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# SE Turkey enjoying peace, safety as PKK vanishes

*Villagers in southeastern Siirt province say they are living in peaceful times*

By Fecri Barlik

SIIRT - Rural and mountainous areas of southeastern Siirt province are echoing with folk songs of poignant-voiced shepherds instead of the sound of guns. Locals in the area say they are happy to live without terror and of being able to move freely in the region. The 1565-level Danila Passage zone, where terrorists roamed, has become a place of peace after a series of counter-terrorism operations. Stockbreeders are now in the mountains and highlands. They enjoy fresh air and natural beauty of the area. Shepherds can... [MORE DETAILS](#)



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## ‘Anadolu Agency never misleads’

ANKARA - Anadolu Agency never manipulates election results, Deputy Premier Bekir Bozdag said on Friday. Bozdag’s remarks came after Anadolu Agency’s distribution of election broadcast tests was wrongly termed as a perception operation. “They are slandering Anadolu Agency and they will have to give an account of their defamations to the judiciary,” Bozdag told reporters in central Yozgat province. He said Anadolu Agency has never misled Turkish people about any elections or any other issue, adding that the agency carries out its responsibilities honestly. Anadolu Agency on Thursday said it was being subjected to... [MORE DETAILS](#)



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## 14 Daesh suspects arrested in Ankara

ANKARA - Fourteen people were arrested in Turkey’s capital Friday for suspected links to the Daesh terror group, according to a security source. Counter-terrorism squads carried out simultaneous raids at several addresses

and apprehended the suspects, who were allegedly plotting a terror attack ahead of presidential and parliamentary elections Sunday, said the source, who asked not to be named due to restrictions on speaking to the media. [MORE DETAILS](#)

## New Istanbul airport ‘trademark project’

ANKARA - Istanbul’s new mega airport is a “trademark project” of Turkey, Minister of Transportation, Maritime Affairs and Communications Ahmet Arslan said Friday. Talking to Anadolu Agency’s Editors Desk in capital Ankara, Arslan said: “It is a prestigious project. It is true. At the same time it is a trademark project of Turkey.

At the same time, it is a project that will contribute both to Turkey’s employment and economy.” Arslan’s remarks came a day after President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s aircraft made the first ever landing at Istanbul’s new colossal airport, which is expected to formally open to air traffic on Oct. 29. The minister said... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## Turkey vows to clear ‘Qandil swamp’

By Meltem Bulur

ANKARA - Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu on Friday said Turkey must clear the Qandil swamp for good in order to live in peace. “If we want to live in peace in our country we must clear off Qandil swamp for good and we must succeed,” Mevlut Cavusoglu told state-run TRT news channel. “Our security forces are

continuing their successful counterterrorism operations against terrorists in mountains and in their caves,” he said. Referring to the terror group PKK and its Iranian version PJAK, he said they were also a threat to Iran and the Iranian side knows that as well. The PKK is listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey as well as... [MORE DETAILS](#)



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