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## Nearly 890 life sentences in 137 FETO cases

ANKARA - Nearly 890 convicts linked to the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) have been handed life sentences in more than 135 cases across Turkey since the July 2016 defeated coup, according to data compiled by Anadolu Agency. FETO and its U.S.-based

leader Fetullah Gulen orchestrated the defeated coup of July 15, 2016, which left 250 people martyred and some 2,200 injured. Turkey accuses FETO of being behind a long-running campaign to overthrow the state through the infiltration of Turkish institutions, particularly the... [MORE DETAILS](#)

By Cansu Dikme

ANKARA - Prime Minister Binali Yildirim on Friday called on Greece to regard Fetullah Terrorist Organization members as its own “enemy” just like its neighbor Turkey views the group. Yildirim’s remarks came after the recent Greek court’s decision to release a FETO-linked coup plotter. Speaking to reporters in capital Ankara, the premier said: “Greece is a neighbor and a friendly country to Turkey. We think that our enemy should also be seen as an enemy of Greece. “We believe Greece should behave in... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim



## Gazans brave to return tense Israel border

*Two martyred as Gazans converge on Israel border for fourth consecutive Friday*

By Nour Abu Aisha

GAZA CITY - At least two Palestinians were martyred -- and another 40 injured -- by Israeli army gunfire on Friday amid ongoing rallies on the Gaza Strip’s eastern border against Israel’s decades-long occupation. According to the Palestinian Health Ministry, Ahmed Rashad al-Athamna, 24, and Ahmed

Nabil Abu Aql, 25, were both killed by Israeli army cross-border gunfire. On Friday morning, thousands of Palestinians converged along the strip’s eastern border for the “Friday of Martyrs and Prisoners”. Demonstrators raised images of Palestinians who were recently killed while taking part in the rallies. The latest death brings to 37 the total number

of Palestinians martyred since the border rallies began on Mar. 30. According to the Health Ministry, some 3,000 others have been injured, many seriously. In a nod to Palestinian Prisoners Day, which Palestinians marked on Tuesday, protest organizers hung banners bearing the images of Palestinians languishing in Israeli prisons. Roughly 6,500 Palestinians are... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Actress Natalie Portman / Anadolu Agency Photo

## Portman boycotts Israel over Gaza violence

By Osama al-Ghassani

JERUSALEM - American actress Natalie Portman has turned down an invitation to attend a festival in Israel -- where she had been slated to receive an award -- to protest ongoing Israeli violence against Palestinians, Israeli media reported on Friday. According to Israeli daily Yedioth Ahronoth, Portman -- who holds dual U.S.-Israeli citizenship -- turned down the invitation as a means of protesting “recent events in Israel”. The actress had been slated to receive a prize... [MORE DETAILS](#)