

Gul stresses the determination of Turkey for EU in Bulgaria



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Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul, who flew to Bulgaria for a 2-day visit and who get a honorary doctorate from the Burgaz Hur University for his contribution to international relations and politics, said that Turkey was determined to fulfill the necessary Copenhagen criteria within this year and that they expected EU to help in this determination of Turkey.

Gul said that it was unrealistic to think about the development of joint foreign and security policies of EU without Turkey.

Thrace highway opens

Gul and Bulgarian Foreign Minister Solomon Pasi joined the ground-breaking ceremony of the Burgaz highway, which is part of the Turco-Bulgarian interconnected highway, on Monday. Turkish companies **Dogus and Eko Construction** are constructing this part of the 46-ml-Euro project and this latest 35-km-leg of the project is expected to be completed in two years.