pageID=238&nID=73548&NewsCatID=509>

New composition at top judicial body legal, legitimate, appropriate: Turkish gov't

There is no flaw in the new composition of the Supreme Council of Judges and Prosecutors (HSYK), many of whose new members have been either elected or appointed by the president, the Turkish government has said.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 28, 2014, New composition at top judicial body legal, legitimate, appropriate: Turkish gov't, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/new-composition-at-top-judicial-body-legal-legitimate-appropriate-turkish-govt.aspx?pageID=238&nID=73571&NewsCatID=338>

## **Economy and Energy**

**Turkey, US 'allies but further Transatlantic talks are futile'**



Despite the good business and trade relations between Turkey and the United States, it is not the right time to begin talks about including Turkey in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) process with Europe, according to U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 2, 2014, Turkey, US 'allies but further Transatlantic talks are futile', <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/ankara-asks-for-reciprocity-in-economic-ties-with-us.aspx?pageID=238&nID=72466&NewsCatID=344>

Lira leads the way in emerging-currency devaluation

The United States' Federal Reserve (FED) will cut its bond-buying program as part of plans to end a program that served to support its country's economy since the global crisis and will slowly increase interest rates.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 6, 2014, Lira leads the way in emerging-currency devaluation, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/lira-leads-the-way-in-emerging-currency-devaluation-.aspx?pageID=238&nID=72573&NewsCatID=344>

### **Turkish government snubs Fitch despite outlook affirmation**

Turkish markets are breathing a sigh of relief, after international credit ratings agency Fitch affirmed Turkey's investment-grade ratings despite previous worries over a downgrade. However, the government still criticized the agency for "not appreciating Turkey's success."

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 5, 2014, Turkish government snubs Fitch despite outlook affirmation, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkish-government-snubs-fitch-despite-outlook-affirmation.aspx?pageID=238&nID=72544&NewsCatID=344>

Turkey, Russia agree on gas flow increase

Russian natural gas producer Gazprom said Oct. 1 it has agreed with Turkey to increase the capacity of the Blue Stream underwater gas pipeline to 19 billion cubic meters (bcm), from 16 bcm.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 1, 2014, Turkey, Russia agree on gas flow increase, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkey-russia-agree-on-gas-flow-increase.aspx?pageID=238&nID=72421&NewsCatID=348>



### **Turkey cuts growth estimates, raises inflation forecast**

Turkey has slashed its growth estimates and raised its inflation forecast for 2014 and 2015, Deputy Prime Minister Ali Babacan said on Oct. 8, citing unfavorable conditions in the global economy.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 8, 2014, Turkey cuts growth estimates, raises inflation forecast,

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkey-cuts-growth-estimates-raises-inflation-forecast.aspx?pageID=238&nID=72690&NewsCatID=344>

Turkish companies to supply 80 pct of TANAP pipes

A total of six Turkish companies have won the tender to supply 80 percent of the steel pipe demand of the 1,800 km-long TANAP pipeline that will carry Azerbaijani gas to Europe via Turkey.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 14, 2014, Turkish companies to supply 80 pct of TANAP pipes,

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkish-companies-to-supply-80-pct-of-tanap-pipes.aspx?pageID=238&nID=72985&NewsCatID=348>

### **ISIL attacks have a negative effect on energy projects: Turkish energy minister**

Attacks committed by the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL) have had a negative effect on energy projects around Kirkuk and Mosul, but oil shipments from Iraq have experienced no problems so far, Turkish Energy Minister Taner Yıldız has said.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 20, 2014, ISIL attacks have a negative effect on energy projects: Turkish energy minister,

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/isil-attacks-have-a-negative-effect-on-energy-projects-turkish-energy-minister.aspx?pageID=238&nID=73240&NewsCatID=348>

Turkey's jobless rate increases in July

Turkey's unemployment rate increased 0.7 percent in July, up to 9.8 percent from 9.1 percent in June, official data has shown.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 15, 2014, Turkey's jobless rate increases in July,

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkeys-jobless-rate-increases-in-july.aspx?pageID=238&nID=73006&NewsCatID=347>

### **One third of youth neither at work nor at school in Turkey**



According to the July 2014 Household Workforce data, the Turkish population in the 15-24 age group is currently 11.7 million and roughly a third of them are in education. Another third is working, while the final third is either unemployed because they have not been able to find a job or they are neither at school nor holding a job. In other words, they are outside the workforce. This number has reached 3.7 million.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 27, 2014, One third of youth neither at work nor at school in Turkey, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/one-third-of-youth-neither-at-work-nor-at-school-in-turkey.aspx?pageID=238&nID=73482&NewsCatID=347>

FDI inflow to Turkey rises by 10 percent in 2014

International net direct investments in Turkey totaled \$8.6 billion in the first eight months of 2014, a 9.8 percent increase from the same period of the previous year, the Economy Ministry announced on Oct. 27.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 27, 2014, FDI inflow to Turkey rises by 10 percent in 2014, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/fdi-inflow-to-turkey-rises-by-10-percent-in-2014-----.aspx?pageID=238&nID=73524&NewsCatID=345>

### **Turkey world's second highest TV series exporter after US**

Turkey is globally the second highest exporter of TV series abroad after the United States, and it plans to reach \$2 billion from exporting cultural products by 2023, Turkish Exporters Assembly (TİM) head Mehmet Büyükekşi said on Oct. 25.

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Hurriyet Daily News, October 26, 2014, Turkey world's second highest TV series exporter after US, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkey-worlds-second-highest-tv-series-exporter-after-us.aspx?PageID=238&nID=73478&NewsCatID=345>

Turkey seeks observer status in EU-U.S. trade talks

Leading Turkish business group TUSIAD has demanded an observer status for Turkey in the ongoing EU-U.S. free trade talks on creating a new transatlantic marketplace.

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World Bulletin, October 31, 2014, Turkey seeks observer status in EU-U.S. trade talks, <http://www.worldbulletin.net/turkey/147472/turkey-seeks-observer-status-in-eu-us-trade-talks>

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