

Kurdish conference at the European Parliament

The EP will hold the 2nd International Conference on the EU, Turkey, and the Kurds in Brussels Sept. 19-20 on page 3

Erdoğan's Diyarbakır move stumbles

Escalating tension in the southeast raises more questions on Erdoğan's Diyarbakır initiative on page 4

Impressions of the Southeast



Mahmut Şimşek: I don't want to go to Ankara with a passport

by Nursun Erel on page 20



BACK IN DAMAR: We're happy but...

In the village of Damar, all the houses were burnt down in 1991. Some 14 years later, the Ekinci family has come back and rebuilt their house

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Victorious Victory Day

■ Gen. Sarıışık: As long as Turkey's national unity and integrity are protected, terrorist attacks mean nothing to us

■ Victory Day celebrated throughout Turkey, the TRNC, and by Turkish communities worldwide

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Foundation urges farewell to arms

Following a major rise in violence and tension, various platforms in the Turkish public call for limitations on arms licenses in Turkey on page 4

PM: Everyone take note of Turkey's bright future

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DYP members' coffin protest

A group of DYP members bury coffins representing workers, civil servants, retired people, retailers, and farmers to protest against the govt

Hüseyin Güler joins ANAVATAN

Mersin Independent Deputy Hüseyin Güler joins ANAVATAN

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Duel with legal files in EU

■ Greek Cypriots have prepared a 30-page dossier for today's crucial EU ambassadors meeting in Brussels to convince EU members over a counter declaration that will demand Turkey move towards the recognition of a 'Republic of Cyprus.' According to EU diplomats, however, the real challenge will be France, expected today to propose new wording for a counter declaration demanding Turkey move towards recognition during the negotiations process

■ One EU diplomat: No one among the 25 is questioning the start of the talks on Oct. 3 but introducing a new Greek Cyprus condition for progress in the negotiations may result in a crisis between the EU and Turkey

■ Turkish FM Gül tomorrow heads to Britain for bilateral talks with his European counterparts. The Cyprus issue and Turkey's membership process will be discussed at an informal lunch of EU ministers and Gül on Friday

■ Turkish diplomats stress they wouldn't have a problem if the EU chooses to make a counter declaration and make its position clear. 'But if they introduce a new condition involving Greek Cyprus during the negotiations process, this is totally unacceptable to us,' one Turkish diplomat says on page 3



Karamanlis says Turkey must meet all criteria

Greek PM Karamanlis and his Czech counterpart Paroubek express their support for the start of Turkey's membership talks on Oct. 3. But Karamanlis further underlines that Turkey must present a clear position on Greek Cyprus and meet all the criteria requested by the EU on page 3

INSIDE TODAY No excuses English classes for the judiciary on page 4

UNTAMED KATRINA DEVASTATES US COAST



Rescue workers take residents to a ramp on Interstate 10 after a tidal surge from Hurricane Katrina overwhelmed a levee Monday in New Orleans. See story on page 9

AP Photo

European Parliament, commission confirm Oct. 3

EU Commission head Barroso and European Parliament President Borrell both state that they see no reason to cancel or postpone negotiations between Turkey and the EU on page 3

EU to start accession talks with Turkey?

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EU indigestion is bad news for Turkey's rulers

Comment by İLNUR ÇEVİK page 3

Erdoğan steps in and consensus reached in collective bargaining

The bargaining between the government and civil servants ends with the participation of Prime Minister Erdoğan. Plus YTL 40 and 2.5 percent increase will be made for each six-month period to civil servants who don't receive additional payments. The lowest salary of a civil servant will be YTL 750

4 consortia apply for TÜPRAŞ privatization

ATO decides to participate in Ereğli Common Enterprise Group

VAT refunding begins for tourists in Kuşadası

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Sharon insists on main West Bank settlements

Israeli PM says not all settlements that Israel currently maintains in the West Bank would remain in place in a final peace accord with the Palestinians. He rules out further unilateral pullbacks like this month's evacuation of Gaza and part of the West Bank on page 8

Sunnis call for anti-constitutional front

Saleh al-Mutlaq, one of the Sunni Arabs who helped write the Iraqi constitution, calls on all national forces to join a coalition to defeat the charter in the Oct. 15 referendum

He criticizes the election commission decision to prevent Iraqis living abroad from voting in the referendum and asks for this week's registration deadline to be postponed nationwide

Iraq's largest Sunni political group accuses the Shiite-led security forces of being behind the recent killing of 36 Sunnis and warns that such acts could have unseen consequences on page 8

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A new stage in the Iraqi drama

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