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## New company launches up over 33 pct in April

*Nearly 8,500 new companies established in April, according to major business body*

ANKARA - The number of newly established companies in Turkey jumped 33.1 percent last month compared with April 2017, the Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) announced Friday. This April, 8,456 new companies were established, compared to 6,353 businesses starting in the same month last year, TOBB said in a report. According to the TOBB figures, the top three fields of operation among new companies were wholesale and retail trade, and construction... [MORE DETAILS](#)



## Kirkuk Turkmen on hunger strike over poll

ANKARA - Dozens of Turkmen in Iraq's Kirkuk province have declared a hunger strike to protest the initial results of Saturday's parliamentary election, which they say were "manipulated". Turkmen and Arabs in oil-rich Kirkuk say the recently announced poll results, especially those for Kirkuk and Erbil, were manipulated and demand a recount. "Fifty of our young people have declared an open-ended hunger strike," Murat Turkmen, the head of the Turkmen Youth... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## Turkish airstrikes destroy 12 PKK targets in N.Iraq

ANKARA - Turkish jets hit more than 10 PKK positions as part of anti-terror operations in northern Iraq, the Turkish army said on Friday. In a statement, the Turkish General Staff said 12 targets used by terrorists as shelters and weapons emplacements were destroyed in northern Iraq's Gara, Metina, Sinath-Haftanin and Hakurk regions in airstrikes carried out on Thursday and Friday. The PKK -- listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the U.S... [MORE DETAILS](#)

# Erdogan slams world for 'failure' in Jerusalem test

*Thousands gather at Istanbul's Yenikapi fairgrounds to support Palestinian people*



ANKARA - President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Friday slammed the whole world for failing to stand up to Israeli violence against unarmed Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip. Speaking at a mass rally in Istanbul's Yenikapi fairgrounds that was held to show support for Palestinians, Erdogan said: "The Islamic world failed in the Jerusalem test. Not only the Islamic world but the entire world failed in the Jerusalem test." The rally was launched under the theme "Condemning Oppression, Supporting al-Quds [Jerusalem]". A number of huge screen televisions were set up for the crowd to watch the platform from where Erdogan spoke. Aside from Erdogan, Parliament Speaker Ismail Kahraman, Prime Minister Binali Yildirim, Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) ... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## Turkey to respond to US over tariffs



ANKARA - Turkey will take measures against the U.S. over its decision to impose tariffs on Turkish steel and aluminum imports, according to Economy Ministry sources. Ankara will apply counter-measures on Washington through \$266.5 million in tariffs on the imports of U.S. coal, paper, walnuts/almonds, tobacco, unprocessed rice, whisky, automobiles, cosmetics, machinery and equipment, and petrochemical products, the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told Anadolu Agency on Friday. The sources added that the value of these imports totals some \$1.8 billion. In March, U.S. President Donald Trump imposed a 25 percent tariff on imported iron and steel, and a 10 percent tariff on aluminum. The sources said Turkey's move came... [MORE DETAILS](#)



## Turkey marks 1944 tragedy of Crimean Tatars