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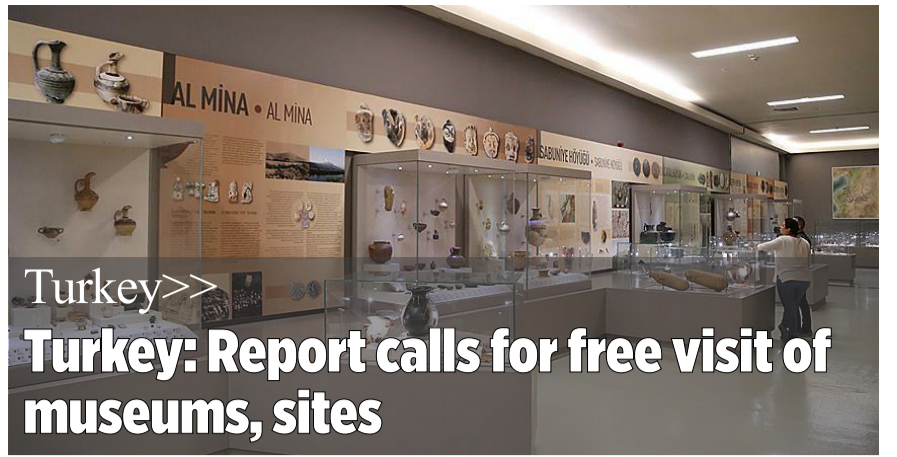
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## Hundreds 'wanted' in anti-FETO sweep

*Operations launched across 60 provinces of Turkey to nab suspects; over 230 arrest warrants issued, 108 held so far*

By Savas Guler

KONYA - Arrest warrants for 233 people for their suspected links to the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), the group behind the 2016 defeated coup, were issued across Turkey on Friday, according to judicial

sources.

The Chief Public Prosecutor's Offices in central Konya province issued arrest warrants for 84 FETO suspects, which was followed by simultaneous operations in 43 provinces by anti-organized crime units, the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity due to

restrictions on talking to the media, said.

Forty out of 84 have been arrested so far in the Konya-based operations. The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office in the capital Ankara also issued arrest warrants for 92 FETO suspects in 12 provinces, the office said in a statement.

During the raids, the police teams have so far arrested 54 suspects, said the police sources. The suspects were former teachers who have worked at FETO-linked schools, it added. Separately, arrest warrants for 57 suspects were issued by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutors Office on... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## Turkey, FSA advance deeper in Afrin

By Levent Tok

AFRIN/ANKARA - Turkish Armed Forces and Free Syrian Army (FSA) liberated another village in Syria's northwestern Afrin and took control of a strategic dam.

According to Anadolu Agency correspondents on the ground, Turkish troops and FSA cleared Hallubi Kabir village in Afrin's northeast from PYD/PKK terrorist group, and took control of a dam which provides water to Azaz and Afrin regions.

The western part of the dam, however, is still under control of terrorists.

The dam, known as April 17 Dam, is the only source that provides clean water and electricity to Afrin. Since the beginning of... [MORE DETAILS](#)



## Turkey-US talks focus on Syria and bilateral issues



By Safvan Allahverdi

WASHINGTON The State Department spokesperson on Thursday said talks between Turkish and American officials have begun in the U.S. capital and many issues will be discussed including Syria and Turkey's ongoing operation in Afrin. "Today is the first day that the U.S. government and Turkish officials are meeting to discuss what was agreed to when Secretary [Rex] Tillerson met with his

counterpart in Istanbul a couple weeks ago," Heather Nauert told reporters at a daily press briefing, referring to the first of the three technical committees of Turkey and the U.S., formed to solve issues between the two countries. During the U.S. Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson's visit to Turkey on Feb. 15-16, three mechanisms were established between Ankara and Washington with a view to contributing to normalizing bilateral relations and... [MORE DETAILS](#)

**'Sri Lanka to overcome communal violence soon'**



By Faruk Zorlu and S. Ahmet Aytac

ANKARA - Sri Lanka's ambassador to Ankara has said he expects the communal violence, which has prompted a state of emergency in his country, to end soon.

"Sri Lanka has some difficult time for last couple of days and there were violence.

"Unfortunately, two valuable people lost their lives. One is from the Sinhalese Buddhists community and the other two is from Muslim community," Ambassador Pakeer Mohideen Amza told Anadolu Agency Thursday. Nearly 75 percent of Sri Lankans belong to the majority Sinhalese... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## Syria regime, allies cut besieged E. Ghouta in two



E. GHOUTA/ANKARA The Assad regime and its allies on Friday divided Syria's Eastern Ghouta district in two after carving a kilometer-long corridor -- from Misraba to Haresta -- through the district, an Anadolu Agency correspondent has reported. On March 3, regime forces -- with Russian air support -- launched a major ground offensive in Eastern Ghouta. The assault came despite a UN Security Council

resolution adopted late last month calling for a 30-day cease-fire in Syria. Opposition forces in Eastern Ghouta have responded to the escalation by striking regime forces using hit-and-run tactics. On Feb. 24, the UNSC unanimously adopted Resolution 2401, which calls for a month-long cease-fire in Syria -- especially Eastern Ghouta -- to allow the delivery of humanitarian aid to civilians trapped in

conflict zones. Three days later, Russia announced its own cease-fire initiative calling for daily, five-hour "humanitarian pauses" in Eastern Ghouta. A suburb of Damascus, Eastern Ghouta -- home to some 400,000 people -- has remained the target of a crippling regime siege for the last five years that has rendered the delivery of humanitarian aid almost impossible. WOver the past eight months... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## Suicide attack targets Shia in Kabul, 7 dead

By Shadi Khan Saif

KABUL - At least seven people were killed and more than 20 others injured in a suspected suicide attack in capital Kabul on Friday, according to media reports and ministry official. Ministry of Interior deputy spokesman Nusrat Rahimi told Anadolu Agency the suspected bomber detonated his explosives at a security barrier in the Dasht-e-Barchi

neighborhood in western Kabul. The Islamic Unity Party of Afghanistan belonging to the ethnic Shia community was marking the 23rd death anniversary of its slain leader Abdul Ali Mazari in the area when the blast took place, the spokesman added. Local Tolo News said seven people were killed and more than 20 others wounded in the attack. There was no... [MORE DETAILS](#)