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## **Level 4**

# **Turkey takes over biggest newspaper**

**7th March, 2016**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1603/160307-newspapers-4.html>

Turkish police used tear gas and rubber bullets against protestors outside a national newspaper. The demonstrators were protesting against the takeover of Turkey's best-selling newspaper, Zaman, by Turkey's government. Zaman once supported President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, but then it became a big critic. Authorities say Zaman has links to a Muslim cleric, who the government says planned a coup to remove President Erdogan.

The takeover of Zaman has got Europe worried about Turkey joining the European Union. Germany's foreign affairs committee said, "the violent action against a critical newspaper" and "the fact that the government takes over the whole paper is a severe blow...against the freedom of press". Zaman's English newspaper said: "Our [final] headline is about us...and that should give an idea about the kind of democracy in the country. There's no rule of law left in Turkey."

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1654121/paper-takeover-protesters-tear-gassed-in-turkey>  
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/ct-turkey-zaman-newspaper-takeover-20160305-story.html>  
<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/police-disperse-supporters-of-zaman-media-group.aspx?pageID=238&nid=96076>

# MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. police used tear       | a. remove President Erdogan |
| 2. rubber                 | b. newspaper                |
| 3. a national             | c. critic                   |
| 4. The demonstrators were | d. bullets                  |
| 5. Turkey's best-         | e. protesting               |
| 6. it became a big        | f. gas                      |
| 7. links to a Muslim      | g. selling newspaper        |
| 8. a coup to              | h. cleric                   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. The takeover                        | a. about us       |
| 2. foreign                             | b. in the country |
| 3. the government takes over the whole | c. press          |
| 4. a severe                            | d. law left       |
| 5. the freedom of                      | e. affairs        |
| 6. Our final headline is               | f. of Zaman       |
| 7. the kind of democracy               | g. paper          |
| 8. There's no rule of                  | h. blow           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Turkish police (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and rubber bullets against protestors outside a (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The demonstrators were protesting against (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey's best-selling newspaper, Zaman, by Turkey's government. Zaman once supported President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, but (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a big critic. Authorities say Zaman (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Muslim cleric, who the government says planned (6) \_\_\_\_\_ President Erdogan. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Zaman has got Europe worried about Turkey joining the European Union. Germany's (8) \_\_\_\_\_ committee said, "the violent action (9) \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper" and "the fact that the government takes (10) \_\_\_\_\_ paper is a severe blow...against the freedom of press". Zaman's English newspaper said: "Our [final] headline (11) \_\_\_\_\_ that should give an idea about the kind of democracy in the country. There's (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in Turkey."

# NEWSPAPERS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1603/160307-newspapers-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about newspapers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

