



## All issues open after troika meeting with Stournaras

All issues remained open after Sunday's meeting between Finance Minister Yannis Stournaras and the representatives of the country's international creditors.

Talks "were conducted in a very good atmosphere and they understand our arguments, a top ministry official said, but added that "we have not concluded anything".

The same source revealed the intention from the government and the foreign experts to speed up procedures in the next two days so that issues start closing before the prime minister and the finance minister leave for the European Union summit.

The meeting that concluded in late afternoon reviewed the meetings held throughout the past week. "Both sides continue to assess the activity, said

the same source, adding that for the "structural keypoint of March", i.e. the program of obligatory departures from the civil service by end-2014, the Administrative Reform Ministry has now delivered specific data toward meeting this target. In this context the foreign experts will hold another meeting with the minister of administrative reform on Monday.

On the issue of settling expired debts, the same Finance Ministry official said the discussions with the creditors have not yet reached a conclusion.

The single property tax subject also remains open, but the ministry official revealed that unless there is some sort of agreement on it, it is not unlikely that the extraordinary property tax paid through the electricity bills may continue for one more year.

## Greece rejects 'groundless' Turkish media claims 'about Kurdishterror camps near Athens

Greece has dismissed as "groundless" claims in the Turkish media that the government has closed down two Kurdish terrorist training camps near Athens following talks between Prime Minister Antonis Samaras and Premier Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

"The Turkish newspapers' claims are groundless and a product of the imagination," said Foreign Ministry

spokesman Grigoris Delavekouras in a statement.

"Terrorist training camps never opened or existed in Lavrio or anywhere else in Greece, so they can't have been closed. It seems that there are those in Turkey who are irritated by the clear positions and good climate in Greek-Turkish relations evident from the joint press conference of the two Prime Ministers."

## Greek publisher to answer to money-laundering charges

Investigating magistrate Ioanna Hatzaki has summoned publisher Antonis Delatolas to respond to money-laundering charges linked to an ongoing investigation into Proton Bank for issuing millions of euros in nonperforming loans to businesses linked to Lavrentis Lavrentiadis, its former main shareholder, and his business partner Petros Kyriakidis.

Delatolas has been summoned to explain a 500,000-euro transfer in



January 2012 to an account in his name from a Cypriot account held by Kyriakidis. Delatolas has claimed the money was for the purchase of a minority stake in his satirical weekly To Pontiki.

Kyriakidis's accounts in Greece have been frozen since 2012 in connection with a probe into the embezzlement of 700 million euros from Proton. He has fled the country. An arrest warrant has also been issued for his son, Giorgos Kyriakidis.



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