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1st S-400 delivery to Turkey in 2019

Turkey's purchase of Russian S-400s should no longer be questioned, says Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu



By Yusuf Hatip

BRUSSELS - Turkey's foreign minister on Wednesday said Turkey will take first delivery of the Russian S-400 missile system by late 2019. "The first batteries will be delivered towards the end of the next year," Mevlut Cavusoglu told reporters in Brussels, where he is attending a NATO meeting.

Cavusoglu said that besides the U.S., some other NATO member states have also questioned the purchase, but that this must end. "We can understand the technical part. For example, it is normal for them to ask whether the S-400 recognizes NATO, NATO systems or allies as an enemy. We are also sensitive to this issue," he said. [MORE DETAILS](#)



German neo-Nazi Beate Zschaepe gets life for murders

By Ayhan Simsek

MUNICH - A German court sentenced neo-Nazi Beate Zschaepe to life in prison Wednesday for the terrorist group NSU's murders and bomb attacks targeting Turkish immigrants. At Munich's Higher Regional Court, Presiding Judge Manfred Goetzl said

Zschaepe was guilty of membership in a terrorist group and complicity in 10 murders and two bomb attacks committed by the neo-Nazi group. Goetzl ruled out any parole before she serves 15 years -- the average life term in Germany -- stressing the "exceptional severity of the crimes" ... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Erdogan honors victims of Srebrenica genocide



'We will struggle together to prevent such crimes against humanity from recurring,' says Recep Tayyip Erdogan

By Cansu Dikme

ANKARA - Marking the 23rd anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, Turkey's president on Wednesday vowed joint efforts to prevent further crimes against humanity. "I wish God's mercy on our Bosnian brothers who were martyred in the

Srebrenica Holocaust, which happened 23 years ago before Europe's eyes, and I saw as one of the most shameful incidents in history," Recep Tayyip Erdogan wrote on his official Twitter account. "We will struggle together to prevent such crimes against humanity from recurring," he added.

Failure of 'safe area' More than 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys were killed when Bosnian Serb forces attacked the UN "safe area" of Srebrenica in July 1995, despite the presence of Dutch troops tasked with acting as international peacekeepers. Srebrenica was besieged by Serb forces who were trying to wrest... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Police arrest televangelist Adnan Oktar

ISTANBUL - Istanbul police arrested a controversial televangelist early Wednesday and are also seeking the arrest of 235 of people suspected of links to his "gang." Adnan Oktar, also known as Harun Yahya, was on the police Financial Crime Division's most wanted list, said security sources, who asked not to be named due

to restrictions on speaking to the media. The police said Oktar was caught while preparing to flee. Oktar's gang has been accused of crimes including establishing a criminal organization, child sexual abuse, sexual intercourse with a minor, kidnapping, violating tax law... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Mining executives sentenced over 2014 Soma disaster

MANISA - Two mining company executives were convicted on Wednesday in the trial of Turkey's deadliest mining disaster, which claimed the lives of 301 people in May 2014 in the western town of Soma. Out of 51 defendants on trial, Soma Holding CEO Can Gurkan was sentenced to 15 years and general manager Ramazan Dogru was

sentenced to over 22 years, both on murder charges. Manager Akin Celik and technical supervisor Ertan Ersoy each got nearly 10 years, while technical manager Ismail Adali got over 22 years in prison on the same charges. Following the sentencing, there were protests by the families of the victims. The mine had... [MORE DETAILS](#)