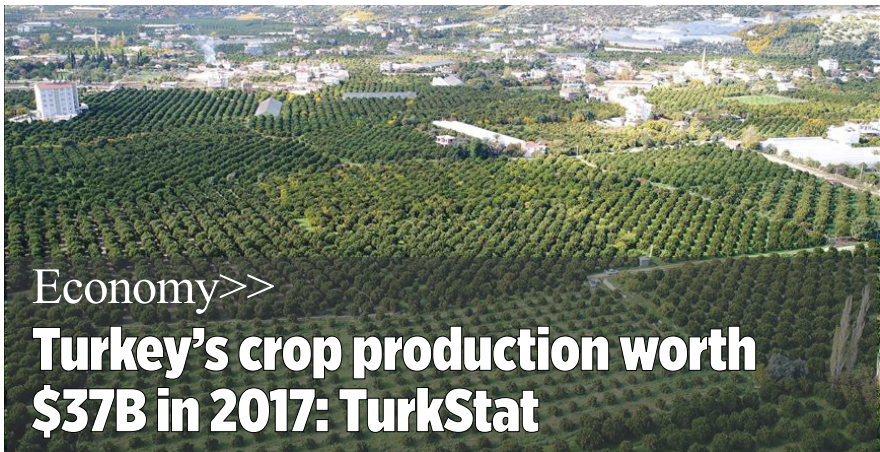




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Over 3,000 terrorists 'neutralized' in Afrin op

ANKARA - A total of 3,055 terrorists have been "neutralized" so far since the start of Operation Olive Branch in Syria's northwestern Afrin region, the Turkish General Staff said in a statement on Thursday.

Turkish authorities often use the word "neutralized" in their statements to imply the terrorists in question either surrendered or were killed or captured. The military also added that air-and-land operations were continuing.

On Jan. 20, Turkey launched Operation Olive Branch to clear YPG/PKK and Daesh terrorists from Afrin, northwestern Syria. According to the Turkish General Staff, the operation aims to establish security and stability along Turkey's borders and the region as well as to protect Syrians from oppression and cruelty of terrorists. The operation is being carried out under the framework of Turkey's rights based on international law, UN Security Council resolutions, its self-defense rights under the UN charter, and respect for Syria's territorial... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkey, FSA free Jinderes town center in Syria's Afrin

Jinderes is 5th town center in Afrin region to be liberated from YPG/PKK terrorists



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IDLIB/ANKARA - Turkish military and the Free Syrian Army (FSA) liberated another town center in Syria's Afrin region from terrorists on Thursday during the ongoing Operation Olive Branch.

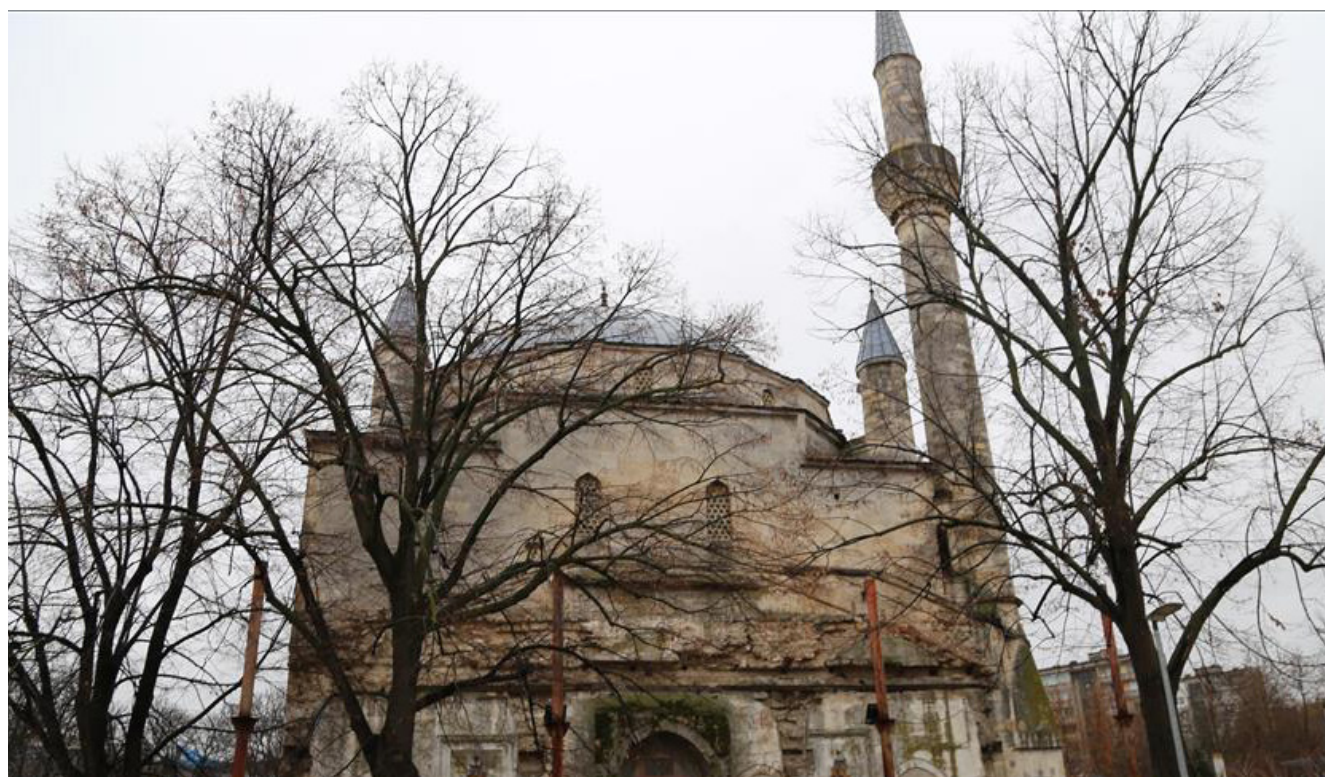
Jinderes town center, located in the southwest of Afrin, was cleared of terrorists following fierce street fighting with terrorists, according to Anadolu Agency correspondents on the ground; however, search for terrorists continues in the liberated neighborhoods. The move came after Turkish Armed Forces

