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## Turkish charities scramble around world

### Diyanet reaches out South African poor



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### 21 terrorists neutralized over last week



## External assets up in March

By Tuba Sahin

ANKARA - Turkey's assets abroad increased 1.1 percent from the end of 2017 to March 2018, the Turkish Central Bank reported Monday. "According to the International Investment Position (IIP) at the end of March 2018, external assets recorded \$230.5 billion indicating an increase of 1.1 percent compared to the end of 2017,"

the bank said. The country's liabilities against non-residents slipped 1.4 percent to \$674.2 billion. The net international investment position (NIIP) -- the gap between Turkey's assets abroad and liabilities -- reached to minus \$443.7 billion at the end of this March compared with minus \$455.4 billion at the end of 2017. The NIIP is the value of overseas assets

owned by a nation, minus the value of domestic assets owned by foreigners, including overseas assets and liabilities held by a nation's government, the private sector and its citizens. The reserve assets went up 2.4 percent to hit \$110.3 billion while other investment dropped 1.5 percent to \$75.8 billion during the same period. Currency and deposits of banks -- one of the sub-items of other... MORE DETAILS

## 5 mine-cleaners shot dead in Afghanistan



By Shadi Khan Saif

KABUL - Five Afghan de-miners working to clear a path for the multi-billion dollar Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India (TAPI) gas pipeline were killed in the restive Kandahar province, officials confirmed on Monday. -Zia Durrani, spokesman for the Afghan National Police (ANP) in the province, told Anadolu Agency the incident took place at around 10.00 am (0530GMT) in

the Maiwand district. He accused the Taliban of killing five de-miners and abducting another one. There has been no claim of responsibility for the attack. Notably, the Taliban had announced backing for the TAPI project. Local Tolo News reported the de-miners were associated with the Aims De-mining Company (AMDC), which has been operating in Afghanistan since 2010. The UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) has condemned... MORE DETAILS

Security forces carry out 1,388 counter-terrorism raids across Turkey on May 14-21, says Interior Ministry

ANKARA - A total of 21 terrorists were "neutralized" during counterterrorism operations across Turkey over the past week, the Interior Ministry said Monday. Turkish authorities often use the word "neutralized" in their statements to imply that the terrorists in question either surrendered or were

killed or captured. In its statement, the ministry said the Turkish Armed Forces carried out 1,388 counter-terrorism operations on May 14-21 with the assistance of land and air forces. The ministry said 11 of the terrorists were killed, eight others were captured, and two surrendered to authorities. During the operations, 190 people were arrested for allegedly aiding and abetting the PKK terrorist group and 35 others for their suspected links to the Daesh... MORE DETAILS

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