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'Turkish car will be capable to compete'



Country's first indigenous car is based on requirements of times, project's CEO says

By Bahattin Gonultas

ANKARA - Turkey's Automobile Initiative Group targets to create a brand which will be capable to compete in the global scale, the group's CEO said. "Our mission is to realize the automobile project with a qualified team of specialists," Mehmet Gurcan Karakas told Anadolu Agency. Karakas said that he has analyzed the financial and technical aspects of

indigenous car project. "It was interesting that the project is a technology transformation project based on the requirements of the times," he underlined. Karakas noted that they put into final form the project after he started to work with his team on the first of September. The project's partner firms -- Anadolu Group, BMC, Kok Group, Turkcell, and Zorlu Holding -- have appointed Karakas as the group's CEO on Saturday.

As a successful Turkish manager in the global automotive market, Karakas was one of the top global executives in technology giant Bosch, previously. "The indigenous car project's shareholders' trust, commitment, and adaptation impressed me," Karakas said. Beside the five partners, the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) has five percent of shares. The project's partners were... [MORE DETAILS](#)

25 killed in Guatemala volcanic eruption

ANKARA - At least 25 people were killed and hundreds others injured when the Fuego Volcano, located 40 kilometers (25 miles) off the capital Guatemala City, erupted on Monday. According to a BBC report,

the volcanic eruption swept ashes, rocks and black smoke into the sky. The National Disaster Management Agency (CONRED) said a river of lava had destroyed houses and burnt people... [MORE DETAILS](#)



'Qandil operation, a matter of time'



Interior Minister Soylu spoke at Anadolu Agency's Editors' Desk

By Sarp Ozer and S. Ahmet Aytac

ANKARA - Turkish policies have been made clearer so that nobody points fingers at us from beyond the ocean, Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu said on Monday. Soylu made the remarks while speaking at the Anadolu Agency's Editors' Desk. He also spoke about the municipalities in eastern Turkey, which were handed over to trustees via Interior Ministry in the past year. "Their 650 million Turkish lira (\$140 million) debt has been paid. Those municipalities have invested over 4 billion liras (near \$1 billion) in the region."

Soylu underlined that fight against illegal drugs continued. "As of June 3, 2018, we arrested 9,484 people from drug related crimes this year," he said. "We make our security forces stronger year by year. Since beginning of 2017 we hired 45,650 police officers. Until the end of this year we will hire 16,500 more. As of 2016 we had 3,500 neighborhood wardens in total. Now that figure rose up to 18,500. We plan to hire 10,000 more in near future." Soylu also made remarks about the counterterror operations in northern Iraq's Qandil and Hakurk regions. "Qandil is not faraway target for us anymore. [MORE DETAILS](#)

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20 arrested in Turkey anti-drug operations

MALATYA - At least 20 people have been arrested during anti-drug operations in central Malatya province and Istanbul, security sources said on Monday. Security forces conducted operations at 24 locations

in Malatya and Istanbul, the source, who asked not to be named due to restrictions on talking to the media, said. Police also seized 562 drug pills and 2,000 other pills as well as some... [MORE DETAILS](#)

