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World leaders congratulate Erdogan on referendum win



Work begins to harmonize laws after vote

By Kemal Karadag

ANKARA - The Justice Ministry has begun its work to harmonize legislations in Turkey's constitution following the Yes victory in the historic referendum, according to a source at the ministry on Monday. "Initially, 144 articles of seven laws will be changed," the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity due to restrictions on talking to the media, told Anadolu Agency. On Sunday, Turkish citizens voted in favor of an 18 article-bill calling for wide ranging reforms in the constitution. According to the ministry, now all articles related to this bill are being changed. The 144 articles are part of the first phase of changes until 2019... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Unofficial results show Yes on 51.4 percent

ANKARA - World leaders congratulated President Recep Tayyip Erdogan following the Yes victory in Sunday's historic referendum. As of 11.30 p.m. local time (2030GMT), unofficial results showed the Yes camp on 51.41 percent while the No had 48.59 percent. Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev was the first leader to congratulate Erdogan in a telephone call on Sunday, saying that the result demonstrated "Turkish people's great support" for Erdogan's policy. In a letter addressed to Erdogan after the phone call, Aliyev said the outcome would raise Turkey's status on the global stage. "Certainly, this referendum will mark the beginning of a new stage in the history of your brotherly country and reinforce the international role and standing of a stable and powerful... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Referendum outcome will 'bring stability' to Turkey

BELGRADE, Serbia - Muslim Bosniak member of the tri-partite Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bakir Izetbegovic said on Monday that the outcome of Turkey's constitutional referendum would bring stability to Turkey and make it even a stronger regional force. Speaking at an event in Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina... [MORE DETAILS](#)



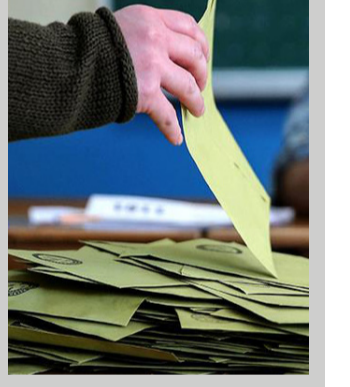
Turkish expats celebrate 'Yes' win across the world

ANKARA - Turks living abroad celebrated in the streets late Sunday and early Monday after unofficial results showed a "Yes" win on an referendum back home. In Cologne, Germany, the victory was marked as Turks drove around the city while honking their horns in cars adorned with Turkish flags. Expats in Beirut cheered... [MORE DETAILS](#)



World media follows Turkey referendum closely

BEIRUT - The "Yes" vote in Sunday's historic referendum on Turkey's transition to a presidential system has dominated Arab media on Monday. On Sunday, millions of Turks voted on wide-ranging reforms in the constitution that would usher in an executive presidency. Unofficial results showed the Yes camp on 51.41 percent while the... [MORE DETAILS](#)



'Reforms to continue without slowdown'



By Muhammed Ali Gurtas

ANKARA - Necessary structural reforms will be strongly implemented in the medium-run by the government to back the recent actions taken for the economic growth, Turkey's deputy prime minister for the economy said Monday. Speaking on a private TV channel to evaluate the results of Sunday's constitutional referendum, Mehmet Simsek said that the risk of undemocratic interventions would not be on the country's agenda anymore and that economic reforms

would continue without any slowdown. Simsek pointed out the accuracy of the government's recent actions like strengthening the Credit Guarantee Fund (KGF), employment support and new investment incentives. "All those are factors that may accelerate Turkey with the elimination of referendum uncertainty and increase the country's hope. They have critical meanings in terms of managing the short-run process," he said. "To back those for economic growth... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Lira gains on dollar

ANKARA - The lira rallied to its highest level against the dollar in just under three weeks after Turkey's referendum ended Sunday with victory for the 'Yes' campaign. The lira strengthened more than 3.5 percent in Asian trade Sunday, from 3.74 to 3.63 against the greenback. Turks voted 51.37 percent in favor of proposed changes to the country's Constitution. The reforms will, among other changes, usher in an executive presidency. Turnout across the country was 87 percent. The referendum Sunday asked voters to decide on an 18-article reform package that... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Record turnout of expats for constitutional referendum

Nearly 60 percent of Turks abroad vote in favor of constitutional changes

ANKARA - Turkish voters living abroad turned out in record numbers to decide on a referendum on constitutional amendments, the head of the ruling Justice and Development (AK) Party's overseas election coordination center said Monday. "Voters from abroad have

provided a strong support to the referendum with more than 48 percent turnout," Mustafa Yeneroglu said in a written statement. More than 59 percent of expats who participated voted in favor of the constitutional amendment that will shift the country's current parliamentary system to a presidential form of governance, Yeneroglu said. Approximately 77 percent of Turks in Belgium, 73 percent in the Netherlands, 65 percent in France and 63 percent in Germany voted "Yes". Millions of voters went to the polls Sunday to decide changes to the country's Constitution that would usher in an executive presidency. [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkish businesses eye strong economy

By Dilara Zengin

ANKARA - Turkish business associations have called for structural reforms and a shot in the arm to production, employment and trade opportunities following the Yes victory in Sunday's referendum. In a statement Monday, Turkish Industry and Business Association -- Turkey's largest business group -- called for

solidarity for making Turkey stronger and to look towards the future without delay regardless of the outcome of the vote. "It is now time to make progress by preserving freedoms, pluralism and solidarity. We urge the government and the parliament to prioritize the reform agenda that is before our country," the statement said. The association said Turkey's strong macroeconomic balance,

dynamic population and young workforce provides great opportunity despite serious risks due to uncertainty in the global economy. "Economic growth can be achieved by reforms that increase productivity as opposed to policies that boost demand," it said. The association said they strongly support measures to reduce the inflation rate to below

5 percent in order to reach macroeconomic stability in the short term. The implementation of structural reforms such as preservation of the independence of supervisory and regulatory agencies, improvement of capital markets and alternative means of financing, support for small-and-medium-sized enterprises, modernizing the industrial strategy... [MORE DETAILS](#)