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Fresh faces take up Turkey's economic administration

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announces new Cabinet

By Gokhan Ergocun

ANKARA - Turkey's new economy administration was announced by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan late on Monday. The Cabinet reshuffle saw economy-related ministries cut to nearly half. The new management model has three pillars; production, finance and trade, with a focus on growth and clarity. Ruhsar Pekcan, one of two women ministers in the new Cabinet, was chosen to lead the Trade Ministry, a combination of the former Customs and Economy ministries. **MORE DETAILS**



Turkish Justice minister Abdulhamit Gul

Justice minister vows to ensure fairness, trust

ANKARA - Turkey's Justice Minister Abdulhamit Gul, who retained his portfolio in the new government, pledged on Tuesday to ensure a fair and trustworthy justice system. Speaking to Anadolu Agency, Gul said: "As the government, we will establish a justice system ensuring trust, this is our fundamental

approach." He added that any malfunctions in the system will be eliminated through yet-to-be-established mechanisms. "Our people in Izmir's Kordon, in Diyarbakir's Sur or Samsun or Antalya will all experience this feeling. We are trying to create the feeling that Turkey... **MORE DETAILS**



General Yasar Guler

Gen. Guler appointed as Chief of Staff

ANKARA - Turkish Land Forces Commander Gen. Yasar Guler was appointed Chief of General Staff under a new presidential decree published in the official gazette early Tuesday. Chief of General Staff Gen. Hulusi Akar was appointed as Minister of National Defense with the same decree, which was announced by President

Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Monday. The decree also included the names of the newly appointed deputy president and ministers following Erdogan's announcement of the new Cabinet. Deputy Chief of General Staff Gen. Umit Dunder was named as the new Commander... **MORE DETAILS**

Bosnia to bid farewell to 35 more Srebrenica victims

By Talha Ozturk

SARAJEVO - As many as 35 more identified victims of the Srebrenica genocide will be buried on Wednesday to mark the 23rd anniversary of Europe's worst genocide since World War II. The victims' bodies were exhumed from mass graves in eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina's village of Potocari, six kilometers (four miles) northwest of the city

of Srebrenica, the Missing Persons Institute (MPI) of Bosnia and Herzegovina said in a statement. The MPI is an independent state-level institution whose mandate is to search for missing persons from the armed conflict relevant to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region. The statement said that no more than 35 victims were identified for this year's anniversary. **MORE DETAILS**

President to make top military appointments

ANKARA - President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will make changes in the top brass of the military, according to a new presidential decree published in the official gazette early Tuesday. Under the new decree, the president will decide on the promotion of top officers, including colonels, brigadier generals, rear admirals, generals and admirals, in the Turkish Armed Forces (TSK). The appointment of military officers will be made on Victory Day, Aug. 30, every year but this date may also be changed by the president.

The service period for the chief of staff will be four years. The country officially switched to a new presidential system of government on Monday. Erdogan's re-election in the June 24 polls marked Turkey's transition to an executive presidential system of government, doing away with the prime minister's post, among other changes. Erdogan won an absolute majority in the presidential election with 52.5 percent of the vote, according to Turkey's Supreme Election Council (YSK). **MORE DETAILS**

2nd humanitarian flotilla sets out from Gaza



Anadolu Agency Photo

By Nour Abu Aisha

GAZA CITY - A second humanitarian flotilla set out from the Gaza Strip on Tuesday in hopes of breaking an 11-year Israeli blockade on the coastal enclave, a Palestinian NGO said.

"Gaza has proved to the whole world that it does not accept submission despite the continuous blockade," Hani al-Thawabtah, a member of Gaza's National Committee for Breaking the Siege, told a press conference in Gaza City.

Eleven Palestinians are participating in the "Freedom Boat 2" flotilla, including those who had been injured in peaceful protests by Israeli army fire, medical patients and university students. "Latest Israeli procedures of tightening up the blockade on Gaza... **MORE DETAILS**