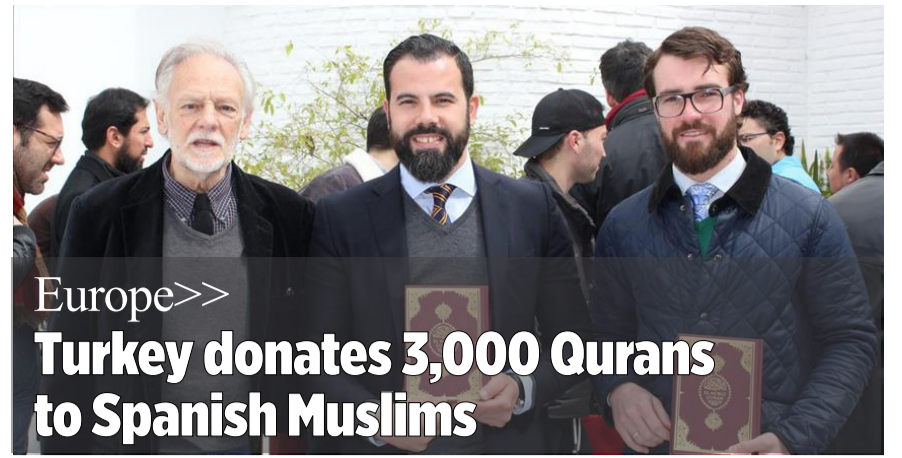




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Turkey: Police arrest 79 FETO terror suspects

Suspects are suspended teachers, according to security source



By Harun Kaymaz

BILECIK - Turkish police have arrested 79 suspects across Turkey over alleged links to the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), the group behind the 2016 defeated coup, security sources said Wednesday. In the western province of Bilecik, police arrested 12 suspects, said the sources, who asked not to be named due to restrictions on talking to the media.

The suspects, all suspended teachers, were taken into custody as part of a probe launched by Bilecik prosecutors, added the source. The Hakkari Governor's Office said in a statement that Turkish security forces launched anti-terror operations in nine provinces over suspected FETO links. The suspects are accused of using ByLock, an encrypted cellphone app used by coup-plotters. In Turkey's southern Adana province... [MORE DETAILS](#)



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Turkey to open new border gate to Afrin

New gate along Turkish-Syrian border set to open near Jinderes in southwestern Afrin, Syria

ANKARA - Turkey has decided to open a new border crossing to the northwestern Syrian city of Afrin to speed up the delivery of humanitarian aid there, sources close to the issue told Anadolu Agency on Wednesday. The decision was taken in a meeting at the Prime Ministry which discussed facilitating humanitarian aid delivery to

Afrin, said the sources, who asked not to be named due to restrictions on talking to the media. Turkey's Customs and Trade Ministry and the Hatay Governor's office in southern Turkey agreed to open the gate near the village of Hamam in Kumlu. The village is located near Jinderes, Afrin, which was liberated by Turkish... [MORE DETAILS](#)

River floodwaters deluge Edirne in NW Turkey



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EDIRNE - After topping the flood plain, a river in northwestern Turkey is deluging bridges, cars, and historic areas. Discharge from the Tunca River, located in the northwestern province of Edirne, jumped from 38 cubic meters per second

to 308 per second by within 24 hours, according to Turkey's State Waterworks Directorate. Floodwaters have stranded small vehicles trying to cross the historic bridges over both the Tunca and the Meric River, a tributary to the Meric.

Floodwaters partially submerged major historical areas of Edirne such as the Justice Pavilion (Adalet Kasri), the Balkan Martyrs' Cemetery, and Kirkpinar Contest Field, the site of wrestling tournaments. The bridges over the Meric... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkey to grant \$210M to rural development

By Diyar Guldogan

ANKARA - Turkey will grant a total of 841 million Turkish liras (\$210 million) to rural development, Food, Agriculture and Livestock Minister Ahmet Esref Fakibaba said on Wednesday. Fakibaba said in a written statement that the ministry had included a total of 2,723 projects in the program. He added the program ensured the protection of natural resources and environment, the increase of income levels in rural areas, agricultural production,

the enhancement of agricultural marketing and the strengthening of food security. Fakibaba said a total of 3.4 billion Turkish liras (\$851million) had been granted to rural development since 2006 and provided jobs for 68,000 people. "Without rural development, the country's development is not possible. In accordance with this understanding, our support to our producers and to the sector will increasingly continue to ensure our development in the rural area," he added. [MORE DETAILS](#)