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By Cansu Dikme, Sibel Ugurlu and Merve Aydogan

ANKARA - Turkey's president on Wednesday said Syria's territorial integrity depends on keeping all terror groups at bay. A tripartite summit on Syria was held in the capital Ankara with the participation of Turkish, Russian and Iranian presidents. In a joint news conference following the summit, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Turkey was fulfilling its responsibilities on de-escalation zones in Syria with necessary care. Speaking about the summit, Erdogan said the leaders discussed steps that will be taken in the coming... **MORE DETAILS**



'Turkey helped Russia foil terrorist attack'

By Elena Teslova

MOSCOW - Russian security service prevented a terrorist attack in Saint Petersburg thanks to Turkey's help, Federal Security Service Director Alexander Bortnikov said on Wednesday. A terrorist attack was

planned last year on the New Year eve in Saint Petersburg, Bortnikov said, speaking at a Moscow International Security Conference in Russian capital. Last year, the U.S. also warned Russia about impending terrorist attack in Saint Petersburg during New Year holiday... **MORE DETAILS**



EU, Turkey to discuss visa liberalization

By Muhammet Emin Avundukluoglu

ANKARA - Turkey's EU Affairs Minister Omer Celik on Wednesday said a delegation of the EU would visit Turkey this month to discuss visa liberalization for Turkish citizens. Speaking to lawmakers in parliament's foreign affairs committee, Celik said that they have already discussed the proposal of visa-free travel with European Commission's First Vice-President Frans Timmermans. "They will send a technical delegation [on visa liberalization] to Turkey this month," Celik said,

and added: "They will convey their views [on visa liberalization] to us." After a long time, Turkey-EU summit was held in the Bulgarian city of Varna on March 27. Regarding visa-free travel for Turkish nationals within the Schengen area, Ankara had submitted the necessary paperwork to the EU Commission in early February. In 2016, Turkey and the EU signed a deal aiming to stem the irregular migration flow through the Aegean Sea by taking stricter measures against human traffickers and improving conditions for nearly 3 million... **MORE DETAILS**

Israeli violence in Gaza 'unlawful, calculated'



'Israel did not present any evidence that Palestinians used firearms' during the March 30 Land Day demonstrations

By Safvan Allahverdi

WASHINGTON - The Israeli army's decision to use live ammunition against Palestinian protesters on the Israeli-

Gaza border last week was unlawful and calculated, Human Rights Watch (HRW) said in a report released Tuesday. "The high number of deaths and injuries was the foreseeable consequence of

granting soldiers leeway to use lethal force outside of life-threatening situations in violation of international norms," HRW said in the report. Eighteen Palestinians were... **MORE DETAILS**