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'Terrorists to be disarmed under deal on Manbij'



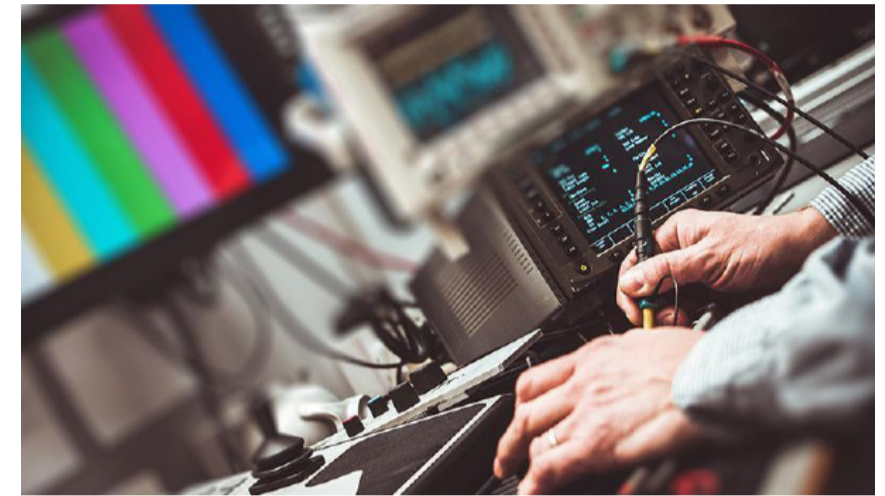
Turkish foreign minister Mevlut Cavusoglu

Turkish FM Cavusoglu says once Manbij model completed, similar model to be applied to other areas of Syria occupied by YPG

By Merve Aydogan

ANKARA - Turkish foreign minister said Tuesday YPG/PKK terrorists will be disarmed under a roadmap drawn up by Turkey and the U.S. to rid Manbij, Syria, of the terror group. The roadmap on Manbij was announced after a meeting between Mevlut Cavusoglu and his U.S. counterpart Mike Pompeo on Monday. The deal focuses on the

withdrawal of the PKK-affiliated YPG terror group from the northern Syrian city and regional stability in the region. "Once [the implementation of] Manbij model is completed, a similar model to be applied to other areas of Syria occupied by the terrorist YPG," Cavusoglu told reporters in the southern Antalya province. The Turkish minister said the roadmap was... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkey boasts 900 R&D centers

By Mehtap Yilmaz

ANKARA - The number of research and development (R&D) centers in Turkey has reached 900, the country's science, industry, and technology minister said Tuesday.

The 900th R&D center, established by Vektor Technology in Istanbul, employs 17 R&D personnel to develop projects for transportation technologies such as vehicle tracking, rota planning, and cruise reporting systems... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Israeli forces arrest worshipers 12 in Al-Aqsa

JERUSALEM - Israeli forces on Tuesday detained 12 Palestinian worshipers from inside the Al-Aqsa mosque courtyards in East Jerusalem, according to a Palestinian official. "Dozens of Israeli police officers stormed the compound and arrested 12 Palestinians while reading the Holy Quran in the mosque courtyards," Firas al-Dibs, a spokesman for the Jerusalem Islamic Waqf, told

Anadolu Agency. No details were available why the 12 Palestinians were arrested. Meanwhile, some 53 Jewish settlers forced their way into the flashpoint site since morning, according to al-Dibs. "The number of the settlers storming the mosque is expected to increase," he said. For Muslims, Al-Aqsa represents the... [MORE DETAILS](#)



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Jordan protests still on despite PM resignation

By Laith Joneidi and Afra Aksoy

AMMAN - Jordanians continued to gather to protest a controversial income tax bill Tuesday, despite the prime minister's resignation a day earlier. Hundreds of demonstrators gathered around the Prime Ministry building in the capital Amman and wanted to approach the government

offices. They were blocked by police, however, and chanted against the government. Jordanian Prime Minister Hani al-Mulki on Monday tendered his resignation to King Abdullah II following recent protests in the country. King Abdullah accepted the resignation and appointed Education Minister... [MORE DETAILS](#)



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112 dead in Tunisia migrant shipwreck

By Fatih Erel

GENEVA - At least 112 migrants were killed after a boat with migrants capsized off Tunisia's coast Sunday, UN migration agency, IOM said on Tuesday.

Tunisian authorities rescued 68 survivors and recovered 60 bodies during a search and rescue operation which is still underway, IOM said

in a statement on Tuesday. According to Lorena Lando, IOM Chief of Mission in Tunisia, 68 survivors include 60 Tunisians, 2 Moroccans, 1 Libyan, 1 Malian, 1 Cameroonian and 3 Ivorians.

33,192 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea so far in 2018, comparing with 72,158 arrivals across the region through... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Police seize over 140 kilograms of heroin

VAN - Turkish narcotic police impounded 141.7 kilograms (312.3 pounds) of heroin in an operation in the eastern province of Van on Tuesday. Police sources told Anadolu Agency the illegal drug in 140 packages was found in a passenger bus. Three suspects... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Drought-weary Mauritians head to city for iftar



NOUAKCHOTT - Mauritians from drought-hit rural areas are heading into the capital Nouakchott to break their Ramadan fasts at tents set up by charity organizations. Mauritania was hit by a severe drought this year, causing a very serious food and nutrition insecurity situation, the worst that the country has seen in the last five years. According to estimates, around 14 percent of the country's population are in severe food insecurity, raising fears of a food crisis in... [MORE DETAILS](#)