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Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim and Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov

## 'Turkish army to remain in N. Iraq until mission ends'

*Iran backs Turkey's anti-terror operations in northern Iraq including Qandil region, says Turkish defense minister*

By Nilay Kar Onum

ANKARA - Turkish armed forces will remain in northern Iraq until the terrorists are cleared from the region, Turkey's defense minister said on Tuesday. Speaking at Anadolu Agency's Editor's Desk in the capital Ankara, Nurettin Canikli said: "Turkish armed forces will remain in [northern Iraq] with all means until the mission completes." He also said that Iran has expressed "very clearly" their support to Turkey's anti-terror

operations targeting all the terror elements in northern Iraq, including Qandil region. Canikli noted that more than 500 terrorists have been neutralized in northern Iraq since the beginning of 2018. He emphasized that the army has been carrying out the operation without harming any country's territorial integrity. Turkey has launched anti-terror operations in both Qandil and Sinjar regions in northern Iraq, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Monday. **MORE DETAILS**



Turkey's defense minister Nurettin Canikli

## New train line to connect Turkey, Europe

IZMIR - Premier Binali Yildirim said Tuesday Turkey will begin building its part of a new high speed train project that will be part of the Trans-European transportation corridor. Speaking at a joint news conference with his Bulgarian counterpart Boyko Borisov in western Izmir

province, Yildirim said: "We are starting the new high speed train project in a few months, which is Turkey's part of the Trans-European transportation corridor." He said the new train line will be 233 kilometers (145 miles) long, which would go all the way from Istanbul to western Edirne. **MORE DETAILS**

## Turkey needs 'sectoral transformation'



Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister Mehmet Simsek

By Diyar Guldogan

ANKARA - Turkey needs "deep-rooted, sectoral transformation" in the economy for sustainable growth, Deputy Prime Minister Mehmet Simsek said on Tuesday. "A sustainable high growth [rate], comprehensiveness of this growth, and fair income distribution are essential. We need to provide more deep-rooted, sectoral

transformation to achieve a sustainable growth of over seven percent, which calls for limiting the side effects i.e. current account gap, inflation," Simsek told Fox TV. Simsek's remarks came a day after the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) revealed that the country's economy expanded by 7.4 percent in the first quarter of this year compared with the same period last year. **MORE DETAILS**



Austrian Prime Minister Sebastian Kurz

## President vows new houses will spur reading

By Sena Guler

ANKARA - Last week Turkey's president presented a proposal to help ignite the habit of reading in the nation's youth. Campaigning for reelection on Thursday, Recep Tayyip Erdogan vowed to set up public kiraathanes -- reading houses -- in all cities, with

both books and treats on offer. "We'll build the 'Nation's Kiraathanes'... These places will be filled with books and there will be cake, tea, and coffee [served]," he told a rally in the southern Hatay province. He said people young and old alike would go there to read books and enjoy... **MORE DETAILS**

## Trump, Kim sign denuclearization deal



*US, North Korea hold first ever summit in Singapore*

By Alex Jensen

SEOUL - U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday insisted that North Korea's denuclearization process will start "very quickly," as the pair wrapped up an unprecedented meeting on Singapore Sentosa Island. The two leaders signed what was described as a "comprehensive" deal in front of international camera crews. The American president was full of praise for his "very smart" North Korean counterpart, describing their "very special bond" and

a total shift in Washington's relationship with Pyongyang. North Korea has repeatedly threatened to attack the U.S., after decades of hostility and suspicion since the 1950-53 Korean War closed with a ceasefire. Trump increasingly hit back with his own rhetoric since taking office last year. But Kim told reporters at the Capella Hotel that they have chosen to "leave the past behind." Trump also confirmed he would invite the North's leader to the White House. The deal... **MORE DETAILS**

## 'Documents enough for extradition of FETO head'

By Murat Paksoy, Adem Demir

ISTANBUL - The leader of Turkey's main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) said Monday that Ankara had sent enough documents to Washington for the extradition of the U.S.-based leader of the Fetullah Terrorist Organization who masterminded the deadly 2016 coup attempt.

In a live interview on private broadcaster Kanal D in Istanbul, Kemal Kilicdaroglu said the documents Turkey sent to U.S. authorities regarding Fetullah Gulen's extradition are enough to take legal action. His statements came after a four-person CHP delegation visited Turkey's Justice Ministry to examine the documents submitted against Gulen. **MORE DETAILS**