and the FSA freed Jinderes Hill on Wednesday. While heavy street fighting between the FSA and terrorists continues, armed drones of Turkish Armed Forces were targeting terrorists trying to escape from the area. Meanwhile, aerial images taken by Anadolu Agency in Jinderes... [MORE DETAILS](#)

YPG/PKK attack injures civilian in NW Syria

AFRIN - At least one civilian was injured in a YPG/PKK terrorist attack in northwestern Syria, security officials said Thursday. Terrorists attacked a car carrying a Syrian family of three, including a child, near Jinderes town in Afrin. The family was traveling to Deir Ballut village, which was cleared of terrorists during Turkey's ongoing operation in the Afrin region. The woman who was injured in the attack was taken to Turkey's bordering city of Hatay by Turkish troops for treatment. The PKK is listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey as well as the U.S. and the EU. In its over three-decade-long terror campaign against Turkey, more than 40,000 people have been killed. On Jan. 20, Turkey launched Operation Olive Branch to clear YPG/PKK and Daesh terrorists from Afrin, northwestern Syria. According to the Turkish General Staff, the operation aims to establish security and stability along Turkey's borders and the region as well as to protect Syrians from oppression and cruelty of terrorists. The operation is being carried out under the framework of Turkey's rights... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkey to restore Ottoman-era mosque in Bulgaria



By Salih Baran

EDIRNE - Turkey will renovate an Ottoman-era mosque in the Bulgarian town of Razgrad as a result of a decision reached after

a series of negotiations between the two countries, the governor's office in the border Edirne province said on Thursday. Turkish officials were in contact with their Bulgarian

counterparts, and especially with Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov in order to start the restoration of the Ibrahim Pasha Mosque, the biggest Ottoman architectural work... [MORE DETAILS](#)

UN chief says inequality against women harms everyone

By Betül Yuruk

NEW YORK - UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said "inequality and discrimination" against women harms everyone around the world, in a message to mark International Women's Day. In his message on

Wednesday, Guterres said that gender equality was a human rights issue, but it is also in the interest of men and boys, women and girls. "Achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls is the unfinished business of our time, and the greatest human rights challenge in our... [MORE DETAILS](#)



US museum revokes award from Myanmar's leader

By Safvan Allahverdi

WASHINGTON - The United States Holocaust Museum has rescinded a human rights award from Myanmar's state counsellor and de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi for failing to speak out against her country's persecution of

Rohingya Muslims. The museum, whose mission is "to confront hatred, prevent genocide and promote human dignity", said in a letter published Wednesday on its website that it is rescinding its prestigious Elie Wiesel Award which was given to Suu Kyi in 2012 for her resistance

to military dictatorship and advocacy for freedom and human rights in Myanmar. "As the military's attacks against the Rohingya unfolded in 2016 and 2017, we had hoped that you — as someone we and many others have celebrated for your commitment to... [MORE DETAILS](#)