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‘You tried to deceive us’

‘If we are strategic partners, then you will respect us,’ says Turkish president

By Nilay Kar Onum

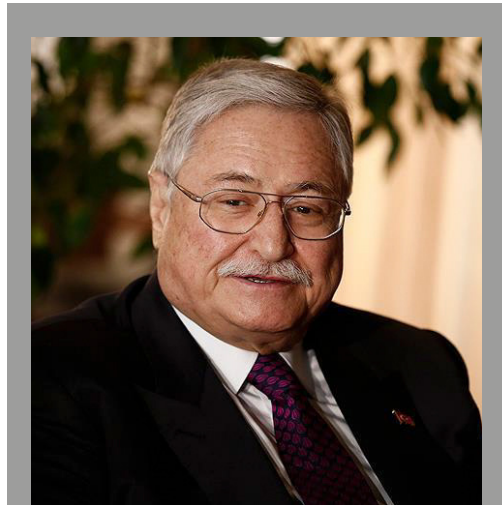
ANKARA - President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday blasted the U.S. saying that it tried to deceive Turkey by cooperating with terror groups in Syria. Addressing the ruling Justice and Development (AK) Party's parliamentary group in a meeting, Erdogan said, "If we are strategic partners, then you will respect us. [...] You have tried to deceive us." The U.S. has sent 5,000 truck-loads

of weapons to terror groups in Syria, Erdogan recalled. "We wanted weapons from you [U.S.] in return for money. You did not give us, but you gave these weapons and ammunition to terror organizations for free. "What kind of partnership is this?" he asked. "We are now demolishing all of these [tunnels and weapons and ammunition depots]. [...] All that ammunition is being seized by us gradually."

Turkey and the U.S. have been trying to iron out a number of issues, principally those concerning the terrorist YPG/PKK in Syria, a group the U.S. has so far worked with, calling it a "reliable ally" in the fight against Daesh. Turkey has strongly protested the U.S. collaboration with the YPG, categorically stating that it is the Syrian branch of the PKK, a terrorist group also recognized by the U.S. and the EU. **MORE DETAILS**



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Former Turkish state minister dies at 73

ANKARA - Hasan Celal Guzel, a former Turkish state minister, died at age 73 in a hospital where he was receiving treatment early Monday, hospital sources said. Guzel was in the capital Ankara, after being flown via medical helicopter late Sunday from the western province of Denizli, and was being treated for a pulmonary infection and bowel disorder. "My father was suffering from renal failure and underwent dialysis at regular intervals," his son Mustafa Veysi Guzel previously told Anadolu Agency. "A while ago he had a lung infection and was being treated. He felt unwell due to the infection and a bowel disorder." Born in southeastern Gaziantep, Guzel was elected in 1986 to Turkey's parliament from the Homeland Party (ANAP). He variously served as minister of state, education minister, and youth... **MORE DETAILS**

Turkey issues arrest warrants for 85 military personnel

KAYSERI - The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office in central Kayseri province issued arrest warrants for 85 military personnel on Tuesday as part of a probe into the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), according to a judicial source. Among the suspects were 37 serving soldiers; two others had been discharged

previously, two others retired while six others were former military students, the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity due to restrictions on talking to the media, said. A Kayseri-led operation to nab the suspects was underway in 18 different cities. FETO and its... **MORE DETAILS**



Ex-French President Sarkozy taken into police custody

By Hajer M'tiri

PARIS - Former President Nicolas Sarkozy was taken into police custody on Tuesday over alleged illegal financing of his 2007 presidential campaign, according to media reports. Sarkozy was currently being heard by the judicial police in Nanterre, where he was summoned as part

of an investigation into the possible illegal financing by the then Libyan regime of his 2007 presidential campaign, French daily le Monde reported. This is the first time Sarkozy is being heard in the probe that was launched five years ago. He can stay under police custody for up to 48 hours and could be presented afterwards... **MORE DETAILS**

Turkey, Free Syrian Army take complete control of Afrin



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AFRIN - Turkish soldiers distribute food to local residents in town center after Turkish Armed Forces and Free Syrian Army (FSA) took complete control of northwestern Syria's Afrin within the

"Operation Olive Branch" on March 20, 2018. "Afrin town center was completely taken control of at 8.30 a.m.," Erdogan said during his address at the ceremony of 103rd anniversary of Gallipoli

Campaign on March 18, 2018. Troops entered the town center from east, west and north sides. During the entrance, some mines placed by terrorists at entry points of the district exploded... **MORE DETAILS**