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Germany admits intelligence contacts with FETO

Merkel's government confirms its talks with FETO-affiliated groups, but declines to give any detail about their content



BERLIN - The German government has confirmed that its intelligence organizations were primarily responsible for contacts with groups affiliated with terrorist FETO, but declined to give any detail about ongoing talks with the group, arguing that it could harm

activities of its intelligence organizations. The U.S.-based Fetullah Gulen's shadowy group FETO is classified as a terrorist organization by Turkey, for carrying a long secretive campaign to infiltrate state institutions and orchestrating the foiled coup

attempt in 2016, which left 251 people martyred and nearly 2,200 injured. But in Germany, which is home to more than 3 million Turkish immigrants, the group continues their activities without any hindrance through associations... [MORE DETAILS](#)



31 get aggravated life terms over coup bid

ANKARA - A total of 31 people including Sadik Koroglu, former Gen. of Gendarmerie Schools Command, were convicted on Tuesday over incidents of the July 2016

defeated coup, plotted by Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO). The Heavy Penalty Court No: 20 in capital Ankara sentenced 31 FETO suspects to aggravated... [MORE DETAILS](#)

'It is time for Turkey to leap forward'

By Gokhan Ergocun

ANKARA - Turkey's Industry and Technology Ministry will support research and development (R&D) and investments, the minister said. Turkey will also implement policies to reduce the country's current deficit, said Industry and Technology Minister

Mustafa Varank. "It is time for Turkey to leap forward, and it can come true through an economy that produces technology, uses this technology in its industry and makes the digital transformation in the industry," Mustafa Varank stressed in a press release issued by the ministry on Tuesday. [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkey's industrial production up 6.4 pct in May



ANKARA - Turkey's industrial production surged 6.4 percent in May, compared with the same month last year, the statistical authority TurkStat announced on Tuesday. Among all manufacturing indices, the highest increase year-on-year was recorded in high technology products with a 12.2-percent hike, official data

showed. On a monthly basis, the country's total industrial output fell 1.6 percent in May, compared with April, the institute noted. The institute noted that the highest annual increase was seen in the electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply index -- up 12 percent -- among all sub sectors of the industrial sector. [MORE DETAILS](#)

Iraqi protesters rally near Basra oilfield for jobs



By Ibrahim Saleh

BAGHDAD - Dozens of protesters rallied near an oilfield in the southern province of Basra on Tuesday as part of demonstrations against high unemployment and lack of basic

services. "The protesters demand job opportunities in Al-Zubair oilfield" in western Basra, Police Lieutenant Abdul-Ghafour Mahmoud told Anadolu Agency. Run by Italian drilling company Eni, Al-

Zubair oilfield produces around 450,000 barrel per day. Tensions have steadily mounted in Basra since last week when a demonstrator was killed by security forces while taking part in protests against high unemployment... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkish army conducts 15th round of patrols in Manbij

ANKARA - The Turkish army on Tuesday conducted its 15th round of patrols in the northern Syrian city of Manbij as part of a deal with the U.S. to rid the area of terror group YPG/PKK. In a message posted on its official Twitter account, the Turkish General Staff said forces of both countries conducted separate coordinated patrols in the area between the Operation Euphrates Shield region and Manbij. The first patrols by Turkish and U.S. troops in the region began on June 18. The Manbij deal between Turkey and the U.S. focuses

on the withdrawal of the PKK-affiliated YPG terror group from the city in order to stabilize the region. In its more than 30-year terror campaign against Turkey, the PKK has taken some 40,000 lives, including those of women and children. The YPG/PKK is its Syrian branch. Should the Manbij model prove a success, Turkey will push for a similar arrangement in eastern Syria. Turkey has said the presence of terror forces near its border constitutes a threat and has launched military operations and other efforts to rid the region... [MORE DETAILS](#)