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Erdogan Confirms That Turkey Will Reject Any Pres-	Emphasize that Turkey Would Reject Any Pressures
sure To Urge It To Recognize Cyprus	to Press for Recognition of the Cyprus
Ankara 1-12 (AFP) The president of the Turkish	Ankara Jan 12 (AFP) - The head of the Turkish Gov-
government Recep Tayyip Erdogan said today that	ernment Tayyib Rajab Wednesday that Ankara would
Ankara will reject any pressure from the European	reject any pressures had exercised by the European
Union that urges it to recognize Cyprus before the two	Union to press for recognition of Cyprus, in two
week summit with the heads of state of the govern-	weeks ago Summit of Heads of State and Government
ments of the European Union who will decide whether	of the European Union who will determine the open-
or not to open negotiations for Ankara joining the EU.	ing of accession negotiations with Ankara or not.
Erdogan told the "NTV" television station that "the	The station in the Te television that "the EU can do
European Union cannot begin addressing us by im-	that by imposing new conditions on us Cyprus."
posing new conditions about Cyprus.	
We shall be discussing this issue during the negotia-	We will discuss this issue during accession negotia-
tions for joining the EU".	tions.
He added: "Let me to be clear from the start that I	He added: "Let me be clear, may I arm of Turkey, this
must act as the arm of Turkey and this is an issue that	is cannot accept it."
cannot be accept by it".	
It is expected that on December 14 the European Par-	It is expected to recommend to the European Parlia-
liament and heads of state will recommend negotia-	ment on December 14 Heads of State and Government
tions with Ankara for joining the EU but with specific	of the approval of the opening of accession negotia-
conditions.	tions with Ankara, but with conditions.
Greece considers that the recognition by Ankara of	The Greece's recognition of Cyprus, which has
Cyprus, which itself has become a member of the Eu-	Ankara is also a member of the European Union, re-
ropean Union to be a "self-evident condition" to grant	quirement of self-evident to give the European Union
before the European Union will open accession nego-	green to open accession negotiations with Ankara.
tiations with Ankara.	
Still Turkey refused to recognize the Republic of	Turkey still refuses to recognize the Republic of
Cyprus which became a member of the European	Cyprus, which has become a member of the European
Union on the first of May last year, but it is the only	Union since the beginning of May, but the only State
state in the world which has recognized the Turkish	in the world acknowledged the "B" Turkish Repub-
Republic of North Cyprus which declared its inde-	lic of Northern Cyprus, declared independence self-
pendence, and is self-governance in the North of the	government in the north of the island.
island.	
Erdogan also rejected the possibility of open nego-	He also rejected premise reopen negotiations to dis-
tiations to establish a distinct partnership between	tinctive partnership between Turkey and the European
Turkey and the European Union as an alternative to	Union as an alternative to accession negotiations.
negotiating accession.	
Erdogan said, "This proposal cannot be accepted and	The in this subject this proposal could not accept that,
that it is incompatible with the seriousness of an orga-	in line with the seriousness of such as the European
nization such as the European Union."	Union.