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# Unemployment falls in April

*Unemployment rate in April records annual decline of 0.9 percentage points, according to TurkStat*

By Muhammed Ali Gurtas

ANKARA - Turkey's unemployment rate fell to 9.6 percent in April, dropping 0.9 percentage points year-on-year, the country's statistical authority announced on Monday. TurkStat said the number of unemployed persons aged 15 years and over declined by some 200,000 on a yearly basis, amounting to 3.08 million in

April. "In the same period, non-agricultural unemployment rate occurred as 11.4 percent with one percentage point decrease," the institute said. "While youth unemployment rate, including persons aged 15-24 was 16.9 percent with 2.9 percentage point decrease, the unemployment rate for persons aged 15-64 occurred as 9.8 percent with 0.9 percentage point

decrease," it added. TurkStat noted that the number of employed people rose by some 850,000 to around 29 million over the same period, taking the employment rate to 47.9 percent with a 0.7-percentage point annual increase. "According to the distribution of employment by sector; 18.3 percent was employed in agriculture, 19.5 percent was in industry, 7.4 percent... **MORE DETAILS**



## Turkish citizen arrested in Israel arrives in Istanbul

ISTANBUL - Turkish citizen Ebru Ozkan, who was arrested in Israel on June 11, arrived in Turkey early Monday. Turkish Airlines flight carrying Ebru Ozkan landed in Istanbul on Monday, 00.10 a.m. local time (GMT2110). Ozkan told reporters at the airport that she was glad her arrest came to end. "Thank God it is over. I am in

my country, I am at peace," Ozkan said. She also said she was aware of the support shown in Turkey while she was under arrest. "I would like to thank our President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, he was kind enough to be very interested in my case," she added. Earlier, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan called... **MORE DETAILS**



Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu

**Reports of PYD/YPG withdrawal from Manbij dismissed**



By Sena Guler

ANKARA - A Turkish Foreign Ministry official on Monday dismissed a news report claiming complete withdrawal of PYD/YPG terrorist organization from Syria's northeastern Manbij city. "We find it exaggerated the news claiming PYD/YPG has fully withdrawn from Manbij," said the official, who asked not to be named due to restrictions on speaking to the media. The official said the process is ongoing, referring to patrols conducted in the region by Turkish and the U.S. troops separately, which started on June 18. A deal was reached between Ankara and Washington in early June, which focused on the withdrawal of the YPG terror group from the city in order to stabilize the region. The PYD/YPG is the Syrian branch of the PKK terror group, which has waged a campaign against Turkey for over a decade resulting in the death of 40,000 people, including women and children. "Withdrawal from the control zones on the patrol route is ongoing," the Foreign Ministry official said, adding that the preparations for joint patrol continued. "So, the news saying that the PYD/YPG has fully withdrawn from the region doesn't... **MORE DETAILS**



## Anadolu Agency shoots aerial footage of FETO camp in US

By Ertugrul Cingil and Muhammed Bilal Kenasari

WASHINGTON - Anadolu Agency on Sunday captured aerial footage of the camp where Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) leader Fetullah Gulen lives in Pennsylvania's Saylorsburg village in the U.S. Anadolu Agency flew above the quiet compound where the terror leader has resided since 1999 and took photos and video of the camp out of a helicopter. Sunday marked the second anniversary of a deadly coup attempt staged by FETO in Turkey on July 15, 2016, which left 251 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. Several FETO members, who were wandering inside the camp, were spotted hiding their faces with newspapers while Anadolu Agency was filming the area. The area is home to one main building where Gulen meets the members of the organization and nine separate residences. The entrance, strengthened with security surveillance, greets members with a signboard Golden Generation Chestnut Camp Retreat Center written on it. Those who want to take photo and video of the camp get warned by security officers. A group of Turks in the U.S. on Sunday... **MORE DETAILS**

## Over 100 FETO members brought back to Turkey

By Dildar Baykan

ANKARA - More than 100 members of Fetullah Terrorist Organization, the group behind the July 15, 2016 defeated coup, have been brought back to Turkey, the country's Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said. "We have been watching these traitors for two years and have brought the leading figures of FETO to our

country. Some of these were covered by press while some others weren't at the request of some countries. I could frankly say that more than 100 of FETO affiliates have been brought to Turkey," Cavusoglu said in an interview with the CNN Turk on Sunday evening. On Sunday, Turkey marked the second anniversary of the defeated coup, orchestrated by the FETO... **MORE DETAILS**

## 'End of emergency rule not to deter anti-terror fight'

ISTANBUL - Turkey's state of emergency enforced in the wake of the defeated 2016 coup attempt will be lifted in a few days, but the struggle against terrorism will continue, Justice Minister Abdulhamit Gul said on Monday. Speaking at the International Struggle Against Coup and 15 July Symposium, Gul said: "The state of emergency will end, but the most persistent and most determined fight against all kinds of terrorism, especially the Fetullah



Turkey's Justice Minister Abdulhamit Gul

Terrorist Organisation [FETO], will continue till the end." Gul thanked all those who are making efforts for the cause of democracy... **MORE DETAILS**