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Iranian human rights advocate and Nobel laureate Shirin Ebadi

## Iranian Nobel laureate urges trial of Myanmar leader

By Sena Guler

ANKARA - Iranian human rights advocate and Nobel laureate Shirin Ebadi on Thursday called for a trial in an international court for Myanmar's de facto leader and military generals. Ebadi said in a statement: "I wish that Aung San Suu Kyi, as the leader of the party in power, and the Myanmar

generals are tried in an international and impartial court for the accusations of committing genocide in Myanmar." "That is the message I will convey to a diverse gathering of French citizens and politicians, international lawyers and rights activists, as well as Rohingya refugees at the Assemblée Nationale (French Lower... [MORE DETAILS](#))

## Turkish envoy to US returns to Washington

ANKARA - Turkey's Ambassador to the U.S. Serdar Kilic, who was recalled in Ankara earlier this month for consultations, has left for the U.S. capital on Thursday, according to a diplomatic source. On May 14, Turkey recalled

envoys in Washington as well as Tel Aviv for consultations after the U.S. moved its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.. The Turkish ambassador will be resuming his duties in Washington ahead of a meeting between... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## Israel approves 1,500 new W. Bank settlement units

600,000 Israelis now live on 100 Jewish-only settlements built across West Bank, East Jerusalem



JERUSALEM - The Israeli authorities late Wednesday approved construction of hundreds of new settlement units in the West Bank, Israeli media has reported. According to the Walla news website, Israel's Supreme Planning Council on Wednesday approved the construction of 1,500 new housing units throughout the Israeli-occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem. It went on to report that 1,000 of the new housing units would be built in the Tana, Omrim, Carmel, Ali Zahav, Tzofim, Talmon, Neve Daniel and Kiryat Araba settlements. The remaining 500... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## 'EU and Turkey need each other'

By Ayhan Simsek

BERLIN - The Turkish foreign minister slammed Western countries for failing to show solidarity over 2016 defeated coup attempt, but also reaffirmed Ankara's willingness to normalize its relations with European capitals as equal partners. "Turkey needs the European Union and the European Union needs Turkey. We are aware of this, but some European countries, unfortunately, don't see the facts," Mevlut Cavusoglu said in an exclusive interview with Germany's international broadcaster DW, which was aired on Wednesday. He criticized several EU member states, without naming them, for raising political obstacles to block Turkey's

EU membership process, despite major reform efforts by Ankara. "Only a few countries in the European Union are actually against Turkey's EU membership. A big majority of the member states actually are in favor of Turkish EU membership," he stressed. Ties between Turkey and its European partners have been strained since the defeated coup in Turkey in 2016, as Turkish politicians heavily criticized Europeans for failing to show solidarity with the Turkish government against the defeated military takeover. Cavusoglu said, he was frustrated by the attitude of some of his Western colleagues on the night of the defeated coup attempt. "Many ministers that night actually questioned me." [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkish foreign minister Mevlut Cavusoglu / Anadolu Agency Photo

## Kenya floods, food shortage cast pall over Ramadan



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## How will US withdrawal from nuclear deal affect Iran?

By Selim Celal

ISTANBUL - On May 8, 2018, the U.S. withdrew from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), which had been signed in 2015 between Iran and P5+1 group of world powers -- the U.S., the UK, France, China, Russia, and Germany. According to the pact, the Islamic

Republic agreed to freeze its nuclear activities till 2031 in exchange of a partial removal of international sanctions imposed on this country over its nuclear programs. Right from the very beginning, the JCPOA had its proponents and opponents. In the U.S. most of the Republicans were against the deal... [MORE DETAILS](#)