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‘Turkish patrols in Manbij give hope’

Security is leading problem in Manbij, and YPG terrorist group is same as Syrian regime soldiers, says Ibrahim Alhaji

HATAT - Turkish soldiers patrolling in Manbij are giving locals hope that they can go back home, according to a prominent longtime resident of the northeastern Syria city. Ibrahim Alhaji, who served a decade as an undersecretary at Syria's Justice Ministry after 12 years as a judge and prosecutor in Manbij, took refuge in Turkey after Daesh occupied Manbij. "Turkish troops patrolling Manbij will make positive contributions to people in the region," Alhaji told Anadolu Agency on Tuesday.

For the last five years Alhaji and his six children have taken refuge in Reyhanli in Turkey's southern province of Hatay. "Security is the leading problem in Manbij. The YPG terrorist organization in Manbij is the same as the Syrian regime soldiers. Only their clothes are different," Alhaji said. "Most of the population in Manbij are Arabs. There's no difference between us and Turkey. Our culture and religion are common. We live our lives in peace and security in Turkey. "If security is provided in

Manbij, people who fled their land due to the oppression of the YPG terrorist organization and the Daesh terrorist group will return to their homes. "Daesh executed six people close to me in Manbij, and 10 others were killed by the regime in various places in Syria," he said. The Turkish army on Monday announced the start of patrols in Manbij by both countries' troops in line with a previously agreed roadmap for eliminating terrorists and stabilizing the area. In a tweet... [MORE DETAILS](#)



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Arrest warrants out for 124 FETO-tied suspects

KONYA - Turkish prosecutors on Tuesday issued arrest warrants for 124 people over their suspected links to the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), the terror group behind the 2016 defeated coup in Turkey. The suspects are alleged "covert imams" of the terror group in the Turkish Armed Forces, according to judicial sources in

the central Konya province, speaking on condition of anonymity due to restrictions on speaking to the media. The suspects are being sought in simultaneous raids across 31 provinces, the statement said, adding that the operations are ongoing. FETO and its U.S.-based leader Fetullah

Gulen orchestrated the defeated coup on July 15, 2016 which left 250 people martyred and nearly 2,200 injured. Ankara also accuses FETO of being behind a long-running campaign to overthrow the state through the infiltration of Turkish institutions, particularly the military, police, and judiciary. [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Bekir Bozdag

Record 68.5M people displaced worldwide



Global tide of forcibly displaced people rose 2.9M last year; Turkey hosts largest refugee population, most Syrians

By Fatih Erel

GENEVA - The world's forcibly displaced population rose 2.9 million last year, with a record high 68.5 million people forcibly displaced as a result of persecution, conflict, or violence, said a

new UN report on Tuesday. According to the report by the UNHCR, the UN refugee agency, an estimated 16.2 million people were newly displaced last year. Worldwide there are now some 25.4million refugees, 40 million

internally displaced people, and 3.1 million asylum-seekers, the report said. "Significant new displacement, affecting millions of people, was seen in particular from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Myanmar as well as continuing displacement... [MORE DETAILS](#)

3-month timetable for Manbij deal

YOZGAT - Turkey and the U.S. have set a three-month timetable to complete the tasks agreed in a deal on Syria's Manbij, Turkish government spokesman said Tuesday. "We have a 90 days' timetable. [It schedules] what will be done within a week, in two weeks, in a month, and so on," Bekir Bozdag told reporters in the central Yozgat province. The Manbij deal focuses on the withdrawal of the PKK-

affiliated YPG terror group from the northern Syrian city and stability in the region. The agreement was first announced after a meeting in Washington earlier in June between Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu and U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. "A timetable is set, and as part of that timetable, tasks have begun to be done step by step," Bozdag said, referring to the start of joint patrol activity in Manbij by Turkish... [MORE DETAILS](#)

PKK terrorists martyr two Turkish soldiers

SIRNAK - Two Turkish soldiers were martyred and three others injured in two bomb attacks by PKK terrorists in the southeastern province of Sirnak, security sources said on Tuesday. The sources, who asked not to be named due to restrictions on speaking to the media, said PKK terrorists detonated roadside bombs targeting Turkish

troops conducting search operations along a road in the Mt. Gabar region. One soldier was martyred and two others were injured in the attack. In operations following the first attack, the terror group detonated another roadside IED, martyring one soldier and leaving another injured. The injured soldiers were dispatched to... [MORE DETAILS](#)