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## **BULGARIA'S PM BORISOV IN ANKARA: TURKEY IS OUR PARTNER ON NATO'S SOUTHERN FLANK**

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Bulgarias Prime Minister Boyko Borisov was on a visit to Turkey, where he met with Turkish President Recep Erdogan and Prime Minister Binali Yildirim on 13th of June, BNT reported.

During the meetings in Ankara, he expressed Bulgarias strong desire to work actively on improving the EU-Turkey relations.

It should not be forgotten that Turkey is our partner on the southern flank of NATO, Borisov also said.

On Turkeys part, PM Borisov received gratitude for Bulgaria's strong solidarity during the coup attempt in July last year and assurances that Turkey would continue to be a friend and active partner of Bulgaria in all spheres of politics and economy.

Prime Minister Boyko Borisov and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan had talks during Borisov's visit to Ankara at the invitation of Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim. The Borisov-Erdogan meeting took place in the Bestete Presidential Palace in Ankara. Turkish newspaper Millelet said the meeting was closed for the media and lasted for an hour and 10 minutes.

Bulgaria is a very important neighbour, friend and ally of Turkey, Yildirim said. He noted that the two countries had a stable relationship, which was beneficial to the two peoples. We highly appreciate your categorical solidarity during the July 15th attempted coup. You were the first to come to Turkey shortly after, the Turkish Prime Minister said.

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**PM BOYKO BORISOV: 'WE CURRENTLY ENJOY LOW REFUGEE FLOW THANKS TO TURKEY-EU AGREEMENT'**

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"We are currently enjoying low pressure from the refugee flow, but this is due to the agreement between Turkey and the EU and Turkeys efforts to keep refugees in security zones close to the conflicts", Prime Minister Boyko Borisov said after a meeting with Turkish counterpart Binali Yildirim, FOCUS News Agency reported.

"Indeed, most countries in Europe went through elections, Turkey through the referendum, there were elections in our country. Many times the boundaries of good manners were crossed in

statements, in all directions. We hope, already in a calmer environment, to regain good manners, tolerance, because let us remember the huge pressure of the refugee flow on our borders. I remember nights when we talked with the Turkish country to do what is necessary and help us guard the border of Bulgaria," which is also the EU border, Borisov said.

Bulgaria is on the border between Europe and Asia. Europe is our European family, Turkey - our European neighbour. The largest neighbour. We must make efforts, especially during Bulgarias forthcoming EU Council presidency, with a series of regional and other initiatives, actions, to try normalise relations between the EU and Turkey. This directly concerns us, as it concerns the customs union, the Black Sea cooperation, the huge investments that Turkey has in Bulgaria, the Prime Minister underlined.

Photo: ANKARA, TURKEY - JUNE 13: Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim (R) and Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov (L) hold a joint press conference following their meeting in Ankara, Turkey on June 13, 2017. ( Erçin Top - Anadolu Agency )

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